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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday bestowing the rank of Inspector General of Police on Camilius Wambura. Until the new appointment on Tuesday, he was Director of Criminal Investigations. Photo: State House

## Samia embarks on police force training, ranks reform agenda

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has formed a team consisting of 12 members with a five-man secretariat to assess the performance of the police force and advise on reforms needed in security organs to make the force more efficient.

The team will look at institutional structures like the recruitment processes, training and promotion systems as well as enforcement of discipline to facilitate efficiency, to check conduct that is prejudicial to the proper delivery of justice.

Retired chief justice Mohammed Chande

Othman was appointed chairman, assisted by retired chief secretary, Ambassador Ombeni Sefue, and involve the Tanzania Police Force, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), the Prisons Department and the Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA).

"The matter of human rights must be prioritized," she said, underlining that there is need for reforming the criminal justice delivery institutions. "There are key areas which we are going to look at including how they operate and their relations with other institutions," the

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## Used cars: TBS selects pre-shipment checker

By Guardian Reporter

USED motor vehicles imported from Japan will be now be inspected on the spot before being brought into the country, to comply with the regulation on pre-shipment verification on conformity to standards (PVoC).

Saidi Mkwawa, the import and export control manager at the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) said at a press conference yesterday that henceforth vehicle inspection

“so it was only fair that they start practicing what they have been trained for at a great cost

will be conducted by EAA Co. Ltd based in Japan.

"Inspection charges are \$150 per vehicle, thus no extra cost is involved," he said, noting that vehicles bought and being exported or loaded on ships before yesterday will be inspected by TBS without additional charges.

PVoC is designed to stem repair costs to vehicle buyers, he stated, elaborating that the bureau is seeking out other vehicle inspection agents in the UK, Dubai and Singapore. Used vehicles importers and dealers will be notified when the agents are picked, he said.

On March 30, President Samia Suluhu Hassan queried the rationale for imported vehicle inspection upon arrival at the Dar es Salaam port, castigating the regulation as

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## US: Tanzania reduces trafficking in persons

By Guardian Reporter

HUMAN trafficking is now less conducted in Tanzania than earlier, a new report of the United States government has declared.

The 2022 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) country report launched on Tuesday suggests that Tanzania does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking but is making significant efforts in that direction.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the launch that Tanzania has met the criteria

for an upgrade to tier, while US Ambassador Dr Donald Wright said the United States welcomes the overall progress demonstrated by the government in combating trafficking in persons.

He praised the anti-trafficking secretariat, law enforcement, social welfare and justice sector entities, along with civil society organizations and other key partners on advancements made in combating human trafficking.

"We encourage the government to expand on the good work undertaken over the past year,"

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## CRDB Bank credits Euromoney 'best bank' award to client base

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank has attributed its recent recognition as 'the best Tanzanian bank' to loyalty and support from its customers and stakeholders.

Managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela said in a statement yesterday in the wake of the bank's excellence award for 2022 given by the UK-based Euromoney Magazine, unveiled at an event attended by board members, staff and a range of customers.

Customers remain the cornerstone of the bank's successes in implementing its business strategy and reforms, enabling it to obtain the prestigious excellence award, he said, pointing at trust as underlining its relationship with shareholders, the

Bank of Tanzania and business stakeholders.

He referred to business reforms started in 2019, targeting sustainability, enhancing financial inclusion, building an inclusive economy through its products and innovative systems in delivering services.

He expressed satisfaction on the Euromoney award, saying it further demonstrates that CRDB Bank is the leading bank countrywide, recognizing reform achievements noted in sustainable growth of the bank. It has brought success to customers, investors and the national economy in general, the CEO declared.

Organizers of the award also took note of the contribution of digital initiatives made by the bank, stimulating the tremendous increase in financial inclusion in urban and rural areas.

Pointing at the bank's support to agriculture and entrepreneurship, he said the bank made huge financial support to business in a time when the economy suffered from effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The bank was also recognized for its strategic projects input for the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) and the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project where the private



CRDB Bank Plc deputy board chairperson Prof Neema Mori (L), CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (C) and business and planning manager Masele Msita applaud at an event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday at which they unveiled to customers and other stakeholders the Euromoney Excellence 'Best Bank in Tanzania' award the bank was honoured with last week. Euromoney, an authoritative financial and economic magazine Euromoney, named CRDB as one of the best banks in the world at a ceremony held in London on July 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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he said, noting that the US looks forward to further support Tanzania in its efforts to combat human trafficking in both the Mainland and Zanzibar.

Anticipated government efforts include making tangible progress with regard to due process and human rights, seeking significant prison terms for convicted traffickers plus increasing protective services for victim-witnesses participating in the criminal justice process.

The US also envisages expanding the provision of services to victims in partnership with NGOs, allocating increased financial and personnel resources for the anti-trafficking committee and anti-trafficking secretariat, plus adopting and enforcing the 2008 anti-trafficking law in Zanzibar, the envoy explained.

The US trafficking report is deemed as internationally the most comprehensive in relation to what governments are doing to combat trafficking, in line with the US government's commitment to global leadership on human rights, the rule of law and other national security issues.

The report cited several advancements made by the Tanzanian government as including investigating trafficking cases more intensely, convicting more traffickers, identifying more victims, along with coordinating with local and international organizations to enhance training for government officials.

The government adopted a 2021-2024 national action plan to combat trafficking in persons, making notable amendments to the 2008 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, after extensive consultations with civil society organizations (CSOs) like Advocates Without Borders and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, obtaining US-funded grant awards.

Partnership between the authorities and CSOs plays a critical role in promoting awareness raising activities to prevent trafficking and support victims, the report added.

**“We encourage the government to expand on the good work undertaken over the past year**



President Samia Suluhu Hassan poses for a photo the newly appointed Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (R) and outgoing IGP Simon Sirro, who has been appointed Tanzania's High Commissioner to Zimbabwe at a ceremony held at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

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causing unnecessary delays for carrier ships.

As we do not manufacture any vehicles in Tanzania, an agency at their point of origin is better than doing it here, she had affirmed, pointing at the lack of potential value addition if a query arises.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was tasked with sorting out the issue, by examining localized inspection

as opposed to country of origin checks.

Back in April last year the TBS had embarked on inspection of vehicles at the Dar es Salaam port upon arrival, with owners paying \$150 (346,500/-) as inspection fee.

The decision came after TBS was deemed to have built necessary capacity for vehicle inspections, “so it was only fair that they start practicing what they have been trained for at a great cost.”

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president indicated, citing complaints frequently being raised on the performance of security organs which are later directed to the presidency.

The president swore in IGP Camilius Wambura and former IGP Simon Sirro who is now High Commissioner to Zimbabwe, along with Lt Gen Mathew Mkingule, the former chief of staff for the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), and now High Commissioner to Zambia. Dr Suleiman Haji Suleiman was sworn in to take over as ambassador to the United States.

She said the committee will start their assessment with the Police Force and submit their report for measures to be taken, before the reform agenda

shifts the Prisons Department and elsewhere, later.

The current changes of leadership are geared to improving efficiency in the force, to enhance the safety of the people and their properties. The former IGP had done much in the Police Force but plenty still needs to change, she stated.

“There are more changes coming. I just started with making small changes in the police force, but it could be followed by big changes later,” the president remarked.

With current technological advancements the security forces need to recruit experts in various areas like engineers, computer technicians, doctors and even those engaged in artificial intelligence (AI), she added.

## TMSA to award the best marketers in Tanzania for 2022

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Marketing Science Association (TMSA) will on Friday provide awards in 14 different categories in a bid to encourage more professionalism in the country's marketing ecosystem.

The 2022 marketing awards event will take place in Dar es Salaam and have already attracted big players in the marketing industry.

Since the inception of the awards in 2021, TMSA has leveraged the awards to spotlight the efforts and achievements of individuals, organizations, and scholars who are making a difference in the field of marketing.

Speaking to journalists, TMSA Board Chairman, Emmanuel Chao pointed out how marketing is indispensable to guarantee brand growth and profitability.

He said: “In any business, enterprise marketing is exceptional, as it constitutes between 30 and 40 percent of the business budget, and is a strong determining factor for profitability and survival in the business market.”

“We will use this opportunity to encourage companies and practitioners to be more professional. Luckily, at TMSA, we are already offering marketing-certified programs. We are also under negotiations with the Chartered Marketing Institute of the UK to align with their programs. Our intention is to win over the local market by producing qualified marketers with more understanding of the African market than abroad,” he added.

The main sponsor, Coca-Cola Company which was represented by the Business development and

Commercialization Director, Josephine Msalilwa acclaimed the awards as an ‘ice-breaker’ to spur growth in the marketing industry.

“We are fully on board with TMSA awards, and we are optimistic that this is a stepping stone in the right direction to inspire creativity and professionalism among Tanzanian marketers,” she said.

TMSA will award winners in categories such as: Excellence in interactive marketing/AR & VR, Excellence in event marketing, Excellence in digital marketing, Excellence in experiential marketing, Community-focused firm of the year, marketing research team of the year, marketer of the year Excellence in product launch/re-launch, the rising star of the year, marketing agency of the year, digital marketing agency of the year, hall of fame, and young marketing leader of the year.

The vetting and selection process was driven online, where individuals and organizations were nominated. After the nomination process, a team of well-experienced judges went through the proposed nominations and selected winners.

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## Govt calls on employers to adhere to labour laws

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

DEPUTY Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment) Patrobas Katambi has called on employers countrywide to abide by laws on better working conditions for their workers in order to spur development in their institutions and the government in general.

Katambi made the remarks here yesterday at a brief event for signing contracts at work places between Tanzania Planting Company (TPC) sugar factory in Kilimanjaro region and Tanzania Social Services Industry Workers Union (TASIWU) as employers, the contract that will run for three years.

“It is the responsibility of the employer to put in place a good working environment for its workers, including remitting their contributions to the social security funds, salaries being paid in time as well granting of leave according to international standards,” Katambi said.

He added that due to the 2004 law on employment revised in 2020 and regulations thereof call for public and private institutions to abide by this

law that aims to protect the rights of workers including their benefits, health and appropriate working tools.

He added that Tanzania is implementing the 1949 international protocol on good working environment for workers to boost and protect its economy as well as workers' interests.

He said he was satisfied with the good working environment at TPC sugar factory, and added: “we have heard this from workers' own words, this provided encouragement and we stress to other institutions to emulate this example. “Among things that cause some firms to stall economically is non-caring for their workers, including non-implementing of basic needs such as not remitting contributions to their social security funds and unsafe conditions at work places.

For his part, TPC Chief Executive Officer, Jaffar Ally said they implement contracts in regard to better working conditions according to what labour laws dictate, including paying their rightful benefits, educating their children at elementary level and rewarding better performing workers, the issue that we think enhances their work.



Kilombero Sugar Company head of corporate affairs Ephraim Mafuru (C) exchanges ideas with Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe (R) at a Kilombero sugarcane growers meeting in Morogoro recently. Left is Morogoro regional commissioner Martine Shigella. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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sector is involved.

The positive financial results the bank has been recording year after year enabled its spate of recognition awards, as it was the first to scoop the ‘best Tanzanian bank’ award in 2004, he said, seeing this year's award as continuing international recognition.

Last year, the bank won the same award and ‘best innovative bank’ recognition by Global Finance Magazine, while the European Quality Research Institute cited the bank for its ‘quality bank’ award.

The bank, listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) leads

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in offering services to small, medium and large enterprises for personal banking services, Treasury services, bancassurance products, business loans, agricultural financing and credit to small entrepreneurs.

CRDB Bank is also the first Tanzania bank to be recognized by Moody's Investors Services, a US credit rating

agency, as among of top ten sustainable and strong banks on investment. Moody's rated CRDB Bank at BI, the top rating category for Sub-Saharan Africa banks.

Since 2019, bank has also been recognized by the United Nations Green Climate Fund as a sustainable bank in that category of financing, while

in 2020 the Global Finance Magazine extended the ‘best Tanzanian bank’ to the current winner.

The bank counts a three million customer base on its 268 branches network, 22,000 agents, 550 automated teller machines (ATMs) and 1,800 points of sale (POS) in Tanzania and Burundi, he added.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi hands over a bajaji to Omar Idi when he visited the ongoing development projects in Unguja and Pemba. Left is NMB Zanzibar bank manager Naima Shāme briefing the President about the special programme for the youth on 'Go na NMB'. The bank has handed over 5 motorcycles and one scooter to entrepreneurs in an event held in Zanzibar on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt approves 10bn/- for water projects in Rombo

By Guardian Correspondent, Rombo

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has endorsed the release of 10bn/- for water projects in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro Region as experts there continue looking for more water sources in the area.

This was revealed here yesterday by the Minister for education and Technology, Prof. Adolph Mkenka who is in a seven-day visit to the district.

The Minister said the intention of the government is to make sure every Tanzanian gets reliable water by installing infrastructures for supplying water in their areas, and added that boosting of the water supply, the government established Rombo Water and Sanitation Authority (ROMBOWASA) Board that will be responsible according to the government's budget for the water sector.

Mkenka, who is also the Member of Parliament for Rombo Constituency said the government led by President samia vows to make sure water

is supplied to the constituents, adding that the President is firm, and hard-working and will never let down her people.

During the visit, at Urauri Village in Reha Ward, Prof Mkenka explained his intention to serve the people in his constituency and that the most important thing is to solve various challenges facing them including the scarcity of clean and safe water. He added that in the past there used to be a firm called Kili Water established to supply water in Rombo, but it had no capability to supply sufficient water for the residents.

He said at that time 4bn/- only was provided in the constituency, the money and the firm's structure were could not meet the people's anticipation in regard to water supply hence it was disbanded.

Prof Mkenka said during his visit, he plans to explain to the people the importance in protecting water sources and that current government's efforts through the water ministry aim at relieving women buckets of water from their heads.

## Revolutionise fishing sector, researchers told

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Livestock and Fisheries Minister Abdallah Ulega has called on researchers in the fishing sector to conduct researches that would bring about revolution especially in regard to the blue economy.

Ulega made the call on Tuesday this week when opening a researchers meeting on fisheries issues and marine creatures held in Dar es Salaam.

He said it is essential for scientists to lead the fight to make sure marine resources benefit the people.

"Opportunities are immense in the fishing sector, but still we have not fully utilised them and I appeal to experts to look into the issue. We still have conflicts with fishermen who use illegal fishing gear including ring

nets and gas, therefore it is necessary that you make sure you research on issues that would benefit fishermen from their activities, as long as you delay, they will also continue destroying our resources," said the deputy minister.

He added: "From the need to make ends meet, these fishermen often look for alternative ways in their fishing activities, hence it is necessary that you scientists stay ahead of them in understanding things that benefit the sector, instead of always lagging behind, and that is why they engage in illegal fishing."

He added that already the government has mobilised itself to double efforts through its budget to various projects to develop the fishing sector and blue economy.

"The blue economy is where the world is

heading to, hence we must also put more efforts there by making sure we spur the economic group through this sector," Ulega added.

Meanwhile, the Director of Tanzania Fisheries Research Institute (TAFIRI), Dr Ismael Kimirei said the aim of the meeting is to make sure they come up with answers that will provide solutions to existing challenges in the sector.

He said the meeting has brought together participants from various countries including Kenya, Uganda, Burundi and that the aim is to ensure they boost the blue economy.

Ali Said Ali, researcher from Zanzibar Fisheries Research Institute (ZAFIRI) said in case the experts will work together in the researches, it would be easy to get answers to all challenges facing the fishing sector.

## Census clerks given training about tools in Mbeya region

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POPULATION and Housing Census experts who are expected to visit various districts in Mbeya region have started training census clerks in regard to trials of the census tools.

Among their duties include using the equipment, especially the tablets to identify areas' boundaries as well as boundaries for villages and homesteads to avoid the possibility for the clerks to infringe other clerks' areas.

In addition, the officials are conducting trials in collecting various statistics from households, social services as well as other services provided by other institutions in residential areas.

The experts started the trial exercise in five wards including Iwindi Ward in Mbeya district and four others in Mbeya city.

Census coordinator for Mbeya region, John Lyakurwa said the clerks have been taught how to

use the equipment in all environments hence the trial runs are only to see whether the equipment have any defects so that they can be replaced.

He said the new system will help to collect all the needed data and in time to reduce time as well as operation costs.

He added that in the exercise there are important things which the government aims to identify including the nation's labour force by looking at the age of Tanzanians, the number of school going children, the number of people with special needs and the number of people who have attained the age to be taken care of.

He said in the region 300 census experts participated in the training and that these will be distributed in all districts of the region to provide training to census clerks.

He added that after the training, enrolment continues to get census clerks and the entire region needs more than 7,000 census clerks.

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Addendum No. 1

Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Addendum No. 1 to the Request for Proposal (RfP) document published by TANESCO on Request for Expression of Interest Advert and Terms of Reference for Tender No. PA/001/2020-21/HQ/C/10 and shall become binding document, overriding the original provisions to the applicable extent indicated. All other terms and conditions of the original Request for Proposal Document remain unchanged. The Addendum No. 1 is available through TANePS website at [www.taneps.go.tz](http://www.taneps.go.tz)

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## Ministry of constitutional outlines its strategic plans

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINISTRY of Constitution and Legal Affairs has outlined its twelve strategic plans beginning with the construction of nine Integrated Justice Centres (IJCs) under one roof.

IJCs constructed in Dodoma, Arusha and Mwanza comprises all court levels from the Primary Court, District Court, Resident Magistrate's Court, High Court and Court of Appeal, those constructed in Dar es Salaam are of unique nature, as they comprise only three levels of courts.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the minister in docket said that yesterday in Dar es Salaam when unveiling the ministry's strategic plan for the 2022/2023 financial year.

He said the move was part of his ministry's implementation plan to increase the scoring of justice services in the scales of citizens to be satisfied with the quality of services

The minister said implementation of twelve strategies starts after the parliament approved over 272 bn/- predicting the budget to be implemented by 18 percent.

He said the new IJC will be named in August this year depending on the criteria adding that drawing justice services closer to the people is one of the major priorities.

In the 2020/2021 financial year, the Judiciary of Tanzania completed the construction of the IJCs in regions of Dodoma, Arusha, Morogoro and Dar es Salaam (Temeke and Kinondoni) and Mwanza region.

"The ministry is well organized to ensure the justice services becomes near to the public to reduce wastage of time and long distances," he said.

The minister listed other priorities as increasing awareness to the public to know the pros and cons of their constitution and human rights, review of different laws governing public institutions.

"It is very important to increase public literacy and hear their voices to avoid politically driven ideas about

the constitution," said Dr Ndumbaro, adding that Civil Society Organisations (CSO) will also be involved.

Other strategies were legal literacy knowledge, legal aid, alternative dispute resolution and the use of Swahili language in court judgment where up to date 224 laws had been translated in Swahili.

Others were criminal justice systems and to transform the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) to digital where it will facilitate timely and easy offering of justice services to the offenders.

Besides that, the need to have good criminal justice laws highlighting that the public can choose whether a defendant is allowed back into the public while they await trial or further police investigations, instead of being remanded in custody in some cases such as economic sabotage.

Also, to ensure RITA's systems are harmonised with National Identification Authority (NIDA) and postcode systems.

"Our vision is to see that by 2025 all students below form six have birth certificates. Currently, the priority is to see children below five year get birth certificates in this financial year," he noted.

According to him, in future, one of the advantages is that the court can offer bond to the offenders after tracing records from RITA, NIDA or postcode identity.

October 8, last year, the Judiciary of Tanzania completed the construction of six IJCs, making it the first country in Africa to provide integrated justice services under one roof.

It was revealed by the Chief Justice of Tanzania, Prof Ibrahim Juma, at the inauguration ceremony of the IJCs held in the capital city of Dodoma where the President Samia Suluhu Hassan was the guest of honour.

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Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (R) with his counterpart in Songwe region Omary Mgumba (L) speak to SAGCOT head of cluster Maria Ijumba (2nd L) and Mbarali cluster manager (2nd R) Tulliah Mloge when they visited the Songwe regional commissioner's office before the agricultural stakeholders' meeting that involved two regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Produce quality products to enter SADC market, Mbeya and Songwe farmers told

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

MBEYA and Songwe regional commissioners have called upon farmers and investors in the farming, livestock and fishing sectors to produce quality products to be introduced to SADC countries to push up the country's economic growth.

Addressing reporters in Mbozi, Songwe Region on Tuesday at the end of the two-day that brought together stakeholders from the sectors organised by the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), the two

RCs said farming, livestock and fishing stakeholders should use the opportunity provided by the SADC market to sell their crops.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said; "Mbeya, Songwe and Iringa regions are at the doorstep to the SADC market hence our task is to produce quality crops to enter the huge SADC market that comprises 16 southern African countries."

He praised SAGCOT's efforts to unite farmers and other service providers in farming to go for both local and external markets adding; "so far we are being told that crops like rice

from Mbeya Region are exported to Belgium."

"These are fruits from the 2020 contract agreement entered between the public and private sectors whose task was to look into the best way in procuring markets for our crops within and outside the country," said RC Homera.

Meanwhile, Songwe Regional Commissioner, Omary Mgumba said such meetings are important and that they should be held frequently as they help to address challenges facing farmers and discuss on how to solve them.

"We had agreed to have strategic crops in Mbeya and Songwe regions, by collaborating with SAGCOT and other stakeholders in the farming, livestock and fishing sectors, hence there is every reason to continue with discussions so that the current strategies are implemented," said RC Mgumba.

He named the strategic crops as including avocado, sunflower, rice, milk, poultry and potatoes and that the 2020 agreement had aimed to solve challenges that existed in regard to reliable markets for the products.

In the same vein, head of SAGCOT Joint-Venture Division, Maria Ijumba said the agreement was signed by the public and private sectors, farmers and service providers that have borne fruits as both local and foreign markets have now been secured.

## Air Tanzania

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Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is making reforms in its structure, internal operations and staffing to accommodate business needs. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the position mentioned below (Previous applicants may re-apply).

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##### 1.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- \* Must have a Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in Accountancy, Finance, Commerce or Business Administration majoring in Accountancy or Finance or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions and;
- \* CPA (T), ACCA, ACA, CIA or equivalent professional qualification recognized by the NBAA;
- \* Must have working experience of at least seven (7) years in related field
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- \* Prepare and arrange for contact with client and execute all required meetings for the allocated audit engagement.
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- \* Assists in the preparation of annual budget and Annual internal audit plan for the unit
- \* Performs any other duties as may be assigned by superiors.

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##### 2.1 MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATION AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

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- \* Conducts special investigations as assigned by Chief Internal Auditor/ other relevant authorities
- \* Prepares audit reports
- \* Document all audit working papers as per laid down guidelines on every audit engagement in the permanent and current files
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- Two recent passport size photographs
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- Applicant's reliable contact address, email address and telephone number.

**Note:** Misrepresentation of qualifications or any other information on application shall warrant legal consequences

#### 5. CLOSING DATES:

Applications shall be received within fourteen (14) days from the first date of this announcement and directed to the following address: -

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Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DOCG), as a CONTRACTOR for Storage Terminal of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable candidates to apply for the positions of COMMUNITY LIASON OFFICER (2) two positions which will be at Tanga region in the Chongoleani ward. All Tanzanians with the following qualifications and who are ready to work on the storage Terminal Project (MST) at Chongoleani should apply.

