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President Samia Suluhu Hassan with various other national leaders look on in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, yesterday as Rwandan President Paul Kagame lights a torch in marking the 30th anniversary of the April 7 to July 15, 1994 Rwanda genocide in which an estimated 800,000 people were killed. Photo: State House

TATO tells govt to 'collect entry levies directly from tourists'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TOUR operators have notified the government that they intend to stop collecting entry fees from tourists on its behalf because the levy is calculated on their annual turnover, imposing significant service levies eating into their income.

Sirili Akko, the Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) chief executive officer, said at a weekend press conference here that TATO members are frustrated with the formula as it stifles their profit margins.

TATO has already dispatched a formal letter to the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) and the Tanzania Wildlife Manage-

ment Authority (TAWA) over the decision, discontinuing collecting fees from tourists for the government effective from July 1.

The permanent secretaries for Natural Resources and Tourism plus Regional Administration and Local Governments at the President's Office (PO-RALG) also received the letter, triggering widespread concern as to its potential repercussions on the tourism industry.

Wilbard Chambulo, the TATO chairman, said that tour operators were incensed by "local authorities collecting service levy from them at gunpoint." This heavy-handed approach has severely damaged the longstanding trust and

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Legislators laud govt's new local content strategy

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Infrastructure Development standing committee of the National Assembly has applauded the government for formulating a local content strategy to empower local contractors, enabling them to handle major development projects.

Selemani Kakoso (Mpanda Rural), the committee chairman, observed at a briefing on expectations of the sector before the budget estimates, said that it is important to come up with a strategy to develop local contractors.

If well implemented, the strategy will accelerate the country's economy and support development efforts, he said, stressing that the committee has always called for measures to empower local contractors. He appealed to local contractors to

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TANESCO, Rufiji officials warn residents on floods

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

RESIDENTS of Kibiti and Rufiji districts in Coast Region are being asked to take exceptional precautions in view of the harm that may strike the area when large amounts of water are released from the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP)

dam.

Kenneth Boymanda, the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd (Tanesco), director in the eastern region, sounded the warning over the weekend as Tanesco officials inspected effects emerging from the flooding in those areas, as heavy rains are compounded by discharge from the dam.

While the dam has been a

brake to random floods in those areas, last seen back in 2021, recent heavy rains have overcome the storage capacity of the dam, thus spelling another onset of floods.

"The company continues to warn all residents living in the lower level of Rufiji and Kibiti districts about the increase of water. People who live in those areas that have always been af-

ected by floods should take precautions to save their property and their lives and avoid major disasters that can be prevented," he said.

Dismas Mbote, a water engineer at the project site, said that the company has been making efforts to raise awareness on the issue before releasing water

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (6th-L), Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (7th-L) and various other dignitaries pictured at CCM's Kisiwandui offices in Zanzibar yesterday holding prayers at the grave of former Zanzibar president Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume in marking the 52nd anniversary of his death. L-R: Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, former Zanzibar president Dr Ali Mohamed Shein, Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla, Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman Sharif and former Zanzibar president Amani Abeid Karume. Photo: VPO

Commission for planning setting out vast Vision consultations

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

REGIONAL administrative secretaries and directors of local government authorities need to encourage airing opinions on the National Development Vision 2050, with upwards of 7,800 households expected to be reached for interviews.

Prof Kitila Mkumbo, the Planning and

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cooperation between tour operators and the government, he asserted.

The coercive tactic is not only an affront to the industry's integrity but also jeopardizes the smooth functioning of tourism operations, he said, insisting that resorting to aggressive methods "alienates the very partners who are vital in promoting and sustaining the country's tourism industry."

"It is imperative for the government to reconsider its approach and engage in constructive dialogue with tour operators to find mutual, sustainable solutions that uphold the collaborative spirit essential for the prosperity of the industry and the nation as a whole," he declared.

Daniel Mghwira, an industry analyst, said that the impasse requires that an effort be made to restore the balance between local authorities' fiscal requirements and the viability of tour operators.

"We are witnessing a standoff that could have far-reaching consequences for the entire tourism industry," he said, as stakeholders on both sides grapple with the implications of the dispute.

"The stalemate underscores the delicate interplay between government policies and the businesses that sustain the country's travel experiences," he said.

TATO cited the constant practice where tour operators have been rounded up and some being arrested by a special task force in the city, over disputed service levy payment, as the reason that prompted the move to stop collecting fees for the government.

"As you are aware, the

current practice involves tour operators collecting concession fees, park fees, and entry fees on behalf of the government. However, recent developments have highlighted the impact of these fees on TATO members' turnover" the TATO letter reads in part.

As a result, TATO members have resolved that a more efficient approach is that from 1st July 2024, TANAPA, NCAA and TAWA should directly collect the fees from the tourists themselves. "By doing so, we can streamline the process and reduce administrative burdens on TATO members," the letter added.

Such a change will help mitigate the stress caused by the district council's service levy demands based on total turnover. Also, the operators will no longer be subjected to exchange rate fluctuations, it stated. "It is also worth considering that the fees are in the public domain, therefore tourists can pay directly," the association intoned.

Proponents of the service levy argue that the funds are essential for funding vital infrastructure and resources that support tourism and visitor amenities, while critics contend that the current system places an unfair financial burden on tour operators, stifling their capacity to invest in the growth and development of their businesses.

"The standoff between tour operators and local governments underscores the profound impact of taxation policies on the fabric of the tourism industry, while laying bare the complex dynamics that underpin its sustenance and growth," the analyst concluded.

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Investment state minister in the President's Office, issued this instruction here yesterday in a meeting with the regional secretaries, demanding that they help the National Planning Commission to reach the widest number of Tanzanians in collecting opinions.

The commission has to issue a schedule for regions to prepare when it will be reached by commission interviewers to collect views, as the exercise is billed to end on November 30, he said.

The government is in the process of writing a new National Develop-

ment Vision for the next 25 years or more, he said, expressing the idea that the 25-year vision is not a long time as "many countries are talking about plans for the next 100 years."

When collecting opinions they will focus on more than 25 years, he said, reminding the secretariat officials to take up the five principles cited by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, chiefly in relation to the participation of key stakeholders.

"In your regions, help us identify all the important groups that our experts will meet and conduct interviews to get their opinions," he said,



Mama Fatma Karume (C), widow of former Zanzibar president Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, joins prayers at CCM's Kisiwandui offices in Zanzibar yesterday in marking the 52nd anniversary of his death. To her right is National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson. Photo: Zanzibar State House. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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from the dam, with a team of JNHPP officials camping in those areas to insist on the need to leave the dangerous areas while safety still prevails.

Reducing water from the dam started on March 8 and is yet to be ended as the water depth was increasing, with the company checking amounts of water to be released so diminish likelihood of

harm to residents especially in Rufiji District, he explained.

Maj. Edward Gwelle, the Rufiji district commissioner, said the JNHPP project has significantly reduced flooding that was regularly occurring in the district.

The presence of the dam has helped to know the amount of water being released and thus mitigated its impact than random flooding, he said, noting that there was no precaution in the past.

"People were just surprised by rushing water in their houses and fields during this period," he said, elaborating that government officials in Rufiji had received early warning from Tanesco.

"So we conveyed information to the people who took precautions to avoid harm and that is why until now no death has been reported as a result of floods," he stated.

Abdul Bakari Chobo, the district coun-

cil chairman, said that Rufiji District has traditionally experienced frequent floods but the construction of JNHPP has reduced the threat, eliminated over the past few years.

"Heavy rains continue to fall in the southern highlands raising the water level, where the dam cushions the impact," he stated, raising a finger at those who say that the main cause of flooding is the construction of the dam.



Songwe Regional Police Commander Agustino Senga touches on the disruptive and corruptive role of violence and crime in society. He was afforded the opportunity to make remarks on the matter when attending mass at Moravian Church at Majengo in Tunduma town, Momba District, yesterday. Photo courtesy of Issa Mwadangala.

reminding them that President Samia has insisted that every citizen or those living abroad participate in preparing the new vision.

Conferences will be organised in various regions for stakeholders and other people to express their views, with the final event to conclude the process set to be held on November 30 with the president officiating, he said.

Dr Tausi Kida, the permanent secretary, said that leaders are important stakeholders in

achieving the collection of opinions on the vision that will continue the development steps that resulted from the implementation of the Development Vision 2025.

Evaluation of Vision 2025 implementation shows that the development vision has enabled the country to achieve economic and social successes including crossing into the list of countries with lower middle income, she explained.

Lawrence Mafuru, the commission's executive secretary, said that after

the collection of opinions they will return to the public to show the results before publishing the vision, "so that they can affirm what there is or point out if there is something left out."

The methods that will be used to reach many people are face-to-face interviews, filling out questionnaires through mobile phones, meetings such as debates, conferences and social media networks, he elaborated.

Face-to-face interviews will target up to 7,800 households coun-

trywide, with expectations to have one million people filling in the questionnaire personally, one million people through mobile phones, special interviews for senior national leaders, 71 famous people and about 200 meetings," he stated.

The list of households will be taken from the 2022 census data, with two district councils selected for each region, two wards for each council where 60 households will be interviewed in each ward, he added.

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avoid shoddy jobs once they win tenders for development projects, noting that some local contractors fail to implement projects in accordance with the contract, causing delays in completing them.

The government needs to empower the contractors financially to undertake big projects and disburse funds on time during project implementation, he said, pointing out that contractors stall or delay due to late disbursement of funds from the relevant authorities.

The government had of late improved the way various projects are supervised, he said, explaining that committee members visited various projects across the country and noticed proper implementation of many projects and completion of others initiated several years earlier.

Works minister Innocent Bashungwa said that construction projects registration in the past ten years shows that the participation of local contractors in development projects has been fairly low.

Ministry records indicate that out of 36,839 projects billed at 61,351bn/-, local contractors implemented 35,351 projects priced at 23,75trn/- or 38.5 percent of project costing, leaned heavily by foreign contractors, he said.

Local contractors have implemented more projects than foreign competi-

tors but the average cost of such contracts is 672m/- while the average cost of projects implemented by foreign contractors is quoted as 25.5bn/-, he stated.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the ministry to come up with strategies to empower local contractors, he said, citing a taskforce working on the matter as having completed its work, with the draft soon being made public.

The government worked on bottlenecks in the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) tender documents, he said, intimating that some details impede local contractors from securing projects. Rectification measures include the reduction of average annual turnover, allowing the use of tender bid security declaration as well as the use of performance bonds.

Others are performance securing declaration instead of performance bank guarantee for specific experience in the similar projects he said, affirming that the ministry's estimates will set aside funds boosting local contractors' capacity.

The ministry sets aside 500bn/- annually for road maintenance projects by local contractors in the past few years, he said, indicating that at least three major projects will be set aside for local contractors in the coming financial year.

During fiscal 2023/24 the ministry is implementing 12 major road projects through local contractors, he added.



Uganda partner Donald Nsanyiwa presents the strategic tax reform proposals at a verification workshop held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend ahead of the submission of the recommendations to the government. It was jointly organised by the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation and aid-for-trade organisation Trademark Africa. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Msuya hails Samia's development efforts, is optimistic on the Union

By Carlos Banda

FORMER Prime Minister Cleopa Msuya has praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts to spur the country's economy through implementation of strategic development projects.

Msuya (pictured) made the remarks in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during a special interview with journalists ahead of 60 years of the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

He recalled President Samia's statement that she would continue the strategic plans she had pursued jointly with her predecessor and that she would implement more projects that are important for development.

"She has truly implemented what she said. She is working on the major projects to this day. She made major changes in liberalization, people's rights, and so many other things. I had a chance to meet her once and I told her that the only problem standing in her way in the next polls is not at the lower level but the problem may arise from the people around her at the top. She has done a great job and she has tried to make people understand her," he said

The former premier emphasized on the importance of enacting mechanisms that build public awareness on the advantages of the union for the present and future generations.

"We should concentrate on the positive side of the union. A special team should be formed and tasked to analyse and present positive outcomes of the union for the mainland and the isles. For example, when the Isles had no electricity, the mainland already had access to power. Therefore, Unguja became connected to power from Dar es Salaam and Pemba got connected with electricity from Tanga Region," he said.

