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By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) head, ACP Ahmed Khamis Makarani has resigned six days after President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi criticized the agency over sleeping over queries raised by the Zanzibar Controller and Auditor General (Z-CAG). The State House said in a statement yesterday that President Mwinyi has accepted a letter of resignation from the former top police officer. His resignation has come after



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President Dr Mwinyi directed ZAECA to conduct self-assessment after the recent report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) showing massive loss of public funds. Dr Mwinyi had demanded that ZAECA assess whether it is up to

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan cuts the ribbon in Zanzibar yesterday to launch a 50m/- science laboratory at Kizimkazi Secondary School built with support from CRDB Bank Plc. The others include Zanzibar's Education and Vocational Training minister, Lela Mohammed Musa (2nd-L); CRDB Bank Plc. CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (3rd-R); Zanzibar's Public Service and Good Governance minister, Haroun Ali Suleiman (R); CCM's Deputy Secretary General (Zanzibar), Dr Abdalla Juma Sadala (2nd-R); and South Unguja regional commissioner Rashid Hadid Rashid. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TMA calls for retention of food surplus

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has warned over the likelihood of adverse weather and poor rains across 15 regions on the Mainland.

Dr Agnes Kijazi, the director general, said at a press conference yesterday that people in regions that receive rains in the months of October to January need to store food and introduce drought resistant crops or climate smart agriculture as early signals show a poor start to the rains towards the end of this month.

TMA's climate outlook for October to December (the Vuli season) shows that rainfall patterns are inclined towards below normal rains, with scattered patches of normal rains, where prolonged periods of dry spells.

The 'bimodal' rainy season, of two long rainfall periods, is billed for the fourth week of September over the Lake Victoria Basin, she said, elaborating that over the north-eastern highlands and northern coast, rains are expected to start in the fourth week of October or the first week of November.

Warmer than usual temperatures are expected during the Vuli rainy season particularly over the northern coast and the north-eastern highlands, she further noted.

Expected impacts include soil moisture deficit over most areas, limited access to clean



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TIB's 378m/- loan to municipality queried

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MEMBERS of the Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC) of the National Assembly have given the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) three months to conduct a special audit on the ongoing construction of the 20bn/- Moshi bus terminal, suspecting extensive cost discrepancies.



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LAAC deputy chairman Selemani Zedi (Bukene) told reporters here yesterday that committee members sensed that something is fishy about the manner in which the loan was negotiated and approved. Moshi municipality is implementing the project at Mfumuni ward with a loan from the Tanzania Investment Bank (TIB). After interrogating municipal officials, "we realized that something was amiss and that is why we directed the CAG to

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DC: Performance rating usable for civil servants

By Guardian Correspondent,

Kigoma

KIGOMA district commissioner Ester Mahawe has recommended changes to the Public Service Act to provide for performance-based evaluation for key civil servants. Speaking at a public rally here in the presence of CCM vice chairman (Mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana on Thursday, the DC

who has a background in the private sector said this method would end business-as-usual and improve efficiency. She said that for government operations to be efficient, some cadres must not enjoy job security provided in the permanent and pensionable arrangement, which has marked her experiences since joining the public service.

Cadres such as heads of departments in district councils are prone to bureaucratic inefficiencies and their decision making powers can derailing efforts of political administrators like DCs and RCs, she stated. If a DED is revoked from his/her position over poor performance or any related work challenge, it follows that the heads of department (who

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MV Magogoni pontoon lies stuck on the Indian Ocean shoreline in Dar es Salaam yesterday after a fierce wind pushed it away from the passenger boarding gate. Photo: Romana Mallya



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and safe water which could push instances of disease outbreak, inadequate water and pasture which spells more random invasions of cattle in farmed land or protected areas, the director intoned.

The Vuli rainy season is specific for bimodal rainfall areas which include the north-eastern highlands (Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions), the northern coast (northern part of Morogoro region, Coast (including Mafia Island), Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions).

The season also covers Unguja and Pemba islands and the Lake Victoria Basin (Kagera, Geita, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu and Mara regions) plus north Kigoma (Kibondo and Kakonko districts).

"The season is likely to be characterized by late onset of rains accompanied by poor temporal and spatial rainfall distribution," the director underlined.

Prolonged dry spells are expected during October and November with noticeable rainfall improvement during the third and fourth week of December, the forecast indicates.

Ordinarily, the Vuli rainy season ceases late December but during this season rains are billed to extend to January, she affirmed.

Farmers need to practice timely planting, pick early maturing varieties along with drought tolerant crops like cassava, sweet potatoes, sorghum and beans.

"Farmers are further advised to apply climate smart agriculture and technologies, while seeking technical advice from extension officers on the application of good agricultural practice," the weather chief intoned.

The wider community similarly needs to use food in a sustainable manner at household level and in nationwide food reserves, she added.

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the task in helping the government to curb misappropriation of public funds, urging those implicated in misusing government funds to resign before facing the sack. "Some blunders exposed by the CAG are from the past before my administration came into office. I therefore urge all responsible parties to make sure that next year's report will be clean, otherwise you should tender your resignation before I sack you."

He made the remarks last Saturday, shortly after receiving the 2020/21 audit report handed over by the Zanzibar Controller and Auditor General, Dr Othman Abass, showing that 4.6bn/- was not accounted for by various government entities during the period under review.

Had the responsible authorities worked on the CAG's observation the situation would be much better, he said, underlining that the situation keeps repeating itself. "ZAECA seems to be of no use as it doesn't help the government," the president intoned, emphasizing that it wasn't taking any action for CAG observations on negligence and misuse of public funds.

ZAECA was set up under the Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act (No. 1) of 2012, to carry out investigations on such crimes, to educate the public about corruption and economic crimes.

It is expected to show the effects of such crimes for the purpose of involving the public to prevent corruption and economic crimes, alerting public tolerance towards corruption.

Other duties are researching and rendering advice on how to curb corruption and economic crimes, along with reporting suspected corrupt conduct or economic crime in the Zanzibar public sector.

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investigate how the 20bn/- loan was agreed upon," he said.

Officials issued mixed explanations, "telling us that after inking the loan pact with TIB Bank, the

President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) issued a stop order barring the council from obtaining the loan."

However in the 20bn/- loan there was 378m/- to pay a consultant engineer which was duly paid

to that engineer, he said, querying how TIB Bank issued the funds to pay the consultant alone.

In order to have a complete understanding of the matter, the committee has directed an investigation into the loan, to get to the bottom of how Digital Space Con-

sultancy was paid 378m/- for the project even as the loan pact was blocked, he said.

The municipal council told the committee that loans were denied to municipal and district councils by a directive to commercial banks, asking local authorities to

seek other sources of funds to implement projects of this sort.

As for progress of the project, the MP said the project needs about 20bn/- while the Treasury approved 7bn/- and 2bn/- was disbursed.



The construction of Mwenge bus stand project ongoing in Kinondoni Municipality, Dar es Salaam Region yesterday as captured by our Guardian photographer. Photo: Correspondent Mirajji Misala

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aren't appointed by the president) should similarly be removed as they form the fulcrum of the challenges, she stated. Servants in some cadres will be working under short time contract arrangements, which will help improve performance and thus bring efficiency, the DC noted. "If we want to create a Tanzania with ethical and smart public servants it

will be hard to achieve our development goals if our servants will be granted permanent and pensionable employment," she said, intoning that they end up misusing these positions, occasioning losses to the government. Stressing the need to review the Public Service Act and other employment laws, DC Mahawe said many civil servants were not fulfilling their obligations and remain confident on the job. They

are sure that the DED or DC will be held responsible and everyone else will remain on the post, she asserted. "I have learnt a lot since I was appointed to serve in the public service. Things are not good here, there is excessive bureaucracy as people are not working but minding their own business because employment is assured. This is too bad," she exclaimed. In the district there are 10 dispensaries that have reported losses of medicines

and hospital officials there just watch, she said, highlighting challenges like multiple charges imposed on traders, scaring them from using the port. Kigoma is a trade gateway for Great Lakes countries but the situation at the port isn't attractive to increase the flow of traders to use the port, due to challenges to solve so that port operations are competently supervised, she said. The majority of land cases

are fuelled by dishonest and reckless land officers who don't bother to work on those challenges. "I have been in this position for a one year and two months and I have come across a series of land cases," she told the gathering. "We have a big problem with some of our land officers, who should be accountable for fuelling these conflicts which in turn cause losses to the government," she added.



Mwanaidi Mrisho of Dar es Salaam's Buza subub teaches on how to draw South Korea flag to her child Fahyna Ramadhani who is admitted at Temeke Regional Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam shortly after the South Korean volunteers visited at children's ward in the hospital as part of strengthen friendship between both countries. Photo: Courtesy of KOICA

EAC Secretary General to lead delegation to DRC to enhance integration, explore business linkages

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) Secretary General Dr Peter Mathuki is set to lead a delegation comprising the Heads of EAC organs and institutions and eminent regional business leaders, to the bloc's newest Partner State, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from September 6 to 9, this year.

The EAC maiden mission to Kinshasa aims at enhancing awareness among DRC government officials on the existing EAC instruments, create trade synergies, explore and build business partnerships and immediate linkages for business associations.

The 4-day mission will kick off with a two-day forum amongst DRC Government officials and the EAC Secretariat, the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) as well as the eight institutions of the Community.

The forum will provide a platform for heads of EAC Organs and Institutions to enhance awareness and understanding of the various commitments in the integration pillars and the governing instruments that are in place at the EAC level, to DRC government officials.

"This forum will create a platform to enhance understanding by DRC government officials on the EAC integration instruments such as protocols, laws, policies and strategies," Dr Mathuki said.

The DRC delegation will be led by DRC's Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Christophe Lutundula Apala Pen'Apala.

On September 8 and 9, the private sector leaders accompanying the Secretary General will hold Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings with DRC entrepreneurs. The meeting supported by among others, Equity BCDC, a subsidiary of Equity Group Holdings Plc, aims at exploring opportunities for building business linkages and partnerships, on areas of common interests with an aim of developing trade and investment relations.

"Equity BCDC is honored to be supporting this inaugural mission by the East African Community Secretary General who is leading a delegation of notable business leaders across the EAC region," said Celestin Mukeba, Equity BCDC managing director.



CCM youths carry the coffin bearing the body of former long-serving journalist Charles George Kizigha at his residence in Dar es Salaam's Africana suburb yesterday ready for funeral prayers at the Mbezi Beach Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and later burial at the city's Kondo Unioio cemetery. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

CJ urges new judges to shun friends, associates

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma has called on the 22 High Court Judges sworn in recently by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to avoid friends, and other associates who can encourage them to violate work ethics.

Prof Juma (pictured) made the remarks in Dodoma during induction to the Judges before they proceed to take up their new responsibilities in the areas they have been posted to.

He explained that a Judge is a sign of respect and trust, hence after taking oath of office they should remember and implement the trust which the president had conferred on them on behalf of Tanzanians.

"I request you to perform your duties while adhering to the laws, as in doing so you will be implementing the trust you swore to uphold," he added.

However, CJ Juma said there are some members of the National Assembly who recommended a judge's authority should have many constitutional limits to make sure that citizens are protected in case a Judge contravenes his/her oath. "Perform your work well to prove the capability, ethics and pillars of trust entrusted on you as Judges of the High Court," said Prof Juma.

He said their capabilities, efforts and knowledge will build up that trust as long as you make just decisions, while abiding by the constitution, laws, regulations, procedures, guidelines, customs and traditions of the United Republic of Tanzania.

In regard to the induction, he said it aims to build for them the foundation in understanding the judiciary and

its direction in regard to Tanzania and the world around it. Speaking about social networks, Prof Juma said in the ICT age many people's opinions on the judiciary and its rulings are conveyed in the social networks including the internet.

He said the guidelines have acknowledged the increasing use of the social networks to the extent that it has become part of life within the community.

However, he called on every judge to read the voluntary guidelines that will help them to think carefully every time you use the social network to ensure you do not exceed the ethics boundaries.



'Support president's move to open up western regions economically'

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

CCM Vice chairman (mainland), Abdulrahman Kinana has said President Samia Suluhu Hassan needs support in her mission to open up the western region's economy to eight neighbouring countries.

Col (rtd) Kinana said this here yesterday while speaking to people of Kigoma Region, during his visit to review the implementation of the CCM's election manifesto and devel-

opment projects.

The top party leader said Kigoma Region is now open for business in neighboring countries including Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, DRC Congo and Zambia.

Kinana expressed his satisfaction with the development of Kigoma Region as the main roads have been built and 4000 kilometers of rural roads are being developed by the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and

by 2023, twelve generators that are used for electricity will not work after being connected to the national grid.

He advised that the time has come for various government authorities to create a good environment for Tanzanians to do various economic activities in the East African Community (EAC), where the country of Congo is included.

He said there is no reason for the existence of many obstacles that will cause citizens

to fail to use the opportunities available in the Community while explaining that Tanzania is fortunate because it borders eight countries and that is a great economic opportunity.

"There is a law called the East African customs law that facilitates trade between member countries and if you read the cooperation agreement of the member countries there is another law called the Law to allow people from one country to another, burden from one

country to another and people who want to work from one country to another," said Kinana. He said the MPs and leaders' job is to educate the people about the opportunities contained in the EAC law that provides opportunities for people to carry out cross-border activities and Tanzania is lucky to have borders with eight countries.

"Let me tell you that I'm the President's Assistant. I know the position of President Sa-

mia who wants to get rid of all the laws that create obstacles in the activities of the people. My job and other leaders is to encourage the President to tell her that the way you are going is the right one," said Kinana.

He pledged to tell President Samia that the people of Kigoma Region want wasteful laws to be repealed in the National Assembly to make their lives easier.

The CCM leader said in April this year when President Samia

was talking to the ministers after swearing them in, she asked them to review all the laws that hinder peoples' development.

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Foul lake smell rekindles memories of Cameroon

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A foul smell arising from Lake Kuk in North-West Cameroon has caused panic among some of the local villagers, the BBC's Randy Joe Sa'ah reports.

The lake and nearby Kuk village are not far from Lake Nyos, where a sudden gas escape from beneath the water in 1986 killed more than 1,600 people and thousands of livestock.

Villagers in Kuk who went to investigate the smell found that the water had changed colour.

Some then started to leave the area but others stayed put, linking the natural phenomenon to the recent death of a traditional ruler. In other words, the ancestors were responding to his passing.

Kahn Elvis, a geology expert from the University of Yaoundé, said the smell could have been caused by the sudden release of magma from beneath the lake's surface.

The local authorities have urged people to be calm and said the strange smell and change in water colour was due to the recent heavy rains, Journal du Cameroon reports.

On August 21, 1986, volcanic activity under Lake Nyos produced a cloud of carbon dioxide that asphyxiated 1,746 villagers and many animals.

LAAC sends back officials for non-compliance of directives

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Parliamentary Local Authorities Accounts Committee (LAAC) has sent back officials of the Biharamulo District Council due to their inability to implement 30 directives.

Giving the committee's resolutions on Wednesday after holding sessions with officials of Ngara, Sumbawanga and Biharamulo district councils, LAAC chairman Seleman Zedi said the last time Biharamulo District Council officials met with the panel, they were given directives to implement 33 directives but so far they did so in regard to three directives only.

The council leaders however responded that failure to implement the directives was due to that the council director was a new one, a reason which the Parliamentary Committee found to be very weak.

"We have sent them back to implement the directives we gave to them so that when they come back, they should be finalised in order to issue new directives," he said.

In regard to the Sumbawanga Dis-

trict Council, Zedi said his committee has found out that it had not adhered to the internal budget estimates plans due the fact that for three years running it had surpassed its estimates.

"The committee, in its opinion, has seen that these local councils can collect more revenue than at the moment if they can adhere to having in place realistic plans," he said.

He said the panel has directed its estimates should go in tandem with the realistic requirements of their areas.

"We have also discovered that the council set aside funds as loans to vulnerable groups from 10 per cent of their internal revenue but they do not abide by the 4-4-2 ratio in regard to women, youth and people with disabilities," he said.

He also said the repayment of the loans is still challenging but a lot of money is still not paid back.

"We have also discovered that there are uncompleted development projects in these local councils, particularly in regard to health and education," said LAAC chairman.



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The Board of Directors of Tanga understands that the parties to the share purchase agreement dated 22 October 2021 between Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited in relation to the Acquisition have entered into a deed of amendment to extend the Longstop Date from 31 August 2022 to 30 September 2022 or such later date as the parties may agree (the Extension).

Accordingly, the shareholders of Tanga are referred to the Subsequent Joint Announcement in relation to the Extension.

Shareholders of Tanga are cautioned that there is no certainty that all the Conditions to the Acquisition will be fulfilled, or waived timeously. Therefore, there is no certainty that the Acquisition will be implemented.

Shareholders are accordingly advised to continue to exercise caution when dealing in Tanga's securities until a further announcement regarding the completion of the Acquisition is made.

On behalf of the Board.


Lawrence Masha
Chairman of the Board
2 September 2022

Kinana vows to remove unethical party cadres

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana yesterday vowed to remove any party cadres who prioritise tribal, religious and ethnic characters as a basis to seek leadership.

Kinana (pictured) made the remarks in Kigoma region while on his visit after receiving a party report from the regional CCM Secretary, Mobutu Malima on the status of party leaders, who are strategizing to win election on tribalism basis.

"When it comes to elections, the regional secretary and the political committee have shown the courage to write that there is a problem of ethnicity, regionalism and reli-



gion," Kinana said, noting that everyone has their own characteristics, a person should be measured by their characteristics and not by ethnicity.

"Members don't have these problems. A person should be chosen for his qualities, his abilities, performance history, but it should not reach the point where you say this is my tribe," said Kinana.

Kinana said it will be dangerous for the region to undertake its development projects on the foundation of tribalism and ethnicity.

According to Kinana those who seek leadership on such a basis are weak and lack the leadership skills hence opt to use those means.

He said the tendency usually discourages those who are capable, qualified and honest to seek leadership due to the utterances issued against them.

"These people find themselves unfit for the task because there are colleagues who have already set standards to be elected, which is tribalism," he said.

He added that the country under founder and father, Julius Nyerere was well led with strong foundations of oneness where people were elected on the basis of performance and track record.

Kinana said the party's constitution was clear because everything was written in the constitution including the punishments for those who go against procedures.



Minister for Lands Housing and Human Settlements Development Dr Angelina Mabula (L) talks to Pangani residents in Coast Region on Thursday shortly after addressing a public meeting to resolve a land dispute. Photo: Ministry of Lands

Tanzania spends more than 600m/- to import dairy products per month

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

TANZANIA is forced to continue importing milk products from overseas due to poor production, infrastructures as well as processing and packaging technology.

The discouraging trend, according to relevant pundits, compels the county to spend at least 640m/- to import milk products per week.

Registrar of Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB), Dr George Msalya told The Guard-

ian in an interview that the state-owned board is however working hard to attract possible local and foreign investors to chip in and invest in the key socioeconomic sub-sector.

"For example, there is no factory in Tanzania which produces powdery milk, this is another gap which promotes importation of dairy products in the country," he said.

He said, so far their efforts have started to fetch some useful outcomes because there are some potential investors

that have shown interest to invest into powdery milk processing plants within the county.

Among the key strategies, include a pilot project for the provision of milk drinking services at least 10 ministries, the development which has to date seen provision of more than 12,000 liters.

"Currently, we are running efforts to heighten the number of milk centers designated for the on-going vital exercise, to at least 20 centers from the current 10," he said.

He said the vision is to cater for more public servants in offices and ministries so as to help instill a culture of milk drinking, the trend which is both beneficial for human health improvement as well as the country's economic gains.

Dr Msalya added that TDB has so far installed modern refrigerators in most ministry offices to facilitate smooth dispensation of the programme, saying the focus was now to extend the program's coverage to further ministries.

He said TDB is striving to improve the

market for locally produced milk instead of imported ones, a move that will automatically improve incomes among local producers and processors.

"The program is not profit oriented, but it is a service tailor-made that seeks to improve milk production and consumption records in Tanzania, and thus, the beneficiaries are only contributing a small amount of money to get the services (milk)," he explained.

Ministries that are currently benefiting as part of the project's first phase include

the Livestock and Fisheries, Defense and National Services, Agriculture, Finance and Planning, Industry and Trade, Regional Administration and Local Government, Education and Home Affairs."

Pertaining to milk processing capacity, he disclosed that local industries have capacity to process at least 871,700 liters in a day, but due to poor availability of milk from farmers, the factories are ending up processing only 207,050 liters, equivalent to 23.8 percent of their installed capabilities.



Genge Ward Councillor in Muheza District, Tanga Region Moses Kisiki (L) gives polio vaccine drops to a child during the launch of vaccination exercise at Ubwari health centre yesterday. Others are the district chief medical officer Frola Kessy (with glasses) and the district vaccination coordinator Grace Mwaimu (R). Photo: Correspondent Steven William

'PAPU House to enrich Arusha skies, create plenty opportunities for locals'

By Guardian Correspondent

THE landscape of the city of Arusha will soon be transformed after completion of the modern state of the art skyscraper which is being built by a joint venture between Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) and the Pan-African Postal Union (PAPU).

The construction work of the new headquarters building christened "PAPU House" has so far reached 80 percent.

TCRA Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari who was accompanied by members of the authority's board of directors chaired by Dr Jones Kilimbe indicated that the construction work is ongoing well as planned whereas the board's chairman was particularly impressed by the sheer scale of the project and pleased with the pace of progress of the construction works.