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- \* Bachelor degree in Social Science, Sociology, environmental science or other relevant discipline.
- \* At least 5 years of professional experience conducting stakeholder engagement in rural communities.
- \* At least 3 years of construction related experience preferred.
- \* Experience in conducting engagement activities with authorities including associated protocols.
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- \* Develop understanding of DOCG construction activities, all DOCG work locations (direct and indirect) and the type of community engagement required, keep community informed of DOCG activities.
- \* Implement DOCG stakeholder engagement work plan

- \* Interface with DOCG Site representative and EACOP CLO on construction activities.

- \* Keep DOCG updated on community issues feed and highlight potential community related risk to DOCG for action.

- \* Record and report community questions and project related concerns and participate in preparing and providing timely responses.

- \* Implement EACOP Project Grievance Mechanism.

- \* Coordinate with the EACOP in resolve grievance related to DOCG activities.

- \* Maintain detailed records all stakeholder engagement supporting information including minutes of meetings, Attendance Registers, Photo and written records and maintain database hard/Soft copy for sharing with EACOP.

- \* Maintaining register of and record all stakeholder concerns, issues and any other stakeholder feedback relating to DOCG construction activities for action with DOCG Social Manager.

- \* Produce daily, weekly and monthly construction stakeholder engagement in puts reports as required.

- \* Support DOCG construction activities and engagement activities as needed by DOCG Social Manager and DOCG Construction Manager.

##### 1.3 Duration

The Contract shall be for a specific task (Construction period)

##### 1.4 Job type

Full time employment

##### 1.5 Work Rotation

He/she will be working 26 (twenty six) days consecutive and 4 (four) days off

##### 1.6 Place of Work

Chongoleani ward in Tanga region.

Interested individuals with the capacity and willingness to work with DOCG in the position mentioned above at the construction Marine storage terminal (MST) should send application and CV to DOCG Human Resource Office through e-mail [frank.david@docgi.cn](mailto:frank.david@docgi.cn) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022. Subject of the email should be MST-TZ-20220720\_Job Application for CLO\_NAME.

WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

Deadline for Applications shall be 14 days from day of advertisement.  
NOTICE: NO HIRING AT THE GATE.

Application is completely free, do not pay to apply or to get a job  
For inquiries ( working hours): 0692117239, 0652178898 & 0734 130267

Issued by :-

Human Resource Officer (Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd)  
On this 19 day of July, 2022.

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Energy minister January Makamba addresses Ngunga villagers in Kishapu district at the public rally held at the area where a large solar power project of 150 megawatts is being implemented and will be connected to the national grid. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

# Mwanza to host first Lake Zone Exhibition and Expo in October

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

MWANZA is set to host the first Lake Zone Exhibition and Expo in October this year, Geita Regional Commissioner, Eng Robert Gabriel has said.

RC Gabriel said that the 10-day Lake Zone Exhibition and Expo will take place in Mwanza at Nane Nane grounds this October.

He insisted: "Our planning is to see the Lake Zone Exhibition and Expo become international with local traders benefitting in building capacity on value addition."

"Other benefits that local exhibitors will get throughout the Lake Zone Exhibition and Expo are exposure to cross-border trade," he narrated.

"The organising committee is now working to ensure that the first exhibition and Expo in our region become successful, and more important is to see locals engage with foreign investors for the better future of our country," he said.

Engineer Gabriel, added that the event will bring the world to Mwanza and open investment doors to Lake Zone which is famous for its minerals, fishing and agriculture.

The regional commissioner revealed further that, mega infrastructure projects implemented by the government in

Mwanza aim to transform the city into the most efficient trading hub in the Great Lakes Region.

"The region is the gateway for landlocked countries such as Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, and has lately witnessed major improvement through multi-billion investment," he said.

He noted: "We are currently implementing mega infrastructure projects in Mwanza to attract business community from all over the world including Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo DRC and Ethiopia," Eng. Gabriel said.

"The good news that I want to tell you is that a big number of our mega projects are progressing well including the Kigongo - Busisi Bridge (3200m), New Nyegezi Bus Terminal, Ilemela Bus Terminal."

"After the infrastructure projects are completed, commodities will be made accessible at the city to surmount the inconvenience of traders of neighbouring countries," the RC said.

The dream for Mwanza to become a trade hub in Great Lakes Region will also come after completing the implementation of infrastructure development including the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), construction of an airport terminal in the city as well as strengthened marine transport in Lake Victoria.

# NARCO embarking on nationwide crackdown to curb encroachment

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO) has embarked on a special crackdown to control a spate of illegal human infringement at its ranches across the country.

There have been reports on illegal human activities within the NARCO earmarked ranches, the thing that thwarts performance of the state-owned company towards attaining its set targets in upgrading performance of the vital economic sector.

Prof Peter Msoffe, NARCO Director General told The Guardian that invasions into earmarked ranches stands a great barrier which retards efforts to improve NARCO'S standards, pace of service delivery as well as animal's welfare and security.

He said the company had already re-surveyed earmarked and placed permanent boundaries to all of its ranch blocks to ensure sustainability of security services and animal's welfare.

The ranches that are prone to the said encroachment includes the Mkata ranch in Morogoro Region as well as those in Kagera Regional, namely Mabale, Kikulula, Misenyi, Kitengule, Kagome and Mwisai II.

"Apart from placing permanent boundaries, we are running a special campaign to raise awareness among communities dwelling adjacent to the ranches over the need to discourage dishonest tendencies of intruding into ranches areas, and instead, to maintain mutual relationship with our staff at ranches," he insisted.

He said the company also plans to employ at least 64 new staff who will be deployed to handle diverse departments.

"The company used to experience a challenge of shortage of human resources, we thank the government for allowing us to recruit new staff to fill the existing gaps," he said.

The company is currently undergoing major reshuffle with an eye to enable it to operate as a full business oriented entity, being undertaken by the newly introduced board of directors under the chairmanship Eng. Cyprian Luhemeja.

With a general vision to improve its service delivery and income, NARCO now envisioned to procure standard breeding stock from within and outside the country as part to improve livestock breeds among the pastoralists in the country.

The other envisaged economic project includes procurement of key facilities for expansion of grazing areas within the two major ranches of Kongwa and Mzeri in Dodoma and Tanga respectively.

In Tanzania, the livestock industry plays important socio-economic roles that include contributing to building a strong national economy, contributing to household food supplies and incomes and in providing employment opportunities to livestock keeping individuals and communities, while nurturing the natural resources.

The country has a total area of 945,000km2 whereas 62,000km2 of the surface area is covered water and has 60 million hectares of rangelands that are suitable for livestock production.

The available rangeland resources and varied forage and fodder resources are suitable for grazing to the available 28.4 million cattle; 16.7 million goats and 5.01 million sheep, 1.85 million pigs, 37.4 million indigenous poultry and other non-conventional species such as donkeys and rabbits.

The National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO) is a parastatal organisation under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries responsible for large scale commercial j ranching in the country.

The company is currently undergoing rapid transformation intended to create an efficient and vibrant commercial entity that will contribute very positively to the commercial development of the country's livestock industry.

"The company used to experience a challenge of shortage of human resources, we thank the government for allowing us to recruit new staff to fill the existing gaps"

## DTB DIAMOND TRUST BANK

### MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND TARIFFS - Q3 2022

CASH WITHDRAWALS (TZS)	
Savings Accounts	TZS 5,000
Current Account	TZS 5,000

REMITTANCES	
INWARD	
Incoming Funds Transfer (TISS)	FREE

OUTWARD		
Outgoing Funds Transfer (TISS)	TZS	USD
	TZS 10,000	USD 10
EFT local	TZS 5,000	-
Telegraphic Transfers (TT)	-	USD 55
Funds recall	TZS 10,000	USD 10

TRANSFERS	
Internal transfers	FREE
Inter-branch transfers	FREE

REQUIRED MINIMUM OPENING BALANCE		
Current Account	TZS 50,000	USD 100
Savings Account		FREE

ACCOUNT CLOSURE		
Current Account	TZS 30,000	USD 30
Savings Account	TZS 15,000	USD 15
Smart Saver		FREE

STANDING ORDER	
Set-up	FREE
Internal Processing	FREE
External Processing	TZS 10,000

STATEMENTS	
Periodic Scheduled Statement	FREE
E - Statement	FREE
Interim Statement - Current Year	USD 5 / TZS 10,000
Interim Statement - Previous Year	USD 5 / TZS 10,000

MASTERCARD / VISA DEBIT CARDS	
Annual Charges	TZS 3,000
Card Replacement	TZS 10,000
Cards Uncollected and Destroyed	TZS 10,000
Capture Card fee - in DTB ATM's	TZS 1,000
Cash Withdrawal - DTB ATM per withdrawal	TZS 1,200
Other bank ATM withdrawal - in Tanzania	TZS 3,000
Other bank ATM withdrawal - Outside Tanzania	TZS 5,000
Kisomi Zaidi Account - DTB ATM withdrawal fees	TZS 150

AVERAGE MONTHLY MINIMUM BALANCE (AMB)	
Savings Account - DTB Super Value	TZS 100,000
Current Account - Standard	TZS 50,000
Current Account Standard	USD 100
Current Account - Premium	TZS 1,000,000
Current Account - Prime FCY	USD 250
Savings Account - DTB Value	NIL
Savings Account - DTB Super Salary	NIL
Kisomi Zaidi Account	TZS 5,000
Savings Account - Prime FCY	USD 25

CASH HANDLING - FOREIGN CURRENCY	
Deposits on Denominations less than USD/EUR/GBP 50	5%
TZS Coins	0.25% of amount minimum TZS 2,000

ATM	
ATM Mini Statement	FREE

CASH WITHDRAWALS (USD)	
Savings Accounts - (Up to USD 10,000)	FREE
Savings Accounts - (Above USD 10,000)	0.5%
Current Account - (Up to USD 10,000)	0.5%
Current Account - (Above USD 10,000)	1%

ELECTRONIC BANKING	
SOFT TOKEN	FREE
Internet Banking Monthly Charge	FREE
Registration Fee	FREE
PIN Re - Generator	FREE
TISS Transfer	TZS 5,000
TT Transfer	TZS 60,000
Local EFT	TZS 2,500 + TZS 100 Reg Fee
Standing Instructions set up	FREE

TRANSACTION FEE - PER ENTRY	
Savings Account	FREE
Current Account - Standard (Debit/Credit)	USD 0.10 / TZS 300
Salary Processing Fee	USD 0.10 / TZS 100

MONTHLY LEDGER FEE	
Savings Accounts - Value / Super Value / Super Salary	FREE
Smart Saver, Kisomi Zaidi, Amani, Faraja	FREE
Prime Savings (EUR, GBP, USD)	EUR/GBP/USD 1
Current Account - Standard	TZS 15,000
Current Account - Premium Current Account	TZS 20,000

GUARANTEES (LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL)	
Bonds & Guarantees with 100% Cash Cover	0.60% Per Quarter Min. TZS 60,000 / USD 25 (Per Quarter or part thereof)
Bonds & Guarantees (Per Quarter)	1.38% - Min. TZS 60,000 / USD 25

BASE LENDING RATES (BLR)	
TZS	20% P.A
USD	10% P.A

(Premium over/Sub BLR will be agreed to as per credit standing/tenure)

FIXED DEPOSIT RATES - FOREIGN CURRENCY				
TENOR	USD > 50,000	USD up to 50,000	GBP	EUR
1 Month	0.25%	0.25%	NIL	NIL
2 Months	0.25%	0.25%	NIL	NIL
3 Months	0.50%	0.50%	NIL	NIL
6 Months	0.75%	0.75%	0.25%	NIL
1 Year	3.00%	2.25%	0.50%	NIL
2 Years	3.25%	2.50%	0.75%	NIL

FIXED DEPOSIT RATES - LOCAL CURRENCY							
Amount (In TZS Millions)	Call Deposits	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months
<100	0.00%	1.00%	1.50%	3.00%	5.75%	6.25%	6.75%
>100 - 500	0.00%	1.25%	1.75%	3.25%	6.00%	6.50%	7.00%
>500 - 1000	1.00%	1.25%	1.75%	3.25%	6.00%	6.50%	7.00%

For rates above TZS 1 Billion, please contact Branch Manager of nearest DTB Branch

NB: The Tariffs are VAT exclusive

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS REDRESSAL MECHANISM	
1	Meet the Branch Manager and lodge your complaint orally or in writing.
2	Drop your complaint in the Suggestion Box provided at the branch.
3	Email: <a href="mailto:customercare@diamondtrust.co.tz">customercare@diamondtrust.co.tz</a>
4	You can also email directly to the following senior officers:
	Chief Executive Officer at <a href="mailto:ceo@diamondtrust.co.tz">ceo@diamondtrust.co.tz</a>
	Chief Operating Officer at <a href="mailto:coo@diamondtrust.co.tz">coo@diamondtrust.co.tz</a>
	Head-Operations at <a href="mailto:headoperations@diamondtrust.co.tz">headoperations@diamondtrust.co.tz</a>
	Head-Compliance at <a href="mailto:headcompliance@diamondtrust.co.tz">headcompliance@diamondtrust.co.tz</a>
5	Call Number +255 22 211 4891/2 or 0800 110 110

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We will resolve your Complaint as soon as we receive and action taken will be advised to you.

In case you are still not satisfied with the action taken by the bank, you can address your complaint, by filling a prescribed form (Form No. 1) available at the branch and submit it by either email, hand, post or fax, at the Complaints Resolution Desk of the Bank of Tanzania bearing the following address:

**Complaints Resolution Desk,  
Office of the Secretary to the Bank, Bank of Tanzania,  
2 Mirambo Street,  
P.O.Box, 11884,  
Dar es Salaam.**

# IOGT·NTO·MOVEMENT

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

**IOGT-NTO Movement** is a Swedish organization, registered in Tanzania as an International NGO, addressing the alcohol harm in Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda. IOGT-NTO Movement works through local partner organizations to fulfil its goal to create strong communities where people are empowered, rights are protected and harm from alcohol and other drugs is minimized. IOGT-NTO has been working in Tanzania since 1993.

**Our Vision:** A democratic world characterized by solidarity and equality where alcohol and other drugs do not impede peoples' welfare, freedom and security.

**Our Mission:** To strengthen relevant actors in their work for reduced use of alcohol and other drugs in developing countries and thus contribute to democratic development, strengthen rights and reduced poverty.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

	Note	As at 31 December		
		2021 TZS	Restated 2020 TZS	Restated 2019 TZS
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Equipment	6	72,921,341	27,459,725	24,459,344
<b>Current assets</b>				
Other receivables	7	13,384,500	18,747,500	9,261,774
Cash and cash equivalents	8	130,583,493	106,513,866	22,092,628
		143,967,993	125,261,366	31,354,402
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>216,889,334</b>	<b>152,721,091</b>	<b>55,813,746</b>
<b>Equity and Liabilities</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Capital grant	9	72,921,341	27,459,725	24,459,344
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Other payables	10	66,847,159	16,124,052	16,361,238
Deferred grant income	11	77,120,834	109,137,314	14,993,164
		143,967,993	125,261,366	31,354,402
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>		<b>216,889,334</b>	<b>152,721,091</b>	<b>55,813,746</b>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 28 were approved for issue by the Management on 21-Mar-2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Brenda Mkvesha  
Regional Director

  
Rose Nzali  
Finance and Administration  
Officer

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

	Note	2021 TZS	Restated 2020 TZS
<b>Income</b>			
Grant Income	1	823,695,258	701,252,477
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff costs	2	(455,129,894)	(412,093,497)
Administrative expenses	3	(218,739,779)	(231,353,340)
Monitoring visits	4	(98,143,648)	(47,186,138)
Partnership and networking	5	(40,061,971)	(6,696,683)
Depreciation of equipment	6	(11,619,966)	(3,922,819)
		<b>(823,695,258)</b>	<b>(701,252,477)</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

  
Brenda Mkvesha

  
Rose Nzali

## STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

	Note	2021 TZS	Restated 2020 TZS
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	13	89,569,627	91,344,438
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>89,569,627</b>	<b>91,344,438</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of equipment		(65,500,000)	(6,923,200)
<b>Net cash used in from investing activities</b>		<b>(65,500,000)</b>	<b>(6,923,200)</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>24,069,627</b>	<b>84,421,238</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
At start of year		106,513,866	22,092,628
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		24,069,627	84,421,238
At end of year	8	<b>130,583,493</b>	<b>106,513,866</b>

  
Brenda Mkvesha

  
Rose Nzali

# PM Majaliwa commends GEL for helping Tanzanian students to get admission at overseas universities

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has commended the tremendous efforts by Global Education Link (GEL) for supporting the majority of Tanzanian students to get admission at various universities globally.

He made the remarks on Tuesday when opening the universities exhibitions organized by Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) that are going on at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam.

The PM said there are many overseas education agents but GEL has been doing the task for many years and has benefited many Tanzania students.

"May I commend all overseas education agents who enable our youth to get admission at universities abroad. I could not visit your pavilions but I know GEL which have been doing this noble duty for a while, I appreciate what you are doing," said Majaliwa.

GEL Director, Abdulmalik Mollel, said GEL has been connecting Tanzanian students who wish to study in accredited universities abroad and thousands of them have graduated and come back home to use the skills and knowledge they acquired to build their nation.

"We are happy for the government's appreciation of what we are doing, this encourages us to continue with the spirit of helping our fellow Tanzanians who need to travel abroad for higher learning," said Mollel.

He said they will continue to take a good number of Tanzanian students to join universities abroad and make follow up on their academic development and help them whenever they face any challenges in their studies.

Mollel said GEL will make sure The Royal Tour Film is advertised worldwide by all students who travel abroad for their studies to attract

investors from the specific countries to come and invest in Tanzania.

"We will use the students as ambassadors in the countries they go for their studies to tell investors about the beauty of our country and tell them about investment opportunities we have and tourism attractions that we have," added Mollel.

He said GEL will also continue with its mission to sensitize abroad universities to invest in Tanzania, he said apart from the education sector there are many other investment opportunities in various sectors.

Mollel said universities that are at Mnazi Mmoja grounds for the university's exhibitions are from Iran, India, Georgia, Cyprus, Turkey, United States of America, UK, Mauritius, Dubai, Poland, Australia, Canada and Malaysia. There universities are MM University, Sharda, CT, Geomedi, GELISM, Lovely Professional University (LPU), PDEU, GNA and ALKANDRAL SHAH.



Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Labour, Youth and People with Disabilities Prof Joyce Ndalichako (R) looks at vocational training activities conducted by Don Bosco vocational college students in Dodoma region coordinated by her office through national skills development programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# AMECEA launches guidelines on environmental conservation matters and pastoral services

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA) has launched its chaplaincy guidelines document that will guide them on issues relating to environmental conservation and pastoral services in the region.

AMECEA involves Catholic Cardinals, archbishops and bishops from Eastern Africa.

AMECEA's chairman Rev Bishop Charles Kasonde said this recently during the launching ceremony of the guidelines that took place at Msimbazi Centre in Dar es Salaam during the closing Mass of AMECEA's 20th Plenary Assembly.

"The guideline will assist us to conduct environmental advocacy, pastoral services and offering advice in various areas in the region," he said.

The document has been produced by two departments that include pastoral department and Integral Human Development.

"Cry of poor, ecological economics, adaptation of sustainable life style in the region, ecological education, ecological spirituality, community engagement and participatory action, theological reflection, conventional and guidelines that will be used to advocate for environmental care and pastoral service to make transformation changes in the region," he said.

Also the catholic bishops in the AMECEA region have urge all the pastoral agents of the catholic church and the people of good will to be stewards of the environment and natural resources not only for the

benefit of the current generation but to the future generations.

"On whose behalf must we nurture the environment?" he queried.

Elaborating on ecological crisis, the bishops have underscored the ecological crisis in AMECEA region that right now there is an ecological crisis that to a large extent is a result of human behaviour.

The ecological crisis in the region is now evidenced by negative effects of climate change that includes droughts, floods and cyclones among other disasters. "All these are posing a growing threat to the socio-economic development of our countries and to the sustainability of people's livelihood in Eastern Africa," he said.

The scramble for natural resources has often resulted into conflicts and wars which makes the cry of the earth and of the people even louder.

"We the AMECEA's bishops, acknowledge that despite the success stories shared on the implementation of the 'Laudato Si' message in the region, member conferences have also faced challenges which need new pastoral strategies so that promoting ecological justice and mitigating climate change are not mere words but concrete and practical journeying together" on the path of conversion as proposed in the seven Laudato Si goals," he said.

Meanwhile, the Archdiocese of Mwanza Rev. Bishop Renatus Nkwande added that all bishops from nine countries are gathered in Tanzania to see how they can participate in saving our earth and educate people to save the world from environmental degradation that in turn causes

deforestation, water scarcity, disease and other issues.

"We are told that, right now weather has changed, global temperatures set to rise 1.5 degrees by 2034 if global warming continues, heavy flooding will occur, drought, all trees will disappear and when almost all trees are cut down the earth's temperature will increase and human survival including flora and fauna would be difficult," he said.

He called upon government to come up with new most excellent contracts that will guide investors who will come to invest in Tanzania to protect people and stop destroying the environment.

He said bishops will work in partnership with the governments in the region to come up with new comprehensive strategies to educate people on the effects of using chemicals in fishing and agricultural activities and even assist the governments to develop new law to be used for environmental conservation.

"What we need from the government is enforcement of the law to protect the environment, people's health and for the benefit of the current and future generations," he said.

Also if bishops will identify degraded areas in their localities, they will come up with new strategies to plant to restore natural vegetation and protect the earth.

About 120 bishops from Eritrea, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Sudan and South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, priests, entire delegation from USA and other religious associations were in Tanzania to attend the 20th AMECEA assembly under the theme: "Environmental Impact on Integral Human Development."

# University plans to collect 50m/- every month via 'Book Project'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE University of Arusha (UOA) has mobilised itself to collect 50m/- each month through a programme dubbed "Book Project" as a way to solve its financial constraints.

In addition, UOA has established various projects including dairy cattle keeping, bakery, cultivation of maize, pepper, beans and one large pharmacy.

The university is among institutions of higher learning run by the Seventh Day Adventists Church (SDAC) but was barred by the government to enroll students due to various reasons, now the ban has been lifted and it will begin students' enrolment beginning the end of this year.

Briefing reporters early this week, UOA's Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Finance, Planning and Administration division, Prof Nkeni Pearson said the aim of the project is to free the university from financial woes.

"We expect that by September this year we shall have started the project and anticipate to collect 50m/-, the programme will solve financial challenges we face," said Prof Pearson.

He, however, stressed that in the programme every adherent of the church countrywide will contribute 1,000/- per month through a mobile phone number that will shortly be announced.

"We took up UOA's management at difficult time because we were banned from enrolling students, but with this programme, we expect that every adherent of the church will contribute 1,000/- per month for paying staff salaries and other administrative expenses," he added.

He revealed that UOA will also start courses in various languages including Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and Hindi.

UOA Vice Chancellor, Prof Patrick Mano said they have mobilised themselves for the coming three-year period during which challenges regarding staff salaries will be history.

Prof Mano, a Ghanaian said in the past when he was recruited to run the university, the only funds they depended on to run the institution came from tuition fees which did not meet the requirement.