"Yet, just recently, someone asked how the mainland and the isles can split resources and I asked what resources they were referring to. If the Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Plant produces electricity, both the isles and the mainland are guaranteed to have electricity for the development of both sides. This is a positive thing instead of leaving the isles to fend for itself to generate power at enormous costs. Unity is compulsory and vital to address the problems and spur development of people on both sides through an acceptable approach."

The former finance minister also said that Tanzanians should be proud of the union which has lasted for 60 years with a generation that has lived within the union and those who lived before it was formed.



"Our key task is to strengthen the union as a platform and see how it can bring benefits to the people of both Zanzibar and the mainland. The example of electricity supply serves to show you that. We need to create systems that continuously educate the public on the union and its advantages," he said.

Elders in Arusha want city road named after Mwinyi

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

SOME elders in Arusha have recommended that one of the roads in the city centre be named after former president, the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi.

Speaking here at the weekend on behalf of his colleagues, retired civil servant Rashid Guta said they have already sent their written request to the Mayor's office at the City Hall, Regional Commissioner's office and other government representatives in the city.

"Ali Hassan Mwinyi is an unsung hero as far as his role in transforming the economy of Tanzanians for the better is concerned," he said.

Guta and his colleagues gathered while at his home located at the end of Fire Road which they want to be renamed Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road.

Fire Road links the clock tower junction to the railway crossing at Daraja-Mbili along a two-kilometre tarmac stretch.

The track was named Fire Road as it passes adjacent to the city's fire station base but people there now want it be given

the name of the head of the second phase government.

Mwinyi was president of Tanzania between November 1985 and October 1995. He died on February 26, this year at 98 years. Mwinyi goes on record as the first and only leader who served as both the President of Zanzibar and Tanzania.

During his tenure, Mwinyi paved the way for multiparty democracy, liberalised the economy and pushed the agenda of freedom of press, freedom of expression as well as allowing private investments in media.

In Arusha, Mwinyi championed the formation of the Tanzania Agriculture Society (TASO) through which the Nane Exhibition grounds in Njiro was built in the Thembi Hills.

Mwinyi who officially launched the grounds in July 1995 declared that all national farmers' week events and holidays be staged in Arusha annually.

However, the decision was later changed after he left office when the government announced in 2000 that farmers' week events be held on rotational throughout the country.

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Govt, UN renew commitment to enhance women leadership

By Guardian Reporter

THE government, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have renewed commitments to enhance efforts to promote women leadership and economic rights across all levels.

This was said in Singida Region recently during a the two-day steering committee meeting to evaluate progress and chart the course ahead for the four-year project to be implemented until 2025.

The committee which was jointly chaired by permanent secretaries of the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups and the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local), featured discussions on advancing progress on women

leadership and economic rights project goals.

Representing Permanent Secretary, Amon Mpanju, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, acknowledged the strides made and stressed the government's commitment to making further progress towards gender equality.

"Tanzania unequivocally recognizes gender equality, equity and women empowerment as fundamental pillars essential for fostering meaningful, inclusive and sustainable development within our society. The government's commitment to these ideals is exemplified by our endorsement of this project, symbolizing our dedication to advancing gender equality and equity across the nation," he said. Mpanju commended the

achievements of the project in 2023 which include the successful training of 1,800 women on local governance and leadership, transformative engagement with over 400 community members, including male influencers to challenge discriminatory social norms and significant improvements to gender data collection systems with a focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and women's socio-economic status.

Peter Magoola, UN Women Acting Country Representative, expressed confidence that with the nurturing environment created by the the project, UN Women was looking forward to see an increase in women candidates in the forthcoming local government elections, to reduce existing gender disparities in local-level representation.



Sabry Sharif (R), CCM's Parents Wing chairman for Ilala Ward in Dar es Salaam, leads a tree planting campaign in the ward at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Pilly Kigome



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Azania Bank Commercial Development director Dr Rhimo Nyansaho (C) pictured at the weekend symbolically presenting to Michael Mafwele (2nd-L), Head of Mugumu Prison in Serengeti District, the first consignment of 100 out of a total of 200 mattresses worth 8m/- for use by inmates at the facility and at Tabora B Prison. Looking on are Tabora B Prison assistant head Albert Beda (L) and prison officers Lucas Muhindi (R) and Christopher Maningu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

JKCI's outreach programme serves over 11,000 in 13 regions

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Services initiative has reached 13 regions and provided heart care to 11,254 people, an official at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has said.

Anna Nkinda, JKCI head of communication and relations unit, said this at the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking about two honorary awards for relations and communication in providing education to the public about heart diseases and providing screening services and heart treatment that JKCI received.

The award was presented at the weekend in Dar es Salaam by the Public Relations Society of Tanzania (PRST) where the official guest was the Deputy Minister for Information, Communications and Information Technology, Maryprisca Mahundi.

Nkinda said in a statement that JKCI won the award through medical services known as Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Services that conducts screening and treatment of heart diseases by following people where they are.

She said that the screening goes hand in hand with provision of awareness to the public about non-communicable diseases, including heart disease and the correct use of heart drugs, to build the capacity of health professionals on how to identify heart patients and research on heart diseases.

Meanwhile, Nkinda said that JKCI experts in collaboration with their colleagues from Iringa Regional Referral Hospital expect to run a five-day heart screening camp through a service known as Samia Suluhu Hassan Outreach Services.

She said that the screening will target children and adults from 15th to 19th of this month in Iringa where by nutritionists will also provide education on balanced diet to give citizens understanding of the same

and follow a healthy lifestyle.

She said that a healthy lifestyle helps people avoid heart diseases which are among the non-communicable diseases that can be easily avoided.

"JKCI appeals to citizens to use this opportunity to come out in large numbers to get tested for heart problems and those diagnosed with the disease get treated early before their condition get critical," she said.

Programme seeks to keep girls in school for entire calendar

By Beatrice Philemon

OVER 1,000 female pupils in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region have been provided with reusable sanitary pads so that they stay in class for the entire educational calendar.

The support has been provided by Fungua Trust to pupils at Nyasubi, Kishimba and Malunga secondary schools.

The support is meant to enable girls study more and increase their overall awareness about East African Community (EAC) matters and particularly development opportunities that are made available at a regional level.

Dr Shogo Sedoyeka, Fungua Trust chief executive officer and founder said in a statement yesterday that the items were donated during the launch of INUA Youth Programme on March 27th this year in Kahama District.

She said the supply of reusable sanitary towels is one of two initiatives undertaken by the trust under a programme known as INUA Youth which it implements with support from NEVP-Barrick Gold Corporation.

"As a programme, INUA Youth is implemented in the three second-

ary schools in the first quarter of the calendar year 2024," she said, adding that the donation is part of the recent commemoration of International Women's Day - a global event dedicated to observing the role and immense contribution of women in development of mankind.

Dr Shogo who is also a member of the East African Legislative assembly (EALA), lauded Barrick for extending financial support to her trust, saying that each form one and form two pupil in selected schools is provided with a pack containing four re-usable pads that have a lifespan of up to two years.

According to her, the second activity of the programme is providing support to the schools to establish what is known as East African Community Integration study clubs which are aimed at increasing overall awareness among secondary school pupils about EAC matters.

She noted that such clubs are to run as part of extracurricular activities that pupils normally undertake. Pupils join the clubs voluntarily and access reference materials that are designed to further widen their understanding of EAC matters.



REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK PURSUANT TO SECTION 32(3) OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ACT, 2014

DIAMOND TRUST BANK TANZANIA PLC

Extracts from the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

| BALANCE SHEET | | Dec. 2023 | Dec. 2022 | CASH FLOWS STATEMENT: | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Tshs in Million Audited | Tshs in Million Audited | Tshs in Million Audited | Dec. 2023 Tshs in Million Audited | Dec. 2022 Tshs in Million Audited |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash and balances with Bank of Tanzania | 192,354 | 213,831 | Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Deposits and balances due from banking institutions | 136,683 | 131,250 | Profit before income tax | | |
| Government securities at amortised cost | 334,520 | 266,377 | 27,084 | | |
| Government securities available for sale | 54,463 | 96,910 | Adjustment for: | | |
| Net loans and advances to customers | 959,655 | 865,223 | Depreciation of property and equipment | | |
| Property and equipment | 31,822 | 30,094 | 6,782 | | |
| Right of use asset | 22,012 | 22,780 | Depreciation of motor vehicle | | |
| Intangible assets | 2,907 | 3,007 | 56 | | |
| Deferred income tax asset | 28,394 | 15,384 | Amortization of right-of-use assets | | |
| Other assets | 26,128 | 17,724 | 2,658 | | |
| Total Assets | 1,788,938 | 1,662,580 | 1,065 | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Customer deposits | 1,495,214 | 1,335,145 | (Gain)/ Loss on disposal of property and equipment | | |
| Deposits and balances due to banking institutions | 2,899 | 50,045 | 197 | | |
| Long term borrowings | 3,943 | 7,203 | Loan impairment charges and non-cash recoveries | | |
| Other liabilities | 17,648 | 10,978 | 31,115 | | |
| Lease liability | 19,087 | 20,141 | Provisions - Off-balance sheet | | |
| Current income tax payable | 2,441 | 446 | 55 | | |
| Total Liabilities | 1,541,232 | 1,423,958 | Provisions - Credit cards | | |
| SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | | | | |
| Share capital | 2,520 | 2,520 | 134 | | |
| Share premium | 45,935 | 45,935 | Interest income | | |
| Revaluation surplus | 3,013 | 3,122 | (133,835) | | |
| Retained earnings | 193,109 | 175,527 | (534) | | |
| Fair value reserve | 3,129 | 11,518 | Interest expense | | |
| Total Shareholders Equity | 247,706 | 238,622 | 40,592 | | |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | 1,788,938 | 1,662,580 | (24,631) | | |
| PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | | | | | |
| Total capital to total assets | 11.8% | 12.9% | Change in operating assets and liabilities | | |
| Non performing loans & advances to total advances | 7.6% | 6.1% | Statutory minimum reserve | | |
| Gross loans and advances to total deposits | 67.8% | 65.3% | (6,743) | | |
| Loans and advances to total assets | 53.6% | 52.0% | Government securities | | |
| | | | (31,202) | | |
| | | | (123,812) | | |
| | | | (8,404) | | |
| | | | (47,146) | | |
| | | | 155,497 | | |
| | | | 6,670 | | |
| | | | (570) | | |
| | | | (410) | | |
| | | | (78,751) | | |
| | | | 10,691 | | |
| | | | 88,728 | | |
| | | | 35,247 | | |
| | | | 534 | | |
| | | | (35,517) | | |
| | | | (17,032) | | |
| | | | (6,791) | | |
| | | | 82,156 | | |
| | | | Cash flows used in investing activities | | |
| | | | Purchase of property and equipment | | |
| | | | (8,823) | | |
| | | | (965) | | |
| | | | 80 | | |
| | | | (9,708) | | |
| | | | (9,345) | | |
| | | | Cash flows used in financing activities | | |
| | | | Repayment of borrowings principal | | |
| | | | (3,812) | | |
| | | | (3,703) | | |
| | | | (7,515) | | |
| | | | (7,111) | | |
| | | | Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | |
| | | | (24,014) | | |
| | | | 65,700 | | |
| | | | Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January | | |
| | | | 266,766 | | |
| | | | 200,534 | | |
| | | | 1,227 | | |
| | | | 531 | | |
| | | | Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December | | |
| | | | 243,979 | | |
| | | | 266,766 | | |

| STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Dec. 2023 Tshs in Million Audited | Dec. 2022 Tshs in Million Audited | Share capital Shs'000 | Share premium Shs'000 | Revaluation surplus Shs'000 | Retained earnings Shs'000 | Fair value reserve Shs'000 | Total Shs'000 |
| Interest Income | 133,835 | 113,077 | 2,520 | 45,935 | 3,122 | 175,527 | 11,518 | 238,622 |
| Interest Expense | (40,592) | (31,894) | - | - | - | 17,473 | - | 17,473 |
| Net Interest Income | 93,243 | 81,183 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Interest Income: | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fee and commission income | 21,154 | 20,423 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fee and commission expense | (240) | (347) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net fee and commission income | 20,914 | 20,076 | - | - | (156) | 156 | - | - |
| Foreign exchange income | 21,050 | 11,575 | - | - | 47 | (47) | - | - |
| Other income | 2,906 | 74 | - | - | - | - | (11,984) | (11,984) |
| Operating income | 138,113 | 112,908 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Impairment losses on loans and advances | (29,408) | (25,100) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net operating income | 108,705 | 87,808 | - | - | (109) | 17,582 | (8,389) | 9,084 |
| Operating expenses | (81,621) | (61,713) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Profit before tax | 27,084 | 26,095 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Income tax expense | (9,611) | (8,150) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Profit for the year | 17,473 | 17,945 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | (8,389) | 11,671 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Profit and comprehensive income for the year | 9,084 | 29,616 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Number of employees | 609 | 577 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | | | | | | | | |
| (i) Return on average assets | 1.0% | 1.2% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (ii) Return on ordinary shareholders' funds | 7.2% | 8.0% | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (iii) Non interest expense to operating income | 59.1% | 54.7% | - | - | - | - | 14,894 | 14,894 |
| (iv) Interest margin to average earning assets | 6.7% | 6.0% | - | - | - | - | (4,468) | (4,468) |
| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY | | | | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2023 | | | 2,520 | 45,935 | 3,122 | 175,527 | 11,518 | 238,622 |
| Profit for the year | | | - | - | - | 17,473 | - | 17,473 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gain on revaluation of properties | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deferred income tax on revaluation | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfer from regulatory reserve | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfer of excess depreciation | | | - | - | (156) | 156 | - | - |
| Deferred income tax on excess depreciation transfer | | | - | - | 47 | (47) | - | - |
| Fair value reserve | | | - | - | - | - | (11,984) | (11,984) |
| Deferred income tax on fair value reserve | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income | | | - | - | (109) | 17,582 | (8,389) | 9,084 |
| At 31 December 2023 | | | 2,520 | 45,935 | 3,013 | 193,109 | 3,129 | 247,706 |
| At 1 January 2022 | | | 2,520 | 45,935 | 1,945 | 157,514 | 1,092 | 209,006 |
| Profit for the year | | | - | - | - | 17,945 | - | 17,945 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gain on revaluation of properties | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deferred income tax on revaluation | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfer from regulatory reserve | | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfer of excess depreciation | | | - | - | (97) | 97 | - | - |
| Deferred income tax on excess depreciation transfer | | | - | - | 29 | (29) | - | - |
| Fair value reserve | | | - | - | - | - | 14,894 | 14,894 |
| Deferred income tax on fair value reserve | | | - | - | - | - | (4,468) | (4,468) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | - | - | 1,177 | 18,013 | 10,426 | 29,616 |
| At 31 December 2022 | | | 2,520 | 45,935 | 3,122 | 175,527 | 11,518 | 238,622 |

The above extracts are from the audited financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). The financial statements were audited by KPMG and received a clean audit report. These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Linus W Gitahi
Chairman

Muzaffer Khawaja
Director

NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND



SALES OF PARCEL OF LANDS

- The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) established under the National Social Security Fund Act, (Cap 50 R.E 2018) having its Head office located at Benjamin Mkapa Towers, Azikiwe Street Dar es Salaam.
- The Fund has parcels of land around the country that are potential for strategic development. During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, the Fund planned to sell off a portion of its land parcels located in Dar es Salaam, Sumbawanga, and Kigoma.
- The Fund is now seeking bids from prospective buyers to purchase the following properties for strategic development.

| S/N | PLOT DESCRIPTION | REGION | PLOT SIZE (M ²) | CURRENT USE | PLOT ATTRIBUTES |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|---|
| LOT NO.1 | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 10,759 | Housing Estate | Located in the Vijibweni area, accessible via Ferry-Kibada Road through the Oil Com Filling Station. It is just 2 km from Ferry |
| 2 | 3 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 29,788 | Housing Estate | |
| 3 | 4 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 6,220 | Housing Estate | |
| 4 | 7 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 8,054 | Housing Estate | |
| 5 | 11 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 11,683 | Housing Estate | |
| 6 | 12 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 5,162 | Housing Estate | |
| 7 | 13 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 8,232 | Housing Estate | |
| 8 | 14 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 6,825 | Housing Estate | |
| 9 | 15 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 6,224 | Housing Estate | |
| 10 | 16 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 12,920 | Housing Estate | |
| 11 | 19 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 8,878 | Housing Estate | |
| 12 | 21 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 14,442 | Housing Estate | |
| 13 | 22 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 2,512 | Housing Estate | |
| 14 | 23 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 12,258 | Housing Estate | |
| 15 | 24 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 13,261 | Housing Estate | |
| 16 | 25 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 8,079 | Housing Estate | |
| 17 | 26 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 7,549 | Housing Estate | |
| 18 | 29 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 15,464 | Housing Estate | |
| 19 | 30 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 117,735 | Housing Estate | |
| 20 | 31 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 8,008 | Housing Estate | |
| 21 | 32 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 9,715 | Housing Estate | |
| 22 | 33 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 9,443 | Housing Estate | |
| 23 | 34 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 7,925 | Housing Estate | |
| 24 | 36 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 13,296 | Housing Estate | |
| 25 | 37 Block 1 Vijibweni-Temeke | DSM | 1,546 | Housing Estate | |
| LOT NO.2 | | | | | |
| 26 | No 38 (HD) Block H Sumbawanga | Rukwa | 372 | Residential | A property Located in the Jangwani area in Sumbawanga Municipality just at the Central Business District. |
| LOT NO.3 | | | | | |
| 27 | Land in Mwandinga - Kigoma | Kigoma | 225,512 | Mixed-Use | Situated along Kasulu and Manyovu Road" |

4. Instructions to the bidders

- Bidders should bid at a minimum price as follows: -
LOT No 1: Vijibweni plots at a minimum price of TZS 50,000/= per square meter.
- LOT No 2: Property on plot No. 38 Block H Sumbawanga at a minimum price of TZS 58,000,000/=, and
- LOT No 3: Mwandiga plots at a minimum price of TZS 7500/= per square meter.
- Bidders are allowed to bid for more than one Lot.
- For the case of Lot No. 1 (Vijibweni Plots) bidders are required to bid for the entire Lot.
- Bids should enclose the bidder's physical address, telephone, fax, e-mail address, and mobile phone number (if any).
- Successful bidders will be informed and required to confirm acceptance of the Offer within 7 days after being informed of the award.
- The letter confirming acceptance of the award should be accompanied by a down payment of 25% of the purchase price. Further, the purchaser will be required to pay the remaining 75% of the purchase price within three (3) months from the date of effecting the down payment at a minimum rate of 25% of the purchase price per month.
- Failure, by the purchaser, to pay monthly installments for three consecutive installments, the same will be construed as a defaulter. For any defaulted plot, it will be reallocated to other interested potential purchasers and the defaulter will be refunded only 50% of the deposited amount.
- The successful purchaser shall be responsible for all transfer costs.
- Offer marked "OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL OF LAND LOT No (Specify it) must be submitted to NSSF office located at Benjamin Mkapa Towers, Azikiwe Street Dar es Salaam 7th Floor at or before 1500 hours local time on 30th April 2024.

Director General
National Social Security Fund
Benjamin William Mkapa Pension Towers,
(Tower B) at Junction of Azikiwe/Jamhuri Streets, Dar es Salaam.
P. O. Box 1322, Dar es Salaam Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2163400-19, Fax: +255

Project extends 48bn/- to IAA for improved education infrastructure

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) has disbursed 48bn/- for improvement of education infrastructure at the Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA).

Emmanuel Palangyo, HEET assistant coordinator said this here at the weekend when speaking at the first session of IAA sectoral advisory committee.

He said that the project started in 2021 and is being implemented by 22 institutions, including 19 colleges and three institutions that manage education and is expected to be completed in 2026.

Palangyo said that in the project, IAA has received \$19million (48bn/-) and that amount will be used in seven areas of project implementation.

"The first area will be construc-

tion and repair of infrastructure where we will have construction in three campuses of Arusha, Babati and Songea. The second area is to update curriculum," he said. "The third area is the use of IT in teaching; the fourth is to enable the institution to operate on other sources of income without relying on student fees."

According to him, another area is to connect students who graduate from the college with the employment networks and encourage self-employment, to build capacity of academic staff so that they can increase efficiency in teaching and the last area is management of the project in general.

Prof Epaphra Manamba, IAA deputy rector (academic, research and consultancy) said they have discussed how the college can grow as well as compare

its graduates with the needs of the labour market.

"There have been many discussions from education stakeholders, including employers who argue that many graduates do not have enough knowledge to carry out their duties in practice," he said.

"At IAA we thought we should have a special committee with the task of checking that our education curricula are compatible with the job market and the needs of society."

He said that the committee will have the task of going through their programmes and looking at those that need to be modified and that are suitable to continue to be used so that when students leave the college, they can be useful to themselves and the nation as a whole because society needs different talents.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (2nd-L) shares a light moment with NMB Bank board members at iftar the bank hosted for legislators in Dodoma city at the weekend. Left is NMB chief financial officer Juma Kimori and third-left is board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Speaker praises bank for caring for the needy

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson has commended NMB Bank for extending support to the needy during this holy month of Ramadan.

She gave the compliments at the weekend here when speaking during an iftar event hosted by the bank as part of the lender's tradition to honour and celebrate the holy month of Ramada.

The event brought together various stakeholders, including legislators, the bank's customers who observe the holy month of Ramadan, orphaned and abandoned children from Zam Zam and Darul Maarifa orphanage centres.

"I commend NMB for this generous and positive gesture that seeks to give back to communities. I also take this opportunity to thank the bank's management for being at the forefront of supporting various development initiatives across the country," she said.

"I believe that the bank's efforts to support various communities will bear fruit soon as NMB has been creating a bond with the needy during this holy month of Ramadan."

Juma Kimori, NMB's chief financial officer, said the event was part of the bank's long tradition of organizing iftar events as a sign of gratitude for its customers.

"Organizing iftar events aligns with our 'closer to you' philosophy. As a bank, we believe such gestures bring us closer to our esteemed clients and communities. We are glad to organize this event for MPs and our Muslim community in Dodoma today where over 100 orphaned and abandoned children also took part," he said.

Dr Edwin Mhede, NMB Bank board chairman, said the month of Ramadan should be used to nurture a generation of people who care for others.

He said the bank believes in mutual engagements with all its stakeholders, adding that such engagements provide a platform for the bank to get feedback to enhance service delivery.

"This iftar event is not only a platform to engage with our stakeholders but also provides us an opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Quran," he said.

NEMC out to restore areas degraded by gold mining

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Singida

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has embarked on a project to rehabilitate areas that have been degraded by mining activities in Singida Region.

The initiative being implemented through Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project (EHPMP) covers several villages in Mangonyi Ward, Ikungi District.

The project area will be used as a yard stick and a lesson to help educate small-scale gold miners in the region on the importance of rehabilitating areas that are abandoned after gold mining activities.

Speaking here at the weekend, NEMC senior environment officer Paul Kalokola, said that the project is part of efforts to empower small-scale gold miners understand how to professionally rehabilitate and conserve mining areas after completing extraction.

He added that EHPMP entails a number of activities towards empowering the small-scale gold miners, especially in minimising the use of mercury in refining gold.

Funder of EHPMP, the World Bank, has set requirement of community involvement in the general decision and works for the rehabilitation of areas in question, he said.

"Rehabilitation of the areas that have been destroyed by mining activities is also in accordance with environment management law of 2004 which directs the large and small-scale miners to rehabilitate their mining areas after they are done with minerals extractions in order to avert possible environmental impact," he said.

Edward Milinga, Ikungi District Engineer, hailed NEMC and the Tanzania Mining Commission for implementing the initiative in the area and added that there is need for further efforts to educate the miners on the importance of rehabilitate land after closure of mining activities.

In Tanzania, the project is implemented in the seven regions namely Geita, Shinyanga, Singida, Mwanza, Mara, Mbeya and Songwe with the aim of reducing the use of mercury by introducing environmental-friendly gold mining and refining technologies to small-scale miners.