Kilimbe congratulated the TCRA management and engineering team for a work well done and urged them to do their utmost best to complete the project in due time.

Once completed, the building will house the management and administrative staff of the union which represent all 45 Member States of the Union.

The house which is owned in a 60:40 percent ratio by PAPU and TCRA respectively - will be Arusha's tallest

building, equally housing the TCRA regional office, business premises, conference rooms, training centers, shopping malls, banking facilities, and more.

After completion the building is expected to unleash employment opportunities to local residences and provide tourists and other people with modern facilities for acquiring multiple socioeconomic services.

The building's development began in January 2020 in Arusha's Sekei ward.

The facility is being built as part of PAPU's strategy, which is to achieve financial independence in its daily operations rather than relying on contributions from its members across the continent.

The Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) is a specialized institution of the African Union. Its main objective is to coordinate all activities aimed at developing postal services on the African continent.



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Lack of teachers' morale reason for students' poor performances in maths

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A LIMITED number of teachers and lack of morale in teaching mathematics contributes to students to perform poorly in classes and exams.

Betinasia Manyama, chairman of the Mathematical Association of Tanzania (MAT) made the remarks yesterday here when speaking at the meeting, which is in tandem with a one-day workshop.

Manyama acknowledged poor performance of the subject at all levels of education, especially primary and secondary schools, where for the past nine years, the performance for primary schools was 31.86 percent and for secondary

schools it was 17.46 percent, while for the year 2021, the performance for the fourth form was percent 19.54 and made the subject the last for success.

She said lack of motivation to teachers and students as well as shortage of the professionals, makes the few available teachers to have more sessions per day compared to other subjects while salaries remain the same.

"Our math teachers carry a very huge burden in implanting their daily duties, they serve more students than teachers of other subjects, we need to invest on them by increasing incentives and salaries, with this teachers will also spend their time serving children and attracting more to like the subject," she said

She said the government should pay special attention to the subject as it is the pillar of all other subjects as it is the one that produces important experts for the development of the country.

"We are asking the government through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to increase incentives or to give special salaries to mathematics teachers and those who are more effective in teaching so that it gives incentives to teachers to be more dedicated," the chairman said.

Head of Mathematics department at the University of Dar es Salaam, Dr Sylvester Rugeihyamu called on all district councils in the country to enable mathematics teachers to participate

in various training so as to improve their knowledge.

"The burden of a mathematics teacher is different from the burden of other normal subjects, the burden of a mathematics teacher is ten times greater but the salary is the same, now our call to get out of where we are is to find efforts to improve and support our teachers," said Rugeihyamu.

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) Vice Chancellor Prof Rafael Chibunda said that Tanzania cannot have a stable and sustainable economy if the success of the mathematics subject will continue to be low considering that the subject is the basis of development in various economic spheres.

Prof Chibunda said that the Math subject is of great importance in society as it is the pillar for developing the country's economy through various fields.

"For example the engineers do their work through mathematics in constructing various buildings and other projects. There is no doubt that mathematics is the tool in the development of science and technology and in the industrial economy, so there is no way we can avoid this," the don said.

Prof Chibunda said the training will provide opportunities for Mathematics teachers to learn new modern and innovative methods as well as solutions in teaching and learning along with changing knowledge on challenging topics.

KOICA donates items to children ward at Temeke referral hospital

By Beatrice Philemon

KOREAN International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)'s volunteers have donated various items to the paediatric ward at the Temeke regional referral hospital in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam as part of the strong existing friendship between South Korea and Tanzania.

KOICA country director, Kyuchool Eo said yesterday that the items are aimed at consoling the children who are suffering from different diseases.

The volunteers donated diapers for children, T-shirts, Johnson's baby soap, milk powder, and OMO soap, piggy bank to save their money, juice, biscuits and other items.

Six-year-old, Swaumu Hussein, a resident of Kiwalani Bombom Street,

in the district who was hospitalized for Sickle cell disease hailed KOICA volunteers for their support.

"I am happy that the Korean volunteers visited us and taught us how to draw South Korea and Tanzania flags as well as paint animal masks that include rabbit, lion, cheetah, and other animals," she said.

She commended KOICA volunteers for spending their time and donating items to children suffering from different diseases at the children's ward.

The sister in-charge of the Paediatric ward, Jesca Marinya said a total of 24 children suffering from cerebral palsy disease, cerebral malaria, sickle cell, severe malnutrition, infectious conditions, surgical patient, tonsillitis, broken leg and others received various items and enjoyed

drawing the national flag of South Korea and Tanzania including animal mask.

She expressed gratitude to KOICA volunteers for their donation saying the children got a chance to take a picture with KOICA volunteers drawing flags with them and Temeke staff.

She called on KOICA to support them to get training on integrated management of acute malnutrition, integrated management of childhood illness and management of new born resuscitation.

KOICA volunteer Dahyang Goh said; "Today was a different experience playing with children because I was taken back to my childhood days. I pray for the children's speedy recovery not only in the Temeke Regional Hospital but also in other hospitals."



Former Inspector General of Police Saidi Mwema (R) shares a light moment with Moshi Urban legislator Priscus Tarimo (L) and Moshi municipality Mayor Eng. Zubery Kidumo, during a working session for senior police officers at the Tanzania Police School (TPS) in Moshi Municipality, Kilimanjaro Region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

'Continue to improve investment environment to lure private sector'

By Correspondent Theresia

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THE government has been urged to continue improving the investment environment so as to attract players from the private sector to invest and increase production and thus stimulate the growth of the country's economy.

This was said by stakeholders during the launch of Improved Economic Freedom Index Report in Dar es Salaam this week, which was organised by Liberty Spark Organisation in partnership with Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture and Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA).

Prof Samuel Wangwe, a prominent economist and consultant when presenting the recommendations of the report said initiative should be done to further enhance the regulatory environment that is capable of promoting greater competition in trade and services driven by harmonization of charges in the region with the view to making the charges friendly.

He noted that to achieve economic growth there is the need to reduce trade barriers limiting access to the export market, whereas the key task is to simplify and streamline trade permits to reduce the regulatory burden on small busi-

nesses and smallholders.

Aristides Mbwas, director of investments department, Ministry of Industry trade and investment said that the country is doing well so far in making sure that the individual economy is rising as well as the country's economy by making sure unnecessary obstacles limiting them are being removed.

He noted that in making things easy for small businessmen "we have reduced more than 30 tax barriers out of 60, and that gives them chances to conduct business in other countries.

Evans Exaud, executive director of Liberty Spark, said that the report shows that there is the need to increase communication between government institutions and the private sector so as to enhance awareness on various changes and development which include updating the Tanzania National Business Portal.

"We will continue to work hard to make sure that the government and all stakeholders involved are well informed on the issues that need to be resolved for the country's economic development," noted Exaud.



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Kipawa residents hail DAWASA for improved water services

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

RESIDENTS in Kipawa ward in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam Region have hailed the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) for sending water to the street, something which assures the population of improved supply of the essential liquid.

The water connection at the area came after the completion of Gongola Mboto - Kisarawe water project.

In an interview with this paper, the residents expressed their happiness with the ongoing initiatives which if well maintained, will help provide huge relief to the residents who for many years have been struggling to access the service.

"We have been living here for 30 years now with no water around us so for the completion of the project it is a great new lease of life to the majority of us. We applaud the authority for the project and we promise to protect the infrastructures," said John Mpelembwa, one of the residents at Mogo Street in Kipawa.

He said the project has come to help the community as it has simplified access to clean and safe water thus enabling the residents to concentrate in other income generating activities rather than spending more time in searching for water.

According to him, the residents were previously relying from unsafe water wells and sometimes buying from street vendors which were sold at high prices.

"We were sometimes relying on Msimbazi water well which does not guarantee our safety compared to water we get now after the completion of the Kisarawe water project," he said.

Another resident, Maimuma Abdal said after the completion of the project they have enough time to spend in income generating activities since water is no longer a problem.

"Today we are happy because we have been here since the area was like a forest, clean and safe water was like a daydream but today we are proud to have such a big project which ended our problem. Now I have water for irrigation of my small vegetable farms around my home," she said.

Eng Boniface Philemon, DAWASA Manager in Tabata said the completion of Gongola Mboto - Kisarawe water project has increased the amount of water and it is the obligation of the authority to connect water from households.

"To supply water in this area the constructions involved laying down water pipes of 4 inches, 2 and 1.5 inches from Gongola Mboto - Kisarawe water project and the ongoing activity is to connect new customers who live around this area," he said.

He reminded customers to be a watchdog for the infrastructures and report to the authority whenever they spot someone trying to temper with water pipes and other facilities.



EXCITING CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is expanding its network to meet the needs of its Business Strategy which focus on sustaining the recorded achievements and remain an airline of choice that meets and exceeds customers' expectations in line of its mission of provision of reliable, safe, and high-quality services. Therefore, applications are invited from qualified Tanzanians to fill the positions mentioned below:

1. POSITION: FLIGHT PURSER (Senior Cabin II) - (15 POST)

1.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- Must have a minimum of Form IV Certificate with Four Credit passes of which ONE of them should be English and;
- Must hold Ab-Initio Certificate from Recognized Aviation Institution plus Cabin Crew License from Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA);
- Must have working experience of at least seven (7) in related field, of which (3) years must be minimum flying experience as Senior Cabin Crew.
- Must have attended Forward Galley Course and Leadership training
- Must be Fluent in both written and spoken English and Swahili
- Height from 5.0 feet, acceptable Level of BMI
- Must have no visible tattoos while in Air Tanzania crew uniform
- Knowledge of extra international language will be an added advantage
- Diploma and knowledge of additional international language is an added advantage

1.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct, co-ordinate, organize and supervise the functions and tasks of the cabin crew by making sure the customers receive the best possible service and ensure all standards and expectations are met.
- Prepare and carry out pre-flight briefing and post-flight debriefing.
- Assign duties and delegate particular responsibilities relating to passengers requiring special attention/ care.
- Observe and assess individual crew performance, discuss with the crewmember, offer support where necessary and provide reports to the Chief Cabin Crew/Stewardess with recommendations as and when required.
- Be responsible to the PIC for the management of safety and security outcomes of cabin and emergency procedures specified in the General Operations Manual, and for their observance for the conduct and management of cabin safety by the cabin crew and by all passengers.
- Inform the PIC of all irregularities and malfunctions and, at the prescribed times, report cabin sterile.
- Ensure that cabin operations are conducted in accordance with the applicable regulations and standards of the organization.
- Report to the Captain and/ or duty engineer of all unserviceable items.
- Liaise with station manager/ PAS representative, at lay over station, in matters related to cabin crew.
- Ensure that out station rules and regulations are adhered to.
- Ensure proper utilization and handover of in-flight catering items, materials and good care of in-flight equipment.
- Develop crewmembers to be able to perform all duties on a flight by carrying out on the job training/ coaching for newly promoted and recruited cabin crew.
- Ensure that, at the end of a flight, all documentations, logs and reports are completed.
- Conduct Competency checks for cabin crew.
- Set an example for cabin crew and provide counselling as required; be self-disciplined, adhere to all company rules and regulations so as to be able to instill discipline.
- Collect feedbacks from the crew and passengers and make suggestions and recommendations for improvement to be made on
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

2. POSITION: CABIN CREW II (34 POSTS)

2.1. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING EXPERIENCE

- Must have a minimum of Form IV Certificate with Four Credit passes of which ONE of them should be English and;
- Must hold Ab-Initio Certificate from Recognized Aviation Institution plus Cabin Crew License from Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA);
- Must have a valid class 2 medical certificate acceptable to the Authority
- Must be Fluent in both written and spoken English and Swahili
- Must have no visible tattoos while in Air Tanzania crew uniform
- Height from 5.0 feet, acceptable Level of BMI
- Knowledge of Extra International Language will be an added advantage

2.2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure passengers safety and security from the time passengers aboard the aircraft until the time they disembark.
- Inform passengers on emergency, safety and security procedures during all phases of the flight and manage procedures following an emergency in accordance with this manual and the PIC instructions.
- Ensure cabin safety and security under the overall authority and responsibility of the PIC (i.e the safety of passengers and security of cabin load and galleys)
- Responsible to read and sign all notices or bulletins as required.
- Attend preflight and post flight briefing as required
- After boarding the aircraft cabin crew shall carry out a cabin security check, verify the safety emergency equipment, catering equipment's and immediately report any deficiencies to the Flight Purser/ In charge cabin crew for further action.
- Ensure passengers respect and comply with the "fasten seatbelt" and "No smoking" signs and other safety and security instructions while in flight.
- Ensure the passengers safely escape in an emergency evacuation.
- Form the liaison between passengers and the flight crew
- Provide optimum comfort and service to the customers.
- Report to the Senior Cabin Crew and Flight Purser any incident that has endangered or may endangered safety of the operations while on flying duties the Cabin crew is required to follow all lawful directions given by the Senior Cabin Crew/Flight Purser (in charge cabin crew)
- Ensures the safety and security of passengers, crew and aircraft through adherence to Company policies and standard operating procedures.
- Deliver world class passenger service and assist in on-time performance
- Perform any other official duties as may be assigned by a supervisor.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Five (5) years contract with attractive remuneration and fringe benefits as per ATCL Salary Structure and Incentive Scheme.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

Interested applicants must submit a duly signed letter for consideration of the application attached with the following:

- A curriculum vitae (CV),
- Certified copies of all certificates (including secondary school, birth certificates), other relevant certificates, Applicants who have studied outside Tanzania should have their certificates approved by relevant authorities Tanzania Commission for University (TCU) or National Examination Council- NECTA)
- Two recent passport size photographs
- A full size picture dressed in business attire
- Name and address of at least two reputable referees;
- 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:

Applicants should reach the undersigned within 14 days from the first date of this announcement.

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Dar residents set to benefit from free medical checkups

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 7,000 Dar es Salaam residents have benefited from free medical checkups and treatment in a special camp organised by the Khoja Shia Ithnashari Community.

Held at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam city, the event was held as part of the commemoration of the death of Imam Hussein (as) the grandson of prophet Mohammed (saw) who sacrificed his life to save the people in Karbala Iraq, more than 1300 years ago.

Alhaji Mohammedrazza Dewji, chairman of Shia community said apart from educating the people about teaching of Imam Hussein said the residents received free medical treatment from specialized surgeons.

"Several diseases were diagnosed and treated such as diabetes, obesity, heart disease, mental health, eye treatment. The event also went along with the donation of blood to help save lives of patients in hospitals," he said.

People with sight problems were given free spectacles, and those who needed operations were referred to Kibaha and Medwell hospital based in Temeke district.

"A total of 4103 patients were screened at the eye camp, 338 of them were discovered to have cataract cases and were sent to Kibaha and Medwell

hospital undergo eye surgery, 1789 patients were treated with eye drops dispensed, 1699 were found with sight problems and were given spectacles," he explained.

Dewji said more than 4,000 people were given free mental health education including consultation, and how to avoid depression which causes stress and suicidal thoughts.

He also said mental depression is caused by family conflicts and bankruptcy.

Survey conducted by WHO revealed that depression is the second cause of death to young people from the age of 19 to 29 years, and 75 percent of the affected people in developing countries do not require medical care because of poverty and witchcraft beliefs.

The Khoja Shia community has joined by more than 53 institutions which deal in social development affairs, such as orphanages centers, sober houses, water wells and free medical care to the poor disabled and elderly people.

The free health education was conducted in collaboration between Khoja Shia Ithnashari and Fikra Afya Pamoja and Awaited Rehab of Kigamboni.

Reports show that more than 350 million people in the world are suffering from mental illnesses, and they have no access to medical care and asked Tanzanians to avoid habits which can cause mental depression such as loneliness.



Manyara regional traffic officer SP Georgina Matagi (L) speaks to the school bus drivers in Babati Urban on Thursday shortly after inspecting their vehicles. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

India and UAE on joint health projects in Kenya, Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

INDIA and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are working on a joint initiative to establish health projects in Kenya and Tanzania and taking forward cooperation in food security within the I2U2 framework that includes the US and Israel.

These issues figured in the India-UAE joint commission meeting that was co-chaired by external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his UAE counterpart Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi on Thursday.

The meeting also reviewed cooperation in diverse sectors such as energy and investments.

A team comprising representatives of the Indian and UAE governments

recently visited Kenya and Tanzania to identify opportunities for joint projects in the health sector, the external affairs ministry of India, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said in a statement yesterday.

The historical association with the UAE has been very beneficial to India and "shapes and influences our thinking", said Dr Jaishankar, who co-chaired the 14th India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) with Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Sheikh Abdullah and Jaishankar emphasised the importance of promoting start-ups and entrepreneurship in different fields such as fintech, edutech, healthtech, agritech, logis-

tics and supply chains.

On Thursday, two memorandums of understanding (MoU) were inked to preserve rare bird species facing extinction and on forming a cultural forum.

Signed in the presence of the ministers, the first MoU was inked between Wildlife Institute of India and International Fund for Houbara Conservation for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard and the Lesser Florican, which are members of the bustard family and among the world's rarest bird species.

The second MoU was between the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of India and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on the establishment of the

India-UAE Cultural Council Forum.

Sheikh Abdullah and Jaishankar noted the possibility of linking instant payment platforms in either country, such as through the United Payment Interface (UPI) of India.

The two ministers were joined by Reemint Ibrahim Al Hashemy, Minister of State for International Cooperation, Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary of India and ambassadors and senior officials from both sides.

Sheikh Abdullah and Jaishankar expressed happiness at the CEPA officially entering into force and organisation of various activities and events for the effective implementation of the agreement. They reiterated com-

mitment to achieving the goal of \$100 billion of bilateral trade in the next five years. The investment partnership between both countries and the growth of UAE investments in India in diverse sectors was assessed. It is expected that the next meeting of the High-Level Task Force between the two countries will be held shortly in India.

Both the ministers expressed their deep satisfaction at the continued high growth trajectory of bilateral relations. They noted the regular interactions between both sides, especially the meeting between Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on June 28 in Abu Dhabi, their Virtual

Summit on February 18, and their participation in the virtual I2U2 Summit in July - the new grouping of India, Israel, the UAE and the US.

They reviewed the progress in various elements of bilateral cooperation identified in the Vision Statement adopted by the countries' leadership.

They underlined their commitment to further strengthen their long-term energy partnership, including two-way investments. They noted the progress in discussions on various aspects related to renewable energy and green Hydrogen whereby a MoU on Climate Action was signed in May.

They also reviewed the ongoing discussions between the two sides in food security, including in the I2U2 framework. Both the ministers ex-



AFYA FIKRA Chief Executive Officer Shabbir Hussein (C) educates Dar es Salaam residents on stress during a free health check-up camp at Mnazi Mmoja grounds on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Strong seed base crucial for Tanzania to have sustainable profitable agriculture

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

A STRONG seed base including vegetables should remain at the heart of what agriculture stakeholders have been working on so hard in recent decades in order to reform Tanzania's agriculture sector, it has been advised.

This is a view emphasized by the World Vegetable Centre's Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa Dr Gabriel Rugalema when addressing reporters who visited the centre last week to learn what it is doing to support agriculture stakeholders in transforming Tanzania's agriculture sector.

The expert said he longs to see Tanzania put a lot of effort in seed research and production to overcome deficiencies like low volumes of commercial seeds. "You need a strong seed base to have a strong crop production base," he quipped.

He said their centre is happy with government's efforts in taking varied approaches to reform the agriculture sector, but he emphasized: "while we appreciate deeply these efforts, emphasis

must be put on strengthening the seed sub-sector in Tanzania for it is important seeds are processed and produced locally and ensure they reach farmers in a manner that meets their requirements."

In a separate interview Dr Rugalema also said his centre has always been uneasy because of the deficiencies basics in the African seed sector, including the vegetable seed sector, explaining that in order to skirt around that problem their centre teamed up with the African Seed Traders Association (ASTA) to form the African Vegetable Breeding Consortium (AVBC) to promote robust seed research, production, quality control, investment in seed research and seed trade system.

The centre's director of finance and administration, David Sarakikya, the centre receives PhD candidates engaged in seed programmes. "We have also been a centre for producing experts in the seed sub-sector," he said.

The centre also trains tertiary institutions and secondary school leavers and a programme called "ready for employment", he said.

GBV cited as key factor throwing women into poor mental health

By Guardian Correspondent

GENDER based violence and discrimination has been named as one of the challenges that throw many women into long-term poor health outcomes including mental problems, it has been said.

Mayasa Kalinga from a Tanzania Suicide Prevention Coalition (TSPC) said women who are victims of violence always suffer long-term mental health challenges such as anxiety, de-

pression and post-traumatic stress disorder thus affecting their progress.

Speaking at the gender and development seminar in Dar es Salaam this week, Kalinga said the recent increase in suicide rates reported highlights a growing mental health crisis plaguing the society as young people experience bouts of toxic emotions that lead them to take their own lives.

Reports from the Tanzania Police Force show that a total of 15, 131 people killed them-

selves in the country between January to June 2021.

She noted that the toxic mix of psychological problems due to social and economic woes including violence in marriages could trigger a wave of suicides among young people in the country.

She urged the government to adopt effective suicide monitoring and prevention strategies to help young people cope with stressful situations.

"We need to come up with strong strategies to prevent this challenge, the public should be educated on mental health but also put it as a subject in primary schools so as to enable the children to grow up having wider knowledge on the impacts of violence as well as mental health," she elaborated.

Kalinga said the government should also increase the mental health budget so as to improve service provision to the needy.