He appealed for assistance from various stakeholders in the country as well as the government and stressed that among the main challenges he faced when taking over the university was poor finance management and bad governance which he said he had solved by 70 per cent.



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## Government keen to address challenges facing pensioners - Ndalichako

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disability, Prof Joyce Ndalichako has unveiled government's plans to address challenges facing pensioners including receiving their payments timely.

Speaking at a meeting with pensioners in Dodoma yesterday, Minister Ndalichako said the government was already working on some of the challenges facing pensioners who have served the country with dedication.

"I decided to set aside time to listen to challenges which you pensioners face. We will take action on those which we can resolve on the spot, while taking up for further works those we cannot resolve here," said Prof Ndalichako.

The meeting was attended by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) Director General, Masha Mshomba and the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSF) Director General Hosea Kashimba; the managements of the two funds and officials from the Prime Minister's Office.

Minister Ndalichako said the meeting would help the ministry continue to learn about and find solutions to the challenges facing pensioners.

She instructed the managements of the funds to draw up a schedule of such meetings, to help them know about and resolve challenges facing pensioners.

"It is the responsibility of every public servant to listen to and find a solution to various challenges facing the people, including members of the pension funds," she said.

Prof Ndalichako said the objective of the government in setting up the pension funds was to ensure that they served pensioners according to the laws and regulations of the funds.

Ramadhani Abdallah, who is a retiree from the Prisons Department, hailed the work being done by the minister, especially in addressing the challenges of pensioners and finding solutions to them.

Pensioner Maria Kapande hailed Ndalichako, for meeting the pensioners, listening to their challenges and for readiness to find solutions to them.



**We will take action on those which we can resolve on the spot, while taking up for further works those we cannot resolve here**



Dodoma regional commissioner Anthony Mtaka talks with Mtera residents in Mpwapwa district, Dodoma region during his inspection of a water project implemented by the Rural Water Agency for 1.7bn/-. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA (TANZANIA) LIMITED



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30-06-2022

Issued pursuant to regulations 7&8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014.

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022

	(Amount in Million Tshs)	
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-22
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	4,416	3,786
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	8,455	7,935
3 Investments in Government securities	38,063	32,312
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	7,962	3,565
5 Cheques and items for clearing	-	-
6 Inter-branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	9,056
10 Investments in other securities	12,145	-
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	73,915	70,994
12 Other assets	30,379	42,690
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	2,483	2,611
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>177,817</b>	<b>172,949</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	34,756	16,000
18 Customer deposits	103,858	116,726
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	4,121	5,628
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	20	32
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,401	1,796
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	4,012	5,315
27 Other liabilities	4,029	2,268
28 Borrowings	-	-
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>152,197</b>	<b>147,764</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)</b>	<b>25,620</b>	<b>25,184</b>
<b>C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
31 Paid up share capital	31,420	31,420
32 Share Premium	29,104	29,104
33 Retained earnings	(36,526)	(36,039)
34 Profit (Loss) account	1,622	699
35 Other capital accounts	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>25,620</b>	<b>25,184</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	960,602	987,320
39 Non performing loans & advances	6,102	4,840
40 Allowances for probable losses	493	414
41 Other non performing assets	-	-
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders' Funds to total assets	14%	15%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	8.2%	6.8%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	0%	0%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	42%	41%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	70%	65%
(vi) Deposits Growth	-12%	2%
(vii) Assets growth	2.82%	-3%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	(Amount in Million Tshs)			
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Comparative Quarter 31-Mar-22	Current Year Cumulative 30-Jun-22	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-Jun-21
1 Interest Income	3,592	3,568	7,160	5,912
2 Interest Expense	(1,157)	(1,063)	(2,220)	(1,805)
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,107</b>
4 Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment losses on loans and advances	-	-	-	-
<b>6 Non-Interest Income</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>2,518</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>6,732</b>
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/(losses)	450	414	864	569
6.2 Commissions and fees	2,350	2,080	4,430	6,073
6.3 Dividend income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other operating income	6	24	30	90
<b>7 Non-Interest Expenses</b>	<b>(4,205)</b>	<b>(4,288)</b>	<b>(8,492)</b>	<b>(7,148)</b>
7.1 Salaries and other staff benefits	(1,782)	(1,969)	(3,751)	(3,231)
7.2 Fees and Commissions	(383)	(393)	(776)	(718)
7.3 Other operating expenses	(2,039)	(1,926)	(3,965)	(3,199)
<b>8 Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>3,682</b>
9 Income Tax Provision	(113)	(37)	(150)	(55)
<b>10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>3,636</b>
11 Other comprehensive income (Itemized)	-	-	-	-
<b>12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>3,636</b>
13 Number of employees	127	127	127	121
14 Basic earning Per Share	147	111	258	579
15 Number of branches	7	7	7	6
<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.53%	0.40%	0.52%	2.20%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	3.83%	2.78%	6.38%	13.90%
(iii) Return on Average Equity	65.73%	70.44%	68.03%	56.53%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.06%	2.23%	4.18%	2.98%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	(Amount in Million Tshs)			
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Comparative Quarter 31-Mar-22	Current Year Cumulative 30-Jun-22	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-Jun-21
<b>I. Cash flow from operating activities</b>				
Net Income/(Loss)	923	699	1,622	3,636
Adjustment for:				
- Impairment/Amortisation	384	173	557	276
- Net change in loans and advances	2,921	(714)	2,207	(3,599)
- (Gains)/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
- Net change in Deposits	4,382	(6,820)	(2,438)	19,825
- Net change in Short Term Negotiable securities	5,751	3,641	9,392	1,896
- Net change in other liabilities	1,761	(1,029)	732	1,086
- Net change in other Assets	(12,311)	23,791	11,480	(2,657)
- Tax paid	-	(37)	(37)	-
- Others (specify)	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	<b>3,811</b>	<b>19,704</b>	<b>23,515</b>	<b>20,464</b>
<b>II. Cash flow from investing activities:</b>				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,869)	(2,332)	(4,201)	(661)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	<b>(1,869)</b>	<b>(2,332)</b>	<b>(4,201)</b>	<b>(661)</b>
<b>III. Cash flow from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	-	-	-	-
<b>IV. Cash and Cash equivalents:</b>				
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	1,942	17,372	1,942	18,076
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	47,685	30,312	47,685	86,138
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	<b>49,627</b>	<b>47,685</b>	<b>49,627</b>	<b>104,214</b>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022

	(Amount in Million Tshs)						
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Reserve	Others	Total
<b>Current Year 2022</b>							
Balance at the beginning of the year	31,420	29,104	(36,039)	-	(487)	-	23,998
Profit/(Loss) the year	-	-	1,622	-	-	-	1,622
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period</b>	<b>31,420</b>	<b>29,104</b>	<b>(34,417)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(487)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,620</b>
<b>Previous Year 2021</b>							
Balance at the beginning of the year	31,420	29,104	(37,053)	-	-	-	23,471
Profit/(Loss) the year	-	-	1,015	-	-	-	1,015
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	(487)	-	(487)
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the previous period</b>	<b>31,420</b>	<b>29,104</b>	<b>(36,039)</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>(487)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,485</b>

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 Gbenga Makinde Managing Director / CEO		20th July 2022
2 Fina Andrew Finance Officer		20th July 2022
3 Joseph Ringa Country Head, Internal Audit		20th July 2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 Amb. Tuvako Manongi Director		20th July 2022
2 Oliver Aluswaba Director		20th July 2022

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## Climate change is driving conflicts in Africa's states

WAR is an intense armed conflict between states, governments, societies, or paramilitary groups such as mercenaries, insurgents, and militias. It is generally characterised by extreme violence, aggression, destruction, and mortality, using regular or irregular military forces. Warfare refers to the common activities and characteristics of types of war, or of wars in general. Total war is warfare that is not restricted to purely legitimate military targets, and can result in massive civilian or other non-combatant suffering and casualties.

While some war studies scholars consider war a universal and ancestral aspect of human nature, others argue it is a result of specific socio-cultural, economic or ecological circumstances.

More than 35 armed conflicts are in Africa. Several armed groups - fighting against government forces and/or against each other's - are involved in these conflicts. Western powers and/or neighbouring countries are intervening in the NIACs that take place in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Somalia.

Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Northern Mozambique, Ethiopia, and Cameroon's north-west and south-west regions are six African conflict hotbeds to watch in 2022. The Libyan situation has not improved significantly after years of instability and a major civil war from 2018 to 2019.

A new study has shown that climate change affects the likelihood of armed conflict in Africa, as published by the Spanish National Research Council

Climate change influences the likelihood and duration of armed conflicts in Africa claims the result of a study carried out by a team from the INGENIO Institute (Institute for Innovation and Knowledge Management), a joint Centre of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and the Polytechnic University

of Valencia (UPV), together with the University of Rome and the University of Urbino Carlo Bo.

Their results are published in the latest issue of the journal *Economía Política*. The research team based their climate change study on data from the African continent from 1990 to 2016. Applying a mathematical model of negative binomial regression, it assessed whether certain climatic phenomena, in combination with the socio-economic characteristics of the areas studied, affected the probability of a conflict breaking out or not and, if it did, its duration.

Among its conclusions, the climate change study stated that a prolonged increase in temperature and precipitation increases the probability of conflict beyond the affected area by a factor of four to five, specifically in populations located within a radius of up to 550 kilometres.

The climate change study also concludes that in Africa, food shortages due to drought increase the likelihood of conflict, especially if water shortages persist for at least three years. Conversely, excess rainfall triggers conflict, but in a very short time frame.

Davide Consoli, a researcher at the INGENIO Institute and one of the authors of the study stated: "The results we have obtained have far-reaching implications for land policies on the African continent. For example, changes in climatic conditions influence the probability of conflicts over large area which means that the design of climate adaptation policies must take into account the particularities of each territory."

The team from INGENIO, the University of Rome and the University of Urbino also points out that the persistence of violence requires the implementation of climate change adaptation strategies designed in conjunction with peacekeeping measures, especially in those areas most prone to armed conflict.

## Africa needs action to fight climate change threatening people's lives

GLOBAL warming is expected to melt Africa's remaining glaciers in the next few decades, and the reduction in water essential to agricultural production will create food insecurity, poverty, and population displacement.

A glacier is a persistent body of dense ice that is constantly moving under its own weight. A glacier forms where the accumulation of snow exceeds its ablation over many years, often centuries.

Glacial ice is the largest reservoir of fresh water on Earth, holding with ice sheets about 69 per cent of the world's freshwater.

While scientists warn that the three ice-capped mountains in Africa may soon be left without snow, the melting glaciers of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro have borne wetlands and lakes in Kenya.

The layer of snow covering the summit of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro is rapidly disappearing because of the climate crisis.

Area residents who live at the foothills of the snow-capped mountain have seen it in transition during their lifetimes.

"Every morning as a child when I took the cows out to graze, I could see the snow, the mountain was so clear back then. There was snow everywhere covering not only the top part of the mountain like it does today, but stretching close to the mid-section," 72-year old Stephen Koitalel reminisces.

"It was a beautiful sight for everyone and people used to pray and hold initiation ceremonies such as circumcision and weddings while facing the mountain. Nowadays, the snow is thin, barely visible, it used to be a huge chunk of white snow. I don't

know what happened to the snow but it just disappeared." Area residents who live at the foothills of the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro have seen it in transition during their lifetimes.

The authors of the PNAS article note that "If current climatological conditions are sustained, the ice fields atop Kilimanjaro and on its flanks will likely disappear within several decades."

The UN has warned that rising temperatures are leading to the disappearance of glaciers found on only three mountains in Africa - Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Kenya and the Rwenzori Mountains - which are expected to melt entirely in the near future.

In the State of the Climate in Africa 2020 report published by World Meteorological Organisation last month, scientists suggest that "If current retreat rates prevail, the African mountains will be deglaciated by the 2040s."

He adds that the melting of the Kilimanjaro glacier has had positive and negative effects. On the Kenyan side, the results have been positive.

According to scientists, snow forms on Kilimanjaro and immediately melts because of the warm temperature. The cycle forms an uninterrupted supply of underground water that flows down the mountain to the park.

The melting Kilimanjaro has positive effects on the Kenyan side but devastating effects in Tanzania. Paleo-climatologists have warned that melting glaciers will lead to fewer water resources for communities living around the mountain, especially on the Tanzanian side. Streams and rivers originating from the mountain have either dried up or have lower volumes of water.

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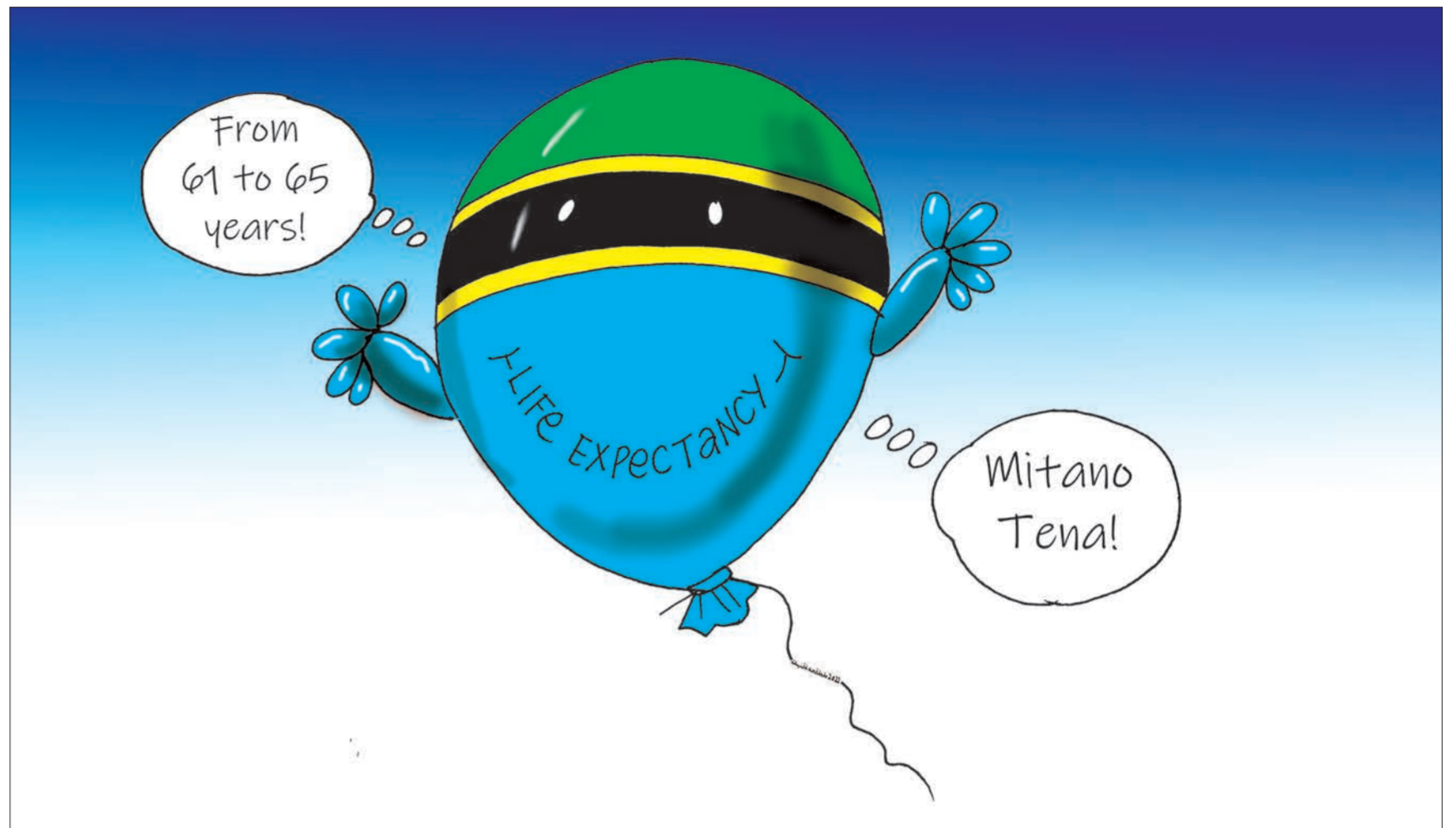
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By Special Correspondent

IN Yosemite National Park's famed Mariposa Grove, giant sequoias have grown for millennia.

Assome of the largest and oldest living things in the world, their preservation - which was first given legal protection under Abraham Lincoln - predates the National Park Service. This month, they were threatened by a nearby wildfire that was exacerbated by dry, hot conditions.

That is just one of many dramatic weather events taking place around the country and world. In Texas, record-breaking temperatures forced the state's power grid operator to warn residents to cut back on energy use or face the risk of blackouts. Around 35 million Americans were placed under heat advisories or excessive heat warnings.

Western Europe is also experiencing extreme heat waves - Spain is experiencing its second in less than a month, while the United Kingdom issued its first-ever "extreme heat" warning. Italy has faced prolonged heat and drought, and a glacier collapse officials attributed to climate change resulted in the deaths of 11 people earlier this month. In China, at least 86 cities released heat alerts; in the city of Nanjing, officials opened air-raid shelters for locals to escape the heat.

These cases should not be viewed in isolation. While links between individual weather events and global warming cannot be determined immediately, studies have found that concurrent heat waves affecting parts of North America, Europe and Asia have become more intense and frequent over the past few decades. An analysis by World Weather Attribution, a group of scientists who analyze whether extreme events are connected to climate change, found that last year's devastating heat wave in the Pacific Northwest was "virtually impossible without human-caused climate change."

Such patterns have disastrous, far-reaching effects. Heat waves pose a particular threat to global food supplies, already under pressure from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. They are linked with a range of health problems and correlate with higher rates of crime, anxiety and depression. A 2021 analysis from the Atlantic Council estimated that the drop in worker productivity due to extreme heat costs the U.S. economy \$100 billion annually - a figure that could double by 2030.

As President Biden and congressional Democrats struggle to find enough support for their climate agenda, the ongoing heat waves offer a small window into what the future could look like if global warming continues unabated. Even if we keep the global temperature rise under 1.5 degrees Celsius - the threshold scientists

## The global heat waves should be a warning for the future!



believe should not be exceeded - the number of extreme weather events a person will experience would nearly quadruple, according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. A greater rise in temperature would be even more calamitous, with unthinkable consequences for global hunger, disease, migration, productivity and standards of living.

Slashing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning to a greener economy at the scale and pace needed would require creativity, innovation and political courage. But the cost if we fail is far more daunting: a future in which climate disasters, and all the damage and instability that come with them, become the new normal everywhere.

### Gambia: Good Morning Mr. President - On OIC and Health

Mr. President, people are questioning the possibility of hosting the OIC Summit this year. In reality, if the time frame is November, then the road projects and the five star hotel whose foundation you would lay on Saturday 23rd July 2023, should be built to host some of the guests including heads of state and kings.

So this may not be completed putting into account the rainy season and other factors.

It could be deferred again as it was done in Morocco, Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Senegal, who postponed twice before they hosted

the summit in 2008 for the second time.

Mr. President, We need good and lasting roads and the five star hotel also needs to be built solidly. The government should not rush and get worse quality.

In May this year, hydromet predicted heavy rain falls which could delay the job. Other challenges of the government are to address the frequent power failures, shortage of water supply, and improve the internet service to be reliable and affordable.

The best option to host the OIC summit is in 2023, and by that time the projects and other challenges would have been addressed.

Mr. President, the Government should not be in a hurry and fail.

Since many participants will come through Blaise Diagne Airport in Senegal and come by road, Barra and Banjul terminals should be rehabilitated and the ferries should go for maintenance before the summit.

The OIC, which groups 57 countries, is the second largest world organisation after the UN, so modern equipment should also be given to the security to make their work easier and effective.

Meanwhile, Mr. President, it is important to note that the suspension of 371 Public and Environmental Health Officers has an effect on the health of the population. Some of the interventions of Public and Environmental Health Officers include: Disease Surveillance, Bio surveillance, managing complex

emergencies, outbreak investigation and response, epidemiological analysis, port health and points of entry, health promotion and education, emergency risk, communication and community engagement, prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases, counselling, school health, nutrition interventions, environmental inspection, vaccination, hygiene and sanitation, indoor residual spraying, vector control, bed net distribution, health facilities waste management, guiding policy makers, etc.

Their work also includes central, regional, district health facilities and at community levels. Their roles also include the implementations of the International Health Regulation (2005). Therefore, suspending these officers that are supposed to implement the above activities for the purpose of promoting, protecting and preventing health for a period of two months (60) days can result in a serious health crisis in the county.

Still on health matters, the Director of the Food Safety and Quality Authority (FSQA) Mr. Momadou Bah disclosed on Friday that the Laboratory test in Dakar confirmed the presence of sniper in smoked fish. Measures should be taken for the culprits to face the full force of the law. Government should also assist hospitals to get their own laboratories to test food items, requests can be made through friendly countries.

Good day!





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# Promises are made to be broken? This can destroy or take away a life

**P**EOPLE who always keep their promises are hard to come by these days. On the other side, promise-breakers are all over the place. There is this saying that promises are made to be broken. This seeks to approve the otherwise bad behaviour.

We oftentimes promise one another for various reasons and sometimes we promise ourselves too. Yes, self-promises. Analyze your circle of friends and acquaintances, and count those you can stand witness for as 100 per cent reliable when it comes to keeping promises. What about your spouse?

A promise means a declaration assuring that one will or will not do something. It means to commit oneself to do or give. There are many types of promises including solemn ones such as marriage vows or military oaths.

There are legal contacts enforced by law as well as fairy tale promises that are mostly problematic to keep. And there is the mother of them all: election promises made by politicians to the electorate. Kenyans are currently hearing all manner of such promises ahead of the country's General Election next month.

This is one of the best stories I have ever read and wish to share with you to show the value of a promise. In a cold country one poor old man used to live, the old man once had a job, money, family and everything one may need.

Unfortunately, he lost his family, job, money, home and everything. He did not have food for survival anymore after losing his job. He had to live by the roadsides, depending on others for help to survive.

One cold night he was sitting on the roadside without any warm clothes. One rich person saw him and felt very sad. He asked him: "Don't you feel cold outside without wearing a coat?" The old man smiled and replied: "I don't have any coat but I got used to that." Yes that's true, we can tolerate any pain if we get used to it.

Then the rich man replied: "Wait for me. I will enter my house now and bring you one." The poor man got so happy and said he would wait for him. The rich man left that place and went back home. Naturally he was a busy person so he totally forgot about his promise. He forgot the suffering of that old man in that cold night.

Next day morning he suddenly remembered the poor old man and went out to search for him but he found him frozen to death. There was a note in the poor man's hand: "When I didn't have any warm clothes, I had the power to fight the cold because I was used to that but when you promised to help me, I got attached to your promise and that took my power of resisting."

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Moral of this story is that don't promise anything if you can't keep your promise. It might not mean anything to you, but it could mean everything to someone else. Broken promise can destroy a life or kill someone.

People with good intentions make promises. People with good character keep them. Promises mean everything sometimes, but after they're broken, sorry mean nothing. So don't make promises if you don't intend to keep them.

Keep every promise you make and only make promises you can keep. Empty promises by temporary people because permanent wounds on weak hearts. An important promise must never be broken.

Always remember that your promise means more than the words you use to give it. Promise is a big word. It either makes something or it breaks

everything. Three things you should never break are promises, trust and someone's heart.