IT firm pledges to make Tanzania technology hub in East Africa

By Guardian Reporter

LIQUID Intelligent Technologies, a business of Cassava Technologies, has expressed commitment to ensuring that Tanzania becomes a technology hub in East Africa by providing high-quality services.

The company has said this after being honoured with two prestigious awards at the Chartered Institute of Customer Management (CICM) awards that were held at the beginning of the year in Dar es Salaam.

"With an estimated GDP growth of 6.3 percent in 2024, Tanzania is undergoing a digital transformation that promises to drive further economic growth. These awards are a testament to our vision of creating a digitally connected Tanzania that leaves no one behind," said Manish Govindji, CEO of Liquid Intelligent Technologies Tanzania.

We believe that service quality is a vital part of this journey, and we are dedicated to continuously improving our services to meet our customers' evolving needs. We are honoured to receive these awards and will ensure that our customers continue to receive the best-

in-class service they associate with our brand."

Liquid Tanzania's third-place ranking in the 'Best in Sector: Telecommunications' category, as the only internet service provider in the top three, underscores its commitment to delivering exceptional internet services.

"This achievement also highlights the company's goal of providing reliable connectivity and innovative solutions to individuals and businesses in Tanzania.

The company also bagged second place in the 'Most Improved Organisation' category, showcasing its focus on continuous growth and excellence," said Govindji.

"Access to high-speed connectivity and digital technologies is critical to ensure that Tanzania becomes a technology hub in East Africa, and Liquid is committed to making digital inclusion a reality across the country."

The CICM has organised and hosted the Service Excellence Awards in 11 countries globally since 2010, including several African countries, and 2024 saw the awards held in Tanzania for the first time.



Barrick Tanzania's Supervisor Learning and Development coordinator Elly Shimbi pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend addressing university students at a conference on ways to enhance their ability to withstand competition for employment. It was organised by AIESEC, an international not-for-profit organisation meant to nurture young people's leadership talents, and sponsored by Barrick. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

MP donates food items to over 100 mosques in Bukoba

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

BUKOBA Rural MP Dr Jason Rweikiza has donated various food items for Iftar to 113 mosques located in Bukoba District, Kagera Region.

The food items were handed over in Bukoba Rural Constituency at the weekend by by

Dr Rweikiza's assistant Jason Lwankomezi to Ahmed Baitu, secretary of the Muslims Council of Tanzania (Bakwata) in Bukoba District on behalf of all the mosques.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony, Lwankomezi said it was a routine for the Member of Parliament to give food items for

Iftar every holy month of Ramadan.

"Receive these food items for iftar from Dr Rweikiza for Muslims in this constituency, we will transport them to each mosque," he said.

Speaking immediately after receiving the food items, Baitu said Muslims had received the

gift with honour and thanked the Member of Parliament for the donation which he said came at the right time during the holy month of Ramadan.

"On behalf of Muslims in our district, I, a, are very grateful to the Member of Parliament for this kindness," he said.

Yakub Abdalah, Imam of Kato-

ma Mosque in Bukoba Rural District, said the support shows how the Member of Parliament cares about the beliefs of others.

"You can have wealth but not showing love for your colleagues. But Dr Rweikiza has shown sincere love for us not only today but every holy month of Ramadan," he said.

Shaf Abdulkadiri, Bakwata youth chairperson in Bukoba Rural District, said that the support the politician has been providing to Muslims regularly shows the respect he has for people of other faiths.

"On behalf of the youth of this constituency, I would like to thank our Member of Parliament," he said.



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BULYANHULU

Advertisement

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

BUL-RFQ-24-03-03 - SUPPLY OF DOUGLAS FIR SPECIAL SHAFT TIMBER GUIDES (300Nrs)

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine ("the Company"), a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Quotes from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

Specifications:

- 5-1/2" x 7-1/2" x 198-3/8" (300Nrs) Douglas Fir Special Shaft Timber Guides para 189b NLGA Mine Guides Heat Treated; Trimmed and graded to 22mm diameter hole.

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- BRELA detailed search document indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required.
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner.

Submission of Quote:

Please submit your quotes via email to bulytender@barrick.com.

The reference "**BUL-RFQ-24-03-03 - SUPPLY OF DOUGLAS FIR SPECIAL SHAFT TIMBER GUIDES (300Nrs)**" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

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

If you do not hear from us in 21days after the deadline date, please consider your bid/quote unsuccessful.

Key Dates:

- Last date to submit quotes: **15th April 2024.**

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited

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PROVISION OF INFORMATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS/SERVICES TO M&P EXPLORATION PRODUCTION TANZANIA LIMITED (Ref. No. MPEP/2024/TM/002)

- M&P Exploration Production Tanzania Ltd. (MPEP), an upstream producer of natural gas from the Mnazi Bay gas field in Mtwara region hereby invites potential suppliers to express their interest and provide information for the supply of the following:

Goods & Services for Drilling of Gas Exploration Wells

The work shall include but shall not be limited to:

- Supply of Wellheads & Xmas Trees
- Supply of Liner Hangers, Packers, and Running Tools
- Provision of Borehole Surveying Services
- Provision of Hammering Services
- Provision of Rental for Drilling Tools, Jars, X-Overs, Cement Stingers, Etc.
- Provision of Rental for Drilling String
- Provision of Rental for Solids Control Equipment
- Provision of Inspection for Downhole Tools, Tubulars & Bucking Services
- Provision of Inspection for Rig & Surface Equipment
- Provision of Slickline Services
- Provision of Managed Pressure Drilling Services
- Provision of Well Control Services

- This call for Request for Information (RFI) marks an open, transparent, and objective tender process. Detailed scope of work will be issued to qualified bidders upon demand.

- Potential suppliers must submit information to demonstrate their capability and competency. This must include but not limited to the following:

- Proof of experience and technical capability in providing said services preferably in Oil & Gas industry.
- Proof of financial capability (with latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years) and current annual return.
- International companies with ability to team up with local entity in any form as per the Local Content Regulations, 2017.
- Proof of registration with the local authorities in Tanzania or Country of Origin. This shall include but not limited to a company profile, certificate of registration with BRELA, Tax Authority certificates for Tax Identification Number and Value Added Tax, Valid Business License, Proof of registration with ERB (Engineers Registration Board), Regulatory license and permits (if applicable), Tax Clearance Certificate, etc.

- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be made in writing and communicated by e-mail to procurement@tanzaniamp.co.tz, not later than **22nd April, 2024.**

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UK partnership deal could help lessen forex shortage

TANZANIA and the United Kingdom have recently signed a path-breaking investment and multi-sectoral partnership accord.

It is described as a pact for mutual prosperity aimed at unlocking £1bn (over 3trn/-) in investment for the next five years.

While it will also involve a lot of firms, institutions or agencies making actual investment decisions, it wasn't just an opportunity for business to business meetings.

Rather, it was a strategic engagement on the part of the British, especially with regard to strategic minerals, with the Australians already extensively engaged in that area.

While the total accord is spaced out over half a decade, up to the final year of the decade, it not only involves large amounts of committed funds that hold the potential of attracting similar or auxiliary investments.

Fact is that each major investment agreement that a country makes with a significant economic powerhouse in the world market becomes a vote of confidence in the capital-recipient country.

By definition, that means that other potential investors no longer have to make own assessments but proceed from that de facto endorsement by a big power.

There was a 1.2trn/- disbursement by the International Monetary Fund over its special post-Covid-19 recovery programme, all right.

That doubtless significantly uplifted health and education delivery, but this particular investment accord will have a different impact.

This is a much larger amount of money essentially directed at the private sector; a substantial amount being directed at land right purchases denting the rural stronghold of economic activity. Just like in the case of investments in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), also known as the Uganda-Tanza-

nia Crude Oil Pipeline, many will quit rural activity to become among semi-urban settlements that attract other investments like housing, commerce and agriculture.

The exploration and mining of critical minerals (or rare metals) is extractive just like oil or gas, but it has a more extensive footprint than oil.

This is despite the fact that in the gas industry the possibility of a liquefied natural gas industry can also add a substantial footprint to capital formation in the country.

The natural gas being extracted complemented gold mining as a natural resource base, assuring the country of substantial foreign exchange earnings apart from tourism and cash crops. EACOP, LNG and rare minerals mark another stage in the building of a sound and decent foreign exchange base.

However, that doesn't mean that the country is about to quit poverty as massive earnings go into purchasing prestige equipment or infrastructure which could have been outsourced to the private sector with the state just collecting revenues through taxation.

Earnings by the private sector are mostly banked and form the bottom layer of buffer reserves on the basis of which banks can lend.

Meanwhile, public sector earnings will be dissipated into expenditure and widening demand for more loans with costly infrastructure. The private economic activity this generates is what is durable.

So there is reason to be especially happy with the UK-Tanzania accord since there is need for plenty of capital infusion to rectify the clogging effect of public sector pre-dominance in economic activity.

The 2017 withdrawal of 700bn/- term or fixed deposits of large parastatals in commercial banks crippled lending and paralysed horticulture and other aspects of the export industry.

Debate on place of civil servants in electoral process makes sense

INTENSE criticism is being heard from some civil society organisations on the now-finalised electoral law, which includes legislation on the National Electoral Commission (NEC) and the regulating of the activities of political parties.

Part of the criticism is in the form of a demand that the government rethink having civil servants serving in the NEC while the commission could conceivably employ its own staff to operate independently.

It is an ideal picture as to how polls need to be organised, primarily pursued chiefly by experts.

A top human rights activist believes that the decision to have civil servants as NEC staff eats into the integrity and freedom of the electoral body, a formulation which needs some explicit factorisation as to why it might just be true.

Is it because civil servants are often perceived as dishonest while those recruited from outside, that is, from activist ranks or professionals identified as private practitioners, are by contrast honest, fair and neutral? Is this not an issue of personal character rather than a person's particular station in life, occupation or loyalty to a particular employer as such?

There was a time former president Jakaya Kikwete opted to respond to opposition misgivings on the 2010 General Election supervised by NEC, a full-fledged state organ.

He dispelled fears about vote stealing, arguing that each results form was signed by all relevant par-

ty agents and so faulty signing could only occur with their say-so.

Even a series of hearsay anecdotes during vote counting and tallying appears to bring that position to the clear: a contestant retires late at night, his or her agents accept cash from another party and sign out the false results.

There is a practical dimension to activist criticism of civil servants in the polls body, the false view that state conduct in the 2019 civic polls and 2020 General Election was naturally tied to having civil servants in control of the process.

That is entirely inaccurate, as it arose from the political expediency characterising the state authorities at the time but since replaced with a philosophy of reconciliation.

There was a sort of revolution taking place after the 2015 General Election, as one rich person with a few allies had shaken the ruling party to the core, in which case the victorious candidate sought to reinforce the party institutionally.

While it is normal or routine for activists to see that period as a disaster, not everyone felt that way during the time as well as at the moment that President John Magufuli died.

With reconciliation and extensive changes to the way the NEC will be constituted, most of the worry might be exaggerated. The situation is an improvement not on 2020 but on 2010, which means plenty in terms of likelihood of counting the votes and agents freely endorsing or certifying the results.