Suicide is a major public health problem

accounting for approximately 6 percent of all deaths in young people. Globally, one person dies of suicide every 40 seconds, cumulating to about 800,000 deaths every year, according to the World Health Organisation.

While officials link suicide to a mental health crisis, researchers have established strong correlations between suicide and social and economic crisis such as unemployment, family conflicts, failed marriages, domestic violence, and unwanted pregnancies.

Andersen Global expands operations into Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

ANDERSEN Global continues to add depth to its Africa platform through a collaboration agreement with Tanzania-based law firm Lawhill and Co. Advocates.

Based in Dar es Salaam and founded in 2019, Lawhill and Co. Advocates work with local and international clients, including corporations and international consulting organisations. Led by the Managing Partner Hadija Kinyaka, the firm offers taxation, corporate and commercial law services as well as strategic civil cases litigation spanning through various industries including telecommunications, energy and infrastructure, natural resources, banking and finance, international trade, and employment & immigration.

"Our team of tax and corporate professionals strives to set the standard for quality service across all industries and be a one-stop shop for

all business needs," said Hadija. "The past few years have been a transformational period for our firm and this collaboration with Andersen Global boosts our ability to provide best-in-class service to our local, regional and international clients. This collaboration effectively makes the firm achieve its vision of remaining one of the premier tax and corporate law firms in Tanzania and is a key milestone to our global reach."

"Hadija and her team consistently demonstrate the highest professional standards and have established a firm based on transparency and stewardship," added Andersen Global Chairman and Andersen CEO Mark Vorsatz. "As we continue to establish a strong presence in the Africa region, Lawhill and Co. Advocates will provide valuable insights into the Tanzanian market and work synergistically with the surrounding member firms and collaborating firms to deliver seamless service globally."



Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB) communications and relations manager Gloria Mutta (2nd L) hands over a donation of various food items including flour, sugar, edible oil, milk and rice to the head of the unit for students with mental disabilities Gloria Mataba (L), at Bunju B primary school in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are the bank's marketing officer Dorothea Lyimo (2nd R), children and the assistant head of the centre. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

UK, Tanzania convenes international climate, development meeting in Dar

By Joyce Ntitu, TUDARCO

THE United Kingdom in collaboration with the Tanzania government has brought together stakeholders from over 20 countries and international organisations in Dar es Salaam so as to finalise climate change and

development ministerial recommendations ahead of the United Nations General Assembly this month.

The two-day meeting is built on the results from the 26th United Nations climate change conference of the Parties (COP26) held in Glasgow in the UK in 2021.

Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Environment and Union) Selemani Jafo opened the event where he underlined Tanzania's continuing commitment to a low-carbon, sustainable future.

The COP26 brought countries together to accelerate action towards the

goals of the Paris Agreement and United Nations Framework convention on climate change.

Basically, the meeting will further the development process of the global response to climate change since the issue discussed will include access to support for climate vulnerable countries,

addressing the challenge of delivering on climate finance and finding ways to alleviate fiscal pressure in developing countries and also to address the increasingly urgent issues related to climate change.

David Concor, British High Commissioner to Tanzania said: "I am proud

that the UK's government and Tanzania have been able to bring together this large number of countries to address one of the most important issues of our time. At COP26, the world made a commitment to hold back the climate crisis, but now it's time for action, coordination and international cooperation.



Kilindi District Sheikh Juma Kingora (L) speaks shortly after receiving a donation of Islamic books from Sheikh Omar Nguzo (2nd R) at Vyadigwa village's mosque in Kimbe Ward in the district in Tanga Region on Thursday. Right is the National Muslims Council of Tanzania (BAKWATA) district Chairperson Sheikh Mdoe Lugendo. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

Africa urged to propose action to help address climate change

MOMBASA

AFRICA'S nations must develop strategies to address climate change, which poses an existential threat to the continent's megacities, Gabon's President Ali Bongo Ondimba said at the third Africa Climate Week conference.

African officials and experts should sharpen the positions they will present at the 27th annual United Nations climate conference to be held in Egypt in November, said Bongo.

The third African climate meeting is bringing together more than 1,000 government officials and stakeholders in Gabon's capital Libreville. They are working to form strong African regional climate responses.

"Climate change is a profound challenge in Africa and a great challenge of our time, amplifying existing social, political and economic inequalities," Patricia Scotland, secretary-general of the Commonwealth group of former British colonies, said to the meeting.

The African climate week comes as the continent reels from several extreme weather events such as drought in East Africa and the Horn of Africa, sandstorms and extreme heat in West Africa's Sahel region, and destructive flash floods, storm surges including cyclones in central, western and southern Africa.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, who will host the upcoming U.N. conference, lamented that promises made to African countries to help them fight climate change have not been fulfilled.

"The international community is lagging behind in mitigation, adaptation and finance. Several pledges on mitigation and adaptation finance celebrated in Glasgow are yet to be delivered," said Shoukry.

He said the "backtracking on commitments by many developed countries is a matter of concern" for many African countries. "The delayed delivery of climate finance continues to affect Africa's efforts to contribute to the global effort against climate change," he said.

The African climate week conference will discuss other critical concerns of the continent including food security, carbon markets, climate migrants, and coastal resilience. Climate early warning systems, integrated water management to address scarcity and international cooperation to boost climate action are also issues to be examined.

All set for 5th edition of EAC culture festival in Bujumbura

By Guardian Reporter

PREPARATIONS are in high gear for the 5th Edition of the East African Community (EAC) Arts and Culture Festival, (JAMAFEST) scheduled from September 4 (tomorrow) to 12, this year in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Themed: "Harnessing cultural resources to mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 in the EAC", the festival's main objective is to promote regional socio-cultural integration through arts and culture by providing a regional platform to showcase culture as a prime driver of EAC integration.

Addressing delegates during the 5th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) held via hybrid format, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of the Productive and Social Sectors, Hon. Christophe Bazivamo, said that the main venue of the festival will be at Intwari Stadium in Bujumbura where the main stage for cultural performances, the exhibition and market place will be located.

Bazivamo said that the subsidiary venues of Palais de Arts and Institute Francais will host specialized shows including film festival, comedy and drama while Kiriri Garden Hotel is expected to host the symposium.

He reaffirmed the readiness of the Republic of Burundi to deliver a successful JAMAFEST and urged the RSC to work closely with the National Organising Committee to ensure the event was a success.

Bazivamo underscored the significance of JAMAFEST as a platform for fostering regional socio-cultural integration in East Africa, adding that the festival was aimed at promoting unity in diversity, sharing cross-cultural experiences and dialogues, cultural exchanges in addition to celebrating the rich and diverse cultures and heritage of the people of East Africa.

"I urge Partner States to use the festival to promote economic growth and revival of the tourism industry in regional integration," he said.

The Deputy Secretary General disclosed that a theme Song for the festival has been composed and will be played throughout the festival as part of the publicity campaign of creating awareness on the role of arts and culture in regional integration.

During the 5th RSC meeting, the Partner States agreed on sub-themes which shall also form topics for discussions during the Jamafest Symposium 2022 by Partner States.

The United Republic of Tanzania was assigned to prepare a presentation on the adoption of new regional languages in the EAC; Republic of South Sudan was tasked with making a presentation on role of modern technologies in advancing cultural expression and arts - the impact of social media on culture; while the Republic of Kenya will tackle Indigenous Knowledge and Traditional Medicine.

The Republic of Rwanda was assigned arts, industry and tourism; the Republic of Uganda will handle youth participation and employment while Burundi will handle research, innovation and investment in arts and culture.

We cannot flourish without healthy food

GREEN growth is a term to describe a path of economic growth that uses natural resources in a sustainable manner. It is used globally to provide an alternative concept to typical industrial economic growth.

Whereas the green economy is defined as an economy that aims at reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities, and that aims for sustainable development without degrading the environment. It is closely related with ecological economics, but has a more politically applied focus. The 2011 UNEP Green Economy Report argues "that to be green, an economy must not only be efficient, but also fair. Fairness implies recognising global and country level equity dimensions, particularly in assuring a just transition to an economy that is low-carbon, resource efficient, and socially inclusive."

A feature distinguishing it from prior economic regimes is the direct valuation of natural capital and ecological services as having economic value and a full cost accounting regime in which costs externalized onto society via ecosystems are reliably traced back to, and accounted for as liabilities of, the entity that does the harm or neglects an asset.

Green Sticker and eco label practices have emerged as consumer facing measurements of friendliness to the environment and sustainable development. Many industries are starting to adopt these standards as a viable way to promote their greening practices in a globalizing economy.

The term green growth has been used to describe national or international strategies.

AS we move towards industrialisation within the next ten years, we'll also be in the forefront in bringing about Green Growth through resource efficiency policies and strategies.

The initiative is currently ex-

ecuted jointly by the Korean Green Growth Trust Fund and the World Bank. Both partners share a common goal to reduce poverty and promote shared economic prosperity in environmentally responsible and socially inclusive way.

Agriculture is the foundation of life, as we know it. It is what led to our contemporary human societies. This means there is no culture without agriculture. Civilisation began when humans settled in one place and started growing crops.

We cannot live without a system that grows our food. We cannot flourish without healthy food. In Tanzania, like elsewhere in Africa, agriculture is the engine that drives growth and empowers people with food self-sufficiency, maintains stewardship over the environment and builds a sense of community belonging.

Farmers constitute 85 per cent of the country's workforce and they are the foundation of its economy, and the key to triggering its broader growth.

Research shows that increasing agricultural productivity is the most effective way to reduce poverty afflicting the majority rural dwellers in this great East African nation.

In fact, agricultural stakeholders say the sector offers the country its best opportunity to turn a vicious cycle of poverty into a virtuous cycle of development. That is why leaders, policymakers and bilateral donors support the country's initiatives aimed at boosting agriculture and food security.

Tanzania is ready to borrow a leaf from Korea's economic growth model that uses natural resources in a sustainable manner towards industrialisation with minimal environmental risks.

Indeed there is a lot to learn from Korea as the East Asian nation has become a leading global force in promoting green growth as a new development paradigm.

instruction by President Samia for a detailed public explanation on the matter, we shall not be out of place to say that the key issue here is the civic spirit deficit. Ordinarily the most straightforward system of taxation is one which is inclusive and is marginal in its effect on the business being done, which the current levy doesn't especially alter.

But there is a subjective aspect that when one expects 10,000/- and if he or she receives 8,500/- because of the levy (apart from a 500/- transaction cut by the service provider) it becomes a more personalised problem.

It is often the case that direct taxation becomes a public relations problem while indirect taxation is an industry or policy problem, for instance removing this direct tax by money transfer levy and seeking to add tax to beverages to recover. No one has suggested as much, nor indeed objected to any of the priority areas that need cash, like schooling without fees, village level dispensaries or alleviating staff shortage in education or health, paying salary arrears, deferred promotions, etc.

In the absence of any viable objections to these spending priorities, and while President Samia has maintained a drastic limitation on unnecessary travel and meetings that used to cost plenty of money, upgrading roads linking villages or wards to concrete or tarmac, criticism of the levy is merely haphazard.

More work needs to be done by civic organisations and even religious bodies, to cultivate a more civic outlook on the issue especially as the government cut last year's levels.

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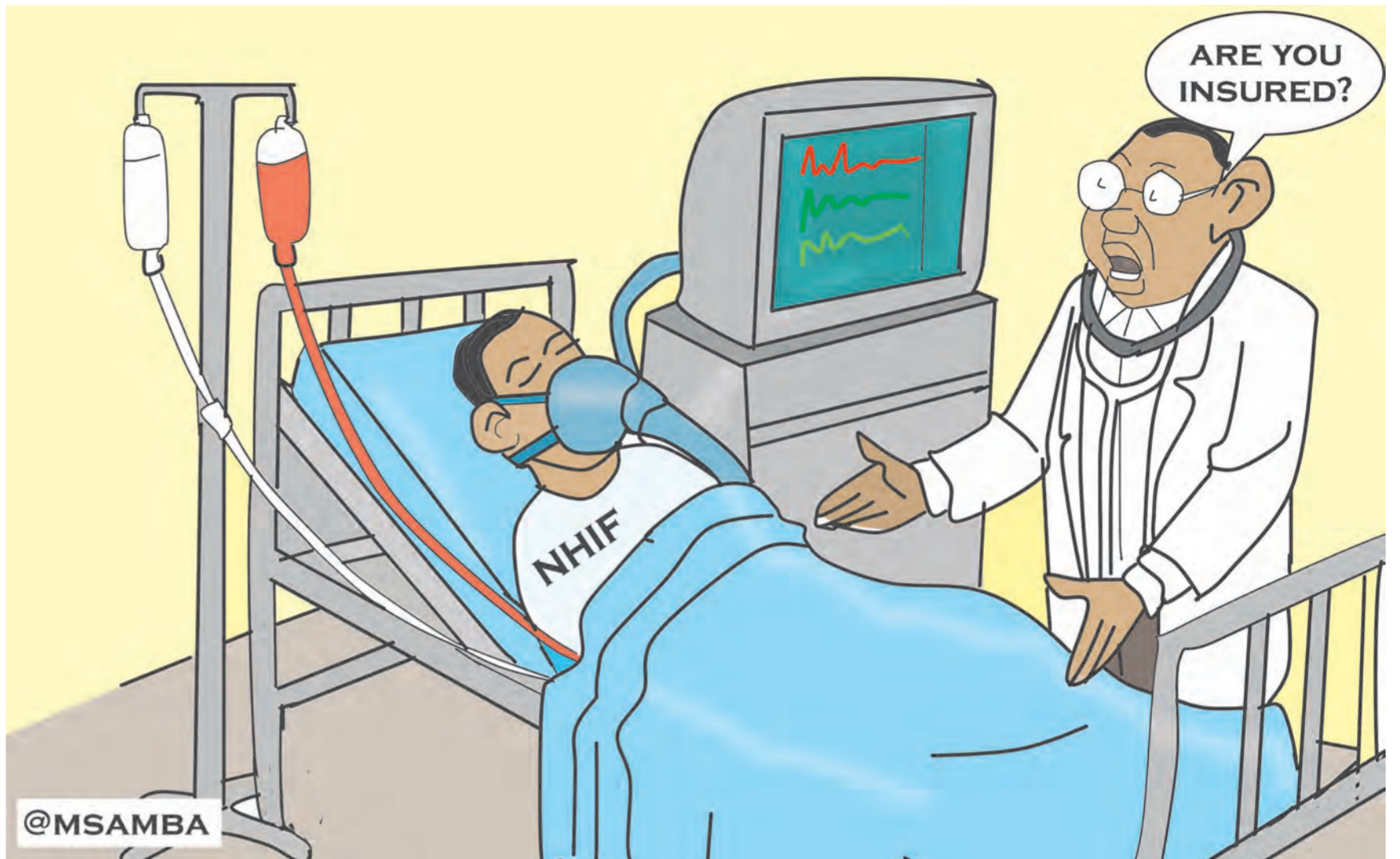
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Toothless Pan-African Parliament cries out over stalled Malabo protocol

By Special Correspondent

WHEN he presided over the inauguration of the Pan African Parliament (PAP) and swore in 202 legislators from 41 countries in Africa on March 18, 2004, Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano, who was then African Union chairman, is quoted by the United Nations Africa Renewal publication having said, "there's great hope and expectation pinned on the establishment of the Pan-African Parliament" and that "the whole world shall be watching to see what added value this organ is going to contribute to our plan of building a strong and prosperous African Union."

It is 18 years later and the continental Parliament remains toothless and deflated quite literally. It has failed the test of its own existence.

AU Chairperson Macky Sall recently described performance of the continental House as "below expectation" owing to the fact that the existence of the institution remains unknown across Africa.

According to newly elected President of the continental legislature Chief Fortune Charumbira from Zimbabwe, PAP "has not been allowed by the very African Union to execute its functions."

The 2014 Malabo protocol, which is intended

to expand the powers of the institution into a fully-fledged legislative organ, is yet to be signed and ratified by the AU because member states have deliberately been dragging their feet.

At least 28 AU member states are required to ratify the protocol before it becomes operational but so far only 22 have signed it.

Additionally, only 14 have ratified the agreement and Kenya is not among them.

Mr Charumbira describes the situation as pathetic and deplorable, calling upon both the AU and African Union Commission to ensure there is political goodwill that will see the dreams and aspirations of the continental Parliament realized, just like other protocols.

"Africa Continental Free Trade was ratified by 33 countries within 48 hours yet for PAP no implementations eight years down the line?" Says Charumbira.

The Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) deal, which created the largest free trade area

in the world, was struck by the AU and signed by 44 of its 55 member states in Kigali on March 12, 2018.

Currently, the continental Parliament, which is the third organ hierarchically after the AU and AU Commission, only, plays the consultative and advisory roles and the 2014 Malabo Protocol sought to expand its mandate by adding the legislative role.

According to its president, the move to deny or slow down ratification of the protocol is by design because the AU is not keen on accountability on all fronts.

Whereas all the 55 member states allocate financial resources to the union, no arm scrutinises the expenditure because AU's budget is not sent to PAP.

"AU deliberately subverts transparency and accountability to ensure they escape accountability."

A retreat between the parliament and Permanent Representatives Committee of the AU has been planned and Mr Charumbira says it will be a make-or-break ses-

sion since PAP will be settling for, among other things, acceptable financial allocation and ratification of the 2014 protocol.

Fourteen countries have signed and ratified the agreement adopted at the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government meeting in June 2014 in Equatorial Guinea.

They include Benin, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Togo.

The Pan-African Parliament, based in Midrand, Johannesburg, sits for five years before new members replace country representatives.

Kenya's latest five representatives were Beatrice Kones, Janet Ongera, Dr Abdullahi Ali, Jude Njomo and Stewart Madzayo.

The aim of its establishment was to create space where people from all states in Africa could meet, deliberate and pass some policy issues that impact the continent as a whole.

Can our cities survive climate change?

By Ban Ki-Moon and Patrick Verkoijen

AFTER a summer of heatwaves, droughts and floods, here's how cities can become more resilient to climate extremes.

Another summer of climate extremes has inflicted fresh misery on urban dwellers. Weeks of rain have left Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, knee deep in water and sludge. Torrential rains in Seoul claimed 13 lives and forced the evacuation of hundreds of people from precarious basement flats. Heatwaves, drought and wildfires have raged in Europe. As with most emergencies linked to global warming, it is the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer the most.

We need to stop responding to weather emergencies as if they were freak events. Climate change will bring more frequent and more severe weather extremes, which is why municipal governments and town planners need to start climate-proofing our

cities now. We need to protect our citizens and urban infrastructure from the immediate and the longer-term effects of climate change. The task cannot be delayed any longer.

The era of cities

Half of humanity lives in cities and it suggests that by 2050, that figure will rise to 70%. In China, 500 new cities are being built from scratch. Elsewhere, 150 urban mega-developments are under way in 40 countries. We are entering a new urban age.

Planned cities are a great opportunity to include climate resilience from the start. But older cities need attention, too. In these, we cannot rip out existing infrastructure or raze homes, but we can adapt our urban fabric to cope with climate extremes. Fortunately, there are many climate adaptation solutions for cities that can save lives. In the long run, they also save money. It is time they were implemented at a global scale.

Cooler cities

Temperature records were broken in Europe and in other regions north of the equator this summer. Extreme heat kills, but there are ways in which cities can avert the risk of death. Hyderabad and Ahmedabad in India have pioneered a national "cool roof" program that is as simple as painting roofs white to reflect the heat. This has been shown to lower indoor temperatures by as much as 5°C (9°F) while saving on energy used by air-conditioners.

Tree planting is another sensible option. New York City's five borough presidents want local authorities to plant a million new trees by 2030 to aid New Yorkers who are increasingly subjected to extreme heat.

Both cool roofs and green areas can help reduce the urban heat-island effect, which is the result of heavily built-up areas absorbing and re-emitting the sun's heat. Natural landscapes such as forests and water bodies re-emit less heat, which is why people instinctively seek out parks during heatwaves.

Sponge cities

In most of the world, urban development is synonymous with more paved and impermeable surfaces. But what was once a measure of progress is now vulnerability because paved surfaces cannot absorb excess water in a downpour.

This is what happened in Seoul, which suffered its worst deluge since records began earlier this month. To build resilience against more frequent and intense tropical storms, we need cities such as Seoul to behave more like sponges and less like a waterproof jacket.

Rotterdam and Shanghai, two port cities that are vulnerable to storm surges and flooding from rising sea levels (another consequence of global warming as polar ice caps melt) are actively making their urban fabric more sponge-like.

The two cities are experimenting with covering roofs and public spaces with plants to reduce runoff and improve drainage when it rains.

Rotterdam is encouraging residents to rip up their paved driveways and replace them with permeable gravel. Underground car parks are being repurposed to double up as emergency reservoirs to capture and store excess rainwater. In response to the deluge, Seoul's municipal authorities have revived a plan to diminish the risk of flooding by building a network of underground tunnels.

More equal cities

With so many competing demands, we understand why cash-strapped city governments are tempted to shelve climate adaptation projects. But as India's cool roof program shows, not all adaptation interventions are expensive and the benefits are often felt immediately.

Furthermore, research from the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) shows that investing in climate adaptation can deliver healthy economic returns. The overall rate of return on investments in improved resilience is very high, with cost-benefit ratios ranging from 1:2 to 1:10, and in some cases even higher.

By Telesphor Magobe

Lessons Tanzania can learn from WJP Rule of Law Index 2021



LAST week we briefly looked at the right to acquire, hold, use and deal with land in Tanzania and said men and women have equal rights and are subject to the same restrictions where those restrictions are imposed by law.