When we make a promise to someone, whether it is to keep a secret they have told us or we have promised to do something for them, we must always keep in mind that it will ultimately tell something about our integrity.

If you keep letting someone down by making empty promises, they will lose trust in you and can often stop believing anything you say. And if someone shares something sensitive with that should not be known by a third party and the next day the whole neighborhood knows, they will never tell you again. You are mbea.

Commitments are a form of promises in which each of us should take time to value especially at home and workplace. These are the types

of promises that we need to honor throughout our lives in order to maintain healthy relationships.

If you have ever had someone break a promise to you, then you know how it feels to have your loyalty betrayed. So, at the end of the day, you never want to betray the people you care about. Once you make a promise, it's your responsibility to do everything that you promised. To maintain healthy friendships and relationships, always honour your promises.

Promise is a sign of respect and emotional attachment. Promises are means of showing that one who keeps it is reliable and loyal. Making a promise and keeping it is a measure for people's mental strength and the awareness of their actual qualities.

Breaking a promise can mean that a person is weak, doesn't possess self-respect and has low self-esteem. Such negative emotions are related with the broken promise.

A kept promise can heal and a broken one can kill. Think before you promise. Remember, psychologists caution that Promises that are usually made spontaneously when happy or sad are the ones that are broken the most because that is when our mind does not think rationally.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF TANZANIA  
AT DAR ES SALAAM  
APPEAL NO. 6 OF 2022

BETWEEN

CHALINZE CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED..... APPELLANT

AND

FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION ..... 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT  
SCANCEN INTERNATIONAL DA..... 2<sup>ND</sup> RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against part of the decision of the Fair Competition Commission (FCC), the 1<sup>ST</sup> Respondent herein, dated 6th April, 2022 in the matter of Merger Application No. CBD.127/359/136 in respect of acquisition of 68.33% shares in Tanga Cement PLC in which the FCC approved the merger with conditions.

The appeal is based on the grounds among other things, that, allowing the approval of the merger application to stand will put the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent in a position to unilaterally use its market power and dominance to raise prices with impunity in its bid to achieve unjustifiable and huge profit that will harm current and future competition in the cement market. Thus, the Appellant prays that the decision of the 1<sup>st</sup> Respondent be reversed, quashed or set aside, as the case may be, with cost.

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APPEAL NO. 12 OF 2022

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TANZANIA CONSUMER ADVOCACY SOCIETY..... APPELLANT

AND

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**Contract Duration:** 60 days

**Location:** Dar Es Salaam

**Delivery/Product:** Report on the Impact of six years of WAJIBU's Accountability Reports to Society.

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# Unprecedented threats against 'right to protest' on the rise world-wide

UNITED NATIONS

The French writer and philosopher Voltaire (1694-1778), once famously remarked: "I disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend unto death, your right to utter them."

But that political axiom hardly applies to multiple governments in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America—including Greece, UK, Thailand, Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, Chile, France, Democratic Republic of Congo and Cyprus - where the right to protest, along with freedom of speech, are increasingly in jeopardy.

The government clamp down on free speech and right to protest has also taken place in Sudan, Belarus, Turkey and Colombia.

The London-based human rights organization, Amnesty International (AI), says protesters across the globe are facing a potent mix of pushbacks, with a growing number of laws and other measures to restrict the right to protest; the misuse of force, the expansion of unlawful mass and targeted surveillance; internet shut-downs and online censorship; and abuse and stigmatization.

AI says the right to protest is "under unprecedented and growing threat across all regions of the world", as the organization launched a new global campaign to confront states' widening and intensifying efforts to erode this fundamental human right.

According to AI, "from Russia to Sri Lanka, France to Senegal, and Iran to Nicaragua, state authorities are implementing an expanding array of measures to suppress organized dissent."

Agnès Callamard, Amnesty International's Secretary General, said that in recent years "we have seen some of the biggest protest mobilizations for decades".

She pointed out that Black Lives Matter, MeToo, and the climate change movements have inspired millions the world over to take to the streets and online to demand racial and climate justice, equity and livelihoods, and an end to gender violence and discrimination.

Elsewhere, she said, people have stood up in their thousands against police violence and killings, state repression and oppression.

Asked for a response, Mandeep S. Tiwana, Chief Programmes Officer at CIVICUS, the global civil society alliance, told IPS major political transformations in history have been catalysed through protest.

"Sustained mass mobilisations have resulted in significant rights victories including expansion of women's right to vote, decolonization in the Global South, passing of essen-



Scene from the racial justice-Black Lives Matter -- protests in Washington, DC following the death of a Black man named George Floyd during a violent police encounter in Minnesota, USA. Credit: Amnesty International, Alii Jarrar

tial civil rights laws, dismantling of military dictatorships, victory over apartheid, legalisation of same-sex marriage, recognition of the climate emergency and much more," he said.

"Exercise of the right to peaceful protest is powerful check on high level corruption, abuse by the powerful and authoritarianism. Yet, because of this it remains a much abused and much reviled by right by anti-democratic forces," declared Tiwana.

Over the past year, according to the latest CIVICUS Monitor, civil society across the world has faced a variety of legal and extra-legal restrictions as captured in the Monitor.

The CIVICUS Monitor currently rates 39 countries and territories as Open, 41 rated as Narrowed, 42 rated as Obstructed, 50 rated as Repressed and 25 rated as Closed.

Andreas Bummel, Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders, told IPS the ability to express dissent and discontent through peaceful protest is a fundamental human right

and a key component of democracy. "Restricting and denying this democratic right is plain wrong. This new campaign is important and comes at the right time," he said.

Spelling out the outcomes of the recently-concluded 50th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, the US State Department said the United States co-sponsored a resolution on "the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of peaceful protests".

This resolution urged member states "to facilitate peaceful protests by providing protesters with access to public space within sight and sound of their intended target audience and to promote a safe and enabling environment for individuals to exercise their rights to freedoms of peaceful assembly, expression, and association- both online and offline."

AI says its "Protect the Protest" campaign is aimed at challenging attacks on peaceful protest, stand with those targeted and support the

causes of social movements pushing for human rights change.

"Almost without exception, this wave of mass protest has been met with obstructive, repressive and often violent responses by state authorities. Instead of facilitating the right to protest, governments are going to ever greater lengths to quash it".

"This is why, as the world's biggest human rights organisation, we have chosen this moment to launch this campaign. It's time to stand up and loudly remind those in power of our inalienable right to protest, to express grievances, and to demand change freely, collectively and publicly," said AI in a statement released July 19

A range of issues including the environmental crisis, growing inequality and threats to livelihoods, systemic racism and gender-based violence have made collective action ever more necessary. Governments

have responded by introducing legislation imposing illegitimate restrictions on the right to protest.

For example, says AI, "we have seen blanket bans on protests, as seen in Greece and Cyprus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK, a new law contains provisions providing police officers with wide-ranging powers, including the ability to ban 'noisy protests', while in Senegal, political demonstrations in the centre of Dakar have been banned since 2011, precluding protests near government buildings".

Governments of all kinds are also increasingly using emergency powers as a pretext to clamp down on dissent. This was seen at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in countries including Thailand, while in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a government-imposed 'state of siege' has provided military and police officers with extensive powers to restrict protest in the provinces of Ituri and North Kivu since May 2021.

"Governments across the world are justifying restrictions by arguing that protest constitutes a threat to public order and by stigmatizing protesters, branding them "troublemakers", "rioters", or even "terrorists". By casting protesters in this light, authorities have justified zero-tolerance approaches: introducing and misusing vague and draconian security laws, deploying heavy handed policing, and taking pre-emptive deterrent measures."

This approach was witnessed in Hong Kong, where the National Security Law and its expansive definition of "national security" have been used arbitrarily, among other things, to restrict protest.

And, in India, the anti-terror Unlawful Prevention (Activities) Act (UAPA) and the crime of "sedition", have been used repeatedly against peaceful protesters, journalists, and human rights defenders.

While governments have long relied on aggressive tactics to police protests, security forces have increased the amount of force they use in recent years.

AI said so-called less lethal weapons, including batons, pepper spray, tear gas, stun grenades, water cannons, and rubber bullets are routinely misused by security forces.

And, since the early 2000s, AI has documented a trend towards the militarisation of state responses to protests, including the use of armed forces and military equipment.

In countries including Chile and France security forces in full riot gear are often backed by armoured vehicles, military-grade aircraft, surveillance drones, guns and assault weapons, stun grenades and sound cannons.

During the mass uprising that followed the 2021 coup in Myanmar, the military used unlawful lethal force against peaceful protesters. More than 2,000 people have been killed, according to monitors, and more than 13,000 arrested since the military seized power.

"People who face inequality and discrimination, whether based on race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability, occupation, social, economic or migratory status are also more affected by restrictions on their right to protest and face harsher repression", according to AI.

For example, women, LGBTI and gender-non-conforming people are facing different types of gender-based violence, marginalization, social norms and legislation.

In countries including Sudan, Colombia and Belarus, women have been sexually assaulted for participating in protests, while in Turkey, for example, Pride marches have been banned for years.

"Our campaign comes at a critical juncture. The precious right to protest is being eroded at a terrifying pace, and we must do all we can to push back," said Callamard.

"Countless protesters have been killed in recent years, and it is partly on their behalf that we must now raise our own voices and defend our right to speak truth to power through protests in the streets and online."

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# First IUCN Africa protected areas congress opens in Kigali



By Special Correspondent, Kigali

THE IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) – the first-ever Pan-African gathering of leaders, citizens, and interest groups focused on protected areas – begins today in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, with an address by the Prime Minister of Rwanda, Édouard Ngirente.

More than 2,000 participants from 52 African countries and beyond come together at APAC to address challenges and drive action for Africa's Protected and Conserved Areas. They will discuss the key role of these areas in safeguarding the continent's iconic wildlife, delivering vital ecosystem services, driving sustainable development and conserving Africa's cultural heritage and traditions. The event is expected to culminate in the adoption of the Kigali Call to Action by all participants.

"Africa is rich in biodiversity – perhaps the richest in the world. We have the most beautiful rivers, forests, mountains and a variety of wildlife that can only be

found on this continent. We must therefore spare no effort in protecting and conserving this diversity", said Édouard Ngirente, Prime Minister of Rwanda.

"Given the huge social and economic benefits of protected and conserved areas, it is my conviction that this Africa Protected Areas Congress will chart pathways towards resilient and sustainable conservation of our biodiversity for economies' transformation."

"Protected and conserved areas in Africa have a complicated legacy, with conservation success too often coming at the expense of local communities. One key focus of the first-ever IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress is to give a voice to these marginalised communities, stressing their stewardship of nature and the need for inclusive and just conservation models under African leadership, and with global support", said Dr Bruno Oberle, IUCN Director General.

"The Africa Protected Area Congress offers Africa the golden chance to reset and recalibrate our mindsets towards sustainable avenues that will ensure that

the wellbeing of wildlife and their habitats is safeguarded. Africa faces the challenge of economic transformation in a world that is aware that the current model of prosperity is reaching its ecological limits. To be successful in beating extinction and postponing its inevitability, we will need strong alliances that bring different sectors together if we are to overcome the challenges of wildlife protection and conservation and save the future of our planet; hence why APAC is so important at this moment in time", said Kaddu Sebunya, CEO of African Wildlife Foundation.

APAC participants include Ministers and other decision-makers, community leaders, youth representatives and scientists. Among the confirmed speakers at the Congress are the Prime Minister of Rwanda, Édouard Ngirente, IUCN Director General Dr Bruno Oberle and African Wildlife Foundation CEO Kaddu Sebunya, and indigenous representatives such as Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, member of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee.

## AfDB board approving over \$1bn for emergency food production plan

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) Group's Board of Directors has approved 24, fast-track programmes to help the continent mitigate rising food prices and inflation caused by Russia's war in Ukraine, climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic.

A statement by the bank said the first round of approvals were part of the bank's \$1.5 billion African Emergency Food Production Facility, established in May, to boost food security, nutrition, and resilience across the continent.

The statement noted that the facility would provide 20 million African smallholder farmers with certified seeds and increased access to agricultural fertiliser.

It also stated that it would also support governance and policy reform expected to encourage greater investment in Africa's agricultural sector.

It added that the African Emergency Food Production Facility would enable farmers in the continent to produce 38 million additional tons of food over the next two years, adding that this is food worth an estimated \$12 billion.

"As of 15 July, the Bank Group's Board of Directors had approved a total of \$1.13 billion in mixed financing for Emergency Facility programs targeting 24 countries: eight countries in West Africa; five in East Africa; six in Southern Africa; four in Central Africa and one in North Africa," the statement added.

The Bank's Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, Dr. Beth Dunford, said: "This is a landmark week for the African Development Bank and the African Emergency Food Production Facility. These programs will deliver much-needed climate-adapted seeds, access to affordable fertilizers and usher in policy reforms to enable the agriculture sector to supply immediate, medium and long-term solutions to challenges faced in regional member countries."

The statement hinted that the African Emergency Food Production Facility was designing programmes to respond to requests from more countries on the continent.

"The facility focuses on staple crops that many African nations largely import from Russia and Ukraine. However, the Russia-Ukraine war has left the continent facing a deficit of at least 30 million tons of food. Successful implementation of the facility will deliver 38 million tons of food, exceeding the amount imported from Russia and Ukraine.

"Through the facility, African farmers will produce approximately 11 million tons of wheat, 18 million tons of maize, 6 million tons of rice and 2.5 million tons of soybeans.

"The programme will build on the success of the Bank's Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) platform. Launched in 2019, TAAT delivered heat-tolerant wheat seed varieties to 1.8 million farmers in seven countries. It also increased wheat production by 2.7 million tons, valued at \$840 million."



## Koroma pushes for credible election bodies in Africa

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

AFRICAN elections management bodies have been tasked to impartially and fairly conduct free, credible and widely acceptable elections, instead doing the bidding of the ruling parties.

Former President of Sierra Leone, Ernest Bai Koroma made the remarks here yesterday at the Drive For Democracy Conference, under the theme: 'Fighting the democratic backslides through renewed action and solidarity', could not have been more apt and timelier.

"In most cases, election bodies in Africa tend to favor the incumbent parties, something which isn't right at this time of democracy," the former president told the gathering at the MS Training Centre For Development in Arusha.

He said that professed fight against corruption is only as potent against the opposition as it is protective of the status quo, noting that the factors have not only discouraged young people on the continent, but they are contributing to the rise in activities of violent extremist groups, and violent eruptions between the state and its citizens.

"Violent extremist groups have thrived in the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin as a result of the fact that there is a ready-made army of young people, disconnected from the state, and denied socio-economic opportunities, who are willing to join those groups. In some states, we see the emergence of gangs and cliques, also a demonstration of young people socialising with violence, as a means of social expression, and their search for recognition," he said.

He stated that such reversal of de-



mocracy has deepened public disaffection while the economic consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic, climate change and now the Russian-Ukraine war, have compounded the problem.

"Apparently, owing to the way they have entrenched themselves, massive civil unrests and/or military strongmen tend to be the recurring means by which democratic strongmen could be removed from power," he said.

"As democrats, the ideal situation is that political change should always happen through constitutional means because violent change of governments often results in loss of

innocent lives. It also brings about a wide range of social, political and economic consequences. But as we have seen, the reality is quite different."

West Africa alone has recorded three military takeovers this year in Mali, Burkina Faso, and in Guinea – there have also been two attempted coups in Niger and Guinea-Bissau.

"Coups and insurrections have occurred in other parts of Africa as we have seen in Sudan, and Algeria. Even the stubborn violent insurgents in the Sahel and Maghreb regions have their roots in factors including the resurgence of bad governance. Freedom House recently reported

that out of 54 countries in Africa, only 12 could be considered as 'free' over the last 15 years while only 7% of the continent's population live in such societies."

"The democratic reversal is indeed serious that it has alerted ever many organisations and groups to the threats it portends for the economic growth, peace, security and stability of our beleaguered continent. This is why we are here – to explore how, in solidarity, we could strengthen the 'Drive for Democracy'. Be assured that you are not alone."

He said that the African Union (AU) and its regional economic communities and mechanisms have even

embarked upon a comprehensive review of their Governance, Peace and Security protocols with clear deliverables and timelines. The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and the Coalition of Democratic Association (CoDA), both affiliates of the AU, are all actively involved in efforts to stem this decline.

"The new thinking is that monitoring and observation should go beyond elections to include governance, so that where violations are occurring, early warnings could be signaled. Additionally, discussions are ongoing on how to enhance the effectiveness of responses to constitutional violations. "I'm also involved with other initiatives such as the West African Elders Forum (WAEF) and the Obasanjo Presidential Library, all gearing towards addressing the situation in the ECOWAS region. We must pile this pressure with undiminished intensity until it becomes extremely untenable for anyone to derail the democratization process that Africa embarked on in the 1990s," he said.

He stated that a survey conducted by Afrobarometer in 30 countries shows that majority of Africans prefer democracy as a political system over and above autocratic ones.

"That aspiration could not be realized without the decisive intervention of civil society organisations. And here is the reason: democracy without a vibrant, independent and public-centered civil society is like a person with a weak immune system. As a strong and healthy immune system is to the human body, so are CSOs to the democratic state. They play the critical role of ensuring that the system remains healthy and functional."

# Smallholder farmers in Uganda recruit black soldier fly for green fertiliser

KAMPALA & KAYUNGA

The conflict in Ukraine has led to an increase in fertiliser prices in Uganda and neighbouring Kenya. Amidst the shortages, some farmers are shifting to a more sustainable way of enriching their soils using frass from the Black Soldier Fly.

Before Russia invaded Ukraine, Marula Proteen Hub, based in Kayunga in central Uganda, mobilised farmers to produce Black Soldier Fly larvae (BSF). But many, especially the elderly, were hesitant.

"I wondered what they will think of me keeping maggots? Some, however, accepted. So, they have been keeping those maggots from which we make animal feed and now, quality fertiliser too," said Abbey Lubega, the overseer of Marula Proteen Hub in Kanguzumira sub-county.

About one thousand



Abbey Lubega inside the larvae hatchery unit. Simple tools are used to harvest the larvae and frass. Credit: Wambi Michael/IPS

farmers in Kayunga have been mobilised to rear the maggots, which they sell to the hub either in cash or in exchange for organic fertiliser.

"Farmers have waste on their farms. So, we give them BSF systems for rearing the larvae. We also give them five-day-old larvae. The larvae eat through waste collected from homes. After eight days, they sell us the mature larvae or feed their livestock. There is also that option. Then they retain fertiliser for their garden," said Lubega in an interview with IPS.

"What the farmers are looking for, besides this income from the larvae, is the fertiliser produced on their farms. They can produce whatever quantities they want. It is quick, it is reliable," explained Lubega.

Marula Proteen Hub is situated below a pineapple and jackfruit processing plant to tap into the waste

generated as feedstock for the larvae rearing. A pungent smell of ammonia fills the air as one enters the larvae hatchery section, where five-day-old larvae eat through waste.

"These larvae are eating. They are defecating. The ammonia that you are smelling is emanating from frass," explained Lubega.

Harriet Nakayi lives in Namakandwa Parish, close to 75 kilometres east of Uganda's capital Kampala. She is one of the women in this area trained to sustainably produce BSF larvae for animal proteins and frass fertiliser for their crops.

With her three-year-old daughter standing by, Nakayi scoops larvae from black containers and pours them onto a metallic net to separate them from the decomposed brown substances that look like loam soil. The larvae are about to be taken to the hub for sale. The frass and compost material are ready to be applied in her coffee, vanilla, and banana gardens.

She told IPS that frass from BSF is much easier to apply when compared with farmyard manure.

"This fertiliser does not burn the plants. So unlike manure which you have to wait for some time, you can take this one immediately to the garden," said Nakayi.

Like Nakayi, Solomon Timbiti Wagidoso, a pineapple farmer, said he applied BSF fertiliser to one of his gardens and that their growth seems to point to a better harvest.

"The government said it would manufacture our fertiliser, but I'm told that project is on a standstill. We now depend on imported fertiliser whose cost keeps on increasing," said Timbiti.

According to Timbiti, the price of fertiliser has increased since late 2020. The war in Ukraine now exacerbates the high prices.

By early April, fertiliser prices had more than doubled in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. The three countries and the rest of East Africa depend on imports from Russia and Belarus.

Researchers in Uganda and Kenya found that

the composting process of black soldier fly frass fertiliser takes five weeks compared to the 8-24 weeks for conventional organic fertiliser.

Frass, a by-product of BSF rearing, has been found to contain substantial amounts of nutrients that can fertilise the soil. Lubega scoops frass from one of the containers with his hands. Tiny maggots are still crushing the waste that now looks like fine loam soil.

"It's almost powder, as you can see. It is very fine," said Lubega. "Manure from cow dung is good, but that from goat manure is better. That from chicken is better than that of a goat. So how about the larvae that are the smallest. So, we see that the smaller the animal, the better the manure."

Lubega explains to IPS that Black Soldier Fly larvae can break the substrates to make the nutrients available to the plant.

"Inorganic fertilisers give you the nutrient the plant needs, but organic fertilisers improve the soil health. They reduce that dependency. If I buy inorganic fertiliser for this season, I have to go back and buy more for the next season. You will need to apply inorganic fertiliser throughout your entire life," he added.

He said organic fertilisers are better suited for smallholder farmers, like those in Kanguzumira, who cannot afford to buy inorganic fertilisers.

"And if you look at the cost-benefit analysis, why would I buy inorganic fertiliser if I'm going to need it all the time? It not different from teaching me how to fish and giving me fish," added Lubega.

Rucci Tripathi, the global Practice Lead Resilient Livelihoods at international development charity VSO with an office in Uganda and several other countries, told IPS that there is a need for a strategy for farmers and developing countries to shield farmers from the current fertiliser, fuel and food prices crisis.

Tripathi said there was a need to invest in supporting community initiatives on the production of natural manure, including feeding

the soils through having a crop cover such as hay and planting nitrogen-fixing plants.

"This reduces farmers' dependence on imports of chemical fertilisers, which is good for farmers' incomes and soil health. We see many such small-scale initiatives across Zimbabwe to Uganda to Kenya," she said.

Researchers at the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (Icipe) have revealed that adopting insect bioconversion technology can recycle between two and 18 million tonnes of waste into organic fertiliser worth approximately 9-85 million US dollars per year.

The researchers, who include Dr Sevgan Subramanian, Dr Chrysantus Mbi Tanga and Denis Besigamukama, recently published an article titled "Nutrient quality and maturity status of frass fertiliser from nine edible insects".

They observed that although the use of organic fertiliser is acceptable and affordable to farmers, there has been limited uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa due to poor quality, long production time, and limited sources of organic matter on the farm.