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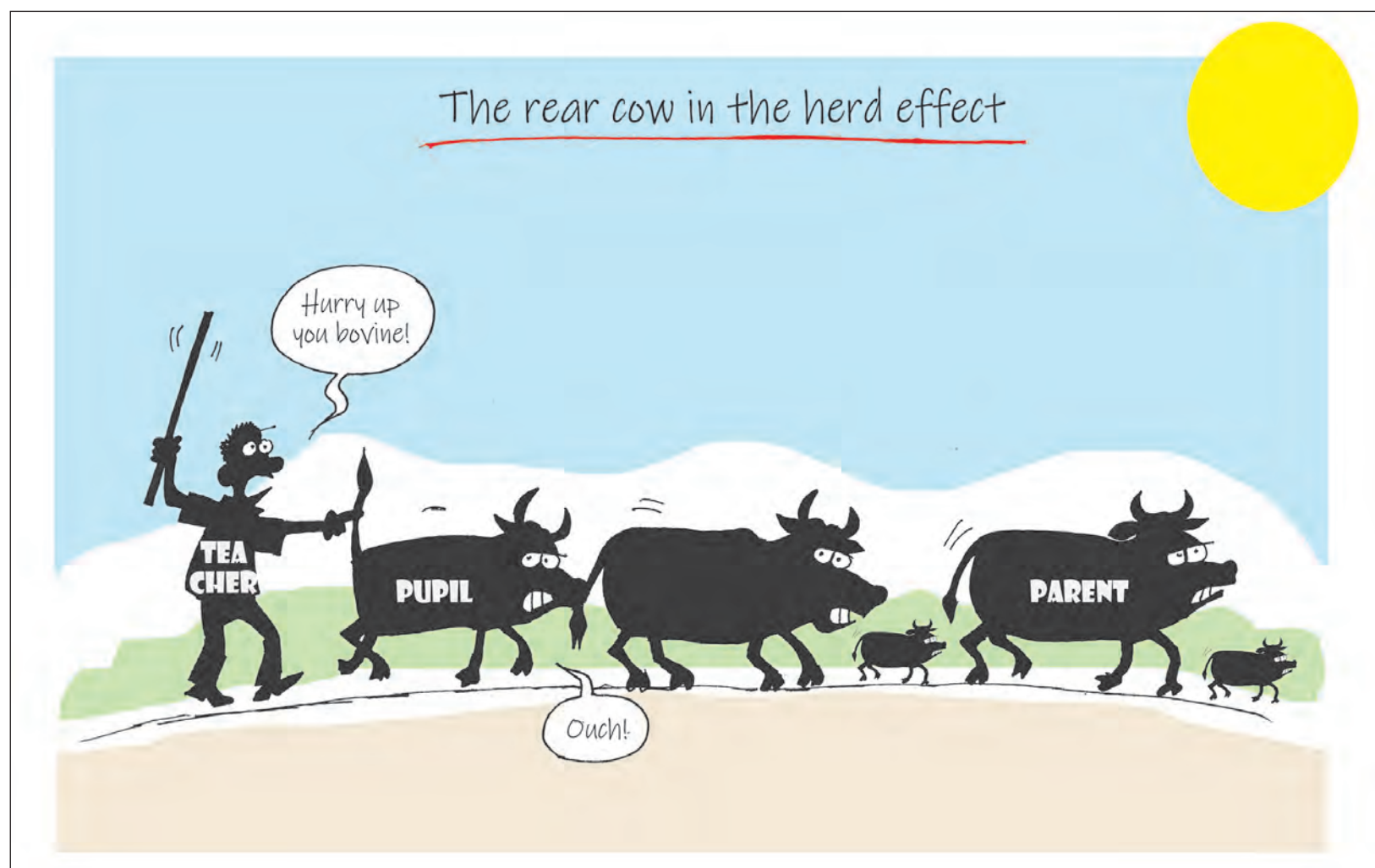
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Following Asian countries' leads, climate action opportunity for developing nations

By Erik Solheim

IN the deserts of Gujarat, something remarkable is happening. On my recent visit I saw hundreds of trucks moving under the warm Indian sun. Thousands of hardworking young people from all corners of Bharat, as Indians now often call their nation, are turning around the previously empty and harsh landscape.

This is where the world's largest combined solar and wind plant is coming up.

When completed, it will produce 30 gigawatt of wonderful clean and green energy. That is as much as the total hydropower production of my home country Norway. We are 100% fueled by hydro in our net, a rich nation in a cold climate, consuming far too much energy.

The Gujarat miracle is the work of the Adani Group. Gautam Adani told me his moving personal story. They were eight siblings living with parents in one room in Ahmedabad. There was no electricity so if he wished to study after dark he had to go outdoors, reading under the street lamps. At the age of 14, he left home and started business. Now he is one of the richest in India and very high on the global list also.

Gautam Adani made a lot of money in coal. Now he has enormous ambitions for renewables, supporting the policies of his friend prime minister Narendra Modi, turning the world's largest nation - from grey to green. Adani is about delivery, not just talk.

Move on to Indonesia. Last year, the second largest rain forest nation saw close to zero deforestation, an enormous service to Mother Earth. It happened because the Indonesian government put in place all the right policies for forest conservation and because Indonesian big business realized they can do fine without deforestation.

Take for example, RGE (Royal Golden Eagle) Group, one of the world's biggest paper and pulp companies. RGE has decided they will have no deforestation in their value chains. They can make their paper tissues, packaging materials, viscose clothes and the palm oil business without cutting virgin trees. RGE even protects a vast intact rain forest in the island of Sumatra. It does it well with fire brigades and helicopters on standby in case of any challenge.

And of course - it's China. China last year invested mindboggling 890 billion dollars in renewables. That's as much as the total economy of Turkey or Switzerland. China last year added more solar energy in one year than the second biggest solar nation, the US, has done in its entire history.

Chinese companies produced solar panels ten times the size of Norwegian hydropower and added well over half of all global wind or hydro energy. China accounts for 60% of the world's metro lines, electric batteries and cars, 70% of the high speed rail. More than 95% of all electric buses are running on Chinese roads. China is the indispensable nation for global climate action. No one can go green at an acceptable cost without China.

What do India, Indonesia and China have in common?

They are the three largest developing nations.

At the climate talks in Glasgow and Dubai, and for sure also later this year in Baku, intellectually lazy negotiators and commentators speak as if the West is leading the world on the environment.

They get it dead wrong. Europe was leading, ten years ago. Now it's time the West starts learning. Asia is leading.

India, Indonesia and China do not focus on climate only as a problem. Their leaders Modi, Xi and Prabowo see climate as an opportunity. Taking climate action make economic, not only ecological, sense. They can create jobs and prosperity, leave poverty behind, by going green.

Ola, the Uber of India, captures this in a fun slogan "Tesla for the West, Ola for the rest". They believe they can make high quality, low cost, electric scooters and later cars, capturing global markets.

China had few stocks in the old automobile industry. When Western car makers were sleeping or even cheating on their emission records, China built the world's dominant electric car ecosystem. BYD recently overtook Tesla as the largest electric car brand. CATL is the lead electric battery maker. Last year China passed Japan as the number one exporter of cars. Going electric makes perfect business as well as environment sense for China.

For the first time in human history there is a green pathway to prosperity.

The price for solar has fallen by 90% in a decade, mainly thanks to China. The price of wind energy nearly as much. For two hundred years after the Industrial revolution in the 1780s any nation which wanted to develop, could only do it through fossils. Now solar is cheaper than coal. Everywhere. A nation moving from coal to solar saves money. Going green is not a cost.

In January, prime minister Modi

launched an innovative program for ten million Indian homes installing roof top solar. The owner of the house register the interest digitally. The utility company, the state and the banks cover the risk, not the owner. The size is astonishing.

The divide between these realities and the climate talks could hardly be wider. Last year in Dubai the focus was on loss and reparations. This is a completely fair demand, American emissions per capita up to today are 25 times Indian, 8 times the Chinese and the divide is even greater if we compare to Africa or small islands development states.

No one should ever blame developing nations for the climate calamities.

The weakness of this approach is however not that it's not fair, but that it will not lead to the promised land. The money allotted by the West will be much below expectations, not even in the proximity of what is needed. Worse, the money distributed through global institutions will be slow, bureaucratic and often inadequate.

There is much talk of reforms of the global financial institutions. There has been a lot of ideas about reform of the UN also. Not one meaningful reform has happened over the last decade. The world's largest nation, soon to become the world's third largest economy, India, is not even on the UN security council. Anyone looking for Indonesians in the UN or global institutions need to mobilize the CIA to find them!

Reforms need support, but they will be slow, if at all they happen.

I was minister of International Development of Norway for nearly seven years. We brought Norwegian aid to 1%, the highest in the world. But if development assistance was what created prosperity some African nations would be the most developed countries on earth. India, Indonesia and China, add Korea, Singapore or Vietnam, have received very limited aid. They have got access to markets and developed strong domestic states and industries. What would Korea be without Hyundai and Samsung? This is also how the green transformation will happen this century.

The fast way to green developments run through private investment and the carbon markets, voluntary or not. This money is much larger and a lot more flexible

and fast than aid. Any developing nation is best advised to build on domestic strengths and to tap into these capital flows.

Admitted the Asian giants have a few advantages. They have strong states with development-oriented leaders dedicated to the green transformation. They have huge home markets. The populations of India, China and the African continent are largely the same.

But India is one market from Tamil Nadu to Arunachal Pradesh and China one market from Guangdong to Heilongjiang. Africa comprises 54 separate states. When you succeed in the large and price conscious Indian or Chinese markets, the price is normally low and the quality high. That makes you globally competitive.

Asia also has higher level of education and China a large highly educated working class.

But still the green transformation is a huge opportunity more than a problem for developing nations. Going green now saves money. It makes it possible to leap frog into the renewable future without building the fossil infrastructure first. Even the poorest nations can develop a digital economy without putting up phone lines.

The (limited) money which will flow from Western donors and from International institutions should resolutely be used to leverage private investment in solar, wind, hydropower and green industries. The anticipated risk investing in renewables in Congo is higher than in Vietnam. That difference must be covered by donor money.

Only for climate adaptation purposes where there is no business model, we should turn to grants.

I am looking forward to going to Baku. Maybe, it can be the watershed moment when the world realizes that in the 21st century Asian developing nations are providing the global green leadership? They have showed the world going green is an opportunity.

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Senegal's democracy passes important test

By A Special Correspondent

THE fact that Senegal's election took place on March 24th this year was in itself a triumph for civil society. That an opposition candidate, campaigning on an anti-establishment and anti-corruption agenda, emerged from jail to become the continent's youngest leader offered fresh hope for democracy.

It wasn't foretold. On 3 February, just as the campaign for the election scheduled for 25 February was to start, President Macky Sall announced he'd postponed the vote.

Two days later, in a chaotic session during which security forces forced out opposition lawmakers who tried to block proceedings, parliament voted to postpone the presidential election until 15 December.

Civil society saw this as a constitutional coup, since only Senegal's Constitutional Council has the authority to postpone an election.

In contrast with several other West African countries, since gaining independence Senegal never had a coup. It doesn't face the kind of security threats that have prompted others in the region to accept military rule, and its civilian rulers have encountered effective checks in an active civil society and independent judicial institutions that have resisted presidential attempts to cling to power.

In the face of yet another such attempt, civil society reacted quickly and the Constitutional Council responded accordingly, declaring the postponement unconstitutional.

As a result, the vote was held on 24 March, and Bassirou Diomaye Faye of the opposition Senegalese Patriots (PASTEF) was elected with 54.2 per cent of the vote.

Faye was inaugurated on 2 April, the day Sall's term ended. An oasis in a region in turmoil, Senegal kept its democratic reputation intact.

Civic space under attack

Ahead of February, civic space deteriorated steadily as political conflict escalated. People had protested for years amid speculation that Sall would try to somehow evade the clear constitutional text that established a two-term limit.

While he eventually dropped his candidacy, Sall increasingly focused on trying to keep his party in power. As he did with the 2019 election, he tried to block anyone who could pose a serious challenge.

The biggest threat was Ousmane Sonko. A former tax inspector turned corruption whistleblower, Sonko had become very popular among young people who saw the political elite as corrupt, self-serving and aloof.

The government instrumentalised the criminal justice system against him. Sonko was first arrested in March 2021 and convicted soon after.

In local elections held in January 2022, however, he was elected mayor of Ziguinchor city, and in parliamentary elections held in August the ruling party lost its majority.

In May 2023, Sonko was handed a six-month suspended sentence for insulting and defaming a ruling party politician.

In June he was sentenced to two years in jail for 'corrupting youth', which made him ineligible to stand in the election. While serving his sentence at home in July, he was arrested again on protest-related charges. A few days later, the government dissolved PASTEF.

Every time Sonko was arrested or convicted, people mobilised in his defence. Protests included instances of violence, but the state responded with lethal force. Overall, dozens of people were killed and hundreds injured and detained. Journalists covering protests were harassed and arrested.