Therefore, no person should be discriminated against on the basis of nationality, tribe, place of origin, political opinion, colour, religion, sex or station in life as doing so is not only unconstitutional, but also against regional and international instruments Tanzania has ratified.

Today, I invite you to look at the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021, which measures the rule of law based on the experiences and perceptions of the general public and in-country legal practitioners and experts worldwide.

WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 rankings are based on more than 138,000 household surveys and 4,200 legal practitioner and expert surveys worldwide. Specifically, the WJP Rule of Law Index is based on two sources of data collection.

The first is a general population poll (GPP) conducted by leading local polling companies, using a representative sample of 1,000 respondents, local legal practitioners and experts, which ensures findings reflect conditions experienced by actual people, including marginalised groups in each country and jurisdiction.

The second is based on qualified respondents' questionnaires (QRQs) completed by in-country legal practitioners, experts and academics with expertise in civil and commercial law, constitutional law, civil liberties and criminal law, labour law and public health.

The two sources of data offer only a few glimpses of how the rule of law is practised in each country and jurisdiction in terms of policy outcomes such as whether people have access to courts or whether crime is effectively controlled.

The WJP defines the rule of law as a durable system of laws, institutions, norms and community commitment that delivers four universal principles, namely accountability, just law, open government and accessible and impartial justice.

The four universal principles are further developed to include eight factors: 1) constraints on government powers, 2) absence of corruption, 3)

open government, 4) fundamental rights, 5) order and security, 6) regulatory enforcement, 7) civil justice and 8) criminal justice. The eight factors serve as categories against which each country and jurisdiction is ranked in the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021.

According to the report, the first principle measures whether the law provides checks and balances on the exercise of power by

the state and its agents, as well as individuals and private entities (as measured in factors 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the WJP Rule of Law index 2021).

The second principle measures whether the state limits the actions of members of society and fulfills its basic duties so that the public interest is served, people are protected from violence and all members of society have access to dispute settlement and

grievance mechanisms (as measured in factors 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021).

In this report Tanzania is ranked as one of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions across the world. The aim of this report in my opinion is to learn from it and see which factors of the rule of law we can improve so that in the future we may score higher than what we did last year.

The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 assesses a given country and jurisdiction's adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of ordinary people and their experiences in everyday situations, such as whether they can access public services and whether a dispute among neighbours can be resolved peacefully and cost-effectively by an independent adjudicator.

"This diagnostic tool will help identify strengths and weaknesses within each country or jurisdiction, and encourage policy choices, guide programme development, and inform research to strengthen the rule of law within and across [the surveyed] countries and jurisdictions," reads part of the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021.

Overall rankings show Tanzania ranked 100th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions worldwide, which was one position higher than the previous year's global ranking. But is there any reason to frown because of this? I don't think so because the report just shows we can still do better as a country if we work on the factors we scored low.

"No society has ever attained—let alone sustained—a perfect realisation of the rule of law. Every country faces the perpetual

challenge of building and renewing structures, institutions and norms that can support and sustain a rule of law culture."

In East Africa, Tanzania ranked second after Rwanda, which ranked 42nd in the global ranking. In sub-Saharan Africa, Tanzania ranked 12th out of the 33 surveyed countries. In the category of the rule of law around the world by income (lower-middle income), Tanzania ranked 17th out of the 35 surveyed countries and jurisdictions.

In the category of constraints on government powers Tanzania ranked 77th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions. In the category of absence of corruption, Tanzania ranked 90th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions.

In the category of open government, Tanzania ranked 120th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions. In the category of fundamental rights, Tanzania ranked 112th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions. In the category of order and security, Tanzania ranked 87th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions.

In the category of regulatory enforcement, Tanzania ranked 101st of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions. In the category of civil justice, Tanzania ranked 87th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions and in the category of criminal justice, Tanzania ranked 89th out of the 139 surveyed countries and jurisdictions.

Therefore, the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 should serve as a stepping stone through which we can make the rule of law correspond better to the rule of justice in our country.

Today's proverb: "Never cross the bridge until you have come to it."

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When enviable success leads to misery and mediocre brings happiness

WE always talk about motivation, inspiration, success and leading a phenomenal life. Social media, movies, books and other forms of literature are full of content that challenges to you get up and prove yourself or else succumb to leading a mediocre life.

So what is a mediocre life? By today's definition of successful life, our parents' lives and their parents' lives would be easily considered mediocre. Yes, those who lived before the comforts we enjoy today lived very average life.

But when you look at it closely, sometimes the so-called success can lead to misery and the hated mediocre life can bring health, peace and joy. For instance, my father was a highly successful man by today's standards until he wasn't. The so-called highly successful life gave him health problems and friends and enemies who stole from him much that I cannot mention here.

Ironically, when he succumbed to a life that many would now consider mediocre or unsuccessful, he became happier and his health improved. He balanced his priorities and lived simply. He learned the hard way that life of impressing others cannot bring peace.

My mother raised seven of us against almost unfair odds but here we are. Someone asked my sister what work my mom was involved in before she 'retired'. The lady was shocked that my mom had never 'worked' outside the house.

Yet, you cannot dismiss the energy, dedication, patience and perseverance it takes to raise seven children. She sewed all our clothes herself, cooked everything from scratch and had neither blender nor vacuum-cleaner. Remember, there was no luxury of disposable diapers today's moms enjoy!

Our grandparents and parents never felt the urge to prove themselves to anyone. If they fed, clothed and educated their children and those of their needy relatives or raised their children and dependants to good morals and character, they considered themselves successful.

They were happy with the little they had because they led simple lives. Fast forward to today and all being demanded from you is: Prove yourself! See, I believe that the only person you have to prove yourself to, if you must prove yourself at all, is yourself.

I abhor the messages being por-



trayed that in order to be successful, you must sacrifice a good night's sleep; you must hustle until your signature becomes an autograph, that on your way to greatness, you must trust no one and certainly depend on no one.

You will almost always end up missing your children's most important events when you adopt this mindset and you begin to see sleep and rest as something only for the weak. Yeah, that rest is for those lazy fellows who cannot hustle hard enough and achieve something that can impress

others. I am appalled at the messages being bombarded at our young ones, especially from our education system that places more emphasis on grades than skills, on working hard instead of working smart. That play, rest and balance are for those who live abroad. This is why there are no extracurricular activities in our schools anymore.

Life is all about balance. It is about being present to appreciate whatever moment you are in. What have we been sold to? Mediocrity is when

you exchange your wellbeing, your health and time spent with those you love in pursuit of being king or queen.

There is also this controversial statement that you should do each day as if it was the end of your life. If it were the end of my life today, I would not spend it chasing accolades in front of a computer or stuck with people or a job I don't particularly like just to be seen I am not living a mediocre life.

It would not matter whether I have a PhD or make billions. Getting a PhD should not be an end in itself neither making trillions. Not when it means I have no time for connecting with family and friends or my health.



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RUNCORN

UK's new PM faces 80s playlist: recession, unrest and inflation

BRITAIN'S prime minister in waiting Liz Truss models herself on Margaret Thatcher, judging by her photo ops echoing famous images of the country's first female premier.

If Truss becomes leader of the ruling party on Monday as is widely expected, she'll need all the grit and guile of the Iron Lady as she walks into a scene straight out of the 1980s: a looming recession, industrial unrest and urban decay.

In a sign of the times, an area straddling the River Mersey near Liverpool that was once an industrial heartland now has a less illustrious claim to fame: families there are seeking protection from creditors at the fastest rate in the country.

South of the river in Runcorn, where business parks and logistics centers stand alongside boarded up shops and churches asking for donations for desperate families, ex-soldier Eddie Thompson is taken aback by what has become of his hometown.

Returning after 38 years in the military, Thompson quickly volunteered to manage food banks as the sight of so many people sliding into destitution, unable to cope with soaring food and energy prices, took him back to the bitter days of the 1980s.

"I think it's shocking," the 57-year-old told Reuters.

When Thatcher came to power in 1979, she inherited a stagnant economy, surging inflation and waves of industrial unrest that she crushed in the following years, bringing in the free-market policies that defined her legacy and endure today.

Rising through the party ranks, Truss has been photographed in a tank, wearing a Russian hat in Red Square and sitting astride a Triumph motorcycle, all resembling photos of Thatcher.

If Truss beats former finance minister Rishi Sunak in an election to lead the ruling Conservative Party and becomes prime minister, she will face similar strife.

Surging wholesale gas prices, driven higher by the Ukraine war, are hitting countries across Europe but Britain is particularly dependent on gas for electricity and heating, pushing its inflation rate above all other major



Contender to become the country's next Prime minister and leader of the Conservative party British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss cheers prior to the UEFA Women's Euro 2022 final football match between England and Germany at the Wembley stadium, in London, on July 31, 2022. (JUSTIN TALLIS / AFP)

economies.

Growth is stalling and workers smarting from years of non-existent real wage growth - from train drivers to barristers to nurses - are spoiling for a fight for higher salaries to compensate for inflation running at 10 percent.

On the campaign trail, Truss has said she will provide help but has not given details, beyond saying she prefers tax cuts to "handouts", while Sunak says support should be more targeted.

'They will be prayed for'

The cost of the turbulence is evident in places such as Runcorn, where former soldier Thompson distributes emergency parcels to six food banks in the town helping those who cannot make ends meet - many of whom are in full-time employment.

"I have witnessed people who haven't eaten for days on end and the only reason they've crossed that threshold is because it's starting to affect their dependents," he said.

Runcorn's food banks catered for 3,295 people in 2017/18 but four years later that figure hit 5,881 - similar to the workforce once employed locally by Imperial Chemicals Industries, which dominated the area through the 20th Century.

The St Michaels and All Angels Church in Runcorn urges its congregation to buy one extra item in the weekly shop for donations - deodorants, shower gels, period products, baby food.

Bethesda Church offers tea and prayer to those collecting emergency food parcels. "Not everyone will accept the offer, but that's OK. They will be prayed for anyway after they have left," it says on its website.

Food bank staff say many people arrive in tears. One hospital worker wore sunglasses to hide her eyes.

"She was in work," said Anne McPoland, chair of the food bank's board of trustees. "But she was like, 'I'm so ashamed, I don't want anyone to see me.'"

Usually visits to food banks reduce in summer as people spend less on energy, but this year demand has stayed high.

The biggest threat to households now comes from the surging price of energy. Average annual bills are set to jump by 80 percent in October to 3,549 pounds (\$4,130), before an expected rise to 6,000 pounds in 2023, decimating personal finances.

The Trussell Trust, which supports a nationwide network of food banks, says it sees a spike in applicants every time the price cap on energy bills rises.

and nearby areas in parliament say they are getting more and more messages from families and businesses who can no longer pay their bills.

"I'm getting more emails in capital letters, which is always a bad sign," Mike Amesbury of the opposition Labour Party said.

'Fractures in society'

Derek Twigg, who has represented Halton for Labour for 25 years, said the difference between now and the 1980s, when he worked for the local council, was the number of middle-income families approaching him for help.

"I can't recall, apart from that time in the 80s, that there has been such a traumatic period, from the pandemic onwards," he said. "Inflation is causing real financial hardship. It feels like those fractures in society are happening again."

Halton's ability to respond is limited by a 31 percent cut to the borough council's budget over the last decade, imposed as part of national austerity measures in the wake of the fallout from the global financial crisis.

And more cuts are on the way, forcing a greater reliance on charities. FareShare, which distributes surplus food from retailers and farmers, has handed out 40,000 meals in Halton so far this year.

So far, the government has responded to the energy crisis with a 37 billion pound package in May, which included a 400 pound credit for energy bills from October and a one-off payment of 650 pounds for 8 million low-income households.

Since then, energy costs have more than trebled.

The gap between people's wages and their cost of living has already led to widespread industrial action nationwide and Runcorn was hit by the fallout when bus strikes made it harder for people to get to food banks.

Thompson said local businesses were hugely supportive but he still felt the country was heading back to the 1980s. "From the litter on the streets to the strikes, to the unrest and to the suffering of people in food poverty and fuel crisis: they cannot keep up with the cost of living," he said.

Agencies

The two lawmakers representing Runcorn

According to him, it took five years for Chinese scientists to set the new record, during which they made over 10 technological revolutions and solved a number of problems, making major technical breakthroughs.

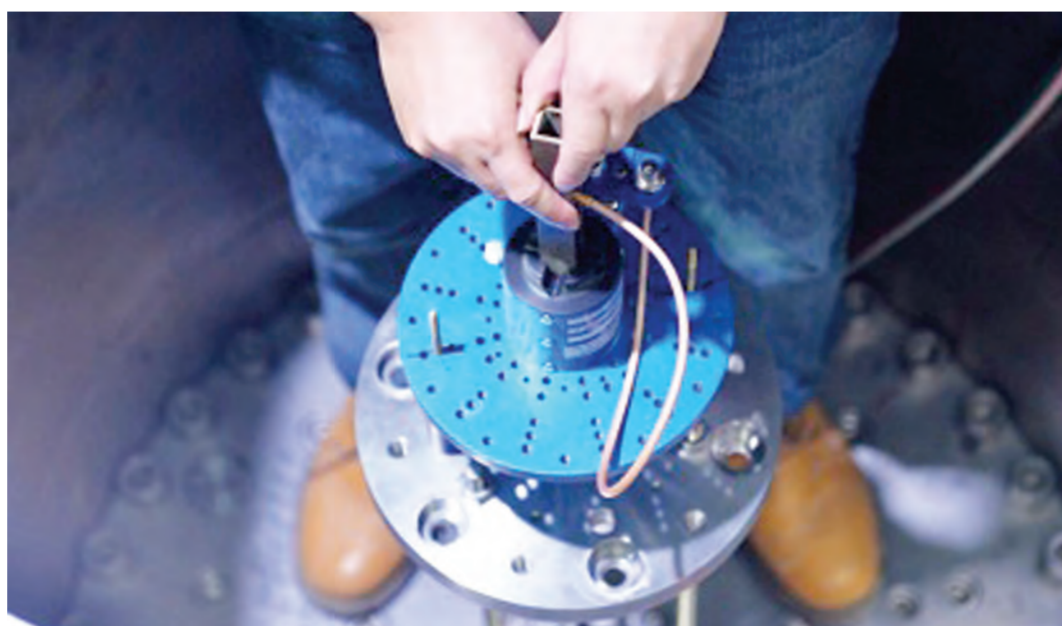
The new record has laid a solid foundation for the establishment of an opto-magnetic facility, another major science facility planned by the CAS High Magnetic Field Laboratory.

Kuang Guangli, academic director of the laboratory introduced that the opto-magnetic facility will include a series of magnet devices with the world's highest steady-state magnetic field represented by 55-Tesla hybrid magnets and 36-Tesla superconductive magnets, as well as advanced wave sources such as microwave and visible light.

It will be used to build a batch of opto-magnetic measurement systems in high magnetic fields that aim to solve bottlenecks of major national needs in the development of new electronic materials, research and application of high-temperature superconductivity mechanisms, new medicine development and manufacturing of special materials.

People's Daily

China sets world record in steady high magnetic field research



In 2016, the research team of the High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Chinese Academy of Sciences produced a steady field of 40 Tesla, the second highest in the world. Photo shows a researcher installing experimental equipment. (Photo by Xu Minhao/People's Daily Online)

By Xu Jing.

CHINESE scientists recently produced a steady field of 452,200 gauss, or 45.22 Tesla, beating the previous world record set nearly 23 years ago to become the highest steady magnetic field by a working magnet in the world.

The new world record occurred at the hybrid magnet of the Steady High Magnetic Field Facility (SHMFF) in Hefei, east China's Anhui province, indicating China's ability to provide firm support for scientists' exploration of the physical world.

A solenoid can produce a magnetic field when an electric current passes through it - the higher the current, the stronger the magnetic field. That's how the hybrid magnet of the SHMFF was designed.

However, larger electric currents would also lead to a surging electromagnetic force upon the conductor, hence extraordinarily increasing the heat of the hybrid magnet. Therefore, precise, stable and advanced materials and processing techniques are needed to generate a stronger magnetic field that's steady and controllable.

The Earth's magnetic field is about 0.5 gauss, which is able to make the magnetized needle of any compass in the world point to the south. The record-breaking steady field generated by China's SHMFF this time, which stands at 452,000 gauss, is 900,000 times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field.

The steady high magnetic field creates extreme

experimental conditions for the study of physical science and contributes to major scientific discoveries. It helps scientists find new physical phenomena and

laws of matter. Widely applied in physics, chemistry, material science, life science and engineering, the high magnetic field is a tool for crossover stud-

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UAE-led project makes groundbreaking discovery in Zanzibar's famed Stone Town

By Special Correspondent

A heritage project led by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is shedding new light on the origins of Zanzibar's Stone Town.

Archaeologists have discovered evidence of an original settlement at the UNESCO World Heritage site in Tanzania that dates back to the 11th century.

It proves the town – previously thought to be an 18th century Omani Arab town – was actually established much earlier by local Swahili people, archaeologists believe.

During a major dig this summer, they unearthed traces of homes, cooking pits and significant amounts of pottery from this era.

They were then able to pinpoint the settlement's transition to stone buildings by the 14th century.

These stone houses gave the trading centre on the east African coast its unique appearance and were ultimately how it got its name.

Zanzibar Minister for Tourism and Heritage, Simai Mohammed Said, visits the site during the summer. Photo: Zanzibar Ministry for Tourism and Heritage

Zanzibar Minister for Tourism and Heritage, Simai Mohammed Said, visits the site during the summer. Photo: Zanzibar Ministry for Tourism and Heritage

Stone Town became the powerful capital of the Omani Arab Empire in the 19th century and many major buildings were constructed at this time. But the Emirati-funded work has shown how the trading centre developed much earlier than previously thought.

"Our excavations found walls of houses, stone architecture and established that it was urbanised in a much earlier period than historically thought," said Prof Tim Power of UAE University.

"We can now say that the town was built centuries before the Omanis arrived."

The project, which started this year, is collaboration between UAE University, New York University Abu Dhabi, the Royal Agricultural University in the UK and the Department of Antiquities in Zanzibar.

Archaeologists from Abu Dhabi's department of culture and tourism and students from State University of Zanzibar also volunteered for the project.

Stone Town's Old Fort, built during the Omani era, was the focus of the dig. The fort could be compared with Abu Dhabi's Qasr Al Hosn, said Prof Power, as it was the nexus of military and political power and also functioned as a customs house.

A test pit dug in the 1980s unearthed pot sherds suggesting this, but Prof Power said this could be described as a sort of background noise. Another dig led by Prof Power in 2017 also yielded promising results.

This year, two trenches made in the fort's courtyard were dug to a depth of two metres, uncovering rubbish pits, cooking fires,



walls, floors, the remains of a Portuguese church, significant amounts of pottery and even evidence of a mosque – structures that show an intensification of human settlement.

The teams were able to date the pieces by comparing the types of pottery unearthed to those found in other excavations.

"We found a lot of imported pottery, especially from China," said Nour Al Marzooqi, an archaeologist at Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism, who worked at the site over the summer.

"It is similar to what we found in the UAE," said Ms Al Marzooqi. "But we also found local Swahili pottery such as cookware."

Archaeologists stumbled upon a carved block from a mosque that once existed at the site but has yet to be found. The project also uncovered one of the walls of a Portuguese church that had been demolished and integrated into the fort.

Archaeologists found the wall footings and floor of the church, under which dozens of Christian graves were found dating to the 16th and 17th centuries, when an Augustinian mission stood on the site.

"The excavations go back in time in a focused way," said Prof

Robert Parthesius, who leads NYUAD's Dhakira Centre for Heritage Studies, the entity funding the project.

"And the ceramics found come from so many different periods. It gives an insight into all those centuries and we now we have come to the 11th century."

Stone Town started as a small fishing village but grew rapidly on the back of trade networks that developed across the Indian Ocean.

It came under Portuguese, Omani and European influence but always retained its Swahili identity. It was the capital of the Omani Arab Empire in the 19th century and became very wealthy.

"It was like the Venice of East Africa," said Prof Power. "There was a major trade in ivory, ebony wood and slaves. Omani Arabs also developed clove plantations and it became the leading supplier of cloves in the world."

"This prosperity is reflected in the architecture," said Prof Power. "There are beautiful merchant houses with carved doors and blocks. They are absolutely gorgeous."

The project explores the cosmopolitan and multifaceted history of the town and how it plugs into the intricate and vibrant

trade networks that existed across the Indian Ocean into the Gulf through the centuries from its foundation.

A lot of trade was conducted on dhows that sailed from the Gulf to Zanzibar and this relationship was important. Stone Town was a market for Arabian goods such as dates and source of labour.

Despite the many different ethnicities and differences, a shared culture and way of life also existed.

"This project is bringing to life the Indian Ocean during the Golden Age of Islam," said Prof Power, referring to the period between the 8th and 14th centuries, when there was a flourishing of cultural, economic and scientific advancement.

"It was a place where people did amazing things. This diversity and range of characters has been obscured by European colonialism, which split these regions into different territories, and also the post-colonial movement and ethnic nationalism. But there was shared culture across the Indian Ocean at this time."

Zanzibar's Minister for Tourism and Heritage Simai Said visited the site of the dig in the summer and said it was an "exciting new discovery" for the archipelago.

"We are happy to host an Emirati-funded archaeology project," he said. "It will help us in our mission to communicate the island's rich heritage and culture to tourists and local people alike."

The work will continue in January when a further expedition is planned. It is also hoped to create a museum at the site to present some of the finds from the excavations to the public.