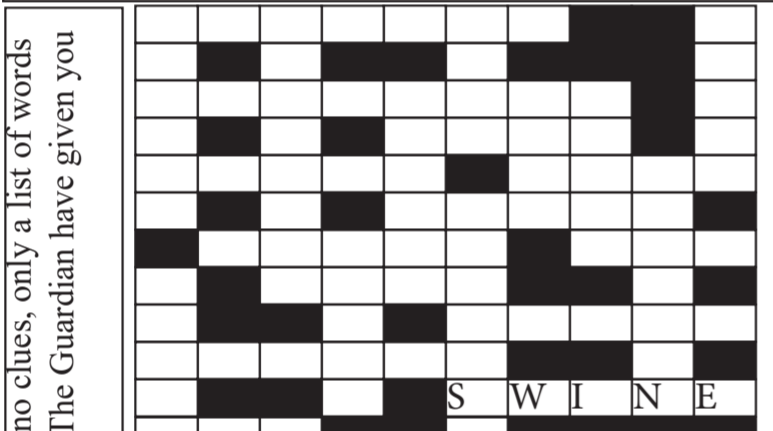
"Thus, there is a need to explore alternative sources of organic fertilisers that are readily available, affordable and of good quality, such as insect frass fertiliser," they wrote.

Dr Debora Ruth Amulen, the founder of the Centre for Insect Research and Development, based in Kampala, told IPS that there is a need to sensitise farmers about the animal proteins and fertiliser generated from BSF.

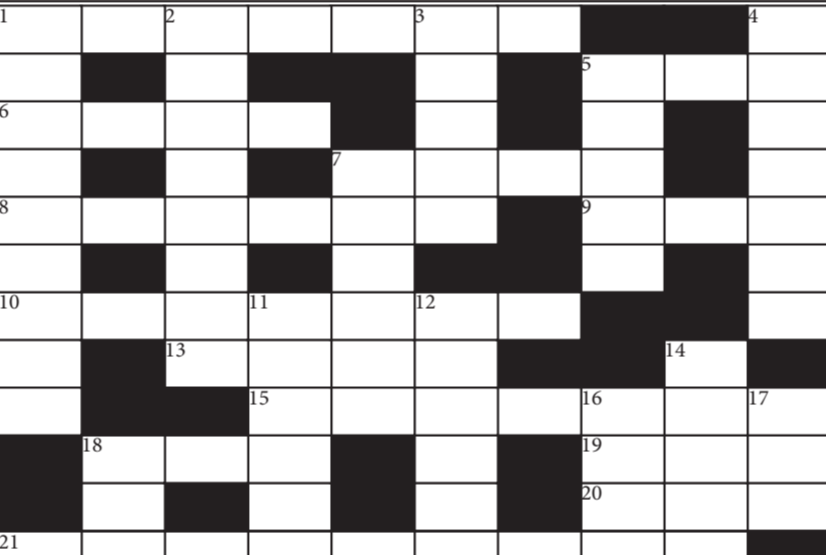
"It is useful on our farms. It's also a useful tool for our environment. We have a lot of manure from cattle and livestock. They are producing a lot of greenhouse gases. The Black Soldier fly has been found useful in composting urban waste," explained Amulen, also a lecturer at Makerere University.

"It is a very simple technology that even those that have not gone to school can apply. And it's very cost-effective."

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



**CLUES: Across**  
 1 Tanzania's statesman  
 5 obtain in exchange for payment  
 6 a period of seven days  
 7 an assistant to a political leader  
 8 open to public inspection  
 9 a tall deciduous shade tree with spreading branches and broad top  
 10 support, encourage  
 13 longest river in Africa  
 15 town on the border of Kenya and Tanzania  
 18 People of Nigeria  
 19 a rower  
 20 young form of a louse  
 21 North American plant with stems of showy snap dragon like-flowers

**Down:**  
 1 printed publication  
 2 a formal process whereby a politician is elected  
 3 pardon a sin  
 4 characterized by constant change  
 5 mate and then produce offspring  
 7 Her capital city is Luanda  
 11 Children  
 12 a building devoted to the worship of one more  
 14 a thing that is not possible  
 17 the expression of creative skill  
 18 have an obligation to pay money

**WORD-FIT**

**CROSSWORD**

**SOLUTIONS**

1. TANZANIA'S STATESMAN: NIPASHE  
 2. A FORMAL PROCESS WHEREBY A POLITICIAN IS ELECTED: BARABARANI  
 3. PARDON A SIN: NYEPESI  
 4. CHARACTERIZED BY CONSTANT CHANGE: MCHANGANYIKO  
 5. MATE AND THEN PRODUCE OFFSPRING: NYEPESI  
 6. A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS: MATAANGAZO  
 7. HER CAPITAL CITY IS LUANDA: LUANDA  
 8. OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION: NYEPESI  
 9. A TALL DECIDUOUS SHADE TREE WITH SPREADING BRANCHES AND BROAD TOP: MICHIZO  
 10. SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE: MUKUMBAZUKA  
 11. CHILDREN: MAMBO  
 12. A BUILDING DEVOTED TO THE WORSHIP OF ONE MORE: MIBUNDO  
 13. LONGEST RIVER IN AFRICA: NILE  
 14. A THING THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE: MIBUNDO  
 15. TOWN ON THE BORDER OF KENYA AND TANZANIA: MCHANGANYIKO  
 16. A FORMAL PROCESS WHEREBY A POLITICIAN IS ELECTED: BARABARANI  
 17. THE EXPRESSION OF CREATIVE SKILL: MCHANGANYIKO  
 18. PEOPLE OF NIGERIA: MCHANGANYIKO  
 19. A ROWER: MCHANGANYIKO  
 20. YOUNG FORM OF A LOUSE: MCHANGANYIKO  
 21. NORTH AMERICAN PLANT WITH STEMS OF SHOWY SNAP DRAGON LIKE-FLOWERS: MCHANGANYIKO

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Thursday 21 July 2022

## Banks deposits expand by 3trn/- in 2022, as Dar holds 62pct share

By Francis Kajubi

Commercial banks increased by 13.8 percent to 24.42trillion/- at the end of March 2022 across the six economic zones as defined by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) attributed to growth in agent and digital banking among other aspects, which indicated banks aggressive move in deposit mobilization.

The central bank's Consolidated Zonal Economic Report for the quarter ending March 2022 show that commercial banks deposits amounted to 21.46trn/- during the corresponding quarter of 2021.

Dar es Salaam zone, which is the home of all commercial banks' headquarters, edged the list with the largest share of 15.27trn/- which is equivalent to a lion's share of 62.5 percent.

"Increase in deposits was mainly attributed to ongoing deposits mobilization measures by banks, enhanced use of agent and digital banking platforms as well as increased government spending on development projects," reads the report in part.

Commercial banks in Dar es Salaam had registered deposits worth 13.95trn/- as of March last year.

The northern zone made of Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions



Bank of Tanzania headquarters.

comes next with deposits amounting 2.91trn/- an increase of 11.9 percent. The zone had registered deposits amounting 2.61trn/- during the corresponding quarter in 2021.

Banks in the central zone had deposits amounting 2.36trn/- thus taking the third position. The zone made up of Dodoma, Singida and Tabora had registered deposits worth 1.67trn/- in March 2021. The performance is

equivalent to an increase of 9.7 percent.

The lake zone bank branches had received deposits worth 2.19trn/- by bankers from the six regions of Mwanza, Mara, Shinyanga, Geita, Simiyu and Kagera, an increase of 8.6 percent. The zone had during the corresponding quarter in 2021 registered deposits worth 1.65trn/-.

The southern highlands had dur-

ing the period under review registered deposits amounting 915billion/- which is equivalent to 3.7 percent. In 2021 the zone had registered deposits worth 890bn/-. On the other hand, the south eastern zone had deposits worth 865bn/- an increase of 3.5 percent compared to 699bn/- in 2021.

Following the growth in deposits, commercial banks had widened the issuance of loans to various economic activities. Loans portfolio insured by banks recorded an annual growth of 14.6 percent to 20.98trillion/- compared to 18.31trn/- in March 2021.

"This outturn is largely attributed to measures taken to improve liquidity in the banking system, reduce cost of funds, and improve business environment," says a report.

About 61.4 percent of banks' loans were held by personal, trade and services related to health and education activities," reads the report.

Banks in Dar es Salaam had during the period issued loans worth 11.70trn/- up from 10.57trn/- in 2021 an increment of 55.8 percent.

Banks in the northern zone had extended loans worth 2.85trn/- up from 2.61trn/- in 2021 an increment of 13.6 percent. The lake zone had issued loans worth 2.54trn/- an increase of 12.1 percent compared to 2.02trn/- issued as of March 2021.

The central zone branches had issued loans worth 2.09trn/- up from 1.56trn/- issued in 2021. The growth is equivalent to 10 percent. Banks in the south eastern zone had issued loans worth 991bn/- up from 779bn/- in 2021 which is equivalent to a growth of 4.7 percent.

People in southern highlands have acquired loans from commercial banks worth 802bn/- up from 766bn/- last year. The growth is equivalent to 3.8 percent.

According to the report, Agent banking services across all zones improved during the period under review, as reflected by an increase in the number of bank agents, volume and value of transactions.

The volume of transactions and value of cash deposits increased by 72.2 percent and 83.6 percent to 17,211,403 transactions and 11.75trillion/-, respectively.

Likewise, volume and value of cash withdrawal grew by 28.9 percent and 49.2 percent to 10,354,345 withdrawals and 3.36trillion/-, respectively.

"The improvement was associated with increased agent banking outlets and integration of banking services with non-bank payment systems," states BoT.

The report shows that as of March 2022 Dar es Salaam had 18,012 agents

who processed 4,076,398 cash deposit transactions worth 3.34trn/-. Dar es Salaam had registered 2,785,380 cash withdrawal transactions worth 941bn/-.

The northern zone had registered 8,115 agents who processed 2,729,663 cash deposit transactions worth 1.69trn/-. The zone had registered 1,512,977 cash withdrawal transactions 433bn/-.

The lake zone had 9,199 agents who processed 3,936,524 cash deposit transactions worth 2.90trn/-. It has registered 1,813,306 cash withdrawal transactions worth 694.99bn/-.

As of March 2022, the central zone has 7,071 agents who processed 2,294,433 cash deposit transactions worth 1.34trn/-. The zone, however, had registered 1,544,019 cash withdrawal transactions, 442bn/-. The southern highlands zone had 6,615 agents.

The agents processed cash deposit transactions amounting to 2,762,997 worth 1.70trn/-. The zone had also registered 1,586,006 cash withdrawal transactions worth 553bn/-. The south eastern zone had 3,994 agents who processed 1,411,388 cash deposit transactions worth 788.96bn/-.

The zone had registered 1,112,657 cash withdrawal transactions worth 292bn/-.

## Intelligent virtual assistant market in banking to hit \$11.2bn by 2031, says AMR

PORTLAND

ACCORDING to the report published by Allied Market Research (AMR), the global intelligent virtual assistant based banking market generated \$1.3 billion in 2021, and is projected to reach \$11.2 billion by 2031, witnessing a CAGR of 24.5 percent from 2022 to 2031.

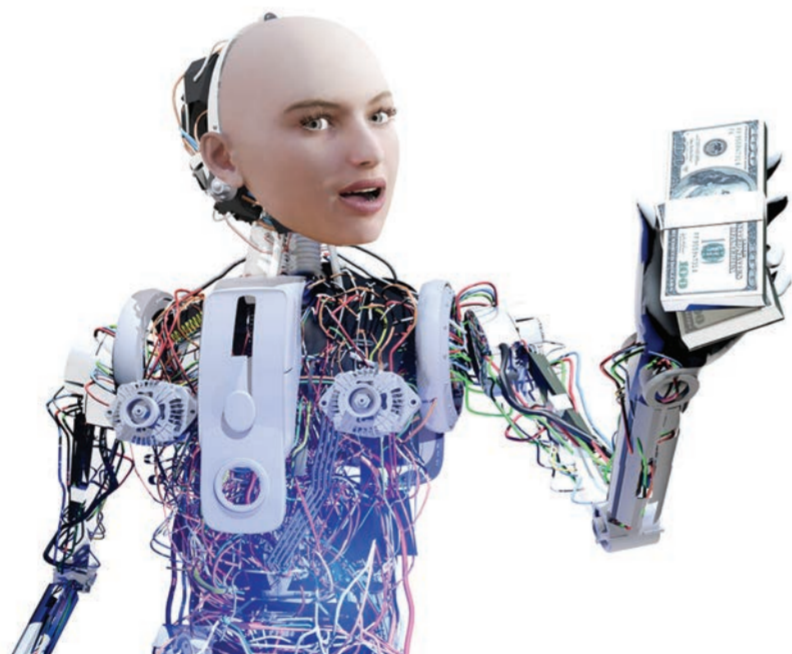
Allied Market Research (AMR) is a full-service market research and business consulting wing of Allied Analytics LLP based in Portland, Oregon.

Intelligent Virtual Assistant (IVA) is an Artificial Intelligence-enabled chat assistant that generates personalized responses by combining analytics and cognitive computing based on individual customer information, past conversations, and location, leveraging the corporate knowledgebase and human insight.

The banks are implementing AI for detecting frauds, enhancing customer experience, tracking customer behavior for recommending more personalized services, analyzing customer credit histories to predict risks associated with allotting loans, and many more.

The report provides a detailed analysis of changing market dynamics, top segments, value chain, key investment pockets, regional scenario, and competitive landscape.

This report provides a quantitative analysis of the market segments, current trends,



estimations, and dynamics of the Intelligent Virtual Assistant in banking market analysis from 2021 to 2031 to identify the prevailing Intelligent Virtual Assistant in banking market opportunities.

Increase in automation uses across many industries, such as BFSI, retail, residential, and others and rise in demand for customer service automation in the banking industry drive the growth of the global intelligent virtual assistant in bank-

ing market.

However, increase in costs for server systems hinders the growth of the market.

On the other hand, growth in developments toward digital AI chatbots is anticipated to provide a potential growth opportunity for the market growth.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic led to have a positive impact on the growth of the global intelligent virtual assistant in banking market, owing to in-

crease in usage and adoption of online & digitalized banking methods among consumers globally.

Intelligent virtual assistant (IVA) based banking market technology have experienced a massive growth as consumers became familiar with the chatbots and AI assistants in the market.

Moreover, banks and fintech industries are increasingly developing AI chatbots to provide precise information to the customers in the post-pandemic era.

The report offers detailed segmentation of the global intelligent virtual assistant in banking market based product, user interface, and region.

Based on product, the chatbots segment held the highest market share in 2021, holding nearly three-fourths of the total market share, and is expected to continue its leadership status during the forecast period.

However, the smart speakers segment is estimated to register the highest CAGR of 27.2 percent from 2022 to 2031.

Based on user interface, the

text-to-text segment held the largest market share in 2021, holding nearly half of the total market share, and is expected to continue its leadership status during the forecast period.

However, the automatic speech recognition segment is projected to register the highest CAGR of 29.9 percent from 2022 to 2031.

Based on region, North America is contributed to the highest share in terms of revenue in 2021, holding more than one-third of the total market share, and is estimated to continue its dominant share by 2031.

However, the Asia-Pacific region is projected to manifest the fastest CAGR of 28.0 percent during the forecast period.

Intelligent virtual assistants improve meeting experiences and increase productivity by automating in- and post-meeting tasks including transcription, note taking, and follow-on action item management.

They also provide additional benefits including voice control of meetings and language translation.

## Competitors become collaborators in fighting against financial crime

JOHANNESBURG

IN financial services, the greater the surface area, the greater the chance the fraudsters will strike – and be successful.

Featurespace Founder David Excell told Karen Webster that Payments-as-a-Service (PaaS) providers, banks and security firms must join forces to beat back the bad actors.

Advanced technologies, online platforms – and the wealth of data at everyone's fingertips shared across partnerships and analyzed in real time – can offer the lines of defense against an ever-changing risk landscape.

The approach is relatively new when measured against the way financial services firms historically have gauged risk in the past. Excell noted that fraud models have typi-

cally used 12 to 14 months of historical data.

"But the past is not a predictor of the future," he said, certainly not with the rise of card-not-present (CNP) transactions and the rise of new and alternative payment methods where that data may be relatively limited.

"The fraud vectors are evolving in new and creative ways," he said.

PaaS programs have emerged to provide the latest technology, services and program management with little overhead and investment. Banks, third-party payment processing companies or any company can take advantage of it to boost the customers' payment experience.

FinTechs have created cloud-based platforms that provide specialized payment services for banks, payments service providers



(PSPs) and other organizations so they can create new payment experiences at scale for their end users.

The advantage of working with the third-party providers is that client firms can bring new payments experiences to users at scale. But realizing that potential is not without its challenges, as the

risk of fraud is ever present.

For the payments and Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS) providers themselves, there's a delicate balancing act that underpins it all, Excell said. The providers must ensure the right level of information is shared among all parties.

Security of that data remains critical, but security needs to

be folded into the overall customer experience such that the consumer journey across daily financial life remains uninterrupted.

As financial institutions (FIs) enable and deploy new payment methods, they must take into consideration how the customer journey will take shape and how risk fits into the equation. Sharing knowledge with other FIs can help the financial services industry at large solve its problems and innovate safely.

As for the data – how, when and where it's shared is important, said Excell. Consistency is the overarching goal and needs to be in place if enterprises want authentication and authorization to happen in real time.

"The last thing we want to do is create more silos where

a decision gets made within a bank that would be a different decision that's made with the Payments-as-a-Service provider," he said.

"The platforms have larger 'surfaces' and are able to see multiple attacks taking place across a wide range of their customers," said Excell, and how these attacks may be varied as they target different firms on the platform.

The collaborative approach with security providers (Featurespace among them) also gains an ecosystem-wide view of the effectiveness of the risk management solutions, to the minute and to the nano-second.

"When fraud is identified and experienced by the end customers, that information is fed back to the platform so that everyone continues to learn," he said.

## US banks see famine after loss of feast

WASHINGTON

A loss of appetite for loans and the disappearance of investing banking fees mean the second quarter for the US banks was one of the least memorable in recent memory, with a range of institutions clearly suffering the after-effects of collapsing M&A deals, muted consumer spending and an unsteady housing market.

While conventional wisdom has it that the US will avoid a possible recession this year, the results season had a distinct canary-in-the-coalmine feel to it, with lending and investment bank deal making a good lead indicator of future economic performance.

As for the banks themselves, from an investor's perspective it was clearly a case of sorting out who were the losers and who were the bigger losers.

Wall Street's pure-play investment banks saw the most eye-catching reversals over the course of the quarter.

For example, Goldman Sachs saw net profits fall by 48 per cent during the quarter to \$2.79bn (£2.32bn), although this was less than some analysts had predicted, as its trading arm benefited from market volatility to parachute the fall in overall profits.

Alongside the big mixed banks such as JPMorganChase (USJPM) and Bank of America (USBAC), Goldman's big problem this year has been the shuttering of structured debt markets as investors have shied away from higher interest rates, consequently causing private equity buy-outs to dry up.

That has meant far lower fees from originating debt for the big investment banks and ongoing losses from holding unsold paper.

According to Bloomberg data, losses from unsold corporate loans totalled \$1.32bn for the quarter, with Bank of America topping the list with \$320mn of corporate loan losses booked in its results.

Goldman managed a relatively respectable fourth (see table), but it was still the worst hit of the big banks, with Bank of America's second-quarter profits falling by a more moderate 32 per cent.

# Sudanese fintech nabs \$6.5 mn, backed by Y Combinator, GFC and Visa

KHARTOUM

**B**LOOM, a Sudan-based fintech that offers a high-yield savings account and adjacent digital banking services, has raised a \$6.5 million seed round. This investment is coming after the startup's undisclosed pre-seed round last year.

This financing welcomed participation from fintech giant Visa, Y Combinator, U.S.-based VCs Global Founders Capital (GFC) and Goodwater Capital and UAE-based early-stage firm VentureSouq. Other investors include angels Arash Ferdowsi, Dropbox co-founder; Nicolas Kopp, former U.S. CEO of N26; footballers Blaise Matuidi and Kieran Gibbs; and early employees at Revolut and Tide.

The investment from Visa came as one of the incentives for Bloom's participation in the global card scheme's Fintech Fast Track Program. A partnership was formed, and as a result, Bloom – the first Sudanese startup to get admitted into the program – switched its cards from Mastercard to Visa.

"The Visa investment is critical for companies like us for a couple of reasons. One, aligning with Visa as a



Bloom managing director Merghani Mahgoub (second from right) shakes hands with Visa Country General Manager for Sudan and Libya, Ahmed Mohey (second from left) soon after signing an agreement. Visa and Bloom plan to drive adoption of Visa cards in Sudan, and the wider East Africa region PHOTO/BLOOM

partner gives you a bunch of benefits, launching products faster, marketing support and product support; and two, in addition to the investment, Visa Fintech Fast Track enables you to access these incentives in a streamlined way," CEO Ahmed Ismail told TechCrunch in an interview.

In March, the company announced that it was a part of Y Combinator's winter batch this year after launching from stealth that same month. Also, Bloom's waitlist was made public in March, and at the time, the company had more than 15,000 people signed up; that number

has topped 100,000, the founders told TechCrunch. They say the platform has been launched in Sudan but declined to give specific numbers of customers actively using the product. As highlighted this March and reiterated in the interview, Bloom's founders say this seed

round will help the Sudanese and Dubai-based startup execute its expansion plan across the Anglo-East African region such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia. A few competitors in the region include YC-backed Fingo, Koa and Finclusion.

"Our product is live in Sudan. The plan is to scale in the country and then expand to other markets," Ismail stated. "We anticipate being in at least one market before the end of the year and a couple more early next year."

Bloom's seed round is the largest in Sudan, a country whose tech ecosystem can be termed passive and only recently welcomed foreign investment when Fawry backed fintech and e-commerce player Alsoug after 30 years of international sanctions on the country.

East Africa, as a region, is home to 500 million people, with a median age of 18 and a fast-growing middle class. But the region's currencies, including the Sudanese pound, are volatile and depreciate 15% to 20% per annum on average. This volatility is one of the biggest impediments to wealth protection and creation for this middle class, which is why Ismail and other co-founders Youcef Oudjidane, Khalid Keenan and Abdigani

Diriye launched the fintech: to help Sudanese individuals hedge against this rising devaluation.

Bloom offers fee-free accounts for users to save in dollars and buy and spend in Sudanese pounds. It also provides local and dollar cards and a feature where they can receive remittance free of charge from several countries globally, mainly where most of the Sudanese diaspora reside. The fintech works with the Export Development Bank, a partner bank that handles deposits. Bloom makes revenue from interest on these deposits, the interchange and other ancillary streams.

Executives at Bloom and Visa say this investment and partnership can exponentially drive the adoption of Visa cards in Sudan and East Africa. In addition, Visa's suite of products and services will provide customers with a secure and fast way to make online payments, according to Ahmed Mohey, Visa country general manager for Sudan and Libya.

## HOW TO AVOID FINANCIAL NIGHTMARE DURING DIVORCE

**S**ADLY, many people in our society nowadays find themselves the victims of divorce, faced with the harsh realities of a broken marriage. The rising number of divorces in our country in recent years is alarming.

The study carried out on Tanzania's households by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows that the rate of divorce has doubled within the last six years.

This means that currently, for every 100 people who have reached the age of marriage, two have been divorced. The survey further reveals that four couples out of 100 have separated, meaning that their chances of divorcing are high.

Going through a divorce is never fun. Not for you, and definitely not for your soon to be ex-wife/husband and definitely not for your kids (if you have them). Divorce is an unfortunate time for all those involved and it affects not only a person's emotional well-being but their finances as well.

The divorce proceedings can be a big challenge on

many different levels and the biggest mistake you can make while going through a divorce is making decisions based on emotions.