The authorities then banned further protests called by the opposition, suspended TV outlets in retaliation for protest coverage, limited internet access and restricted use of some social media. Police arrested journalists for reporting on restrictions placed on Sonko and PASTEF.

On 27 October, hundreds of people gathered in Dakar to demand the liberation of the roughly one thousand political prisoners in long-term preventive detention. In November, PASTEF formed a coalition with other parties and picked Faye as the candidate to replace Sonko.

Faye was also in detention, where the authorities sought to keep him for as long as possible to reduce his chances - but he remained eligible as long as he wasn't convicted.

Civil society's reaction

When Sall postponed the election, civil society formed a platform, 'Aar Sunu Election' ('Let's protect our election'), bringing together over a hundred organisations.

A demonstration announced for 5 February, the day of the parliamentary vote, was unable to proceed because the National Assembly was cordoned off and unreachable.

Protests intensified after the vote, and on 9 and 10 February security forces used live ammunition against protesters, killing at least three and injuring dozens. They arrested hundreds.

Dakar's local authorities banned a silent march announced by Aar Sunu Election for 13 February. Further attempts to mobilise in the following days were repressed. But the pressure paid off, and on 15 February the Constitutional Council voided the election postponement. On 6 March, parliament passed an amnesty law, following which Faye and Sonko were released from jail.

People took to the streets in celebration, and 10 days later they lined up for



hours to have their say. They opted for change so clearly that no runoff was needed.

Challenges ahead

The new president - at just 44, the youngest in Senegal's history - made a meteoric journey from prison to power.

He spoke to the aspirations of Senegal's young people and made clear that a vote for him was a vote for Sonko. As soon as he was inaugurated, he appointed Sonko prime minister.

In a context of escalating living costs, rising unemployment and widespread disillusionment, one of Faye's major promises was creating jobs.

Seventy-five per cent of Senegal's 18 million people are under 35 and the official unemployment rate is 20 per cent, so there's a great need.

Tackling this would be a big enough promise, but Faye has pledged much more - to reduce entrenched economic disparities, bolster agriculture to achieve food self-sufficiency, restore national sovereignty over critical industries such as oil, gas and fishing, manage natural resources effectively, combat deep-rooted corruption, increase government transparency, strengthen institutions and free Senegal from neo-colonial influences, including the CFA franc, the regional currency controlled by the French government.

It'll be far from easy to translate promises into tangible outcomes, and Faye will have to navigate the fine line between managing expectations and delivering on them. But for now, Senegal has passed a crucial test of democracy, offering a vital example in a region where it's often lacking.



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Senegal President Bassirou Diomaye Faye with his two wives



Invitation for Bids Disposal of Assets

Tender No. PIT/DA/02/2024

- Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan has over 80 years' experience and works in more than 75 countries across the world. Working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners, we strive for a just world, tackling the root causes of the challenges facing girls and all vulnerable children. Plan International Tanzania (PIT) operates in 8 regions with footprints within 16 regions since 1991, currently supporting 25,000 vulnerable children and their families to access health care, quality education, safe sanitation and water, productive livelihoods and protection of their wellbeing.
- Plan International Tanzania now invite sealed bids from interested parties for purchase of the assets listed below:

a) Motor vehicles

| S/No | Item Description | Registration number | Year of Man | Condition | Location | Duty Status |
|------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Nissan Patrol Station Wagon | T 220 CDC | 2011 | Running | Plan International offices, DSM | Paid |
| 2. | Toyota Hilux D/Cabin | T 162 CPP | 2013 | Running | Plan International offices, DSM | Paid |
| 3. | Toyota Hilux D/Cabin | T 191 CSN | 2013 | Running | Plan offices, DSM | Paid |

b) Motorcycles and generators

| S/No | Item Description | Registration # | Year of Man | Condition | Location | Duty Status |
|------|---|----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1. | Motorcycle Honda XL 200 | MC 816 BCY | 2009 | Grounded | Ifakara | Exempted |
| 2. | Motorcycle Honda XL 125 | MC 820 BCY | 2011 | Grounded | Ifakara | Exempted |
| 3. | Motorcycle Honda XL 125 | MC 563 AMX | 2006 | Grounded | Ifakara | Paid |
| 4. | Generator Olympian GEP30-1, KVA 27.0 | - | 2006 | Grounded | Ifakara | Paid |
| 5. | Generator Olympian OLYMPIAN GEP22-2, KVA 20 | - | - | Grounded | Kisarawe | Paid |

c) Various furniture and IT equipment in Dsm, Rukwa, Ifakara and Kisarawe offices

- The above-mentioned assets will be sold on "as is where is" basis, Plan International Tanzania shall have no further liability after sale.
- Asset Inspection should be conducted during the working days between 9am-3pm on Monday to Thursday, 9am - 2.30pm on Friday. For inquiries and further inspection arrangements bidders may call the Procurement and Logistics unit on + 255 767 77 32 64
- Bidders shall submit the bid forms to be supplied from Plan offices, properly filled with all the required information in a plain sealed envelope marked the above tender number, with complete asset description and registration or asset number before 11AM Friday, 17th May 2024 through bids email: electronic.bids@plan-international.org or nearby Plan offices
- Successful applicant will be required to pay 25% of the bid price soon after receiving the letter of award and remaining 75% paid within 14 days

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ISSUED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS 7 & 8 OF THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(Amount in TShs "Millions")

| | Current Year 31 December 2023 | Previous Year 31 December 2022 |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| 1 Cash | 39,125 | 40,125 |
| 2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania | 78,080 | 37,731 |
| 3 Investment in Government securities | 230,227 | 191,152 |
| 4 Balances with other Banks and financial institutions | 9,430 | 6,364 |
| 5 Cheques and items for clearing | 18,203 | 6,403 |
| 6 Interbranch float items | - | - |
| 7 Bills negotiated | - | - |
| 8 Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances | - | - |
| 9 Interbank Loans Receivables | 45,434 | 82,701 |
| 10 Investment in other securities | 3,200 | 4,200 |
| 11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts(Net of allowances for probable Losses) | 1,624,514 | 953,263 |
| 12 Other Assets | 100,023 | 74,152 |
| 13 Equity Investments | 12,429 | 12,429 |
| 14 Underwriting accounts | - | - |
| 15 Property, Plant and Equipment | 16,284 | 14,613 |
| 16 TOTAL ASSETS | 2,176,949 | 1,423,133 |
| B LIABILITIES | | |
| 17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions | - | - |
| 18 Customer deposits | 1,540,348 | 919,600 |
| 19 Cash Letters of Credit | 1,087 | 2,991 |
| 20 Special deposits | - | - |
| 21 Payment orders/transfers payable | - | - |
| 22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued | - | - |
| 23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable | 21,666 | 21,049 |
| 24 Acceptances Outstanding | - | - |
| 25 Interbranch float items | - | - |
| 26 Unearned income and other deferred charges | 3,667 | 1,604 |
| 27 Other Liabilities | 24,181 | 20,353 |
| 28 Borrowings | 287,999 | 184,996 |
| 29 TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,878,948 | 1,150,593 |
| 30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) 16 LESS 29 | 298,001 | 272,540 |
| C SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | |
| 31 Paid up share capital | 185,747 | 185,528 |
| 32 Capital reserves | 832 | 832 |
| 33 Retained Earnings | 66,051 | 39,477 |
| 34 Profit (Loss) Account | 29,294 | 18,883 |
| 35 Other capital accounts | - | - |
| 36 Regulatory Reserve | 16,077 | 27,820 |
| 37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS | 298,001 | 272,540 |
| 38 Contingent liabilities | 155,743 | 137,215 |
| 39 Non Performing Loans and advance | 146,991 | 239,572 |
| 40 Allowance for Probable losses | 52,278 | 74,433 |
| 41 Other non performing assets | 539 | 316 |
| D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | | |
| (i)Shareholders Funds to Total Assets | 13.69% | 19.15% |
| (ii)Non performing loans to Total Gross Loans | 7.44% | 18.25% |
| (iii)Gross loans and advances to Total Deposits | 108.86% | 137.13% |
| (iv)Loans and Advances to Total Assets | 74.72% | 67.15% |
| (v)Earning Assets to Total Assets | 88.91% | 87.89% |
| (vi)Deposits Growth | 79.16% | 44.06% |
| (vii)Assets Growth | 52.97% | 21.21% |

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | Current Year 31 December 2023 | Previous Year 31 December 2022 |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| i. Cash flow from operating activities | | |
| Operating Income | 32,304 | 24,041 |
| Adjustment for :- | | |
| -Impairment/Amortization | 37,337 | 33,562 |
| -Net change in loans and Advances | (626,574) | (136,147) |
| -Net change in Statutory Min Reserve | (29,805) | (25,037) |
| -Net change in Deposits | 727,235 | 244,516 |
| -Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities | (102,414) | (49,197) |
| -Net change in Other liabilities | (87) | (16,043) |
| Net change in other borrowings | - | - |
| Rent paid | - | - |
| -Net change in Other assets | (28,872) | 6,837 |
| -tax paid | (2,184) | (777) |
| -Others adjustments | (13,251) | (30,523) |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities | (6,311) | 51,232 |
| ii Cash flow from investing activities: | | |
| Dividend received | 83 | 62 |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (7,329) | (2,767) |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | 9 | 9 |
| Purchase of non-dealing securities | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale non-dealing securities | - | - |
| Others (Specify) -Equity investment | - | - |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | (7,237) | (2,696) |
| iii Cash from financing activities | | |
| Payment of cash Dividends | (4,056) | - |
| Repayment of long term debt | (4,656) | 1,486 |
| Rent paid | - | - |
| Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities | (2,064) | (2,549) |
| Net change in other borrowings | - | - |
| Proceeds from new equity | 219 | 35 |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | (10,557) | (1,028) |
| iv. Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (24,105) | 47,508 |
| Cash and cash Equivalent at the beginning of the Quarter | 171,541 | 124,033 |
| Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the Quarter | 147,436 | 171,541 |

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| | Current Year 31 December 2023 | Previous Year 31 December 2022 |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Interest Income | 185,973 | 137,979 |
| Interest Expense | (85,445) | (61,156) |
| Net Interest Income | 100,528 | 76,823 |
| Bad debts Written -off | - | - |
| Impairment losses on loans and Advances | (30,673) | (27,111) |
| Non - Interest Income | 37,401 | 36,876 |
| 6.1 Foreign exchange profit/(Loss) | 12,612 | 8,511 |
| 6.2 Commissions and Fees | 11,639 | 9,222 |
| 6.3 Dividend Income | 83 | 62 |
| 6.4 Other operating income | 13,067 | 19,081 |
| Non - Interest Expense | (74,953) | (62,547) |
| 7.1 Salaries and Benefits | (39,676) | (37,310) |
| 7.2 Fees and Commission | (3,250) | (1,037) |
| 7.3 Other operating expenses | (32,027) | (24,200) |
| Operating Income/(Loss) before Tax | 32,303 | 24,041 |
| Income Tax Provision | (3,009) | (5,158) |
| Net income/(Loss) After Income tax and | 29,294 | 18,883 |
| Number of employees | 615 | 571 |
| Basic Earnings Pershare | 158 | 102 |
| Diluted Earnings Pershare | 158 | 102 |
| Number of Branches | 26 | 24 |
| PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | | |
| i.Return on average total assets | 1.79% | 1.85% |
| ii.Return on Average shareholders' funds | 10.27% | 7.18% |
| iii.Non interest expense to Operating income | 53.24% | 54.60% |
| iv.Net Interest income to average earning assets | 6.62% | 6.97% |

These are the Extract of the audited Financial Statement as at 31 December 2023. The Financial Statements were audited by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) and approved by the Board of Directors on 21st February 2024

Signed by:

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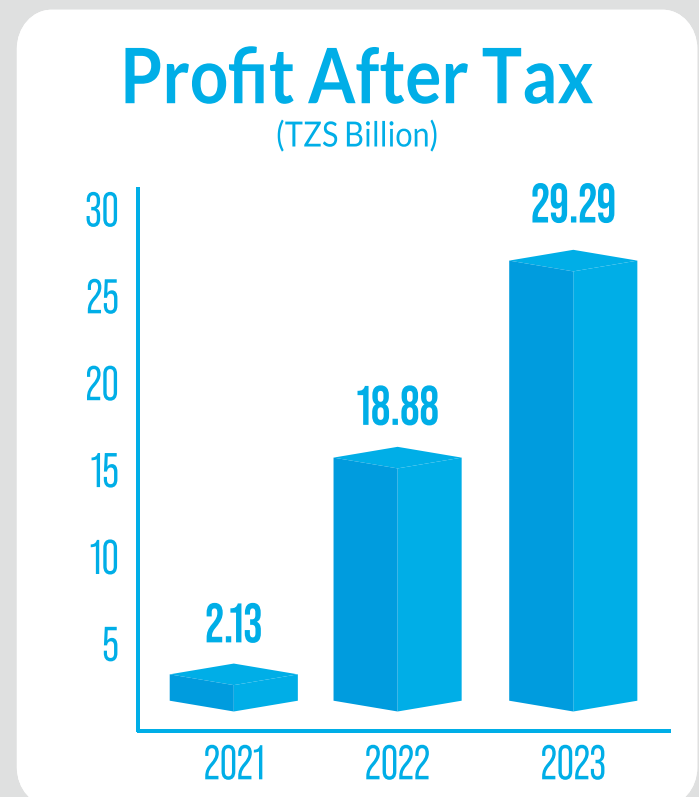
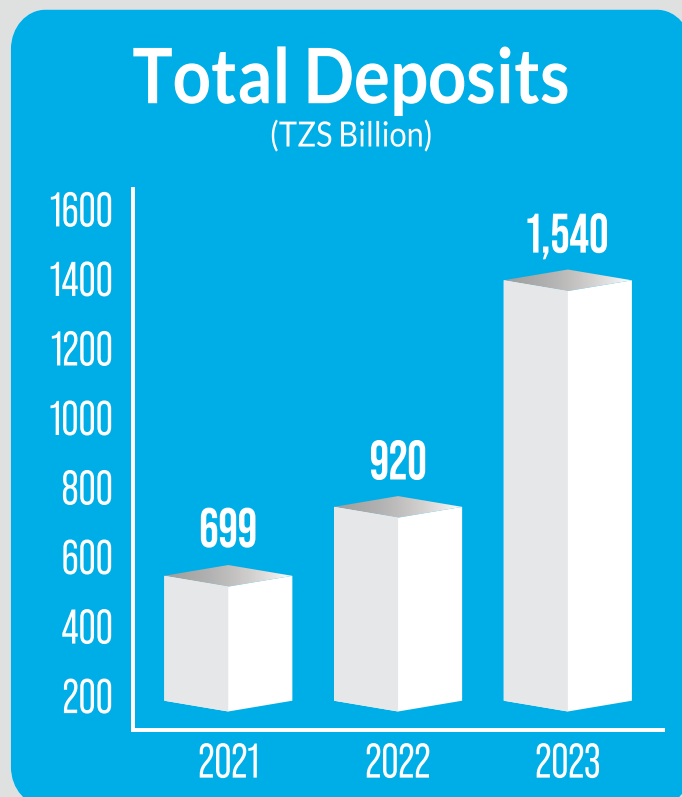
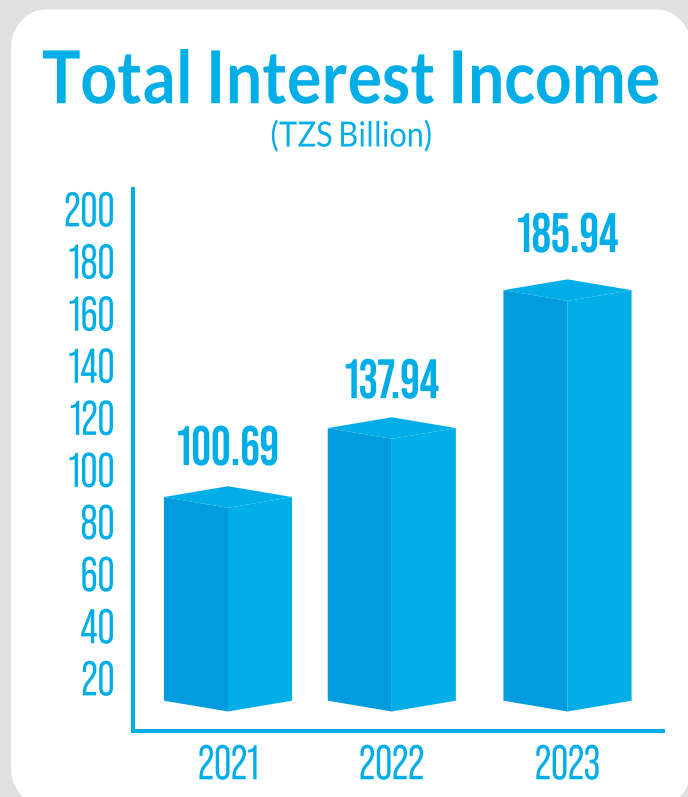
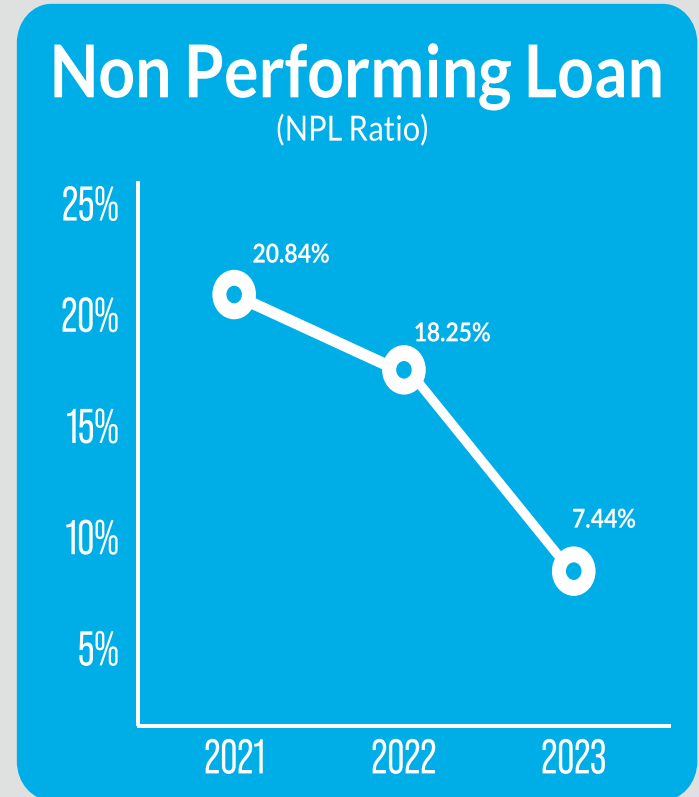
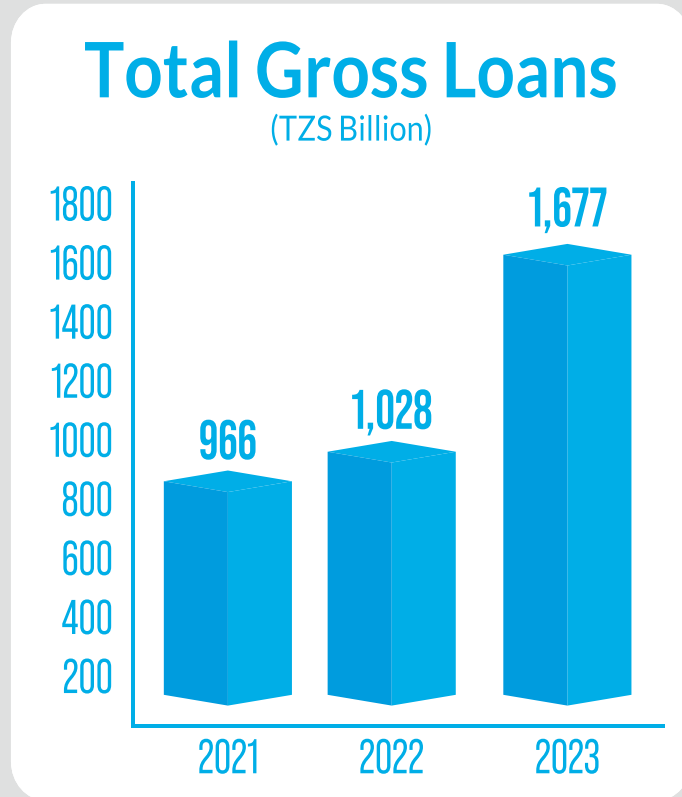
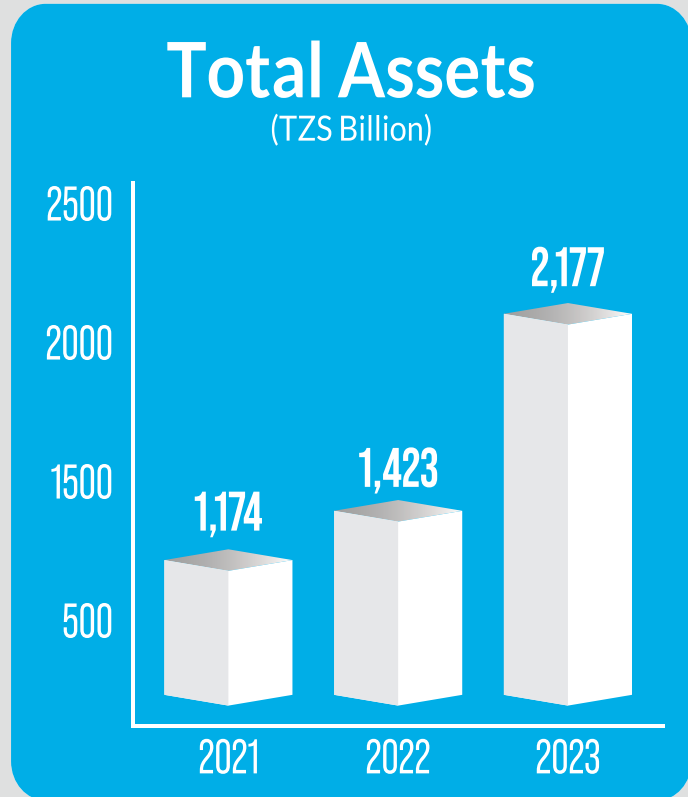
2. Managing Director Ms. Esther G. Mang'anya 21-Feb-24

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Ordinary share capital | Advance towards Sharecapital | Accumulated Profit or (loss) | Fair Value Reserve Through OCI | Regulatory reserve | Total |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| (Amount in TShs "Millions") | | | | | | |
| Opening balance as at 1 January 2023 | 185,493 | 35 | 58,360 | 832 | 27,820 | 272,540 |
| Additions of capital | - | 219 | - | - | - | 219 |
| Payments of Dividend | - | - | (4,052) | - | - | (4,052) |
| Profit during the year | - | - | 29,294 | - | - | 29,294 |
| Transfers to (from) | - | - | 11,743 | - | (11,743) | - |
| As at 31 December 2023 | 185,493 | 254 | 95,345 | 832 | 16,077 | 298,001 |
| Opening balance as at 1 January 2022 | 185,493 | - | 30,110 | 739 | 37,187 | 253,529 |
| Additions of capital | - | 35 | - | - | - | 35 |
| Profit during the year | - | - | 18,883 | - | - | 18,883 |
| Transfer to (from) | - | - | 9,367 | - | (9,367) | - |
| Transfer to | - | - | - | 94 | - | 94 |
| As at 31 December 2022 | 185,493 | 35 | 58,360 | 832 | 27,820 | 272,540 |

KEY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

(Amount in TZ Shillings)



Premium Banking

Benkika bila foleni



Unaweza kufanya miamala popote ulipo - mobile banking, visa, internet na Azania Bank

World Health Day 2024: Tanzania's place in the health for all agenda

By Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses

THIS year's theme, 'My health, my right', champions the right of everyone, everywhere to have access to quality health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working, environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.