"This initiative is so important not only for understanding Indian Ocean trade networks but also useful for people living in Stone Town," said Prof Parthesius, whose work at the centre seeks to forge collaborations with local heritage organisations.

"Our work seeks to bridge the divides. We want to make sure people don't feel like we have come to teach them. And by working together, more people can be trained in archaeology and we can learn from each other."

Stamico registers milestone success in the mining sector

By Guardian Reporter

A LONG held narrative that state owned enterprises cannot perform in delivering quality services and innovative products is slowly changing, thanks to the astonishing turnaround of events happening at the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO).

The erstwhile 'white elephant' corporation is now a fitting case study of how government-owned companies can be successfully run for the public interest and positively contribute to nation building endeavours.

STAMICO, which celebrated its gold anniversary a fortnight ago, on August 12 was established by the government with a purpose of overseeing the country's mining sector and make sure that Tanzanians benefit from a whole supply chain mining activities.

For several reasons, this did not happen. Because of incompetency, STAMICO was listed among corporations suitable for privatization in 1997.

But upon close scrutiny, the government backtracked the decision in 2008. Further huge transformations done on mining legislations in 2017 and the Ministry of Minerals' decision to restructure all its allied institutions would clear a road to a new STAMICO as we know it today.

However, one factor changed it all for the better. A new management under Dr Venance Mwashe did the 'magic'.

"The management responded to the tone at the top. We knew what the government wanted and swiftly acted," said STAMICO's newly appointed Director General, Dr. Venance Mwashe.

Dr Mwashe who has been acting at the position since October 2019 is credited for being at the centre of all transforma-



STAMICO director general Dr Venance Mwashe briefs Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango (2nd L) during the corporation's 50th anniversary held in Dodoma recently. Left is the Minister for Minerals, Dr Doto Biteko.

tions at STAMICO.

He singles out the government's political will, a new corporation's structure and a powerful board as factors that have led to huge positive changes in a short time. The successes registered by STAMICO within less than five years ago speak volumes of what it means to think out of the box.

Here are some examples, Kiwira coal mine which has stopped operating since 2012 is now up and running. STAMICO that owns the mines by 100 percent has already refurbished all necessary infrastructures.

The production is on. Within a short time, STAMICO has been able to repair a huge generator that also distributes power to nearby villages, water infrastructure, roads and a bridge which also helps sur-

rounding villagers.

"We have recently signed an agreement to sell 60,000 tons of coal every month that will generate a total of 4.12bn/- a month," noted Dr Mwashe during the institution's 50th years anniversary in Dodoma recently.

Another milestone reached by STAMICO is bringing in the country a modern gold refinery technology currently used at the Mwanza Precious Metals Refinery Company.

STAMICO continues to venture and be a leader in drilling activities in the Tanzania mining sector. On helping small miners, the corporation has already imported five drilling machines expected in the country in a few months.

The budget for more than five drilling machines has already been budgeted in this fi-

nancial year. The corporation has signed agreements with three banks with a purpose of making it easier for giving loans to small miners.

Under these agreements, STAMICO acts as a guarantor to small miners. Under a special program, the corporation has a window to help distinct groups such as women miners and miners with hearing disability.

Another success has been an introduction of a new innovative and environmentally friendly renewable energy made from coal dusts called Rafiki Briquette.

Apart from generating income, the alternative source of energy will help endeavours to move from using charcoal and firewood hence preserving the country's environment.

This effort will help Tanzania

benefit from what is called carbon credit due to reduction of carbon gas emission from the environment. For the first time ever, in 2021, the organization gave a total of 1.2bn/- dividend to the government while a total of 2.2bn/- was provided during the 50 years celebrations on 12 August, 2022 in Dodoma.

The corporation expects to provide a 5bn/- dividend next year. The corporation has registered a whopping increase in revenue from 1.36bn/- in 2018/2019 financial year to 48.9bn/- in the financial year ending June 2022.

STAMICO estimates to reach a 70bn/- mark in revenues in 2022/2023 financial year. The corporation got clean audit certificates for two years running in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial

years. In addition, STAMICO was an overall winner during the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) for two consecutive years in 2021 and 2022.

Speaking at the 50 years anniversary celebration event for STAMICO, the guest of honour, Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango cautioned that the success registered by the corporation should not make the management become complacent but instead work harder.

He said the sixth phase government will continue to support and strengthen the corporation by working on the challenges of few staff and unfriendly procurement procedures.

Dr Mpango commended members of the corporation for increasing efficiency in recent years, innovation, improving productivity and decrease of government's dependency.

He said the government seeks to create more employment through mining activities and significantly contribute to nation building. He cautioned all loss-making state corporations in Tanzania to re-evaluate themselves, take necessary measures to improve or else risk to be de-registered.

He encouraged Dr Mwashe and the team to continue working hard and said the government recognizes what they do.

Seif Khamis Said Gulamali, Deputy Chair, Parliamentary Energy and Minerals Committee praised the corporation for being able to reduce government's dependence from 89 percent five years ago to the current 13 percent.

"We hope that they will be able to be self-reliant by 100 percent in the near future," Gulamali said.

Minister of State, Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Dr Selemani Jafo

called upon other organisations in Tanzania to emulate STAMICO by adding an environment component in whatever they do.

He also called upon STAMICO to scale up the production of Rafiki Briquette to help Tanzanians shift from using charcoal and firewood which harm the environment.

Minister for Minerals, Dr Doto Biteko urged the corporation to think of competing internationally.

"Tanzania is a great nation. People must come to learn from us. We must think big," Dr Biteko noted.

He thanked VP Mpango for his readiness to support his Ministry and President Samia Suluhu Hassan for creating a conducive working environment for the growth of small, middle and big scale mining activities in Tanzania.

Specifically, he pointed out the outstanding growth of small mining activities under the sixth phase government, something he said was never the case before.

STAMICO's board of directors' chairperson Maj. Gen (Rtd) Michael Isamuhyo thanked the government for instilling a sense of innovation and thinking differently toward achieving all the said achievements at the corporation and promised Vice President to work on all directives he gave especially continuing supporting small scale miners, environmental conservation and safety at work places and more trainings to skilled craftsmen in the mining sector.

All the ground-breaking progress reached at STAMICO happened from 2019 when Dr Mwashe took the mantle to lead the organization as acting Director General until last week when he was officially appointed by the President Samia.

LIMA

BANNING the use of the same bathroom, insults and calling people animals are just a few of the daily forms of racism experienced by people in Peru, a multicultural, multiethnic and multilingual country where various forms of discrimination are intertwined.

"In the houses where I have worked, they have always told me: 'Teresa, this is the service bathroom, the one you have to use,' as if they were disgusted that I might use their toilets," Teresa Mestanza, 56, who has worked as a domestic in Lima since she was a teenager, told IPS.

She was born in a coastal town in the northern department of Lambayeque, where her parents moved from the impoverished neighboring region of Cajamarca, the homeland of current President Pedro Castillo, a rural teacher and trade unionist with indigenous features.

With Quechua indigenous roots, she considers herself to be "mestiza" or mixed-race and believes that her employers treat her differently, making her feel inferior because of the color of her skin.

Sixty percent of the population of this South American country of 33 million people describe themselves as "mestizo", according to the 2017 National Census, the last one carried out in Peru.

For the first time, the census included questions on ethnic self-identification to provide official data on the indigenous and Afro-Peruvian population in order to develop public policies aimed at closing the inequality gap that affects their rights.

A study by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) ranks Peru as the country with the third largest indigenous population in the region, after Bolivia and Guatemala.

Racism hurts people and democracy in Peru



Enrique Anpay is 24 years old and finished his university studies in Lima last year, where he experienced episodes of racism that still hurt him to remember. In the picture he is seen carrying one of his grandmother's lambs in the Quechua farming community of Pomacocha, where he is from, in the central Andean region of Peru. Photo courtesy of Enrique Anpay

Before the invasion by the Spaniards, several native peoples lived in what is now Peru, where the Tahuantinsuyo, the great Inca empire, emerged. At present, there are officially 55 different indigenous peoples, 51 from the Amazon rainforest region and four from the Andes highlands, which preserve their own languages, identities, customs and forms of social organization.

According to the census, a quarter of the population self-identified as indigenous: 22 percent Quechua, two percent Aymara and one percent Am-azonian indigenous, while four percent self-identified as Afro-descendant or black.

During the Spanish colonial period, slaves were brought from Africa to do hard labor or work in domestic service. It was not until three decades after independence was declared that the country abolished slavery, in 1854.

Indigenous and Afro-Peruvian pop-ulations are historically discriminated against in Peru, in a country with traditionally highly segmented classes. Their needs and demands have not been met by the State despite legal frameworks that seek to guarantee equality and non-discrimination and specific rights for indigenous peoples.

This situation is reflected on a daily level in routine racism, a problem recognized by more than half of the population (52 percent) but assumed as such by only eight percent, according to a national survey conducted by the Ministry of Culture in 2018.

"Racism is hushed up because it hurts less" A journalist, activist, and radio and television host who was chosen by Forbes Peru magazine as one of the 50 most powerful women in the country this year, Sofia Carrillo is an Afro-Peruvian proud of her roots who has faced many obstacles and "no's" since childhood.

Faced with these messages she had only two options. "Either you believe it or you confront the situation and use it as a possibility to show that it is not true. I shouldn't have to prove myself more than other people, but in a country as racist and as sexist as this one, that was the challenge I took on and what motivated me throughout all the stages of my life," she said.

In her home racism was not a taboo subject, and was discussed. But this was not the case in the extended family of cousins and aunts and uncles "because it's better not to be aware of the situation, so it hurts less; it's a way to protect yourself," Carrillo said.

"It is not uncommon for people of African descent to even say that they do not feel affected by racism or discrimination, because we have also been taught this in our families: that it will affect you if you identify it, but if you pretend it does not happen, then it is much easier to deal with," she said.

Her experience as a black woman has included receiving insults since she was a child and sexual harassment in public spaces, in transportation, on the street, "to be looked at as a sexual object, to be dehumanized," she said.

She has also had to deal with prejudices about her abilities in the workplace. And although she has never stopped raising her voice in protest, it has affected her.

"Now I can admit that it affected my mental health, it led to periods of deep depression. I did not understand why, what the reasons were, because you also try to hide it, you try to bury it deep inside. But I understood that one way to heal was to talk about my own experiences," Carrillo said.

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Racism to the point of calling people animals

Enrique Anpay Laupa, 24, studied psychology at a university in Lima, thanks to the government scholarship program Beca 18, which helps high-achieving students living in poverty or extreme poverty.

Originally from the rural community of Pomacocha, made up of some 90 native Quechua families in the central Andes highlands region of Apurimac, he still finds it difficult to talk about the racism he endured during his time in Lima, until he graduated last year.

He spoke to IPS from the town of Andahuaylas, in Apurimac, where he now lives and practices as a psychologist. "In 2017 we were 200 scholarship holders entering the university, more than other years, and we noticed discomfort among the students from Lima," he said.

"They said that since we arrived the bathrooms were dirtier, things were getting lost, like laptops...I was quite shocked, it was a question of skin color," he said.

During a group project, a student from the capital even told him "shut up, llama" when he made a comment. (The llama is a domesticated South American camelid native to the Andes region of Peru.)

"I kept silent and no one else said anything either," Anpay said. Although he preferred not to go into more details, the experience of what he went through kept him from encouraging his younger brother to apply for Beca 18 and to push him to study instead at the public university in Andahuaylas.

Racism affects the whole country Racism is felt as a personal experience but affects whole communities and the entire country.

Carrillo said: "We can see this in the levels of impoverishment: the last census, from 2017, indicates that 16 percent of people who self-identify as 'white' and 'mestizo' live in poverty as opposed to the Afro-Peruvian population, where poverty stands at around 30 percent, the Amazonian indigenous population (40 percent) and the Andean indigenous population (30 percent)."

A study by the National Institute of Statistics and Informatics on the evolution of poverty between 2010 and 2021 showed that it affected to the greatest extent the population who spoke a native mother tongue, i.e. indigenous people.

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Word fit puzzle grid with a 10x10 grid and clues.

- 3 LETTERS: CRY, ICE, ORE
4 LETTERS: LOAD, SOME, ODDS, RACE, AIDE, GOLD, MALL
5 LETTERS: ADAPT, DODGE, SEMEN, ACRES, CHEER
6 LETTERS: EMPIRE, MAIDEN, AGENDA, ASSIST, ENDURE
7 LETTERS: MANDELA
8 LETTERS: CLIMATES
10 LETTERS: SUGARCANES

Crossword puzzle grid with 20 numbered squares.

- CLUES: Across
1 New country in Africa
5 laid by female birds
7 a church decree
8 a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
10 deploy as a means of achieving something
11 to choose
13 a chemical substance soluble in water, sour in taste
15 a piece of writing on a topic
17 officials who watch matches to ensure that rules are adhered to
19 a thought
20 something forming an edge or border

- Down:
1 stalk of a plant
2 to try to make someone to do something
3 a kind of freehold tenure based on interrupted possession
4 to awaken
6 the exchange of goods for money
7 part in the middle
9 responded to something
12 Lake Victoria in Kenya
14 fear, horror
16 a soft lustre on a surface
17 one of many narrow bones surrounding the chest
18 money charged for something

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BUSINESS



TCC factory in Dar es Salaam PHOTO/FILE

TCC board appoints Takashi Araki as new CEO and GM

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) board has announced the appointment of Takashi Araki to be the new General Manager and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.

The statement issued by the company director of legal affairs & company secretary Godson Killiza yesterday said Takashi replaces Michal Bachan who has been relocated to another JTI function outside Tanzania.

According to the statement, the appointment of Araki will commence effectively from 1st day of October 2022.

Further reference is made to the meeting of the Board of Directors of Tanzania Cigarette Public Limited Company (TCC Plc) held on 24th August 2022.

Unaudited company's financial results for the six months ended June 30 shows profit after tax also gained by 31.5 percent to 31.4bn/- from 23.8bn/- respectively.

Earnings per share, both basic and diluted, increased by 31.5 percent to 314/- during the first half of this year from 239/- earned during similar half of last year.

The company board chairman Paul Makanza noted on the report profit before tax increased by 23.5 percent to 52.6 billion due to strong volume performance and operating costs efficiencies.

He said that give strong results to June 30, short to medium term operational and investment needs to sustain top-line growth, the board of directors has recommended an interim ordinary grow dividend of 300/- per share payment.

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The proposed dividend per share is higher than 250/- paid during similar half last year.

Makanza said the proposed interim dividends payment will be subjected to 5 percent withholding tax and will be paid on October 11, this year.

The company share will therefore be traded cum-dividend until September 2022.

"The directors expect solid first-half volume momentum will continue in the second half of 2022," he said. "The management is on track to deliver on its full-year commitment, aided by a more conducive business environment, a robust strategy and a committed team."

The results show the company operating cash flow before movement in working capital increased to 61bn/- from 47bn/- while cash flows from operating activities went up to 64.8bn/- from 43bn/- respectively.

Revenue increased by 10.8 percent to 168.1bn/- during the first half of this year from 151.7bn/- recorded during the first half of last year while cost of sale was up by 6.4 percent to 71.5bn/- from 67.7bn/- respectively.

The increase of revenue, according to the chairman driven by strong domestic and exports volume performance as overall volume increased 14.2 percent compared to similar period in 2021.

The results shows the company total assets slowed to 260.9bn/- from 270.1bn/- respectively due to decrease in both assets and current assets.

Assets shrunk to 83.9bn/- from 86.5bn/- due to decrease of right-of-use assets and property, plant and equipment.

Oil edges up ahead of OPEC+ meeting

SINGAPORE

Oil prices climbed on Friday on bets that OPEC+ will discuss output cuts at a meeting on Sept. 5, though fears of China's COVID-19 curbs and weak global growth continued to limit gains and a potential cap on the price of Russian exports loomed.

Brent crude futures rose \$1.23, or 1.3%, to \$93.59 a barrel at 0630 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures advanced \$1.25, or 1.4%, to \$87.86 a barrel.

Both benchmark contracts slid 3% in the previous session to two-week lows. Brent was headed for a weekly drop of nearly 7%, and WTI was on track to fall about 5% for the week.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies, together called OPEC+, are due to meet on Sept. 5 against a backdrop of sliding prices and falling demand, even as top producer Saudi Arabia says supply remains tight.

"We expect the group to leave output targets unchanged. Their own numbers show a tighter-than-expected market and they would probably also want some more clarity on Iranian supply before making any big changes to

output policy," said Warren Patterson, head of commodity research at ING.

OPEC+ this week slashed its demand outlook, now forecasting demand to lag supply by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) in 2022, but it expects a market deficit of 300,000 bpd in its base case for 2023.

The market is also keeping a lookout for a potential price cap on Russian oil exports.

G7 finance ministers are expected to firm up plans on Friday to impose a price cap on Russian oil aimed at slashing revenue for Moscow's war in Ukraine, but keeping crude flowing to avoid price spikes. Russia calls its actions in Ukraine "a special operation".

Meanwhile, investors remain worried about the impact of the latest COVID-19 curbs in China. The city of Chengdu on Thursday ordered a lockdown that has hit manufacturers like Volvo.

"Oil prices have been facing a confluence of headwinds lately, with recent virus lockdowns in China coming after its lacklustre PMI readings pointing to a lower-for-longer growth picture and puts demand outlook at risk," said Yeap Jun Rong, market strategist at IG.

By Francis Kajubi

STAMIGOLD Company Limited a subsidiary of the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) will implement a drilling program in ongoing fiscal year targeting at recovering mineable resources from the Tulawaka mine, hence further extending the life of mine past 2026.

Stamigold General Manager Ali Said Ali told The Guardian in a recent interview that the company is confident to continue with new exploration investments in the Special Mining License (SML 157/2003) but also in company Prospecting Licenses (PL).

He said during the financial year 2020/21, the company conducted resource confirmation additional drilling in the special mining license which led to certain mineral resources of 86,000oz.

The resource recovered led to extension of the life of mine to the year 2026.

"The company has engaged the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) to conduct preliminary exploration in the four Prospecting Licenses (4 PL);

"The results from these exploration programs are expected to ascertain targets for mineral resource drilling hence further extend the Life of Mine and expand the mine operation beyond the special mining license acquired from African Barrick," said Ali.

Speaking about the mine environmental rehabilitation activity achievement Ali said the company has a mine closure plan (MCP) which has been approved by the Mining Commission. The plan guides rehabilitation of all disturbed areas.

He asserted that the rehabilitation of abandoned waste rock dump was done by planting trees and backfilling excavated pits by waste material from adjacent mining pits.

STAMICO took over Tulawaka mine in November, 2013, soon after

StamiGold targets more exploration at Tulawaka Mine



Tulawaka gold mine site in Biharamulo, Kagera PHOTO/FILE

that incorporated Stamigold Company Limited to take over and operate Stamigold Biharamulo mine in Biharamulo District, Kagera.

The Mine started mining operations in July, 2014. As to the date of this response, the mine has exceeded its planned production target.

STAMIGOLD has declared a total profit of 12.3billion/- from sales of gold up to 2020/2021.

Ali noted that since its inception in 2014, Stamigold has produced more than twice the initial planned ounces after the commission of the special mining license

SML157/2003 to STAMICO from African Barrick.

The production extension from the initial plan was achieved due to the hard work of Tanzanian experts in the mining field who worked on exploring for more resources and verification of inferred resources in the

area. "STAMICO has so far invested cash and non-cash assets worth 33.2billion/- (\$14,247,390). We are here to stay because based on the reserve, Life of Mine is seven years from 1st July, 2022," he clarified.

Tanga Cement issues cautionary notice on proposed acquisition

By Guardian Reporter

Tanga Cement Company has issued a cautionary notice to its shareholder over the proposed acquisition of 68.33 percent share the cement maker by Scancem International from Afrisam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited.

"Shareholders of Tanga are cautioned that there is no certainty that all the Conditions to the Acquisition will be fulfilled, or waived timeously. Therefore, there is no certainty that the Acquisition will be implemented," board chairma Lawrence Masha said in a notice issued yesterday.

This is the second cautionary notice to be issued by the cement producer over the period of two months, as the similar notice by the chairman was issued on July 4 this year.

Masha said shareholders are accordingly advised to continue to exercise caution when dealing in Tanga's securities until a further announcement regarding the completion of the acquisition is made.

Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) is listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange with the share price closed at 1,520/- on Thursday this week, and has the market capitalization of 96.78bn/-.

"The Board of Directors of Tanga understands that the parties to the share purchase agreement dated 22 October 2021 between Scancem, Afrisam and Afrisam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited in relation to the Acquisition have entered into a deed of amendment to extend the Longstop Date from 31 August 2022 to 30 September 2022 or such later date as the parties may agree (the Extension)," he said.

"Accordingly, the shareholders of Tanga are referred to the Subsequent Joint Announcement in relation to the Extension."

Further to the joint announcements made by HeidelbergCement AG ("Heidelberg Cement") and Afrisam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("Afrisam") on 26 October 2021 and 1 July 2022, the shareholders



Tanga cement Company Limited factory in Tanga PHOTO/FILE

of the Company are referred to the subsequent joint announcement by the aforementioned parties made on 1 September 2022 ("the Subsequent Joint Announcement")

The announcement provided an update in relation to the proposed acquisition by Scancem International DA ("Scancem"), a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga constituting Afrisam's 68.33 percent shareholding in Tanga ("the Acquisition").

Shareholders are therefore urged to read the Subsequent Joint Announcement, Masha added.