When you are emotional, you don't think logically and usually make irrational decisions so the best thing you can do throughout the divorce process is to manage your emotions and keep your focus towards achieving your personal and financial goals.

This week, I will share a few tips on how to avoid a financial nightmare during divorce which will help you rebuild your life again:

### Create a new budget

A divorce is a major lifestyle change as for a while you lived on two incomes but now you are down to one. Therefore, if you had a budget, it is time to create a new one and if you didn't have a budget, it is important to have one as it is the only way to survive the transition and to thrive in your new life. You need to re-evaluate your expenses as your past expenditures cannot fit into your new life of a single income. As



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a starting point, downsize your expenditures temporarily, stash away any extra money you can and live on a minimum budget to ensure you are setting a strong budget base for your new life.

### Separate your finances

This part can be irritating if you have been married for a long time since you will need to reorganize your finances. Your finances include everything from all investments, debts, and liabilities; if you were not involved in your fam-

ily finances, now is the time to immerse yourself in the details. The first and important step is to cancel and remove yourself from all joint properties, bank accounts, insurance policies, and loans; anything that has both your names on it needs to be addressed. This will help you to have a clear picture of your financial situation and help you strategize towards your new financial goals.

### Get financial advice

During a divorce, your partner can engage in dubious activities that will hurt you financially such as moving the funds or selling off assets without your consent. Furthermore, in most marriages, it is a common practice that one spouse tends to manage the majority of finances and this can lead to all sorts of problems during the divorce if you were not the party that managed the shared finances. If that is the case, you will need to step up and educate yourself about managing the finances, which may very likely require you to seek financial advice. You can hire a financial advisor or have someone who can help you understand your investments, assets and how to manage your liabilities to ensure a smooth transition to your new life.

To summarize, divorce is one of the most stressful life events a person can through so surround yourself with people you trust that can help you get through personally and financially. Through this article, I have shared three tips that will help you regain control of your financials during a divorce: create a new budget, separate your finances and get financial advice

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## Starling Bank scraps Ireland expansion plan

LONDON

STARLING Bank has scrapped its plan to launch a retail bank in Ireland as it shifts its priority to its banking as a service business.

First reported by Sky News, the challenger bank informed its 2,000 employees this week that it had cancelled its plan, which had been four years in the making, to acquire an Irish banking licence and begin operating in the region.

A staff memo from chief executive Anne Boden – seen by UKTN – said the company had chosen to pursue other priorities.

"My job as CEO is to constantly test our thinking against evolving circumstances and to make sure that we are delivering value and maximising potential for growth," Boden wrote.

"Ultimately, we felt that an Irish subsidiary would not deliver the added value we are seeking."

Starling recently hit a valuation of more than £2.5bn following a £130.5m funding round. The company said one of its priorities after receiving the cash boost was seeking acquisition targets.

Boden's memo mentioned the company would instead focus on "taking our software to banks around the globe through our software as a service subsidiary, Engine, and by expanding our lending across a range of asset classes, including through targeted M&A activity".

The UK bank had previously been working on expanding its operations into the European Union, using an Irish banking licence as an initial launch pad into the rest of the continent.

Starling has since said it concluded that changing market conditions in Ireland and the bank's own expansion plans meant that securing an Irish banking licence is no longer a top priority.

"This was a really tough call to make, particularly as we have had Ireland in our sights for so long. Sometimes changing course is the right option," wrote Boden in her memo.

BANKING&amp;FINANCE

## Morocco's Bank of Africa to issue its first social bonds

RABAT

BANK of Africa (BOA), Morocco's third-largest banking group, is gearing to launch its own line of Social Bonds, a financing tool dedicated to support projects that could potentially address social issues.

After gaining board approval in late May, BOA is preparing to introduce the socially responsible financing tool under a budget cover of MAD 500 million (\$48.5 million).

In early May, BOA announced the signing of a technical collaboration agreement with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Under the agreement, the EBRD committed to assist BOA throughout the process of issuing the Social Bonds.

The EBRD would reportedly contribute 50 percent of the underlying capital.

EBRD's technical assistance for BOA would include analysis services to iden-



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tify "the main gaps in BOA's capacity, resources, assets, and processes following recognised green, social, and sustainability bond standards," the European bank

said in a previous statement.

The two parties would work to develop "an action plan for the adoption and implementation of a sustainable finance framework

in preparation for BOA's issuance of green, social, and sustainability bonds," the statement adds.

The Moroccan bank has repeatedly said that the

strategic venture aims to help the bank tap into the country's innovative Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME).

The financing vehicle would also allow BOA to rely on sustainable financing to bring profit to its shareholders while at the same time contributing to the growth of key sectors, including infrastructure, industry, and energy among others.

Commenting on the venture, EBRD President Odile Renaud-Basso said that the EBRD-BOA collaboration would "strengthen Morocco's capital markets and help build a sustainable and resilient financial sector."

According to Renaud-Basso, the collaboration would equally "pave the way for replication by other local financial institutions, triggering a change in the sector

to support and enhance the use of bond issuance that incorporates a green and social impact."

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) last year awarded Morocco's Bank of Africa (BMCE) with the "most active issuing bank in Morocco".

This award came as a result of the two institutions' fruitful collaboration in foreign trade financing and highlights BMCE's efforts to continue to provide suitable short-term foreign currency financing to its customers.

The EBRD is an international development investment bank that was founded in 1991. Headquartered in London, the EBRD operates in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

The Bank of Africa is part of the Moroccan Bank for Foreign Trade

(BMCE), which was founded in 1959 as a public institution to promote Morocco's foreign trade.

The BMCE privatized its operations in 1995, and has been accelerating its international development via subsidiaries in Europe and Africa.

BANK OF AFRICA Group (BOA Group) is currently present in 18 countries: 8 in West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Togo and Senegal), 8 in East Africa and the Indian Ocean region (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania), the Democratic Republic of Congo and France.

As at December 2021, the Group recorded a consolidated balance sheet of EUR 9.4 billion and consolidated net income of EUR 164.5 million.

# ECB weighs bigger rate hike with safety net for indebted countries

FRANKFURT

EUROPEAN Central Bank policymakers are considering raising interest rates by a bigger-than-expected 50 basis points at their meeting on Thursday to tame record-high inflation, two sources with direct knowledge of the discussion told Reuters.

To cushion the impact of the higher borrowing costs, policymakers are also expected to announce a deal to help indebted countries like Italy on the bond market. The deal will require they stick to European Commission rules on reforms and budget discipline, the sources said.

The ECB is set to deliver its first rate hike in more than a decade on Thursday against a difficult economic backdrop exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. Inflation is high and rising while economic growth has slowed

and a political crisis in Italy is keeping investors on edge.

That dynamic creates a balancing act for the ECB, between raising rates to curb price growth and ensuring that the most indebted of the euro zone's 19 member countries don't run into financial trouble as a result.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deliberations are private, said the discussion about whether to increase rates by 25 or 50 basis points was still wide open.

Other major central banks have been raising rates in bigger increments, such as 75 or even 100 basis points, raising the pressure on the ECB to do more.

But the risk of a recession in the euro zone, particularly if Russia turns off the taps to natural gas supplies, made some ECB governors more cautious about choking growth, the sources said.

An ECB spokesperson declined to



European Central Bank

comment, citing the bank's pre-meeting quiet period.

The euro jumped on Tuesday after Reuters first reported that a 50 bp hike was under discussion, and was last up 0.9% against the dollar at \$1.0232. The single currency briefly fell below parity last week.

Yields on euro zone government bonds also rose, with Germany's two-year benchmark now yielding 1.329%.

The ECB said on June 9 after its last meeting that it would raise interest rates gradually, probably by 25 basis points in July with a bigger move possible in September.

But ECB chief Christine Lagarde later said there were "clearly conditions in which gradualism would not be appropriate".

Euro zone inflation hit 8.6% last month and is expected to keep rising until the autumn, driven by soaring fuel and food prices. It is then seen slowly falling back but could hold above the ECB's 2% target through 2024, raising the risk that wages will follow, setting off a hard-to-break wage-price spiral.

A Reuters poll of economists late last week found all but one expected the ECB to stick to its guidance and raise its deposit rate by 25 basis points this week, though a narrow majority said it should go for a bigger half-point hike.

That the ECB is even considering a half-a-percentage-point hike marks a turnaround after it insisted for weeks that a 25-basis-point move was the most adequate. It deliberations follow a hefty 75 bps rise by the U.S. Federal

Reserve last month, which also ran against its own guidance. Rate setters will also announce a new bond-buying scheme on Thursday, aimed at capping member countries' borrowing costs when they are deemed to be out of sync with economic reality - as it happened in early June in Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

This programme was now seen as even more crucial as Mario Draghi's government in Italy hung by a thread, raising the chances of early elections at which far-right Brothers of Italy might emerge as the biggest party according to recent polls.

Such political turmoil in Italy would likely trigger a sharp spike in the country's bond yields.

The ECB is likely to make help conditional on countries meeting targets set by the European Commission for securing money from the European Union Recovery and Resilience Facility, the sources said.

# International Finance Corp. bets big on Kenyan banks

NAIROBI

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is channelling billions of shillings into Kenyan small businesses and women-owned enterprises through strategic loan partnerships with banks, plugging a gap in the local credit market that remains wary of risky SMEs.

The international financier's exposure to local tier-one lenders through debt and equity totalled Sh105.8 billion at the end of 2021, comprising mainly of medium-term credit facilities that are also backed by fellow development finance institutions.

The IFC has recently committed \$2 billion towards financing MSMEs in Africa, seeing them as the fundamental for delivery of essential services, job creation, and reducing poverty.

In Kenya, the international financier has sought to utilise the wide reach of the large banks both locally and through their regional subsidiaries, which offer a strong credit delivery and monitoring system that is not available to smaller lenders or international financiers.

"Supporting small businesses and climate-friendly projects is central to IFC's strategy in Africa to help create jobs, respond to climate change and leverage the opportunities afforded by the digital economy," said Mohamed Gouled, IFC vice president of risk and finance, after the signing of a \$165 million (Sh19.5 billion) co-funded loan facility with Equity Group in May.

For the local banks, these IFC loans



help to augment their capital for onward lending to small businesses, with a significant amount coming in when the Covid-19 pandemic hit Kenya.

Equity Group accounts for the largest share of these loans at Sh52.8 billion, comprising Sh38.9

billion in loans for its Kenyan and Democratic Republic of Congo units and a 6.7 percent stake in the lender that the IFC acquired from Britam for Sh13.9 billion in April.

Last year, Equity raised its borrowings from the IFC by Sh17.1 billion to Sh38.9 billion, overtaking

KCB as the lender with the highest exposure to IFC credit. KCB and Co-operative Bank carried IFC loans worth Sh27.9 billion and Sh17.9 billion respectively by the end of last year, while loans to DTB and NCBA stood at Sh6.35 billion and Sh814 million respectively.

The foreign currency loan also builds up these banks' forex positions - just like the government's external borrowing bulks up official forex reserves - which allows them to support businesses that import products or raw materials.

The tenor of these loans is also an important factor for the banks, allowing them to offer smaller businesses longer credit terms.

Equity's IFC loans were for instance pegged at rates of between 1.9 percent and 5.6 percent above the benchmark US dollar Libor (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate). KCB's borrowings are pegged at between 3.5 percent and 5.3 percent above Libor.

The facilities will, however, need to be repriced now that the Libor benchmark has been phased out.

The IFC has opted to adopt the Secured Overnight Financing Rate that has been developed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and which has been chosen as the new benchmark for dollar-denominated contracts.

# UN urges Kenya to tax crypto sector players and outlaw ads

NAIROBI

THE United Nations has asked Kenya and other developing countries to regulate and tax the cryptocurrency industry to limit exposure to the meltdown in the crypto market and risks of financial instability.

A policy brief by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) wants Kenya to enforce mandatory registration for crypto exchanges and digital wallets and tax transactions to make the sector less attractive.

The Crypto sector has made a stab at a piece of the tax haven pie since the sector is largely unregulated despite its growing popularity.

The UN trade agency now wants Kenya to charge entry fees for crypto exchanges and digital wallets and impose transaction taxes akin to excise duty charged on bank transactions. Banks deduct 20 per cent excise duty on all commissions and fees charged on transactions.

"Require the mandatory registration of crypto-exchanges and digital wallets and make the use of cryptocurrencies less attractive, for example by charging entry fees for crypto-exchanges and digital wallets and/or imposing financial transaction taxes on cryptocurrency trading," the report says.

Crypto exchanges are platforms operated by companies where investors buy and sell digital tokens such as Bitcoin, Ethereum and Tether among other coins.

"Regardless of the reason for the use of cryptocurrencies, crypto exchanges play a crucial role in enabling their broader deployment. Such exchanges function as clearinghouses, intermediating conversions between cryptocurrencies and sovereign currencies," says UNCTAD.

The agency also wants banks and other financial institutions blocked from holding stablecoins and cryptocurrencies or offering related products to clients.

The UN trade body has further urged the government to restrict or prohibit the advertisement of crypto exchanges and digital wallets in public spaces and on social media to curb the permeation of cryptos.

Kenya is ranked first globally for peer-to-peer cryptocurrency trading volume and fifth worldwide for total cryptocurrency activity. Kenya is the leading African country amongst 10 countries globally in terms of cryptocurrency holdings and blockchain-related transactions.

As of January 2018, Kenya's Bitcoin holding represented over 2% of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), a substantial percentage given that 10 countries have a comparable level of GDP invested in cryptocurrencies.

BANKING&amp;FINANCE

# China's loan prime rates remain unchanged, overnight rate up

BEIJING

China's one-year loan prime rate (LPR), a market-based benchmark lending rate, came in at 3.7 percent on Wednesday, unchanged from the previous month.

The over-five-year LPR, on which many lenders base their mortgage rates, also remained unchanged from the previous reading of 4.45 percent, according to the National Interbank Funding Center (NIFC).

In May, the over-five-year loan prime rate was cut by 15 basis points to 4.45 percent, the largest reduction in this rate since the country revamped the LPR mechanism in 2019.

Closely related to the LPR, the interest rate of the medium-term lending facility (MLF) this month also remained unchanged from the last operation. Last week, the People's Bank of China injected 100 billion yuan (14.82 billion U.S. dollars) into the market through a one-year MLF with an interest rate of 2.85 percent.

The follow-up policies are expected to focus on the solid implementation of the structural policy tools, as well as the policies that have been rolled out to stabilize growth, analysts said.

Based on bank quotes calculated by adding a few basis points to the interest rate of open market operations (mainly referring to the MLF rate), the LPR is calculated by the NIFC to serve as a pricing reference for bank lending. The LPR currently consists of rates with two maturities - one year and over five



years.

The quoting banks submit their figures before 9 a.m. on the 20th day of every month. The NIFC calculates and releases the LPR at 9:45 a.m. on the same day or on the next working day.

Meanwhile, the overnight Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate (Shibor), which measures the borrowing cost of China's interbank market, increased 2.8 basis points to 1.270 percent Wednesday.

The seven-day rate rose 5 basis

points to 1.679 percent, the one-month rate edged up 0.3 basis points to 1.773 percent, and the one-year rate dropped 1.2 basis points to 2.298 percent.

Shibor is a simple, no-guarantee, wholesale interest rate calculated

by arithmetically averaging all the interbank RMB lending rates offered by the price quotation group of 18 commercial banks with a high credit rating, with the four highest and four lowest quotations excluded

## WORLD

## Wickremesinghe, a survivor, elected Sri Lanka's president

COLOMBO

RANIL Wickremesinghe, a lawyer who served as Sri Lanka's prime minister a record six times, has finally made it to the top job, securing the presidency after winning a parliamentary vote yesterday despite fierce public opposition to his candidacy.

"I thank parliament for this honor," the 73-year-old said after his victory was announced by the secretary-general of the legislature. He secured 134 votes in the 225-member house, while his main rival, ruling party lawmaker Dulas Alahapperuma, got 82.

Wickremesinghe's rise to power is remarkable. He has run unsuccessfully for president twice before but secured enough votes among lawmakers despite controlling just one seat - as leader of the United National Party (UNP).

His experience in senior government positions, and a reputation as a shrewd operator, should count in his favor as he seeks a way out of Sri Lanka's devastating economic crisis.

"Our country is facing massive challenges and we have to work on a new strategy to fulfill the aspirations of the people," he said after winning the vote in parliament. "Now, everyone must come together."

Wickremesinghe has also recently negotiated with the International Monetary Fund, and enjoys a working relationship with key donor

countries including India.

Whether he can quell mass protests that led to the ouster of the previous president, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, remains to be seen.

Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators took to the streets earlier this month to vent their fury at soaring inflation, shortages of fuel and other vital goods, regular power blackouts and what they see as corruption among the ruling elite.

While the focus of their ire was Rajapaksa, a member of the country's most powerful political dynasty before the crisis who fled the country for Singapore, they also demanded that Wickremesinghe stand down - something he refused to do.

Wickremesinghe's victory in parliament came after he secured the backing of many within the main party, Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna, which is dominated by the Rajapaksa family.

He took over as prime minister in May after the former president's elder brother, Mahinda Rajapaksa, quit the position following clashes between pro and anti-government protesters that triggered a deadly wave of violence.

Since then, Wickremesinghe has been involved in negotiations with the IMF for a potential bailout package of up to \$3 billion, besides working on an interim budget to slash government expenditure.

"This is an economic crisis and not a political



Sri Lanka's then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe

crisis," the SLPP's General Secretary Sagara Kariyawasam told Reuters.

"We feel that Ranil Wickremesinghe is the only person with the experience, the know-how, and the capacity to provide solutions to the economic crisis."

As president, he is to complete Rajapaksa's term that was scheduled to end in 2024.

## 'Politics is a bloodsport'

Born into a prominent family of politicians and businessmen with large interests in the media, a 29-year-old Wickremesinghe was made the country's youngest cabinet minister by his uncle, President Junius Jayewardene, in 1978.

In 1994, following assassinations that wiped out several of his senior colleagues, Wickremesinghe became leader of the UNP.

Unlike the Rajapaksas, he has little support beyond wealthy urban voters - although that hasn't stopped him from repeatedly finding a way back to the premiership.

On July 9, Wickremesinghe announced that he was willing to step down as prime minister as protesters swarmed through central Colombo and set a part of his personal

residence ablaze.

An economic liberal who has experience of dealing with the IMF from his previous tenure, Wickremesinghe has also built relationships with China and India.

Critics blame him for stalling multiple investigations against the Rajapaksa family, including on human rights and corruption allegations - an accusation he has denied.

Wickremesinghe's refusal to relinquish party leadership led to the formation of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, whose leader Sajith Premadasa was also a presidential contender.

As parliament met to finalize nominees for the post on Tuesday, Premadasa abruptly dropped out of the race and announced he would support Alahapperuma. Ultimately it was not enough to sway the vote.

"Politics is more than chess," Wickremesinghe said in a television interview in 2014.

"It's teamwork like cricket. It is how you must have the stamina for a marathon. It's a hard game like rugby and it is a bloodsport like boxing."

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## China, EU agree to jointly tackle global economic challenges

BEIJING

CHINA and the European Union have agreed to make joint efforts to promote practical cooperation in the field of economy and trade, and to jointly cope with the challenges facing the global economy.

The agreement came at the 9th High-Level Economic and Trade Dialogue held via video link on Tuesday. Chinese Vice-Premier Liu He and Valdis Dombrovskis, executive vice president of the European Commission, co-chaired the dialogue.

The two sides had pragmatic, frank and efficient discussions on four topics - macro economy, industrial and supply chains, trade and investment, and financial co-

operation.

The two sides reached a series of outcomes and consensus on macroeconomic policy coordination, cooperation on industrial and supply chains, WTO reform, wider market opening, implementation of the China-EU agreement on geographical indications, animal and plant inspection and quarantine, two-way opening-up of the financial sector and regulatory cooperation.

Both sides believe that the world political and economic situation is undergoing profound changes, and healthy and stable China-EU relations and China-EU economic and trade relations are conducive to global development and prosperity.

The two sides are willing to



Amid global uncertainties, it is much more important to make a trustful friend and trading partner than to develop a big market. (PHOTO / VCG)

make joint efforts to enhance mutual understanding, promote pragmatic cooperation between China and Europe in economic and trade field, and enhance the stability of China-EU cooperation to better cope with the uncertainty of the global economic situa-

tion.

China and the EU are ready to jointly address the challenges facing the global economy, strengthen communication and coordination of macroeconomic policies, maintain the stability of the global industrial chain and supply chain, and jointly safeguard and strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core.

They also agreed to actively improve trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, promote fair competition, protect intellectual property rights, create a better business environment for enterprises, and further advance two-way opening-up and regulatory cooperation in the financial sector.

Xinhua

## Australians urged to work from home amid fresh Omicron wave

WELLINGTON

AUSTRALIANS admitted to hospitals from COVID-19 neared record levels yesterday as authorities urged businesses to let staff work from home and recommended people wear masks indoors and get booster shots urgently amid a major coronavirus outbreak.

Australia is in the grip of a third Omicron wave driven by the highly transmissible new subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5, with more than 300,000 cases recorded over the past seven days.

Authorities say the actual numbers could be double that total, and Wednesday's 53,850

new cases was the highest daily tally in two months.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is resisting pressure to reinstate tough curbs to halt the spread of the virus, including making masks mandatory indoors, though he encouraged people to wear it.

"The truth is that if you have mandates, you've got to enforce them," Albanese told reporters on Wednesday. "Whilst there are mandates on public transport ... not everyone is wearing a mask."

Albanese said businesses and employees must decide together on any work-from-home arrangement, as unions called for em-

ployers to do more for their staff.

Employers must go beyond the government's pandemic leave payments and provide paid leave at full pay for workers who need to isolate, and offer free rapid antigen tests, Australian Council of Trade Unions President Michele O'Neil said.

"No worker should have to decide between putting food on the table or isolating with COVID," O'Neil said.

Australia's Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly predicted the number of people ending up in hospital will soon hit a record high, and urged businesses to let more staff work from home.

Australia could see "millions" of new cases

over the coming weeks, authorities have warned.

About 5,350 Australians are currently in hospital with COVID-19, not far off the record 5,390 recorded in January during the BA.1 outbreak, official data showed. Numbers in the states of Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia are already at their highest since the pandemic began.

Many frontline health workers are also sick or in isolation, further straining the health system.

Australian doctors said masks must be made mandatory in indoor venues.

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## EU politicians must consider role of their own mistakes in domestic crises - diplomat

MOSCOW

EUROPEAN politicians should search for the causes of domestic crises in their mistakes and unprofessionalism, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said yesterday in a commentary distributed in connection with the statements of Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio.

"We would advise European politicians to look for the causes of their domestic crises in their own mistakes and unprofessionalism, the social and economic consequences of which are increasingly felt by ordinary citizens of EU countries," the commentary reads.

According to Zakharova (pictured), Di Maio continues to look for external causes of his country's domestic political problems. "We ourselves are stunned by the might of Russian diplomacy, as the Italian media reports suggest. It turns out that our ambassadors can change governments with a couple of calls," she pointed out.

"Representatives of other Western countries have repeatedly tried such tricks when there was no one to blame for their own failures amid growing popular discontent. This is, in particular, exactly what is happening today in the energy and food markets," the diplomat added.

Zakharova stressed that "in contrast to 'truly democratic states,' whose representatives often openly and without a shadow of embarrassment admit their participation in preparing coups d'etat in other countries, Russia has always adhered and continues to adhere to the principle of non-interference in the affairs of sovereign states, and its diplomatic institutions strictly observe the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations".

"This has been repeatedly emphasized, including the other day in the context of domestic political events in Italy," the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman noted.

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## Sunak sets pace as 3 left in UK leadership race

LONDON

THE race for the Conservative Party leadership that will also decide the next prime minister of the United Kingdom was whittled down to three contenders on Tuesday after Kemi Badenoch was eliminated in the latest round of voting. Conservative members of Parliament eliminated candidate Tom Tugendhat in the previous round of voting on Monday, in which former chancellor of the exchequer Rishi Sunak gained the most ground.

Sunak has led the voting throughout, and was ahead again on Tuesday with 118 votes, followed by Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt on 92 and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss on 86, with former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch trailing on 59. The threshold to automatically reach the stage of the final two is 120. In a bid to sweep up votes from supporters of Tugendhat, Truss said early on Tuesday that she would commit to raising the UK's defense spending to 3 percent of GDP by 2030 if she becomes prime minister.

In a statement, Truss said she will "recruit more soldiers, sailors and aviators, and buy more ships, submarines, jets, artillery and armored vehicles if that's what future threats require". She added that she will boost support for the intelligence services as well.

Mordaunt's campaign also hoped to pick up some of Tugendhat's backers. One supporter told Sky News that Tugendhat supporters "know that the only way to have a One Nation, unifying, lifelong Brexiteer in the final is to vote for Penny". They added: "Rishi has all the support he needs and it's time to get behind her".

## 'Deep state' plot

Outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday defended his three years as leader, as his government survived a no-confidence vote.

Speaking to MPs in Parliament, he hinted at a "deep state" plot to reverse Brexit and pull the UK back into the European Union once he is replaced.

The government made the unusual move to table a motion of confidence in itself after rejecting a noconfidence motion from the opposition Labour Party last week that targeted Johnson and sought his immediate removal from power. MPs passed the motion by 349 votes to 238.

Johnson said: "We got Brexit done and though the rejoinders and the revengers were left plotting and planning and biding their time and I'll have more to say about the events of the last few weeks and months in due course we delivered on every single one of our promises."

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THE prospering Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is getting more and more attractive for young talents from Hong Kong.

Nearly 1,100 graduates from Hong Kong universities have been hired in mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area under the Greater Bay Area Youth Employment Scheme launched by the government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in 2021.

The scheme aims to encourage and support enterprises with businesses in both the HKSAR and the Greater Bay Area to hire Hong Kong university graduates and station them in the area's mainland cities.

A total of 689 among the nearly 1,100 graduates chose to work in Shenzhen, Guangdong province.

A recent KPMG report indicated that

## Hong Kong youths chasing dreams in Greater Bay Area

the willingness of Hong Kong respondents to relocate to other Greater Bay Area cities has consistently increased each year, reaching 72 percent in 2022 from 52 percent in 2019.

Besides, the HKSAR government has also launched a Funding Scheme for Youth Entrepreneurship in the Greater Bay Area under the Youth Development Fund, which aims to provide capital subsidy to about 230 youth start-ups involving more than 800 young people and render entrepreneurial support and incubation services to more than 4,000 young people.

Pun Chi Ho is a young entrepreneur from Hong Kong who currently runs an HD visual and acoustic technology

company that employs over 100 people in Shenzhen.

"The HDMI, wireless control and intelligent speech products of our company have been exported to 13 countries," said Pun, who had already started two companies in Hong Kong before he went to Shenzhen. The man is quite optimistic about the future of the Greater Bay Area.

"The future of Hong Kong is inseparable from the national development. The Greater Bay Area is exactly an opportunity for the special administrative region to integrate itself into the national development," said Tommy Yuen, Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area under the

HKSAR government.

He said young people are the future of national development and the HKSAR government will keep supporting the youths of Hong Kong to work in mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area.

Bright industrial and career prospects, convenient transportation, as well as broader horizons are all important reasons for Hong Kong talents to work in other cities in the Greater Bay Area.

"You see rapid changes in every city in the Greater Bay Area. It took over an hour to travel between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, but now it only costs less than 20 minutes by the high-speed railway. A 'one-

hour' circle has taken shape, and it brings me a sense of belonging and makes me proud," said Cai Jialin, a Hong Kong employee of the Chinese tech giant Tencent headquartered in Shenzhen.

Cai, born in 1997, is responsible for youth development and charity affairs in the company. Through the exchange activities he organized, he has gained an increasingly deeper understanding of the Chinese mainland.

Jason Choi, President of the Sunwah Global Youth Innovation Center in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, is working to bring more entrepreneurs from Hong Kong and Macao to the Greater Bay Area.

Choi came to work in Guangzhou's Nansha district less than a year ago. He said Nansha district is a great choice for young people from Hong Kong, as it has piloted many favorable policies and offered a number of special funds.

The Sunwah Global Youth Innovation Center has so far attracted over 20 Hong Kong enterprises and business associations.

Complementary advantages are what drive the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area. "The mainland, especially Shenzhen, enjoys a prominent advantage in human resources, and it has a complete ecological chain. As an international city, Hong Kong is able to make products global. Together, these two advantages will accelerate the development and launch of products," said Pun.

People's Daily



## Russia to set tougher conditions in case of resumption of talks with Kiev – lawmaker

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will put forward tougher conditions in terms of both substance and time if talks with Ukraine are resumed, Leonid Slutsky, leader of Russia's Liberal Democratic Party (LDPR) and a member of the Russian delegation to the talks with Ukraine, said on Tuesday.

"Today the conditions from our side will be tougher both on demilitarization and denazification, tougher in essence and in time of their execution. I emphasize that this is if the negotiation process is resumed," Slutsky said at a press conference.

"So far, Kiev officials have not shown any willingness to resume talks," he added.

Earlier, Kremlin aide Yuri Usha-

kov said that Moscow did not see any interest on the part of Kiev and the West in resuming Russian-Ukrainian talks, but warned that the conditions for such contacts would already be different. Ushakov also recalled that the Russian-Ukrainian talks were interrupted "after the principled agreement regarding the Istanbul agreements."

On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a special military operation in Ukraine in response to a request for help from the heads of the Donbass republics. After that, the US, the EU, the UK, as well as some other states, imposed large-scale sanctions against Russia and increased arms supplies to the Ukrainian authorities.

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## WMO: Extreme heat waves 'here to stay'

GENEVA

THE World Meteorological Organization warned on Tuesday that Europe's heat wave could persist into the middle of next week, whereas the negative impacts of climate change are bound to continue at least until 2060s.

"The question that everybody is asking looking ahead is when this is going to end. Unfortunately, looking at all the models from our partners at a national and regional level, possibly not until the middle of next week," Robert Stefanski, chief of Applied Climate Services at the WMO, said at a joint press briefing with the World Health Organization.

According to Stefanski, the heat wave is already peaking in western Europe and is moving eastward, "but temperatures will still be much above normal."

At 11 am local time on Tuesday, the United Kingdom recorded an all-time high temperature of 39.1 degrees Celsius, but a few hours later, the mercury rose above 40 degrees Celsius at London Heathrow, said WMO Secretary General Petteri Taalas.

"Record heat waves are becoming more frequent because of climate change," Taalas said, likening global warming to an athlete using performance-enhancing substances.

"When sportsmen use such substances, the intensity of their performance increases. Similarly, we have been doping our atmosphere by injecting more and more greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere," said Taalas.

Besides human health, the WMO chief warned that the heat waves will also have a negative impact on agriculture, exacerbating the already huge loss of harvest due to the



A man uses cool morning hours for a run on a small road on the outskirts of Frankfurt, Germany on Monday. AP

Russia-Ukraine conflict.

He said that intense heat waves could become annual occurrences in the coming decades, and that the negative impacts of climate change will continue at least until the 2060s "regardless of our success in climate mitigation."

The authorities in Hungary issued a Level 3 heat alert on Tuesday as the country is hit by a heat wave that has brought scorching temperatures to western Europe.

The alert is expected to remain in force until at least Saturday midnight. This is Hungary's second Level 3 heat alert this summer. The previous one was issued on June 27 and lasted three days.

In Hungary, a Level 3 (highest) heat alert is issued by the National Public Health Center when the daily mean temperature exceeds 27 degrees Celsius for at least three consecutive days.

This summer has been unusually hot and dry in Hungary. The drought has damaged crops, wheat has to be harvested early and the cornfields are struggling to thrive without water.

The harvest is still going on in the

country, but according to the latest estimates by the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture, the yield can be more than 20 percent less than the normal output of five million tons of wheat and 6.5-8 million tons of corn.

The maximum daytime temperatures in Hungary are expected to peak on Thursday at around 40 degrees Celsius.

The heatwave also swept across the Netherlands on Tuesday, one of the hottest days since the Dutch measurements started in 1901.

The highest temperature of the day, 39.5 degrees, was measured in Maastricht, a city in the southern province of Limburg, according to the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute. In the coastal province of Zeeland, temperatures rose to 39.1 degrees.

The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment activated the national heat plan for Monday and Tuesday, and issued a smog warning.

Extremely high temperatures were also recorded on Tuesday in Switzerland and much of southern France. In Italy, Wednesday will mark a "code red" state of emergency in nine cities. The warning, which means the heat could be life threatening, will impact cities including Rome, Florence, and Bologna. Italian officials warned residents and tourists to stay indoors during the hottest hours of the day.

The heat wave has also led to several fire di-

sasters across Europe.

On Tuesday, a team of Croatian aerial firefighters joined their colleagues in Bosnia and Herzegovina to help put out a fire that has been raging since Saturday on Cvrznica Mountain, some 50 kilometers south of Sarajevo, said Ministry of Security of BiH.

It said the fire has not claimed lives, but has ravaged uninhabited mountainous areas near the municipalities of Konjic, Capljina and Citluk.

The Council of Ministers of BiH called for help on Monday, and Croatia responded by sending a Canadian plane, designed specifically for aerial firefighting. It joined the BiH Army's two helicopters that were unable to bring the fire under control due to the heat wave, high winds and inaccessible terrain. BiH and Croatia maintain a long-term agreement for mutual assistance in the event of natural disasters.

In another development, a massive wildfire broke out Tuesday in the northern suburbs of Greece's capital Athens, damaging houses and evicting residents in four communities at the foothills of Pentelikon mountain.

Fire Service spokesperson Ioannis Artopoulos told a televised emergency press briefing that there were no reports of people trapped.

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## India's export rising, but trade deficit growing, rupee falling

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S exports have kept rising for quite some time giving much-needed support to Indian economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, the widening international trade deficit on account of an even greater rise in imports remains a major concern.

One of the other major concerns at present is the declining value of the Indian rupee (INR). India's trade deficit widened to a record 25.63 billion U.S. dollars in the month of June, pushed by a rise in crude oil and coal imports, from 9.61 billion U.S. dollars a year earlier, which added to fears of further pressure on the INR.

In March the trade deficit was 18.69 billion U.S. dollars, and stood at 192.41 billion U.S. dollars for the financial year 2021-22.

In the first quarter of the current financial year, the merchandise trade deficit more than doubled to 70.25 billion U.S. dollars, compared to 31.42 billion U.S. dollars a year earlier or in April-June 2021.

In response to the increasing trade deficit, Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) President A. Sakthivel said, "Imports growth of over 57 percent in June 2022 is of concern and has been mainly on account of petroleum products, coal, coke and briquettes, gold, electronic goods, organic and inorganic chemicals and artificial resins, plastic materials, etc. which may be looked into."

The FIEO president said though the government has announced a slew of measures to support exports, there was a need to further push value-added exports, augment container manufacturing, and develop an Indian shipping line of global repute.

The INR is reported to have fallen

to a record low versus the U.S. dollar on Tuesday when it breached the 80-mark and stood once at 80.05 against a U.S. dollar, though later during the day it recovered to 79.92.

On Monday, the Indian government admitted that the INR had depreciated by more than 25 percent since December 2014.

The INR's value declined from 63.33 against a U.S. dollar on Dec. 31, 2014, to 79.41 on July 11, 2022, it said in a statement.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attributed the flight of foreign investors to funds from emerging markets to monetary tightening in advanced economies, particularly in the United States.

The minister further said that global factors such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, soaring crude oil prices, and tightening of the global financial conditions were the major reasons for the weakening of the INR against the U.S. dollar.

She added that another contributing factor to the decline of the Indian currency was that foreign portfolio investors had withdrawn about 14 billion U.S. dollars from the Indian equity.

"The depreciation of a currency is likely to enhance export competitiveness, which, in turn, impacts the economy positively. The depreciation also impacts imports by making them more costly.

The RBI regularly monitors the foreign exchange market and intervenes in situations of excess volatility," the minister stated.

Listing the measures initiated to soften the blow of the INR's depreciation, she said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's central bank, had raised interest rates in recent months which increased the attractiveness of holding the Indian currency for residents and non-residents.

Xinhua

## Syria cuts diplomatic ties with Ukraine

DAMASCUS/KYIV/ISTANBUL

SYRIA yesterday severed diplomatic ties with Ukraine in response to a similar move by Kyiv last month.

The Syrian foreign ministry made the declaration, saying that Ukraine has taken an aggressive stance towards Syria since 2018.

On June 29, Ukraine cut relations with Syria after Damascus recognized the independence of the eastern regions of Luhansk and Donetsk.

Russia returns 45 bodies

Forty-five more bodies of dead soldiers have been returned to Ukraine as part of another exchange with Russia, Ukraine's Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories said on Tuesday.

The operation to exchange the bodies of the soldiers killed in the Russia-Ukraine conflict was carried out by joint efforts of Ukraine's Commissioner for Missing Persons and the country's law enforcement agencies, the ministry's press service said in a statement on Tuesday.

Last week, the commissioner, Oleg Kotsenko, said that about 7,200 Ukrainian servicemen went missing since the start of the Russian special military operation in February.

Ukraine's Eurobond repayments

The Ukrainian government will negotiate with its foreign creditors to postpone Ukraine's Eurobond repayments by 24

months, the Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported on Wednesday, citing a cabinet decree.

Ukraine is seeking to reach an agreement with its lenders on the issue by Aug 15, according to the document.

If creditors refuse to voluntarily postpone the payments, Ukraine will continue to service its debts in accordance with the existing conditions, said the decree.

By July 2024, Ukraine has to repay Eurobonds worth \$3 billion in three payments, the local media reported. According to the Ukrainian finance ministry, the country's state and state-guaranteed debt increased by \$3.82 billion in May to \$101.44 billion.

Ukraine grain talks

As global concerns over food insecurity grow, Istanbul is preparing to host the second round of talks in anticipation of a solid outcome regarding the safe transportation of Ukrainian grain to international markets.

The first round of negotiations among military delegations of Türkiye, Russia, and Ukraine, as well as representatives of the United Nations concluded last week with an agreement on the basic principles of the shipment process through the Black Sea.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met with Russia's Vladimir Putin in the Iranian capital, Tehran, on Tuesday to discuss the efforts to resume shipments from Ukraine. **Agencies**

## China makes educational resources more balanced through application of information technology

AS China steadily expands the application of information technology in education, more and more regions across the country now have access to high-quality educational resources.

Information technology is narrowing urban-rural and regional digital gaps and bringing rural students closer to renowned schools and teachers, connecting the students to a broader world.

By the end of 2020, all Chinese elementary and junior high schools had been connected to the internet. As of the end of 2021, 99.5 percent of Chinese elementary and junior high schools had built multimedia classrooms, bringing the total number of such classrooms to more than 4 million. In particular, 87.2 percent of them had equipped all of their classrooms with multimedia teaching aids.

In Dongtai School of Xuanhe township, Zhongwei, northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region, a number of electronic teaching aids are being utilized.

According to math teacher Li Yunyi of the school, students there take at least 10 online classes a week together with other students from key schools.

"The application of information technology in education has broken resource barriers, enabling students to reach more quality contents," the teacher



Elementary school students in Hefei, east China's Anhui province do scientific experiments while Chinese astronauts give a livestreamed popular-science lecture from China's space station, March 23, 2022. (People's Daily Online/Chen Sanhu)

said.

According to her, students can not only replay the online classes they have attended, but also watch a number of videos related to these classes.

Wang Yuling is an elementary school teacher with 20 years of teaching experience in Xinhua district, Shijiazhuang, north China's Hebei province. A class taught by her was recently uploaded by the education bureau of Xinhua district onto an online platform, so as to make the high-quality class accessible to more students.

China will continue expanding the supply

of high-quality educational resources and ensure the sharing of such resources in regions that are less developed in terms of education, said an official with the Ministry of Education.

According to the official, 20.12 million classes have been shared by 21 million teachers nationwide on an online education platform established by the National Center for Educational Technology. These classes are suitable for all students in the basic education stage.

Besides, a nationwide smart platform was recently launched to provide a variety of educational resources for students in primary and junior high schools. A total of 17,492

online classes of 450 textbooks in 19 versions are available on the platform.

Information technology, apart from balancing educational resources, is also energizing classes by providing advanced teaching methods and approaches for schools and teachers in the educationally underdeveloped regions.

The official from the Ministry of Education introduced that over 10 million teachers have joined a national training program that aims to lift elementary and junior high school teachers' ability to apply information technology in education.

In addition, more than 30,000 directors of local education departments, principals of elementary, and junior high schools, as well as backbone teachers across China have participated in relevant training courses, the official said.

According to the official, over 80 percent of teachers in primary and junior high schools across China have launched teaching activities with the help of information technology.

People's Daily

## Draghi demands Italian unity as price for staying on as PM

ROME

ITALIAN Prime Minister Mario Draghi yesterday demanded unity among his coalition partners if they wanted him to stay in office, leaving his resignation threat hanging over parliament.

Draghi set out a series of issues facing the country ranging from the conflict in Ukraine to social inequality and rising prices, and said political parties needed to get behind him if he was to steer the country to elections due

in the first half of 2023.

"Are the parties and you parliamentarians ready to rebuild this pact?" Draghi said in an uncompromising speech to the upper house, adding that was what Italians were demanding.

Senators from the populist 5-Star Movement, which triggered the crisis last week after refusing to support the government in a confidence vote, did not clap at the end of the speech - nor did many members of the rightist League party.

Draghi tendered his resignation last week after 5-Star walk out, but President Sergio Mattarella turned him down and told him to go back before parliament to see if he could revive the 18-month-old administration.

Senators will discuss Draghi's speech for several hours and the result of a vote on his speech was expected by 7:30 pm (1730 GMT). A debate on the government's future is also expected to take place at the lower house on

Thursday.

The former European Central Bank chief has enough backing to remain in office without 5-Star, but he has so far rejected that option because his original mandate was to lead a national unity coalition with parties from across the political spectrum.

Complicating efforts to overcome the divisions, the rightist League party and its Forza Italia allies have said they do not want to share power with 5-Star anymore.

If Draghi decides the gov-

ernment can no longer continue, the president is likely to call elections in September or October. Italy has not had an autumn election since World War Two as that is the period normally reserved for drawing up the budget.

Draghi addressed core concerns of the 5-Star, saying it was important to tackle growing social inequality and pledging that the government would move towards introducing a minimum salary.

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## SPORT

## Simba SC to release three foreign players

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach Zoran Manojlovic will have the task of recommending the release of three foreign players if the club completes the registration of three other players in the 2022/23 registration window.

The Msimbazi Street club has announced the registration of three more international players after completing signing and introducing three players in this period.

The footballers are forward Moses Phiri (Zambia), defensive midfielder Victor Akpan (Nigeria), and offensive midfielder Augustine Okrah (Ghana).

The other three international players set to join the club may be announced after their registration plans have been completed before the registration period comes to an end.

The performers are defender Mohamed Ouattara (Ivory Coast), forwards Nelson Okwa (Nigeria), and Caesar Lobi Monzaki (Central African Republic).

Simba SC had a total of 12 international players and has parted ways with three players namely Rally Bwalya, Paschal Wawa, and Bernard Morrison.

The experienced foreign players that the management has planned to leave are Meddie Kagere, Taddeo Lwanga, and Chris Mugalu.

The club is however yet to decide on offloading Mugalu given some leaders disagree with the move, insisting the footballer should be given chance to prove his worth in the coming season.

The leaders further are pondering on having Malawian midfielder, Peter Banda, loaned to another side and selling midfielder Sadio Kanoute.

For now, that responsibility has been left to the head coach Manojlovic to decide who stays and who leaves and if Manzaki's deal is not sealed, the side can part ways with two players so Manzaki can join Simba SC during the January registration period.

Foreign players currently in the camp are Joash Onyango (Kenya), Henock Inonga (DR Congo), Victor Akpan (Nigeria), Taddeo Lwanga (Uganda), Sadio Kanoute (Mali), Clatous Chama and Moses Phiri (Zambia), Augustine Okrah (Ghana), Pape Sakho (Senegal), Peter Banda (Malawi), Chris Mugalu (DR Congo) and Meddie Kagere (Rwanda).

Meanwhile, Simba SC forward Yusuph Mhulu has said that there is the possibility that he will return to Kagera Sugar on loan, after reaching a personal agreement with the latter.

Mhulu was signed by Simba SC from the Kagera club at the beginning of the 2021/22 season, but he has failed to prove his worth.

The striker as a result found himself placed on the list of players who will leave on loan in the main registration period.

Mhulu revealed the management of Simba SC allowed him to find a team to play on loan for next season.

According to the player, currently, he has succeeded to convince Kagera Sugar, which he has served for a long time before landing at Msimbazi Street club.

He said apart from Kagera Sugar, he got a chance for a loan stint at Zambia's Kwambwe Warriors but the deal failed due to the failure to reach a personal agreement.

Mhulu disclosed: "I was given the chance to find a team where I can play on loan, there were two teams Kabwe Warriors of Zambia and my former employers Kagera Sugar, so I have decided to return to Kagera Sugar due to having different interests with Kabwe Warriors," the footballer pointed out.

The footballer pointed out: "I was groomed by Kageraball and they gave me the chance to showcase my potential until Simba signed me up, so I am sure of getting the chance to play one more time there and I promise to use it properly to regain my form, I don't want to make mistakes."

Kagera Sugar has prepared to make quality registrations under head coach Francis Baraza and has already announced the release of several players to improve their squad for the 2022/23 season.



Simba SC's new head coach, Zoran Manojlovic. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

## Lukelo Wililo elected as AFBC Board of Directors member

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadonga

BOXING Federation of Tanzania (BFT) Secretary-General, Lukelo Wililo, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the African Boxing Confederation (AFBC).

The election was held in Algiers last Sunday and Wililo will be in office for four years.

Wililo is the second Tanzanian to be elected a board member of AFBC, the first one was Narcis Tarimo that has passed away.

Speaking in an interview on Tuesday, Wililo said his election is a great honour to BFT and Tanzania.

He said he will use the opportunity to promote the sport in the country.

Wililo said the country stands to benefit a lot as the International Boxing Association (IBA) has declared that this is the year for African boxing.

The BFT official revealed: "This is an honour to BFT and the country in general. I will use this opportunity to promote the sport in the country and the good thing is that AIBA has declared that this is the year for African boxing."