According to Abridged report issued on April 11 this year, the total indicative share trading liquidity for Tanga Cement Company Plc (SIMBA.tz) in the past 12 months, as of 5th April 2022, was \$460.79K (2.38bn/-), an average of

\$38.4K (198.27mn/-) per month.

Audited report for the year ended in December 2021 shows the group's sales revenue increased by 9 percent, to 231bn/- from 213bn/- achieved in 2020.

Congruent to the increase in revenue, the gross profit also increased by 14 percent to 61.7bn/- from 54.2bn/- achieved in the prior year.

The gross margin increased to 27 percent compared to 25 percent in 2020, despite major plant maintenance projects undertaken in 2021 and numerous electrical power dips and power outages which increased the costs of production.

The statement said the group incurred some once-off restructuring expenses during the year which resulted in a 13 percent decrease in the operating profit to 15bn/- in 2021 from 17bn/- in 2020.

These expenses mainly relate to derecognition of the kiln shell section which was replaced, and associated maintenance costs incurred to stabilise the production process.

The rationalization of the quarry mining operations to a more cost-effective outsourced solution also contributed to this once off increase.

The audited report shows the group recorded a profit before tax of 3.8bn/- in 2021 compared to the loss before tax of 0.63bn/- in 2020.

The increase in profit before tax was mainly due to the increase in gross profit and decrease in foreign exchange and fair value losses which mainly relate to the US dollar denominated term loan for the construction of the Kiln2 expansion project and the interest expense on lease liabilities.

Zambia debt relief to mix haircuts, maturity extensions

LUSAKA

Zambia's debt restructuring will be a mixture of haircuts to loans' original value and maturity extensions, a senior Zambian finance ministry official said Thursday, after the Fund approved a \$1.3 billion program for the southern African country.

Negotiations with creditors to restructure debt that reached \$17 billion at the end of 2021 are starting now, Mukuli Chikuba, the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, said at a joint Zambian government and IMF news conference in Zambia's capital Lusaka.

The IMF Executive Board approval, a crucial step in the southern African country's quest to restructure its debts and rebuild an economy ravaged by mismanagement and COVID-19, would unlock an immediate disbursement of about \$185 million, the Fund said on Wednesday.

Zambia became the first African country to default in the pandemic era in 2020,



Zambia's finance minister Situmbeko Musokotwane

struggling with debt that reached 120% of its gross domestic product.

stretching the repayment period...is a matter of negotiations. And that negotiation will reflect the preference

of the particular creditor," said Zambia's finance minister Situmbeko Musokotwane.

Some creditors "will choose to have their money faster," he said. "Others will choose not to have a haircut but get the money to be paid over a longer period of time."

China, Zambia's largest bilateral creditor, holding \$5.78 billion of its debt at the end of 2021 according to Zambian government data, has tended to opt for extending loan repayment periods in other restructurings, rather than writing down original loan value.

The Zambian officials declined to comment on how Chinese loans would be restructured, noting that the negotiations were ongoing.

The IMF's Debt Sustainability Analysis, which will form the basis of debt restructuring negotiations with Zambia's creditors, will be published early next week, IMF representative

Preya Sharma said at the press conference.

The outlook for Zambia is more positive but the government still has to do more, Sharma said.

The \$1.3 billion IMF loan has a zero interest rate, she said.

Half of the IMF loan will be used for budget support and half for the country's reserves, central bank governor Denny Kalyalya said, with price stability and building international reserves a priority.

Even after restructuring its debt, the level of servicing will still be "substantial", Musokotwane said.

He said, though, that confidence and exchange rate stability had returned to the economy.

Now that Zambia is on the IMF programme, future borrowing would be only on concessional terms, Secretary to the Treasury Felix Nkulukusa said.

Japanese yen depreciates 24-year low

TOKYO

Japanese Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said on Friday that Tokyo will take "appropriate" action as needed on the yen's slide to a fresh 24-year low against the dollar, signaling the chance of intervention to address market volatility.

"My impression is that currency market volatility has become somewhat high recently," Suzuki told a news conference.

"Excessive, disorderly currency moves could have a negative impact on the economy and financial conditions," he said. "We will respond appropriately as needed, working closely with authorities of other countries." The remarks came after Japan's top government spokesperson warned again on Friday that the authorities were watching currency moves with a high sense of urgency.

"It's important for currencies to move stably reflecting fundamentals. Sharp volatility is undesirable," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told a news conference.

"Currency market volatility is heightening recently, so the government will closely watch exchange-rate moves with a high sense of urgency," he said, repeating comments he made on Thursday.

The dollar hit a new 24-year high of 140.23 yen in overnight trading on Thursday, breaking above the psychologically-important 140 threshold on prospects of aggressive U.S. interest rate hikes. The dollar stood at 140.02 yen in early Asia trade on Friday.

Still, investors took the government's verbal warnings in stride as the yen's current weakness is in line with economic fundamentals driven by divergence in monetary policy and interest rate differentials between Japan and the United States.

The US Federal Reserve is expected to continue large-scale rate hikes this month to temper price pressures while the Bank of Japan sticks to powerful monetary easing to support a fragile economy with still low inflation. "The yen weakening has been in line with fundamentals, caused by rapid U.S. rate hikes, which is hard to resist," said Masafumi Yamamoto, chief FX strategist at Mizuho Securities.

"The yen will likely weaken further to 142 yen. At this stage, dollar-selling intervention or BOJ rate hikes would be nothing but a drop in the bucket in shifting the tide."

Low livestock productivity hampers benefits in dairy sector

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ALTHOUGH Tanzania has the competitive advantage of a large number of livestock in Africa, opportunities within the dairy sub-sector is still far from fully utilization.

Data show Tanzania ranked the second with highest number of cattle in Africa, with over 33m head, after Ethiopia, with 65m head of cattle.

However, Tanzania's livestock sector productivity remains the biggest concern, continuing to limit growth as it is smallholder in the main.

Public sector participation in livestock rearing for cattle breeding has been shrinking over the past decades, by underperformance of the National Ranching Company (NARCO).

The dairy sub-sector is now contributing 30 percent of livestock sector output, being 7.0 percent of total economic activity, current data suggests, with 3.4bn litres of milk per year.

About 77m litres of milk is being processed, which experts say reflects high post-harvest-losses that affect incomes of cattle keepers, on the basis of affirmations by the Tanzania Dairy Board.

Rehema Mmali, a milk processor at Shambani Milk Ltd in Morogoro region says that increased investment in milk processing is crucial to adding value to 90 percent of unprocessed milk. "This will save billions of shillings in losses among farmers while boosting government revenue collections," he said.

Currently, data show the consumption of milk stands at 49 litres per person per annum, lower than the 200 litres recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The processor says the government must create a good environment to



Tanzania produces 3.4bn litres of milk per year, but only 77m litres are processed. Filephoto

ensure 90 percent of milk sold to customers is processed first, to add its shelf life and value.

Without investing fully in the milk value chain, it will not be easy for livestock keepers and processors to increase productivity.

"We call on the government to set good infrastructure to enable processors to add value of the products at reasonable costs," she says.

The Tanzania Milk Producers Association (TAMPRODA), chairperson Doreen Maro said milk productivity needs good feeds, management and good cattle breeds.

"Without good cattle breeds, it is

not possible to increase milk production using indigenous cattle," she said.

The government must import good breeds and distribute them in all regions to transform the sub-sector to contribute more to economy, she explained.

She was of the view that unprocessed and unregulated milk business was dangerous to people's health and fuels tax evasion.

Victor Masueto, a livestock keeper at Chanika on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam said the government must come up with measures to ensure all produced milk is collected in official centres.

Health and nutrition officers advise that produced milk should not be sold directly to consumers without being collected and processed.

In a study, "Sector analysis: Price, cost, revenue, profitability and human capital chains in Tanzania's dairy sector," Steven Michael, the coordinator for the private sector desk at the ministry, says that while Tanzania has competitive advantage of a large livestock sector; opportunities in the dairy sub-sector are still low.

"Productivity remains the biggest challenge in the sector limiting potential growth, particularly for smallhold-

Offshore oil and gas set for robust growth

PARIS

Offshore oil and gas drilling and projects are set for robust growth in the coming years thanks to the world's clear need for continued large volumes of fossil fuels as evidenced by the ongoing energy crisis in Europe and tight markets.

High-impact drilling is returning after the COVID-induced slump, while international majors are close to approving more offshore projects, including so far offshore that production sites would be in international waters, analysts say.

Despite the push for energy transition and oil majors' stated ambitions to invest more in clean energy solutions and - for some of them such as BP - to curb oil and gas production this decade, Big Oil is looking offshore for massive resources.

Those discovered resources would require significant capital expenditure to get them up and running, but once pumping, the deep offshore projects could yield oil for decades at lower breakeven costs because of the sheer scale of the huge developments.

Sure, more drilling offshore meets strong resistance from environmental

organizations, which generally want Big Oil to stop pumping immediately, and which warn that potential ocean spills would endanger marine environment.

The trend of global oil demand in the coming decades of the energy transition will be a key factor in the profitability of future offshore oilfields.

But right now, with an unprecedented energy crisis unfolding, E&P companies are not abandoning offshore oil. On the contrary, they are looking to develop projects which would pump oil for years, possibly decades, at lower costs compared to other types of oil developments.

According to Rystad Energy analysis, cited by Reuters, the resource-weighted Brent-equivalent breakeven oil price for producing global offshore projects averages \$18.10 per barrel of oil equivalent (boe), versus \$28.20 per boe breakeven price for global onshore projects already in production.

In projects under development, global offshore again beats global onshore in terms of lower breakeven costs. Per the methodology, breakeven is the flat real oil price at which the continued operation of the assets is commercially viable.

One project that could soon make a final investment decision (FID) is so far offshore Canada's coast that it falls in international waters and would require Canada paying royalties to the United Nations based on production from the project.

This is the Bay du Nord project offshore Newfoundland and Labrador, led by Norway's Equinor. In April, the \$12-billion project received a positive environmental assessment from the Government of Canada. The project has yet to make an FID, with first oil expected to be produced in the late 2020s.

The positive view from Canada takes Bay du Nord "a step closer to being the first offshore oil and gas project in the world to trigger Article 82 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)," reports Energy Regulation Quarterly.

Apart from Equinor, BP has also seen the potential of Bay du Nord. While announcing it was quitting Canada's oil sands, the UK supermajor also bought Cenovus Energy's 35% stake in the Bay du Nord project as it shifts its focus to future potential offshore growth in Canada.



WORLD

Angolan opposition seeks annulment of August 24 election

LISBON

ANGOLA'S main opposition party said on Thursday it filed a case with the constitutional court to seek the annulment of last week's election in which the ruling MPLA was declared the winner.

After the most closely fought election since independence from Portugal in 1975, the electoral commission declared the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola the winner, prolonging its nearly five decades of uninterrupted rule and handing President Joao Lourenco a second term.

Just over 51% of voters had supported the ex-Marxist MPLA, it said. The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, its longtime opponent and former civil war enemy, took about 44%, its best result ever, according to the com-

mission.

UNITA has repeatedly said it does not recognize the results of the vote, and that various complaints have been filed with the electoral commission. The party has cited discrepancies between the commission's count and the party's own tally.

"The MPLA did not win the election... we have been in peace for 20 years, and we now need to embrace a true democratic rule of law," UNITA leader Adalberto Costa Junior said in an address to the nation streamed on his Facebook page.

Earlier on Thursday, the vice-president of UNITA's parliamentary group told Portuguese broadcaster RTP that in Luanda, Angola's most populous province, the party was 187,000 votes short.

On its official Instagram account, UNITA said it had filed a lawsuit to an-



In this file photo taken on Aug 22, 2022 Angolan opposition party National Union for the Total Independence of Angola leader and presidential candidate, Adalberto Costa Junior, gestures as he delivers a speech during the UNITA final campaign rally ahead of general elections, in Luanda.

nul the election, confirming an earlier report by Portuguese news agency Lusa, which cited a source close to the party's leadership saying the case listed "several complaints, which amount to illegalities" committed by the commission.

The commission has denied any wrongdoing, and insists the election was fair and transparent.

Costa Junior said he expected the constitutional court and the commission to do their jobs by comparing their vote count with the party's tally, which has yet to be fully released.

UNITA decided to take the matter to court after its complaints were dismissed by the commission on Tuesday.

"We will do everything to ensure that all

votes are effectively accounted for and respected," Costa Junior said.

The court has 72 hours to inform all interested parties, and another 72 hours to rule on the issue. Analysts say the ruling party controls the court, which is led by a former MPLA member, but the government says it exercises its powers independently.

Lourenco, 68, has pledged to press on with reforms in his second term, including privatizing poorly run state assets and continuing to clean up corruption.

But so far his reforms have failed to create a fairer distribution of Angola's vast oil wealth - it is Africa's second largest producer - which remains mostly in the hands of a few well-connected MPLA officials.

Argentina vice-president unharmed in attempted shooting

ARGENTINA'S Vice-President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner was unharmed on Thursday when a man with a loaded gun tried to shoot her but the gun did not go off, officials said.

The attack underscores rising political tension in Argentina and around the region that has put politicians on edge from Colombia to Brazil.

"A man pointed a firearm at her head and pulled the trigger. Cristina is still alive because, for some reason yet to be confirmed, the gun... did not fire," President Alberto Fernandez said in a televised address.

The president said the gun had been loaded with five bullets.

"This is the most serious event we have gone through since Argentina returned to democracy," he said.

Fernandez de Kirchner (pictured) is on trial on corruption charges and hundreds of supporters had gathered outside her Buenos Aires home when the attack took place.

Video footage showed a man holding a pistol inches from her head as she greeted supporters.

The assailant, who authorities identified as a 35-year-old man of Brazilian origin, was quickly arrested by police and the weapon was seized.

Fernandez de Kirchner, who served as president for two terms between 2007 and 2015, is a divisive figure in Argentina. She could face a 12-year sentence and possible disqualification from public office over public contracts awarded in the early 2000s.

Fernandez de Kirchner has been widely expected to run for the Senate and possibly the presidency in next year's general elections.

"When hate and violence prevail over debate, societies are destroyed and situations like these arise: attempted assassination," said Economy Minister Sergio Massa on Twitter. Heads of state and political allies from around the region, including Chilean President Gabriel Boric, Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro, Peru's Pedro Castillo and Brazilian presidential candidate Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva denounced the attack in messages on Twitter, expressing solidarity with Fernandez de Kirchner and relief that she was not hurt.

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Climate, conflicts raise stakes in hungry world

MILLIONS of people struggling for food every day are seeing their hopes dimmed by soaring grain prices and tight supplies amid the impact of climate change and Western sanctions on Russia.

Wheat prices are likely to change unevenly and increase in much of the Global South, exacerbating existing inequalities, according to research modeling carried out by scientists from six countries.

A record 345 million people in 82 countries face acute food insecurity, the United Nations' World Food Programme said. Up to 50 million people in 45 countries are on the brink of famine and risk being tipped over the edge if humanitarian support fails to come.

Among them, about 900,000 people are already facing catastrophic famine or famine-like conditions in parts of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen.

Worse yet, the WFP is finding higher costs and more difficulties distributing wheat, wheat flour, vegetable oil, peas and corn to the needy due to supply chain problems caused by US-led sanctions on Russia in response to the Ukraine crisis.

David Beasley, executive director of the WFP, recently said: "When a nation that is the breadbasket of the world becomes a nation with the longest bread line of the world, we know we have a problem." He was referring to Ukraine, a big supplier of wheat and corn to the world.

The first shipment of Ukrainian grain for WFP operations, under the UN-brokered Black Sea Initiative, has arrived in the drought-hit Horn of Africa, where severe hunger threatens more than 20 million people, the UN agency said.

Beasley said it will take more than grain ships out of Ukraine to



This Nov 19, 2018 photo shows 10 year-old Ghazi Saleh lying on a bed at Al-Mudhafar hospital in Taz, Yemen. AFP

stop world hunger.

Even before the Ukraine crisis struck, the world was already facing an unprecedented, perfect storm because of regional conflicts, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Crisis-hit countries

Qu Dongyu, director-general of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, has been concerned that the past five years have witnessed yet another spike in global levels of acute hunger. Between 2018 and 2021, the number of people in crisis who live in countries where conflict was the main driver of acute food insecurity surged by 88 percent to over 139 million.

New research modeling by sci-

entists from Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen shows that climate change will significantly alter the yields and prices of wheat in the coming years, even if climate mitigation targets are kept under 2 C.

Karin van der Wiel, a climate scientist with the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute and a co-author of a report published on Aug 19 in the journal One Earth, noted that in countries such as Egypt, India and Venezuela, wheat yields are likely to drop in some areas by more than 15 percent. But yields can increase in high-latitude regions in countries such as the United States and Russia, and in much of northern Europe.

Germany's grain harvest in

2022 remains "significantly below the average" since 2014 of above 45 million metric tons, though the almost 2 percent year-on-year increase to around 43 million tons this year will be reached despite a drought, the German Farmers' Association said.

In low latitudes, "growth is often limited by lack of precipitation or excessive temperatures in a warmer climate", said Frank Selten, a climate researcher with the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute.

Trading in the grain then leads to higher prices, both in the net-wheat-importing countries due to high demand and in the net-wheat-exporting countries, because exports drive domestic prices upward, he said.

Citing India as an example of a wheat-importing country, Selten said it depends "on imports for its food security at a high price point". Increasing shipments of grain and other foodstuffs is crucial, but it will not mean much if countries cannot afford them.

Tianyi Zhang, an agro-meteorologist with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said: "With this change in yields, the traditional trade position of the wheat market could be deepened, and this may cause the wheat-importing regions located in low latitudes, such as Southern Asia and Northern Africa, to see more frequent and steeper wheat price spikes than wheat-exporting countries." Agencies

Putin bids farewell to Mikhail Gorbachev at Central Clinical Hospital - Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin bid farewell to the first president of the USSR Mikhail Gorbachev at Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital on Thursday, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Before leaving [for Kaliningrad], the president stopped by the Central Clinical Hospital, where he bid farewell to Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev and laid flowers at his coffin," Peskov said.

He noted that the head of state's work schedule "unfortunately did not allow" him to take part in the general farewell ceremony scheduled for September 3. "That is why he decided to surely to do so [bid farewell] today," the spokesman concluded.

Earlier, Peskov said that Gorbachev's funeral would have elements of a state funeral, including an honor guard and a farewell. The state would also assist with funeral arrangements. The spokesman did not specify what elements of a state funeral would be missing.

Mikhail Gorbachev died in Moscow on Tuesday at the age of 91. The farewell ceremony will be held in the Pillar Hall of the House of the Unions, and funeral itself is to take place at the Novodevichy Cemetery on Saturday, September 3.

Over 100 asylum seekers evacuated from Libya to Rwanda - UN agency

TRIPOLI

THE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said on Thursday that it evacuated more than 100 asylum seekers from Libya to Rwanda.

"More than 100 vulnerable asylum seekers have been evacuated on a flight out of Libya to Rwanda," the UNHCR said in a statement. The asylum seekers, including 38 children, are from different African countries, it added. "We are also grateful to the relevant Libyan authorities for their support in facilitating necessary formalities for these humanitarian evacuation flights," it noted.

SERVICE trade is an important part of international trade and a major area of international economic and trade cooperation. Its development is closely related with people's life quality.

China has achieved sound performance in service trade this year despite the ever-changing external situations. In the first half of this year, China's service trade value surged 21.6 percent year on year to 2.89 trillion yuan (about \$421 billion). In particular, service exports expanded 24.6 percent yearly to nearly 1.41 trillion yuan, and service imports were over 1.48 trillion yuan, up 18.9 percent from a year ago.

The remarkable half-year progress mirrored China's achievements in high-level opening up.

In recent years, the country has taken

Booming service trade brings better life to Chinese people

multiple measures to promote the high-quality development of service trade and made firm steps to expand opening up.

It has worked to ensure that measures and policies are effectively implemented in cities where pilot projects for the innovative development of service trade are launched. It has kicked off pilot programs to expand opening up in service trade, and introduced and improved a negative list mechanism for cross-border trade in services. Besides, the country has vigorously promoted digital trade, significantly widened market access of the service sector, and expanded imports of high-quality ser-

vices. China has maintained the world's second largest trader of services for years, enjoying steady growth in the trade of knowledge-intensive services.

However, the country's service trade still sees a long way ahead before it meets the intrinsic requirements of China's high-quality development.

From a demand-side perspective, service consumption is gradually taking a bigger share in China's consumption structure that was once dominated by material consumption.

A report by China Institute of Reform and Development predicted that service consumption would account for over half of China's total consump-

tion by 2025, and the ratio might reach 60 percent to 65 percent by 2035. The upgrading consumption structure is expanding people's demand for service trade.

From a supply-side perspective, the added value of China's service sector increased 8.2 percent year on year in 2021 and accounted for 53.3 percent of China's GDP. The upgrading industrial structure has significantly expanded the country's demand for service trade. Besides, China's industrial upgrading and service trade will be closely integrated. For instance, the digitalization of the service sector and digital services are expected to push China's service

trade toward the high end of the value chain.

As China enters a new phase of development, service trade has gradually becomes a new impetus expanding China's opening up and a new engine driving the country's domestic demand. It plays an important role in building a new development paradigm.

China will further open up its service industry and accelerate the alignment of the standards and rules in its service sector with those of the world, so as to build a business environment that's conducive to the development of service trade.