"AIBA has promised to make sure

that African boxers are having intensive preparations before international events, they have also promised good and modern equipment to African boxers," he said.

He said the World Boxing Day which is set for commemoration on August 27 will be held in Senegal, he described the development as a clear indication that AIBA wants to see boxing makes progress in Africa. The election which was attended by AIBA president Umar Kremlev witnessed Cameroonian Bertrand Mendonga winning the election for AFBC president with 21 votes.

Mendonga beat Algerian Ferhat Fazir and Ugandan Moses Muhangi in the election, the Algerian got 10 votes while Muhangi got nine votes.

The AFBC Board of Directors is also made up of Azam Agege from Nigeria, Alpha Balde from Guinea, Anta Gueye from Senegal, Irene Ntelamo from Botswana, and Erick Ndayishimiye from Burundi.

Zoubida Wissam from Morocco, Siyabulela Mkwalo from South Africa, and Assoufou Mallan from Niger are as well the AFBC Board of Directors' other members.

## CAF president Motsepe backs Tanzania-Uganda 2027 AFCON Cup bid

By Correspondent Michael Mwebu

THE president of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Patrice Motsepe has promised support for Tanzania and Uganda if they put in a joint bid to host the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals.

The South African billionaire, who has served as CAF president since March 2021, met the executive committee members of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) and Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) stakeholders at the FUFA headquarters.

Motsepe was accompanied by Uganda's Speaker of Parliament, Anita Among, FUFA president Moses Hashim Mago and the CECAFA president Wallace Karia among others urged CECAFA members to work together to bring about football development in the region and Africa as a whole.

The CAF boss disclosed: "Keep together in the CECAFA region. The success of African football depends on the success of each of the members of the continent. I was told that Uganda and Tanzania are keen on hosting the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in these two beautiful countries."

Motsepe said: "As the president of CAF, I have to support all the 54 Member Associations equally and must say that I would personally not only just welcome but encourage a joint hosting bid between these two countries because it will make a huge contribution to football development in Uganda and Tanzania."



Confederation of African Football's president Patrice Motsepe.

"This region (CECAFA) has not hosted the Africa Cup of Nations before and it would be a good move to both Uganda and Tanzania in promoting not only football development but also other areas like tourism, investment, and trade," Motsepe revealed.

In June, during the FIFA Coca-Cola World Cup Trophy tour in Dar es Salaam, President Samia Suluhu Hassan confirmed Tanzania's interest in hosting the 2027 AFCON.

President Samia stated that her

government is committed to supporting football and sports in Tanzania and has already earmarked the fast-tracking of key infrastructural development to support the bid.

At the moment, Tanzania has a single stadium that meets all CAF standards to host the Africa Cup of Nations.

Reports from Uganda have indicated the two countries could go for a joint bid in a hosting race that has so far attracted Morocco, Senegal, Zambia, Botswana, and Namibia.

In May, it was reported that Bo-

tswana and Namibia are also planning a joint bid to stage the tournament in five years.

In 2023, Ivory Coast will organize Africa's flagship tournament, with Guinea lined up as hosts in 2025.

In 2019, Tanzania successfully hosted the U-17 African Cup of Nations in Dar es Salaam which involved eight teams.

The tournament was played in two venues, Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, and the privately owned Azam Complex Stadium at Chamazi.

## Azam FC adds Senegalese flavour, close the transfer cheque book



Azam FC players listen to their coaches' instructions when they attended drills at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday ahead of the 2022/23 season. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebu

AZAM FC has added Senegalese flavour to the squad with the signing of Malickou Ndoeye from Teungueth FC as the Tanzanian side continues to bolster its squad ahead of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup campaign.

"We are happy to inform you that we have signed a two-year contract with Senegal's international central defender, Malickou Ndoeye, from Teungueth FC. Welcome to Azam FC! Super Defender, Malickou," the club wrote on its social media account of Twitter.

The central defender becomes only the second Senegalese player to sign for Azam FC.

The first was right full-back Racine Diouf who was signed in

2016 but did not last at the Chamazi-based squad following persistent injury issues.

Ndoeye was part of Teungueth FC's 2020/21 CAF Champions League campaign, which saw them qualify for the lucrative group stage for the first time in their history. He made 12 appearances in the CAF Champions League.

Azam FC which is looking to bridge the gap between Young Africans, alias Yanga, and Simba SC next season has previously confirmed five foreign signings.

It is no wonder they began by signing Ivorian attacking midfielder Kipre Junior from Sol FC, then added Tape Edinho from the same country in a bid to strengthen the midfield.

Comoros international

goalkeeper Ali Ahamada who was previously in the books of several French Ligue 1 and Turkish Super Lig clubs before his last spell with Andorran side UE Santa Coloma has also been brought in to bolster Azam FC.

Cleophas Mkandala was the first local signing for Azam FC, he comes from Dodoma Jiji FC as a direct replacement for the released midfielder Frank Domayo.

Nigerian defensive midfielder Isah Ndala arrived from Plateau United while Ghanaian midfielder James Akaminko was signed from Great Olympics.

Azam FC also won the race to sign one of Tanzania football's hottest properties, striker Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu', from Coastal Union who signed a three-year

contract. After a strong personal campaign with Coastal Union, Sopu was also wanted by Yanga and Simba as they were reportedly leading the race to land his signature until the very last minute with Azam FC reported to have hijacked the deal with a better offer for Coastal Union.

Right full-back Nathaniel Chilambo is another local addition to the Azam FC squad having joined from Ruvu Shooting.

The arrival of the new signings has forced the exit of veteran midfielder Domayo, striker Paul Peter who has joined newly promoted side Ihefu SC, full-back Abdul Omary Hamahama and the Ugandan duo of keeper Mathias Kigonya and defender Nicholas Wadada.



## Barca's Lewandowski deal includes \$512M buyout

BARCELONA

BARCELONA have announced the signing of Robert Lewandowski from Bayern Munich, becoming the LaLiga club's fifth arrival this summer.

Bayern president Herbert Hainer confirmed on Saturday the clubs had reached a verbal agreement for the transfer of the 33-year-old striker, but the move has now been completed.

Lewandowski will sign a four-year contract with a release clause set at €500 million, Barcelona said in a statement. He had 12 months remaining on his Bayern contract and moved to Barcelona for €45m with a possible €5m in add-ons, the 26-time Spanish champions confirmed.

The Poland international joined up with his new teammates on Barca's preseason tour of the United States on Monday ahead of their friendly against Major League Soccer side Inter Miami on Tuesday night.

Lewandowski has twice won the Golden Boot as Europe's leading goalscorer and finished as runner-up for the 2021 Ballon d'Or. He joins Pablo Torre, Franck Kessie, Andreas Christensen and Raphinha as additions as Barcelona look to build a squad to compete for LaLiga and the Champions League under coach Xavi Hernandez.

He was one of the club's top targets this summer and helped push through the move as he sought a new challenge after eight glittering years at Bayern Munich.

ESPN reported last month that Barca had made a series of bids -- the latest worth over €40 million -- for Lewandowski, who had just a year left on his contract, but were unable to convince Bayern until progress was finally made in talks.

Lewandowski will join a Barca attack that already includes Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Ferran Torres, Ousmane Dembele, Ansu Fati and fellow summer signing Raphinha.

He began his career in Poland, winning a league title with Lech Poznan. He joined Borussia Dortmund in 2010 and became one of Europe's most highly-rated forwards as he won two Bundesliga titles with Dortmund and reached the Champions League final before joining Bayern on a free transfer in 2014.

At Bayern, Lewandowski scored 344 goals in 375 appearances, placing him second on their all-time scorers list behind Gerd Muller.

He won the Bundesliga in all eight seasons at the club, as well as the Champions League in 2020, and was named Best FIFA Men's Player in 2020 and 2021.

Meanwhile, Barcelona battered MLS side Inter Miami CF 6-0 in a preseason friendly in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on Tuesday, with new signing Raphinha among the six different scorers for the Catalans.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Ansu Fati, Gavi, Memphis Depay and Ousmane Dembele also scored in the one-sided affair as the LaLiga giants kicked off their preseason tour of the United States.

Raphinha -- who signed for 58 million euros from Leeds United earlier this month -- first assisted Aubameyang, who opened the scoring in 19th minute, and then extended the lead himself six minutes later with a nice left foot first touch strike.

Spanish teenage sensation Ansu Fati, who is slowly working his way back into form after a long layoff after a series of injuries, scored Barca's third right before halftime with another pass from Raphinha.

Barca came back to the second half with eleven substitutions but kept dominating and scored three more.

Barca coach Xavi Hernandez was not on the sidelines for the match as he remains in Spain resolving a visa issue ahead of the rest of his team's tour. His brother and Barca assistant Oscar took his place for the friendly, with Xavi trying to be in the country ahead of Saturday's preseason Clasico against Real Madrid in Las Vegas.

"I'm very happy to score my first goal and for things having turned out well in my debut. I felt very good. I hope I can continue like this," Raphinha said after the game.

"Of course I would like to score a goal against Real Madrid on Saturday. Scoring always gives confidence and if you do it against a team like Real Madrid even more so."

Harvey Neville, the son of Miami coach Phil Neville, and team co-owner David Beckham's son Romeo both made substitute appearances for the hosts, coming on with the match already well in hand for Barcelona.

After the match against Real Madrid, Barca will face Juventus in Dallas, Texas, on July 23 and another MLS side in the New York Red Bull in Harrison, New Jersey, on July 26.

They'll return home to play the Joan Gamper Trophy match against Liga MX club Pumas UNAM on Aug. 7, and begin their 2022-23 LaLiga campaign on Aug. 13 at the Camp Nou versus Rayo Vallecano.

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# Does England's Euro 2022 squad have a diversity issue?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THEY have been the outstanding team of Euro 2022 so far with three straight wins, 14 goals scored and none conceded, a player leading the race for the Golden Boot and games played in front of capacity stadiums. But the positivity surrounding England's pursuit of glory has been impacted by claims that Sarina Wiegman's team lacks the diversity of the country it represents.

While Gareth Southgate's men's England side reached the final of Euro 2020 last year with 11 players of Black or mixed heritage in the 26-player squad, only three of the Lionesses' 23-player squad -- Nikita Parris, Demi Stokes and Jess Carter -- are of Black or mixed heritage, and none were expected to start England's quarterfinal against Spain in Brighton later yesterday.

During the live English TV broadcast of England's 8-0 Group A victory against Norway, presenter Eilidh Barbour highlighted the issue by saying, "All 11 starting players and five substitutes who came onto the pitch were white, and that does point towards a lack of diversity in the women's game in England."

Barbour's remarks led to a social media backlash, with high-profile commentators outside the game criticising both the presenter and the BBC for questioning Wiegman's squad, but former England players -- including Alex Scott and Anita Asante -- both defended Barbour and supported the suggestion that England's Euro 2022 squad does not reflect the demographics of the host nation.

"Budding Lionesses need role models to whom they can relate," Asante, who made 71 appearances for England between 2004 and 2022, told the Guardian. "That is one of the many reasons why diversity is so important and why it is legitimate to question the England team's whiteness."

"Young girls who cannot see anyone who looks like they do lack heroines to emulate -- and that matters."

Such a lack of diversity hasn't always been an issue within the England women's team. Scott won 140 caps between 2004 and 2017, while Rachel Yankey won 129 caps between 1997 and 2013. Eni Aluko and former England head coach Hope Powell both sit in the top 10 list of England's all-time leading goal scorers.

But the small number of leading Black or mixed heritage players in the Euro 2022 squad, and also in the Women's Super League (WSL), is a situation that has been identified by the English Football Association, with a plan already in place to ensure that future England teams are more representative of the broader society.

"I absolutely can understand Anita [Asante's] point of view," Kay Cossington, the English FA's head of women's technical development, told ESPN. "That's why it is really important that we share the work we are doing to try to find solutions."

"We acknowledge it won't happen overnight -- we are not going to find



England have just three non-white players in their Euros squad, with the team that's dominating the tournament largely lacking in representation, something the FA is already trying to address. (Agencies)

senior players overnight to change that -- but what we can do is ensure that, in the future, we do everything possible to try and diversify our youth development teams going into our seniors of the future."

It is a complex problem, however, and an unfortunate consequence of the professionalisation of the women's game and growth of the WSL since its formation in 2010. The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) has also identified this fault-line, recently setting up the "See It, Achieve It" campaign to counter the absence of visible role models from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

The PFA initiative is being led by former England international Fern Whelan, the organisation's women's football equality, diversity and inclusion executive.

"We don't want any young girls to feel the game isn't for them," Whelan said. "The aim of the campaign is to inspire the next generation of young players coming through so they can see players in those positions and feel it's a target they can achieve."

From being a sport that grew organically within local communities in England and had a pathway to local teams -- England's all-time leading appearance holder, Fara Williams, was famously spotted playing in a ball court in Battersea, London -- the women's game has become detached from its working-class, "everyone's welcome" origins and, at times, accessible only to those young girls with the family network and financial means to be able to do so.

"We have all seen an incredible growth of the game over the past decade and that's probably a reflection of what we see today, where our women's teams are at with both club and country," Cossington said.

"The girls' Centres of Excellence were created back in 1998 and there were many of them across the country, but when the league and clubs turned professional, there was an appetite to try to professionalise the Academy system and the youth development system within the clubs."

"With that came a com-

mitment -- girls were expected to train three times a week in Academies and then play games at the weekend -- but all of a sudden, that provided a challenge for some players who couldn't access that. Also, in an attempt to upgrade the level of their facilities, clubs took themselves out of more urban, inner-city areas, where most women's clubs were formed and based, to the leafier suburbs, which again provided a challenge for young girls to actually access those facilities."

"Girls still have to pay to play in the Academy system, but boys are actually paid to do so, and they're often ferried to and from training by the clubs. There isn't the resource in the women's game to do that."

"So a combination of events have led us to where we are now. It's not the fault of any individual, but we have acknowledged it and we are absolutely working really hard with clubs to try to help them deliver a diverse playing pool and talent pipeline in the Academy system that can fill their senior team and provide players for the England team."

The detachment of WSL clubs and their facilities from cities has arguably impacted young girls from the traditional hotbeds for sporting talent being able to progress in the game due to the inaccessibility/logistics, the cost or other factors denying them the ability to commit to the Academy system.

As a result, the FA set up the Discover My Talent programme in 2021, a re-

ferral system that can create a pathway for any girl who is perceived to have that talent.

There is also a partnership with the English Football League (EFL) Trust, which works with 34 Community Trusts in the country, and a link-up with the Premier League to create 70 Emerging Talent Centres from next season.

In addition, there are "Wildcats centres" across the country, for girls between 5-11 to take their first steps in the game. All of the above are geographically spread throughout England, accessible in areas that had become disenfranchised.

"What this means is that young girls are able to stay in their own community, in an environment that works for them, giving them the competitive balance that they need and also enabling them to access a talent pathway into the clubs and England talent pathway too," Cossington said.

"We are trying to tackle every community. That's different races and religions, but also different social demographics, too -- people who live in more urban areas who may not have the infrastructure or parental support or money."

"This is still a challenge in the women's game. And while parents may be happy to allow a 12-13 year-old boy to take public transport to get to training at an Academy, it would be a parental decision as to whether you would be comfortable with 12-13 year-old girl taking the same journey."

Since its launch in April 2021, the Discover My Talent programme has delivered impressive results that the FA hope will turn the tide back towards greater diversity at every level of the women's game.

"In one year of running Discover My Talent, we have had 1,666 referrals that weren't in our system already, which is much more than we would ever have expected," Cossington said. "From that number, 204 of those players have been referred onto our talent pathway. They are big numbers."

According to FA data, nearly one-third of players referred were from London and the south-east region, with a quarter coming from the north-east, which includes Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough. The north-east and north-west -- which includes Manchester and Liverpool -- had the highest number of players from the most deprived areas. But having fixed the supply line of talent from areas where the game had lost touch, Cossington says that the challenge now is to ensure that those players progress within the system.

"The key to it now is how we can work with local organisations, local community clubs, to tap into funding, transport support or whatever it may be to help those girls stay in the game and cement themselves within it," Cossington said.

"We don't want to find them and they then fall out again: how can we best help them? That's where the EFL Trust comes in,

because those coaches are in the heart of those communities. They understand the communities, they have coaches who look like, and represent, those communities and that's really important because it's much better than having somebody they don't know simply turn up with an FA badge on their top."

"What we are trying to do with the Discover My Talent programme and the Emerging Talent Centres, we are trying to find positive solutions for any young girl who shows potential. We are trying to offer support -- that's the key for me."

England's progress so far at Euro 2022 is unquestionably generating huge interest and inspiring potential new talent, but the women's game does lack role models such as Marcus Rashford, Raheem Sterling and Bukayo Saka who have become such prominent figures in the men's game. But there is hope that the seeds of change will soon bear fruit.

"It's definitely something that's a priority [for the FA], and there are things in place now," said England captain Leah Williamson in Tuesday's pre-match conference.

"This tournament's going to do such a good job in inspiring so many, and nobody should be denied the opportunity to then be involved. I think that's really important, it's something we feel passionate about and luckily so do the FA. So yeah, it's on the agenda, it is a priority and it's something we hope to see the effects of in the future."

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## Mkwakwani Stadium to host night matches in 2022/23 Premier League season



Tanga's Mkwakwani Stadium.

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

**T**ANGA'S Mkwakwani Stadium is set to host next season's Mainland Tanzania Premier League clashes which will be played at night.

The domestic Premier League is expected to kick off between August 17-18 this year.

The venue has been presented with the opportunity to host night ties because of the ongoing renovation of some parts of the stadium carried out by the venue's owners.

The maintenance consists of installing and fixing the floodlights.

Apart from hosting Premier League matches, the stadium is used for hosting other soccer leagues' duels as well as national, and social events.

In an interview with The Guardian, Mkwakwani Stadium's manager Nassoro Makau elaborated that the project of installing and fixing floodlights is implemented per the contract agreement between

Azam Media Limited and Mkwakwani Stadium management.

Makau noted that the work is expected to begin early next week.

He stated: "The project is a mutual agreement between Azam Media Limited and

Mkwakwani Stadium management whereby the media outlet has 75 percent shareholding of the project and the remaining 25 percent of the shares belongs to Mkwakwani Stadium management."

The official revealed: "Completion of the project will enable the stadium to host night matches as is the case with Benjamin Mkapa, Uhuru, and Azam Complex stadia."

He elaborated that the renovation is done on the pitch, players' changing rooms, and technical bench areas.

About 10bn/- has been approved by the government for the renovation of five stadia in the country.

Makau revealed that Mkwakwani Stadium will undergo a major renovation and have new look once the funds for the project will be released.

The official added: "If the minor renovation of the venue will transform the facility, it means international matches will be played here after 10bn/- is released by the government."

## Athlete wins plaudits for seventh-place finish in IAAF World Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**T**ANZANIAN athlete Gabriel Geay who finished seventh in the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon in the United States of America (USA) was expected to return to his country on Wednesday.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) Technical Director Michael Mwasha said the athlete who finished within the top 10 had clocked 2:07.31 as his seasonal best time. The marathoner left the USA on Tuesday for his return.

Mwasha said another domestic marathoner Emmanuel Giniki who could not compete in the World Athletics Championships due to fatigue will return to the country on Saturday.

The AT leader was supposed to be the two athletes' head coach in the World Championships but could not make it to the USA due to visa hitches. His visa was released on Tuesday.

The Technical Director hailed Geay for showcasing a good performance at the Oregon Championships, saying he has put the country on the international athletics map.

"Finishing seventh in the World Championships is no mean achievement, he has hoisted our national flag high, the World Athletics Championships are a platform where all top and cream athletes meet, AT is very delighted of his achievement," he said.

He said the performance by Geay is proof that the

country has many talented athletes only that they are not fully supported.

National athletics team head coach Suleiman Nyambui also praised Geay for his performance saying it is great. "The World Athletics Championships are one of the very difficult athletics events, this is where real competition happens, top athletes from around the world compete, Geay prepared well for the championships and it has paid off," he said.

Nyambui who is training the national athletics team ahead of the coming Commonwealth Games said Geay is not part of his team, given the marathoner was specially preparing for the World Athletics Championships.

The coach pointed out: "We had athletes Alphonse Simbu, Failuna Matanga, Giniki, and Geay who qualified for the World Athletics Championships but we agreed that Giniki and Geay should be prepared for the World Championships while the others should concentrate on the Commonwealth Games."

"And I can tell you with the preparations which we are having, our marathoners will bring medals from coming Commonwealth Games," he said.

Meanwhile, the government through National Sports Council (NSC) sent a congratulatory message to Geay.

Neema Msitha, NSC Secretary-General, said Geay has done the country proud by finishing seventh.

"Taking the seventh position at the World Athletics Championships is a great achievement to our country, as the government, we are proud of you," part of the congratulatory message from NSC stated.

This was the first time that the World Athletic Championships were held in Oregon and USA.

The championships were originally scheduled for August 6-15, 2021 but were postponed by one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting postponement of the 2020 Summer Olympics.



Ubungo Municipality's secondary schools' students participate in traditional dance drills in Dar es Salaam yesterday to shape up for inter-secondary schools games that will take place in Tabora next month. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

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## Female driver to challenge male veterans in African Rally Championship

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

**A**FRICA'S only female motor rally sports champion, Maxine Wahome, is coming to Arusha to teach male drivers a few lessons during the fourth round of the FIA African Rally Championship event taking off next weekend.

Described as a 'Lioness' in motorsports, the Kenyan female wheel spinner, Maxine, made history by becoming her country's first female motorist to win a World Rally Championship (WRC) support championship round, taking out WRC3 victory on her home soil at the Safari Rally Kenya.

Also making the scene in Arusha is the Ugandan top rally driver, Jas Mangat, the winner of the third round of the African Rally Championship returning to defend the showdown's crown.

Previously, the first three ARC events were staged in Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Uganda.

The fourth round of the FIA African Rally Championship, known as the Tanzania Atlantic Rally, will cover 200 kilometers of rugged terrains mapped within the Monduli District of Arusha, between next Saturday and Sunday.

Event Director Satinder Singh Birdi stated this is the first time that the African Rally Championship is being staged outside Dar es Salaam.

Birdi expresses concern that in Tanzania, very few firms are prepared to sponsor and support motor racing events.

Speaking on behalf of the main sponsors Atlantic Lubricants, Sharan Aggarwal, the Business Development officer for Gupta Auto Spares in Arusha, said motorsports attract people from different countries, cultures, and continents.

"For Auto parts and lubricants dealers, these events help them to test their products' reliability," Aggarwal stated. Gupta is the sole distributor of Atlantic lubricants.

The Atlantic Lubricants-sponsored event is also the third Tanzanian National Rally Championship event, whose current title holder Gurpal Sandhu brings back his trusty Mitsubishi Evolution 10 to try and maintain hold.

The Tanzanian motor rally will be flagged off at Mount Meru Hotel grounds along the main Arusha-Moshi highway and will see 35 cars speed to Monduli where most of the action takes place with 10 competitive stages.

The event brings to Tanzania a total of 70 rally drivers and navigators from Italy, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Burundi, and the host Tanzania.

The African Rally Championship is an international automobile rally championship run under the auspices of the FIA.

The championship was first held in 1981 and won by Shekhar Mehta. The most successful driver in the championship's history is Zambian driver Satwant Singh with eight championships.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