Facing unexpected impacts from

both home and abroad this year, China has unswervingly followed a path of high-level opening up to cope with external uncertainties and actively nurtured new advantages in service trade.

In March, seven departments, including the China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), approved 40 specialized bases for exports of featured services. So far, these bases, housing 112 exporters, are exporting services in seven sectors, including culture, traditional Chinese medicine and digital services.

Recently, the MOFCOM, together with other 26 departments, jointly issued a piece of opinion on fostering high-quality development of cultural trade to take Chinese culture to the world.

People's Daily

Cabo Verde opens consulate general in Dakhla

RABAT

THE Republic of Cabo Verde has opened a Consulate General in Dakhla, marking its firm support for the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The inauguration ceremony was chaired by Cabo Verde's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Rui Alberto De Figueiredo Soares, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita, in the presence of elected officials and consuls accredited to Dakhla.

Nasser Bourita, announced Wednesday in Dakhla, the imminent holding of a ministerial meeting of countries that have opened consulates in the southern provinces of the Kingdom.

As clarified at a joint press briefing by Bourita and his Cabo Verdean counterpart, work will be done, in the coming months, to hold a meeting, whether in Laayoune or Dakhla, in the presence of all countries that have opened consulates in the southern provinces, to confirm this momentum and create greater coordination between these states.

This initiative, as stressed by Bourita, seeks to strengthen the dynamic of opening consulates, which His Majesty King Mohammed VI had stressed in his speech to the Nation on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of the Revolution of the King and the People, following the positive developments concerning the issue of the territorial integrity of the Kingdom.

The fact that "about 40% of African states have opened consulates in Laayoune and Dakhla," as stated by HM the King, reflects the general orientation, within the African continent, to support the territorial integrity of Morocco and its legitimate rights over this part of its territory.

Bourita, thus, stressed the fact that the Republic of Cabo Verde expresses its firm support for the sovereignty of Morocco over its Sahara and the territorial integrity of the Kingdom.

During the joint press briefing, Bourita said: "Bilateral relations began since the Republic of Cabo Verde withdrew its recognition of 'the puppet republic' in 2007 and have ever since developed further in the framework of a fruitful cooperation".

Bourita further explained that relations between Rabat and Praia have developed strongly in recent years, citing in this regard the last visit to Rabat of Soares last June, where the two countries agreed to establish strong relations of friendship and cooperation and to raise them to a fruitful partnership in various areas.

Moreover, Bourita noted that this visit is an opportunity to thank the Republic of Cabo Verde for its firm positions on the territorial integrity of the Kingdom and its constant support for the Moroccanness of the Sahara, noting that the opening of a Consulate General of Cabo Verde in Dakhla is another sign of support for the sovereignty of Morocco over its territory.

The Republic of Cabo Verde is also a key partner for Morocco within the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), he continued, highlighting the coordination and convergence of views between the two countries that share the same vision of peace, security and development in Africa.

Similarly, he said that the Republic of Cabo Verde has played an important role in the economic coordination of the Atlantic African States initiative that was launched in Rabat, noting that the second ministerial coordination meeting in New York will establish an action plan for this initiative for the coming years.

Bourita noted that the two sides have also agreed to conduct visits at the highest level between the leaders of the two countries, in addition to the visit of the Prime Minister of Cabo Verde to Morocco and the preparation of the 2nd session of the Joint Commission, scheduled next year in Praia, which is an opportunity to strengthen cooperation in various areas.

Referring to the roadmap of cooperation and the agreements signed between the two parties, Mr. Bourita said that the number of scholarships granted by the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation will be increased to 80, in order to strengthen cooperation between the two countries. He added that the Republic of Cabo Verde can rely on Morocco, on the High Instructions of His Majesty the King, to support its economic interests in all regional organizations.

Soares stressed that the opening of the Consulate General of the Republic of Cape Verde in Dakhla also expresses support for the autonomy plan presented by Morocco and the efforts of the United Nations to find a realistic and credible solution to the conflict over the Sahara.

The Cabo Verdean Foreign Minister also noted that the opening of the Consulate General of his country in the Moroccan Sahara expresses the desire to consolidate bilateral relations between the two countries, recalling, in this regard, the joint communiqué signed in Rabat, on June 8, on the sidelines of the 1st Ministerial Conference of Atlantic African States.

Soares also emphasized the positive balance of bilateral cooperation and the ways to deepen investment opportunities between the two countries, including tourism, air and maritime transport, agriculture and fisheries, as well as higher education, training, and twinning between cities.

He has, in this sense, called to further consolidate this cooperation, stressing the need to involve public and private institutions and civil society actors in the realization of these opportunities. In this line, he said that the agreements signed this Wednesday with the Kingdom of Morocco are likely to give new impetus to the multidimensional bilateral partnership, citing in this regard the agreement on air services and that on the abolition of visa for holders of diplomatic passports and services.

Similarly, he said that the two countries have "historic relations of friendship and brotherhood" welcoming the new momentum and the intensification of bilateral political and diplomatic dialogue.

Agencies

African expert urges for innovative measures to contain noncommunicable diseases

NAIROBI

THE rising burden of non-communicable diseases in Africa is a wakeup call for governments, funders and industry to design bold strategies that prioritize early diagnosis and access to quality therapeutics for patients in order to stem fatalities, an expert said Thursday.

Emmanuel Mensah, the West Africa Regional Lead for the Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries (NCDI) Poverty Network, decried their spike in the continent, citing sedentary lifestyles, smoking and poor dietary habits as key triggers.

According to Mensah, Africa was in a vantage position to reduce the burden of cancer, diabetes, hypertension and chronic respiratory infections once governments prioritized awareness, training of health workers, investments in diagnostic facilities and case management.

"The burden of non-communicable diseases including type one diabetes, sickle cell anemia and hypertension is rising in Sub-Saharan Africa. We need to deliver quality care to the most vulnerable," Mensah remarked during a virtual interview with



Xinhua.

An ambitious strategy to revitalize action on noncommunicable diseases called PEN-PLUS was adopted by health ministers attending the 72nd session of the World Health Organization (WHO) regional committee for Africa held on Aug. 23 in Lome, the

capital of Togo.

Mensah said the strategy will focus on strengthening the capacity of local hospitals and health workers to diagnose and manage severe noncommunicable diseases and avert deaths.

PEN PLUS aims to ensure the rural poor with severe heart ailments, dia-

betes and sickle cell anemia have access to timely, affordable and quality treatment, said Mensah, adding that its implementation across Sub-Saharan Africa will aid in updating data on the magnitude of lifestyle diseases, to inform policy and biomedical interventions.

The PEN PLUS strategy has already been integrated into the health policies of Malawi and Rwanda, and its expansion to eight additional African countries is expected to boost case identification, treatment and psychosocial support for patients with severe forms of noncommunicable diseases, said Mensah.

Statistics from the WHO indicate that noncommunicable diseases like cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular ailments were responsible for 37 percent of deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa in 2019, up from 24 percent in 2000.

Gina Agiostratidou, program director for international health charity, the Helmsley Charitable Trust's Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Program, said that strategic partnerships combined with robust funding, enabling policy environment and awareness at the grassroots are key to strengthening the response to noncommunicable diseases in Africa.

Xinhua

West wages hybrid war of aggression against Russia in Ukraine – Lavrov

MOSCOW

THE collective West unleashed a hybrid war against Russia in a shameless, rude and aggressive way, when it realized that the plans for turning Ukraine into "anti-Russia" had failed, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a meeting with students and teachers at the MGIMO University on Thursday, the first day of the new academic year.

"The events that everyone is discussing today upon return from vacations are connected with what is happening around Ukraine, and, to be honest, with a hybrid war

that the collective West unleashed shamelessly, openly, rudely and aggressively against our country, when it realized that the plot for turning Ukraine into "anti-Russia" and its territory into a stronghold for the military containment of Russia had fallen flat," Lavrov said.

He also stressed that the West tacitly condoned the ban on the Russian language in Ukraine in education, the media and culture. "When were made warnings it was inadmissible to agree, in fact, with the 2014 coup d'etat or to support a regime that came out with Russophobic slogans and began to bomb its own



population on its own territory, and when, as a result, it became pos-

sible to reach the Minsk agreements in February 2015 and these agreements paved the way for agreement and for closing the above-mentioned problems, it turned out that neither [Ukraine's ex-President Pyotr] Poroshenko, nor [the incumbent, Vladimir] Zelensky were going to implement any agreements, although these had the approval of the UN Security Council.

The West either stayed silent or quietly rejoiced: 'How effective we are in containing Russia by creating an anti-Russian state right on its border,' Lavrov pointed out.

"When they finally realized that

all our statements made over these years were not empty persuasions and requests, but reflected the fundamental interests of our state, now, as you can see, they have turned hysterical and been trying to compensate with their unprecedented aggression and malice for their own inability, and - frankly speaking - their own unwillingness to do business on the globe on the basis of equality and mutual respect, on the basis of compliance with the principles of international law, primarily the UN Charter, which asserts the sovereign equality of states," Lavrov stressed.

China has made important contributions to promoting world peace, development

By Adnan Samara

MY first visit to China was in 1976. Every time I arrived in the country, I saw a big progress it made toward prosperity.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC), China has made a series of remarkable achievements in economic development, poverty reduction and environmental protection. The living standard of the Chinese people has also significantly improved.

China has adopted strict prevention and control measures to curb the spread of COVID-19, which impressed me very much.

The country has made major strategic achievements in pandemic control, and well coordinated pandemic prevention and control with economic and social development. This couldn't have been realized without the Chinese government's people-first philosophy, the "dynamic zero-COVID" approach and the support and trust from the Chinese people for the CPC and the Chinese government.

Peace and development are a timeless theme for humanity. China has made important contributions to promoting world peace and development, which is indicated by its fair position on the Palestine question.

Last year, the country proposed a five-point initiative on achieving security and stability in the Middle East, stressing that for the region to emerge from chaos and enjoy stability, it must break free from the shadows of big-power geopolitical rivalry and independently explore development paths suited to its regional realities.

China also encouraged the Middle East to establish a trust mechanism, and build step by step a framework for collective, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, contributing Chinese wisdom and plan to the promotion of regional peace and stability in the Middle East.

China is an important provider of international public products. It proposed the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the common values of humanity, the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, so as to promote



Photo shows Adnan Samara, the president of the Palestinian-Chinese Friendship Society. (Photo from the official website of the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs)

cooperation, prosperity and win-win results through cooperation and by giving full play to countries' advantages.

I participated in the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing in May 2017. China, upholding a philosophy of peaceful cooperation, is committed to building the Belt and Road into a road of peace, which is a common aspiration of the world and an important measure that conforms to the trend of the times.

As the second largest economy of the world and a responsible major country, China is constantly opening up and sharing development opportunities with the rest of the world. For years, the country has contributed around 30 percent to global economic growth, serving as a stabilizer and source of energy for global growth.

By advocating the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and other financial organizations and holding international trade fairs such as the China International Import Expo, China has contributed its strength to the building of an open world economy.

China is a participator in, as well as a constructor and promoter of economic globalization. I believe it will keep expanding its opening up to share development

dividends with other countries.

Democracy is never exclusive to any country. It is a common value formed by countries around the world based on their history and political realities.

The Chinese people always say that whether the shoe fits or not, only the wearer him(her)self knows. By the same token, it is the people of a country that are in the best position to judge the path of development they have chosen for themselves.

In its exchanges with Middle Eastern countries, China respects their sovereignty, supports them to follow development paths that suits their own conditions and advocates equality, mutual benefits, solidarity and cooperation.

Palestine and China have maintained a long-term friendship and cooperation. They are working closely with each other on energy, education, finance, trade and infrastructure. Palestine, relying on its own advantages, will strive for further development under the framework of the BRI.

The BRI is an important bond promoting exchanges, mutual learning and common development. I will do my best to introduce it to my country, as part of my efforts to deepening Palestine-China friendship.

(Adnan Samara is the president of the Palestinian-Chinese Friendship Society.)

US military laments 'tragic' rise in sexual assault

WASHINGTON

THE US military experienced its highest recorded level of sexual assault among women last year, in findings the Pentagon on Thursday described as tragic, disappointing and devastating.

The US military, which is already struggling to meet recruiting goals after decades of war, revealed the gloomy data just months after announcing new reforms that critics said were too slow and too limited to resolve the crisis.

Reports of sexual assault increased by roughly 13 percent in 2021 compared with the previous year.

A staggering 8.4 percent of active-duty women are estimated to have experienced some form of unwanted sexual contact in fiscal year 2021, while the figure for men roughly doubled to 1.5 percent, according to a survey in a Pentagon report published on Thursday.

While the report said the results could not be scientifically compared to previous years because of a government-directed change in metrics, one senior Pentagon official said it was the highest rate for women since 2006 and the second-highest level for men.

"These numbers are tragic, and extremely disappointing. On an individual level, it is devastating to conceptualize that these numbers mean that over 35,000 service members' lives and careers were irrevocably changed by these crimes," Elizabeth Foster, executive director of the Pentagon's Office of Force Resiliency, told reporters.

"Every incident has a ripple effect across the unit and impacts unit cohesion, ability to trust and distracts from the critical mission at hand," Foster added.

The Marine Corps had a 13.4 percent sexual assault prevalence rate among women in 2021, up from about 10.7 percent, according to the survey.

US Representative Jackie Speier,



who is also co-chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus, said the results were disturbing and she would hold a hearing in the coming weeks for more answers.

"The watchful eye of Congress is needed to ensure that military leadership is held to account and any additional changes deemed necessary to address this national embarrassment and crisis are made," Speier said in a statement.

This year President Joe Biden signed an executive order to make sexual harassment an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

In December, lawmakers passed the National Defense Authorization Act which included an overhaul of the military justice system. It would take decisions on whether to prosecute cases of rape and sexual assault out of the hands of military commanders.

Still, some lawmakers and activists said it does not go far enough, particularly given the extent to which sexual assault victims tend to have a lack of faith in the military justice system.

Only 39 percent of women in the military said they trusted the system to treat them with dignity and respect after an incident, compared with 66 percent in 2018. Only 34 percent of them trusted the military to protect their privacy after reporting an incident, down from 63 percent in 2018.

Six out of 10 women did not express trust in the military to ensure their safety after an incident, the data showed.

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Simba SC head coach, Zoran Maki. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Maki lauds Simba SC's tour for friendlies

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach, Zoran Maki, has said that his outfit's visit to Sudan for international friendly duels has helped it continue to improve.

The Msimbazi Street squad was invited to Sudan to participate in a special tournament organized by Al Hilal in Khartoum, participating in two clashes against Asante Kotoko (Ghana) and the hosts.

Coach Maki pointed out the encounters helped his outfit to be in competitive condition while preparing to take part in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League game against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and the CAF Champions League game against Malawi Premier League champions Nyasa Big Bullet FC.

"The games we played in Sudan have strengthened us and built us more... I have had a good time strengthening our team, so I believe we will do well in the next game against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and the one in the CAF Champions League," Maki stated.

In the international friendly ties, Simba SC beat Ghana's Asante Kotoko 4-2 in the first clash before losing 1-0 to hosts Al Hilal on Wednesday.

Simba SC has returned to Dar es Salaam and it is expected to play another international friendly clash against AS Arta Solar 7 of Djibouti today.

The Msimbazi Street club's midfielder, Nigerian Nelson Okwa, made it clear that he is ready to work for the outfit and is most eager for the continental tournament.

Okwa, who was signed by Simba SC from Nigeria's Rivers United noted he is

fine and his participation in the friendly ties had kept him fit, and ready for the continental showpiece.

"We are meeting teams that are participating in CAF inter-club tournaments as well, as it is part of our preparation but they are building us up mentally to make sure we are strong and experienced when we meet our opponents," he said.

The midfielder pointed out: "Asante Kotoko and Al Hilal are our opponents in the Champions League, facing them boost our confidence, if we don't meet them we will still be mentally prepared."

The footballer clarified in the two top-flight games he played for his outfit, which had the performer serving as a substitute, he believes he is taking part in a league that requires speed and strength.

"I took it for granted that being included in the second half as a player added something to me because I had the opportunity to study my opponents, and immediately after taking the pitch, I used the shortcomings I saw and helped the team emerge victorious," the midfielder revealed.

Okwa added: "If the team continues with good results, I don't see a side which will stop it as the club continues to improve, the players need a chance to play regularly."

The performer noted any team that gets good results improves morale, and due to the number of foreign players in his outfit, the situation allows the coach to continue building the team while the players use the opportunity to get better and boost their inclusion in the first team.

Chaneta to evaluate Taifa Queens' participation in Africa Netball World Cup Qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Netball Association (Chaneta) officials have disclosed they will soon meet for a postmortem on the senior national netball team's performance in the just ended Africa Netball World Cup Qualifiers which took place in South Africa.

The qualifiers' group stage ties were played in a round-robin format. Taifa Queens who put up a lackluster performance in the qualifiers were placed in Pool A alongside Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, while Pool B was made up of Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, and Eswatini.

Taifa Queens lost all ties, they first lost 58-40 to Namibia, and went down 58-30 to South Africa. The Tanzania team later conceded a 31-22 defeat to Zimbabwe and lost 54-45 to Botswana.

In an encounter with Eswatini, the Tanzania team lost 58-42. The match against Eswatini was the first of the three matches to determine teams that will finish seventh to ninth.

In the last classification match to determine the eighth and ninth-placed sides, Taifa Queens lost 47-46 to Namibia.

Chaneta secretary-general Rose Mkisi drew some positives in the side's performance in the South Africa event.

The leader noted that Chaneta, the government, and netball stakeholders will meet soon to map the way forward regarding netball development in the country.

She stopped short of issuing the date for the postmortem but said they expect Taifa Queens' coach Hafidh Tidwa to present his report on the team's performance in the qualifiers.

Rose noted: "The team did its

best, we did not win any game but there are some positives in the team, we faced some teams made up of players with international exposure and experience."

"We gave them a good run, we will soon meet all stakeholders to map the way forward, we aim to see to it that the game is developing from grassroots," Rose pointed out.

Netball analyst, Michael Msemakweli said Taifa Queens' performance in South Africa is a clear indication of the level of the sport in Tanzania.

He predicted that the country will continue to drop in World Netball rankings, attributing the trend to a tendency by the game's authority to neglect the proper player transition process.

Msemakweli revealed: "I saw the team play, it mainly depended on players who are beyond their prime, we need more young and energetic players who can cope

with the pace."

"I advise Chaneta that it urgently needs to rebuild the national team, starting from the grassroots and concentrating on identifying and nurturing talent," he said.

He also said there is a need for players to be given enough resources and incentives.

In the past years, Tanzania had hardly achieved success in talent development as there have hardly been serious and well-organized junior tournaments.

The country moreover has not been actively participating in international junior competitions at all levels.

However, recently Rose said Chaneta plans to introduce many youth netball tournaments which will be used to identify talents.

The leader revealed the association in conjunction with netball stakeholders will nurture the talents.



Netballers feature in one of the sports tournaments which were organized to vouch for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Arusha recently.

DStv to telecast 2022 World Cup games in Swahili

By Guardian Correspondent

ALL 64 matches of the 2022 FIFA World Cup to be held in Qatar will be aired live in the Swahili language by DStv.

According to Jacqueline Woiso, MultiChoice Tanzania's Managing Director, DStv has broadcasting rights for the quadrennial international men's football championship contested by the senior national teams of the member associations of FIFA.

The global showpiece will involve 32 national teams from five confederations and it is scheduled to take place from November 20 to December 18.

Speaking during the MultiChoice Showcase 2022 held in Dar es

laam on Thursday evening, in which the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Said Yakub, was the guest of honour, Jacqueline said nine sports presenters from different media in the country will broadcast the World Cup finals.

The sports presenters are Aboubakar Liongo, Ahmed Abdallah, Edgar Kibwana, Ibrahim Masoud, Jemedari Said, Geoffrey Lea, George Ambangile, Maulid Kitenge, and Oscar Oscar.

The event was also attended by Noluthando Mayende Malepe, South African High Commissioner to Tanzania, Hussain Ahmad AlHomid, Qatar's Ambassador to Tanzania, Barzan Ahmad Al Jarba, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Qatar,

and Stella Dhloome Imeika, Counselor at the South African High Commission to Tanzania.

Ahmad Abdullah Al-Dosari, Third Secretary at the Embassy of Qatar, Nehemia Mchecu, MultiChoice Tanzania's Board Member, and representatives from the National Arts Council, COSOTA, and Tanzania Film Board were also in attendance.

This will be the first World Cup ever to be held in the Arab world, and the second to be held entirely in Asia after the 2002 World Cup in South Korea and Japan.

The tournament will further be the last to involve 32 teams, with an increase to 48 teams scheduled for the 2026 tournament in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Joining host nation Qatar at the

coming tournament will be 31 other countries that have earned a ticket through regional qualifying matches and eight stadiums will host the event across five cities in Qatar, Lusail, Al Khor, Al Rayyan, Al Wakrah, and Doha.

Apart from Qatar, other teams that have qualified for the 2022 FIFA World Cup are Germany, Denmark, Brazil, France, Belgium, Croatia, Spain, Serbia, England, Switzerland, Argentina, Netherlands, Iran, South Korea, and Japan.

Other teams are Senegal, Portugal, Tunisia, Morocco, Poland, Cameroon, United States, Mexico, Wales, Australia, Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Canada, and Ghana.

Dar resident rakes in prize money from betting company

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM resident Raphael Daudi has won a cash prize totaling 113,789,620/- after correctly predicting 12 matches in a betting game, dubbed 'Perfect 12', organized by M-Bet Tanzania which is a popular betting firm in Tanzania.

Daudi, a shopkeeper in the Ubungu Riverside area and a Simba SC fan,

said that it was not easy for him to win such an amount of money due to the difficulty he experienced in predicting the results of some clubs that took part in various popular leagues' games.

He pointed out that England's Premier League match between Crystal Palace and Brentford FC was difficult for him to bet on because of the two teams' records.

"That match was very difficult for me to predict due to the previous results, I failed to predict and put it aside," the winner revealed.

"After analyzing the two teams' records, I bet that it would end in a draw and that was what happened," Daudi stated.

Daudi that follows Simba SC noted that he will use some of the money to increase capital in his businesses,

and use the remainder to develop himself academically.

M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Manager Allen Mushi said Daudi is the eighth winner of the 'Perfect 12' betting platform. Mushi also asked Tanzanians over the age of 18 to continue betting with his firm.

"We change the lives of the Tanzanians through our betting platforms especially 'Perfect 12'. Daudi is now

among the millionaire who raised the money through M-BET Tanzania," Mushi revealed.

Meanwhile, CRDB Bank congratulated Daudi for winning the jackpot.

The bank's Head of Consumer Banking Stephen Adili noted they feel proud to be associated with M-BET Tanzania in their activities. Adili advised Daudi to use the prize for investment.

Adili stated: "I congratulate Daudi for this great victory and the most important thing is that he is a client of our bank that has a strong partnership with M-Bet Tanzania."

"I am asking young people from the age of 18 to bet with M-BET as well as deposit their money in our bank and participate in our famous promotion towards the World Cup in Qatar," Adili disclosed.

Fighting at 40: Older fans take heart in Serena's success

NEW YORK

IMAGINE if they could bottle a potion called "Just Serena."

That was Serena Williams' succinct, smiling explanation for how she'd managed – at nearly 41, and match-rusty – to defeat the world's second-ranked player and advance Wednesday to the third round of a U.S. Open that so far, doesn't feel much like a farewell. "I'm just Serena," she said, to roaring fans.

Clearly there's only one Serena. But as superhuman as many found her achievement, some older fans in particular – middle-aged, or beyond – said they saw in Williams' latest run a very human and relatable takeaway, too. Namely the idea that they, also, could perform better and longer than they once thought possible – through fitness, practice and grit.

"It makes me feel good about what I'm doing still at my age," said Bess Brodsky Goldstein, 63, a lifelong tennis enthusiast who was attending the Open on Thursday, the day after Williams' triumph over 26-year-old Anett Kontaveit.

Goldstein pursues her passion for the sport more vigorously than most women her age. She plays several times a week and participates in an age 55-and-up USTA mixed-doubles league in New England. (She also plays competitive golf.)

Yet Goldstein, like any athlete, suffers her share of aches and injuries, like a recent knee issue that set her back a few weeks. Watching Williams, she said, shows ordinary folks that injuries – or, in Williams' case, a life-threatening childbirth experience five years ago – can be overcome. "She gives you inspiration that you can achieve your best, even in your early 60s," said Goldstein, who also had high praise for Venus Williams, Serena's older sister, competing this year at 42.

Evelyn David was also watching tennis at the Open on Thursday. And she, too, was thinking about the night before.

"Everybody is going, 'WHOA!'" said David, who smilingly gave her age as "older than my 60s" and is the site director for New York Junior Tennis Learning, which works with children and teens. She cited the physicality of Williams' play, and the role of fitness in today's tennis. "The rigorous training that athletes go through now is different," David said. "She's going, 'I'm not falling over. I can get to the ball.'"

"A total inspiration," David termed Williams' performance – and she had some prominent company.

"Can I put something in perspective here?" former champion and ESPN commentator Chris Evert said during Wednesday's broadcast. "This is a 40-year-old mother. It is blowing me away."

Evert retired at age 34 in 1989, well before fitness and nutrition were the prominent factors in tennis they are now. They were even less so when pioneering player Billie Jean King, now 78, was in her heyday.

"For us older ones, it gives us hope and it's fun," King said Thursday in an interview about Williams. "Puts a pep in your step. Gives you energy." She noted how fitness on the tour has changed since the 1960s and 1970s.

"We didn't have the information and we didn't have the money," King said. "When people win a tournament now, they say, 'Thank you to my team.' They're so lucky to have all those people. We didn't even have a coach."

Jessica Pegula, the No. 8 seed who won on Thursday, is at 28 a half-century younger than King. She knows well the difference fitness has made.

"It's been a huge part of it," she said. "Athletes, how they take care of their bodies, sports nutrition, the science behind training and nutrition – (it) has changed so much. Back in the day, you saw a player drinking a Coke on the sideline or they had a beer after their match. Now ... health has been the No. 1 priority, whether it's physical or mental." She said she remembered thinking Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Williams were all going to retire, but "they kept pushing the boundaries."

Federer, 41, hasn't played since Wimbledon last year because of operations to his right knee, but has said he'll try to play Wimbledon next year, shortly before his 42nd birthday. And Nadal, 36, known for his intense devotion to fitness, has won two Grand Slam titles this year to raise his total to a men's-record 22. Nobody would be surprised if he won another major. In contrast, Jimmy Connors' famous run to the 1991 semis of the U.S. Open when he was 39 was considered an event for the history books.

Of course, fitness is only one building block to greatness – in any sport. Denver Broncos safety Justin Simmons, who like Pegula is 28, noted that even though it's inspiring to see Williams keep an athletic advantage partly through preparation, "not everybody is Serena and Venus Williams. Maybe there's some genes in there that not everybody else is blessed enough to have, but it's still cool to know that, hey, even though she is genetically gifted, there are some things that she's done that have helped her in a tremendous way prolong her career."

Dr. Michael J. Joyner, who studies human performance at the Mayo Clinic, said Williams shares many traits with other superstar athletes (from baseball's Ted Williams to golfer Gary Player and star quarterback Tom Brady, 45 and famously un-retired) who have enjoyed long careers.

"What you see with all of these people is they stay motivated, they've avoided catastrophic injury ... or they've been able to come back because they've recovered," he said. Also key: they live in "the modern era of sports medicine." The question, he asked, is can Williams perform at the same level every other day to win a whole tournament? He hopes so.

Williams fan Jamie Martin, who has worked in physical therapy since 1985 and owns a chain of clinics in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, said she's seeing many women playing vigorous, competitive sports into middle age and beyond. Some return to their sport, or take up a new one, after years of focusing on work or family.

English soccer flaunts financial power in \$2.2 billion spree

By STEVE DOUGLAS

RECORD spending spree by Premier League clubs in the summer transfer market passed the \$2.2 billion mark before the window closed Thursday with Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool and – belatedly – Chelsea all signing players to conclude the reshaping of their squads.

The headline transfer on a typically frantic final day of trading was the arrival of Brazil winger Antony at United from Ajax for \$95 million, making him the fourth expensive player in Premier League history and soccer's most expensive deadline-day signing.

That took United's total spend in this wildest of transfer windows to about \$240 million – a figure only topped in the whole of Europe by Chelsea, which finally signed an out-and-out striker in Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang from Barcelona. In the club's first transfer window in the post-Roman Abramovich era, Chelsea spent a staggering \$280 million.

Man City's signing of Switzerland center back Manuel Akanji for \$17.5 million felt low-key by comparison, while Liverpool's only move – the loan signing of Brazil international Arthur Melo from Juven-



Antony

– was still significant as it strengthened the team's injury-hit midfield.

Fueled by income from huge global broadcasting deals worth about 10 billion pounds (\$11.8 billion) over three seasons, Premier League clubs have reverted to pre-pandemic levels of spending – and then some – to leave the rest of Europe in its wake.

England's top-flight clubs spent about the same on players as those in the top leagues in Spain (\$500 million), Italy (\$750 million), Germany (\$485 million) and France (\$540 million) combined, according to

calculations by the Transfermarkt website.

The net spend of the Premier League teams was \$1.35 billion, compared to Italy (\$8 billion) and Spain (\$64 billion). In France and Germany, the leagues actually made a profit according to Transfermarkt.

Summing up the outrageous splurge by English clubs was the business conducted by Nottingham Forest since securing a return to the Premier League for the first time since 1999.

Forest signed three players on deadline day to take its total number of incom-

ings across the window to a remarkable 21, at a cost of \$160 million.

RONALDO STAYS

The future of Cristiano Ronaldo has been a hot topic since the end of last season – the Portugal star has pushed to leave Man United because the team isn't in the Champions League – but the five-time world player of the year will be staying at Old Trafford, at least until January anyway.

Ronaldo was a second-half substitute for United in its 1-0 win over Leicester in the Premier League on Thursday and manager Erik ten Hag reiterated

after the match that he is counting on the 37-year-old striker this season.

Antony's arrival, however, adds further competition to the attacking spots, with Ronaldo having only started one of United's five Premier League games.

The United rebuild under Ten Hag was wrapped up with the signing of Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka on a season-long loan from Newcastle, as a backup to David De Gea.

BUSY FULHAM

Fulham had a busy end to the window, bringing in three attackers and a defender on deadline day.

Former Brazil winger Willian is back in the Premier League after previous spells at Arsenal and Chelsea, while former Man United winger Daniel James arrived on loan from Leeds.

Brazilian striker Carlos Vinicius joined from Benfica, while Fulham brought in left back Layvin Kurzawa on loan from Paris Saint-Germain.

PSG trimmed its squad further by selling Senegal midfielder Idrissa Gueye to former club Everton, which also signed young striker James Garner from Man United.

A deadline-day spree by Southampton also resulted in four transfers – including Croatia defender Duje Caleta-Car, who left Cham-

seille for a team which will do well to finish in the top half of the Premier League.

Aston Villa signed Belgium midfielder Leander Dendoncker from Wolverhampton.

SOLITARY SIGNING

Leicester chose the final day of the window to make its first and only outfield signing of the summer, Wout Faes from French club Reims. Faes filled the vacancy left by Wesley Fofana, who joined Chelsea on Wednesday for 75 million pounds (\$87 million).

Leicester's miserly approach this summer made the club very much an outlier in the Premier League and manager Brendan Rodgers grumbled after Thursday's loss to United – which left his team in last place and without a win – about the club's failure to strengthen the squad. In the summer transfer.

"With the greatest respect," Rodgers said, "we have not had the help in the market this team needed."

SINGLE-SEASON RECORD

The Premier League's record for spending in a single season – covering both summer and winter transfers windows – previously stood at 1.86 billion pounds (\$2.18 billion) in 2017-18.

That figure was surpassed in this transfer window alone.

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Will Gerrard, Tuchel or Rodgers be the next manager sacked?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IT has been a bad week for Steven Gerrard, and it's about to get worse for the Aston Villa manager. With his struggling team in the bottom three following four defeats in five league games this season, Villa must now face Manchester City and Erling Haaland as they attempt to stop the rot.

Gerrard is under mounting pressure at Villa Park, and his reputation as one of the biggest stars of the Premier League era will offer no protection to the former Liverpool and England captain if results continue to go against his team.

Scott Parker has already lost his job at AFC Bournemouth, four games into the campaign, having guided the club to promotion from the Championship last season. Losing 9-0 at Liverpool on Saturday was the final straw for the Bournemouth owners, who had grown tired of Parker's public criticism of the club's player recruitment.

"In order for us to keep progressing as a team and a club as a whole, it is unconditional that we are aligned in our strategy to run the club sustainably," Bournemouth owner Maxim Demin said. "We must also show belief in and respect for one another. That is the approach that has brought this club so much success in recent history, and one that we will not veer from now."

Parker's concern about a lack of investment was understandable given that Bournemouth had spent just £24 million this summer, with only free transfer Ryan Fredericks adding proven Premier League experience to a promoted squad. As the smallest club in the top division, the former Fulham manager



Aston Villa's head coach Steven Gerrard watches the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Aston Villa at the Emirates Stadium in London, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022. (AP Photo)

would also have known that finances would be tight and combining bad results with criticism of the owner's blueprint was never going to make for a positive outcome.

Every manager knows their grip on the job is directly linked to what happens on the pitch. Bad results are the most corrosive factor, but it also doesn't help when proven managers such as Mauricio Pochettino and Sean Dyche are out of work and ready to offer an unhappy club owner the chance to make a change.

Pochettino and Dyche may appeal to clubs at different ends of the table with contrasting objectives, but their availability means that managers might be given less time than they would expect to turn a difficult situation around. That reality, and the uncertainty of the impact of a winter World Cup on this season, means that managers are anxiously

looking over their shoulder earlier than ever before.

Gerrard, who earned his move to Villa last November by winning the Scottish Premiership with Rangers in 2021, is not the only Premier League boss feeling the heat at this incredibly early stage of the season.

Thomas Tuchel is invit-

ing scrutiny at Chelsea, not only with indifferent results that see the club sitting in midtable with two defeats and a draw from their five games, but also because the former Paris Saint-Germain coach has continued to question the performances of his players having initially raised concerns during pre-season.

Chelsea's £240m summer spending spree under their new owners has also increased the expectancy and pressure on Tuchel to deliver.

Brendan Rodgers is another high-profile manager who will be worried about results and performances with Leicester City. Ahead of Thursday's clash with Manchester United, the Foxes sit bottom of the table, with one point from four games. Rodgers has seen key players Kasper Schmeichel and Wesley Fofana leave the King Power Stadium this summer, and until deadline day not a single senior outfield signing had been made (Wout Faes has since joined from Stade de Reims), but despite the financial restrictions that have made his job so much harder, the former Liverpool and Celtic boss is the

one in the firing line if results fail to improve.

How Gerrard, Tuchel and Rodgers handle their respective recruitment issues this summer may be crucial to their own job expectancies in the weeks ahead.

Villa have spent just under £50m and have already lost summer signing Diego Carlos to a long-term Achilles tendon injury. With Gerrard getting his wish to complete an £18m deal for Philippe Coutinho, he really needs the former Liverpool and Barcelona midfielder to deliver to avoid questions over his judgment, especially with a record that now shows Villa to have lost exactly half of their 34 games under his management.

Tuchel might seem to have won the transfer window by convincing new owner Todd Boehly to commit a record investment, but despite Chelsea's massive outlay, the departures of Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner have left the team short of goal scorers, and that is already being borne out with the team scoring just five goals in six games so far.

Tuchel has never been shy in expressing his opin-

ion about matters on and off the pitch, so watch this space if Chelsea fail to find some consistency.

And Rodgers faces a tough period ahead with a depleted squad that is suffering from injuries to key players. Leicester's owners have always been regarded as some of the most sensible and supportive in the Premier League, but even Claudio Ranieri, the man who secured their incredible Premier League title in 2015-16, was fired less than a year later because the club were battling against relegation. If Rodgers is unable to quickly steer the team out of the bottom three, his prospects will be bleak.

But with Bournemouth already claiming the undeniable distinction of being the first Premier League club to dismiss their manager this season, it will make it an easier conversation in other boardrooms when a manager is under pressure.

Winning is the only way to stay in a job, but managers must also avoid looking for excuses if things go wrong because losing and complaining are a guaranteed route to finding yourself out of a job.

GWiji by David Chikoko



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Taifa Stars 2023 CHAN finals' fate to be decided today



Taifa Stars' players take part in the squad's training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers' tie against Uganda's Cranes played in the city last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will today play its second leg of African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualifiers against Uganda's Cranes, aiming at securing qualification for the continental tournament's finals.

Uganda's Cranes defeated Taifa Stars 1-0 in the first match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last Sunday, courtesy of a late goal by Travis Mutyaba.

The results led Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) to

relieve the national team's head coach Kim Poulsen of his duties, as well as parting ways with the remainder of the technical bench's members.

Taifa Stars is now under interim head coach

Zambian Honour Janza that is assisted by Mecky Mexime and Juma Kaseja.

The Zambian coach pointed out he is confident Taifa Stars will emerge victorious today and make it to the 2023 CHAN

finals.

He said that the decision to include Simba SC's skipper, John Bocco, in Taifa Stars has added something to the team's other players who were called earlier.

The tactician noted the striker has a unique quality to impact internationally, he has added morale to his colleagues who also have high hopes for the coming tie.

The gaffer noted: "The presence of John Bocco in Taifa Stars has increased morale for his teammates due to the experience he has in international competitions, we believe we will do well here in Uganda."

Mexime revealed that Taifa Stars' technical bench has sat down with all players and talked to them about building their courage to fight tirelessly while asking them to forget the past results at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The coach pointed out: "We have sat down with our players, we have built them up psychologically to make sure they fight with tenacity in tomorrow's (today's) game and win."

"I believe we will win and restore honour to our nation," Mexime, former Taifa Stars' skipper, said.

Taifa Stars will have to seek a victory of more than one goal against Uganda to secure a ticket to participate in the CHAN finals slated to take place in Algeria in 2023.

Harab Motors Pak Stars trounce Horizon Teleports DCC in 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup match

By Guardian Reporter

HARAB Motors Pak Stars commanded a six-wicket victory over Horizon Teleports Dar Cricket Club (DCC) in a 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament match played in the city last Sunday.

Senior cricketer, Zafar Khan, displayed a man of the match showing to catapult Harab Motors Pak Stars to the resounding win.

Horizon Teleports DCC was hardly convincing during the outfit's turn with the bat, as the squad notched 98/8 in 20 when it got the opportunity to bat first.

The team's captain Adil Kassam was the batsman with the most runs, having ended with unbeaten 25 runs which included two boundaries.

Kassam that regularly opens his outfit's innings had this time around been assigned as a middle-order batsman, leaving Sufian Usman and Sajad Ratansi to operate as openers.

The opening batsmen failed to live up to expectations as they had a brief stay, with Usman posting 11 runs (two fours) and Ratansi being two runs short of a two-digit figure.

The remainder of the top order was equally less impressive, frustrating Horizon



Harab Motors Pak Stars' cricketer, Zafar Khan (L), gets the ColorFlex Man of the Match prize from Caravans Cricket Club's official after a 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament clash between the former's club and Horizon Teleports DCC that took place on August 28. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Teleports DCC's efforts to end with an imposing figure in the process.

Much as top-order performers, Hiren Sharma and Meet Jetha posted two-digit figures, the early dismissals of the openers and another top-order cricketer, Hozefa Hussein, had already proved costly.

Junaid Usman sought to make his presence count with his 10 runs in the latter

stages of the innings. Maqsood Alam had significant displays for Harab Motors Pak Stars as the bowler ended with two wickets.

Harab Motors Pak Stars, in response, confidently mounted a successful chase, reaching the target for four wickets in 9.2 overs of the 20-over duel.

Early exits of opening batsmen, Mohamed Omary

and skipper Kashif Adnan, could hardly frustrate the side's resolve, considering Sheraz Khan and Zafar efficiently won the clash for the club. The duo notched 37 runs apiece, with Sheraz cracking seven boundaries, and Zafar blasting eight fours, to ensure their team reach the target.

I&M Aurubindo Aga Khan SC last weekend became the third team to join

the hosts, Alliance Caravans, and DTB Gymkhana to book their place for the semi-finals.

The last four's last place up for grabs, now being contested by Novum Strikers, Black & Decker Upanga SC, and Aruti Aces, will get a contender this weekend.

The results to be registered in this weekend's ties will be crucial on not just two match points, given

the margin of win/ defeat will also play a big role in determining the fourth side which will advance to the semi-final.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of TCA and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, his deputy, Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Mwakinyo eyes WBO Super Welterweight title

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIAN pugilist Hassan Mwakinyo is today out to win World Boxing Organization (WBO) Super Welterweight title, coming up against England's Liam Smith in a 12-round bout that will be held at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool.

Mwakinyo, alias 'Champpez', who is regarded as a heavy puncher, revealed he wants to take the WBO title with the motivation he had in training for the fight. The 27-year-old boxer most recently stopped former unified world champion, Namibian Julius Indongo, in Tanzania last September.

Through his social media platforms, Mwakinyo wrote how he boasts his morale, thinking about the title he wants to lift and make his way back to his country with it.

"Several times I think about the night when I will be announced as the official WBO world champion from Makorora Tanga, Tanzania," Mwakinyo wrote.

The boxer that has temporarily moved his residence to the United States had been training intensively to ensure that he fulfills his dreams of becoming the WBO world champion.

Liverpool's own, Smith, alias 'Beefy' is 34 years old. The pugilist will begin his campaign for a second world title shot when he headlines at the M&S Bank Arena against Mwakinyo, Tanzania's number one boxer in Super Welterweight.

Making his way to Merseyside to face the hometown hero is the heavy-handed Mwakinyo (20-2, 14 KO's).

The Tanzanian pugilist shocked the British boxing fanbase on his 2018 visit to the UK when he demolished the infamously tough Sam Eggington in just two rounds.

Mwakinyo is undefeated since then and comes off three consecutive stoppage victories, the former World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental champion has scored 70% of his victories by Knockout (KO) or Technical Knockout (TKO).

The Tanzanian has stopping power in both hands and has traveled to the UK intent on upsetting the home fans once again.

Smith (31-3-1, 18 KO's) can edge closer to a world Super Welterweight title fight with a win over Mwakinyo after the British boxer's ruthless stoppage win over Jessie Vargas in Madison Square Garden in New York earlier this year.

Currently ranked in the top five by three of boxing's major sanctioning bodies, Smith won the WBO World Light Middleweight title in 2015.

The pugilist has propelled his name back into the world championship contender conversation with stoppage wins in his last two fights and is now set on winning a second world title as part of the BOXER stable.

Flexibles

by David Chikoko