My Health, My Rights

The world is embroiled in multiple crises - from disasters to conflict to the climate emergency, threaten-

ing the right to health of millions globally, with those facing marginalization or vulnerability suffering the most.

Advancing health as a human right requires addressing the social, economic, and environmental factors that shape health outcomes. This includes promoting gender equality, ensuring access to clean water and sanitation, and tackling the root causes of malnutrition and non-communicable diseases.

The right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health is enshrined in several international legal instruments including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.



Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses, Country Representative, World Health Organization Tanzania in the maternity ward of Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar.

It includes freedoms and entitlements. Freedoms include the right to control one's health and body and to be free from interference (for example, free from torture and non-consensual medical treatment and experimentation, particularly relevant for persons with disabilities).

Respecting our right to health means respecting our rights to access safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working conditions, and freedom from violence and discrimination.

Tanzania's health agenda

Tanzania continues to endeavour to achieve the health for all agenda, adhering to the rights of everyone and ensuring it is encapsulated in policies and interventions.

The World Health Organization (WHO) together with successive governments and partners, continue to intervene and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to health for all.

Together, we have collaborated to explore ways to strengthen health systems, improve access to essential healthcare services and promote health literacy and awareness.

In 2022, the country office in close collaboration with stakeholders developed a six-year Country Cooperation Strategic (CCS) plan (2022-2027). This is the WHO's Corporate Framework Strategy in response to country needs and priorities in line with the thirteenth health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

It provides a medium-term strategic cooperation framework for the WHO in achieving the health strategic priorities of the United Republic of Tanzania.

The time frame tallies with the United Nations Sus-

tainable Development Cooperation Framework (UN-SDCF) for Tanzania.

The priorities are aligned with the National Health Sector Strategic Plan, SDGs, GPW13, and UNSDCF.

With support from our partners, WHO Tanzania has and will continue to support the country in strategic and policy dialogues to help maintain a health system that can provide accessible, affordable, quality, comprehensive and integrated care for universal health coverage and health equity in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Through addressing major health outbreaks like COVID-19, Marburg virus as well as strengthening preparedness through the several capacity building and training for health workers and resourcing health facilities to be fit for purpose.

We cannot talk about Tanzania's major health achievements without noting the decline in maternal death, the efforts to reach every child with vaccines, addressing HIV/TB/Hepatitis, malaria and communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Yet, our work is far from complete. To realize the vision of health for all and advance individual rights to access health care, we must redouble our efforts to address the underlying determinants of health, including poverty, inequality, and inadequate infrastructure.

We must continue to invest in primary healthcare and community-based services to ensure that no one is left behind.

Partnership for health

Beyond these, there is the need for strategic partnerships for the health agenda of Tanzania.

We have seen committed governance towards the health agenda, we have seen great interest and investments but there is more room for improvement.

Another untapped area is social and citizen participation. Though quite challenging, social participation, that is, involving the public in health decision-making through town-hall meetings and citizen assemblies, focus groups and consultations, health councils, and representation on steering groups and review boards, helps governments assess the health needs of populations and act on them to be able to extend access to quality healthcare and allow everyone, everywhere to live a healthy life.

If the theme is anything to go by, we as stakeholders are encouraged to invest in health as the country's bottom line depends on it, because healthy and strong citizens means a strong and functional workforce ready to drive the country's growth.

Dr Charles Sagoe-Moses is the Country Representative, World Health Organization Tanzania



In commemoration of the World Health Day 2024, we reflect on our achievements, reaffirm our commitment, and invite partnerships aiming at building sustainable solutions and promoting health equity.

Join us in building a world where all enjoy the right to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

1 <https://www.who.int/news-room/spotlight/global-health-achievements-2023>

2 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8657428/>

3 https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332303158_Health_care_quality_challenges_in_low_and_middle_income_countries




REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

Installation of Electrical and Instrumentation Equipment, Cables, Ladders, JB's and Racking for the New Crusher Project Tender Ref: NM010/2024

Pre-qualification Criteria

| No | Reference No. | Description of Work | Pre-qualification Criteria |
|----|---------------|---|---|
| 1 | NM010/2024 | Installation of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LV Cables & Terminations 2. MV Cables & Terminations 3. Lighting & Small Power 4. Electrical Cable Ladders & Supports 5. Instrumentation 6. Instrumentation Cables & Terminations 7. Instrument Racking & Support Steelwork 8. Junction Boxes | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Electrical and Instrumentation Installation for similar sized projects in Tanzania. Provide projects profiles over the last three years for assessment. ii. Company Profile and capability statement. These should include photo of the fabrication and distribution workshop, confirmation of floor size and location. iii. CRB registered contractor class 3 and above. iv. Quality Control Plans, Quality Check Sheets, Tanzanian Registration to provide CoCs and certificates during installation and commissioning. v. Local Content Regulations compliance. |

Expression of Interest

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

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

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

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

If you do not hear from us in 21 days after the deadline date, please consider your submission unsuccessful.

Key Dates


- Last date to submit EOI 14 April 2024

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My Health. My Right

AAPH - a people and systems-centered public health catalyst in sub-Saharan Africa.

Given Sam and Amani Tinkasimile

This year's World Health Day shouts, "My Health! My Right!" connoting individuals' responsibility to their own health, while declaring a demand for systems to meet expectations in supporting individual actions towards seeking health.

Did you know that a habit - simple as washing hands - could change population health outcomes?

The year 2023, for an example, was a record year for disease elimination according to Global Health Achievements 2023' despite the challenges posed by the subdued COVID-19 pandemic - which in essence rewired individual deliberate actions into collective habits primarily for prevention. The outcome however is phenomenally vast in eliminating legacy infectious diseases with washing of hands being a driving behavioral factor. Handwashing before and after preparing food, after using the bathrooms, and after cleaning dishes significantly reduced the odds of diarrhea by over 70%.² Today, 50 countries globally have eliminated at least one neglected tropical disease (NTD), in line with WHO's ambitious target of having 100 countries achieve this milestone by 2030.¹

Take responsibility with us today and partner in walking the talk, "My Health, My Right" by empirically accentuating the essential needs and unleashing the potential for not only individuals but communities in Tanzania and across sub-Saharan Africa to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being.

Dr. Michael A. Battle Sr. - the U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania wrapped it well as he spoke at the Africa Research, Implementation Science and Education (ARISE) Network's 05th Annual Scientific Symposium

earlier this year, "We must collaborate globally. We must have a multilateral approach. We must bring in people from all corners of the globe, from all sectors of our population; academicians, government leaders, civil societies, physicians - all of us working together, can reach the goal of making the world a healthier and safer place."

Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) has over the past 15 years charted a footprint working as an independent Non-Government and Non-Profit Organization in 15 Regions within the United Republic of Tanzania and 9 countries across the sub-Saharan African Region through the ARISE Network. Co-founding of this ARISE Network by AAPH and the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health amplified AAPH's reach and collaborative impact outside Tanzania as one of the lead sub-Saharan African institutions in undertaking innovative cutting-edge public health research, facilitating training, capacity building, as well as knowledge translation for policy enactment and action. AAPH has reached thousands of children, adolescent girls and boys, young adults as well as women of reproductive age through robust implementation science research. In our approach, individual and health systems needs are identified by scientific methods, empirical data is utilized in co-designing sustainable context specific interventions with the intended beneficiaries, and periodic implementation evaluation is conducted to track progress and inform policy action.

Despite these achievements, persistent health disparities remain a formidable challenge as reported in the International Journal for Quality in Health Care particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where access to healthcare and essential services remains unequal.³ In Tanzania and the ARISE Network partner countries i.e., Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana,

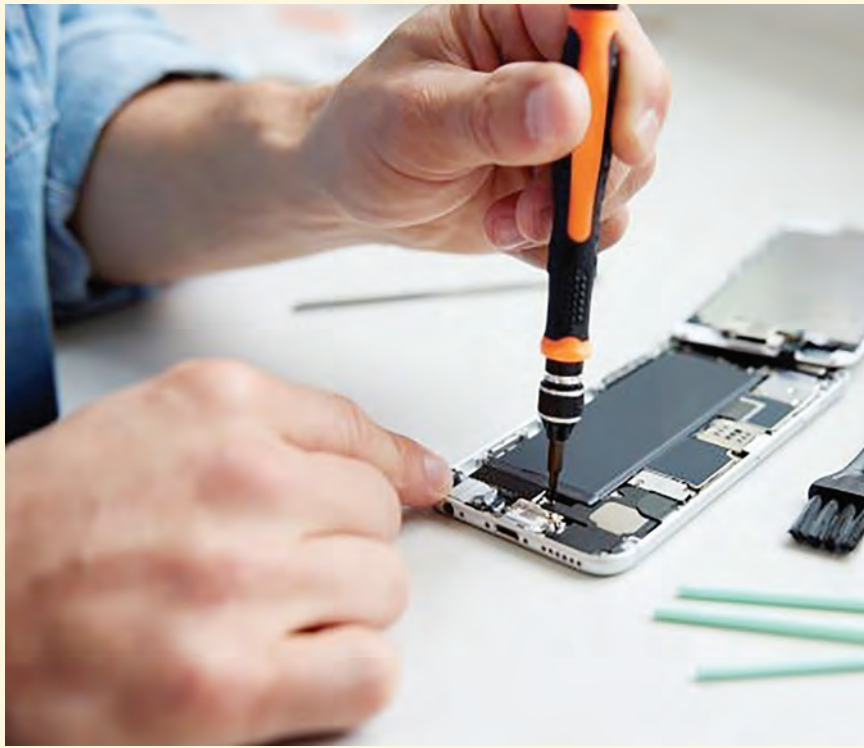
Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, and Uganda; AAPH is deliberately addressing some of these individual level and health systems challenges in the Nutrition; Sexual Reproductive Health; Mental Health; Physical Activity; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Substance use; and Healthcare seeking behavior domains through targeted interventions and policy advocacy.

AAPH now poises in service as a catalytic agent for forging partnerships between local state and non-state actors as well as international like-minded entities facilitating data-driven policy imperative dialogues for the design and implementation of school-based, community-based and facility-based interventions to advance public health in sub-Saharan Africa.

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Expensive smartphones hinder Africa's digital inclusion: report

By Guardian Correspondent

The high cost of smartphones poses a significant barrier to digital inclusion in Africa, despite various strategies being explored to make these devices affordable for the continent's lower-income populations.

This according to the new report titled "Bridging Africa's digital divide: The transformative power of refurbished smartphones" launched recently, which highlights the need for African governments to implement refurbished smartphone strategy to enable increased ownership.

The report observes that strategies include local assembly and tax exemptions, but reconditioning second-hand phones may present a more effective solution.

The report says the second hand smartphone approach has already shown success in similar markets and offers significant potential for growth.

Access to mobile internet is now recognized by the United Nations as a fundamental service, akin to access to clean water and electricity.

However, the GSMA's 2023 report on the state of mobile connectivity reveals that only 25 percent of Sub-Saharan Africa's population, which comprises the majority of the continent, uses mobile internet.

Among the key barriers to equitable access, the cost of smartphones stands out prominently.

"To purchase the most affordable entry-level models, people have to spend between \$99 and \$116, depending on quality and brand," the report notes.

"Local smartphone assembly has failed to meet expectations, as evidenced by numerous failures observed in various African countries over the past two decades."

On the other hand, the report says, the reconditioning of second-hand phones has demonstrated a positive impact on digital inclusion in other international markets.

"These devices, after being cleaned,

repaired, and reset by professionals, are resold," it says

Market Research Future estimates the global market for refurbished smartphones at \$53.6 billion in 2022, \$60.3 billion in 2023, and projects it will reach \$154.7 billion by 2032, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.50 percent during the forecast period of 2023-2032.

The growth of this market in India and Latin America even exceeded 18 percent in 2022.

As of now, Africa has scarcely tapped into this burgeoning market for refurbished phones, presenting a compelling opportunity for the continent's entrepreneurs and investors.

Refurbishing used smartphones can act as an economic catalyst, creating jobs in collection, refurbishing, and sales sectors while reducing the importation of new devices.

This approach also helps to lower the environmental footprint of the telecommunications sector: Africa alone produces 2.9 million tons of electronic waste each year, but only 1 percent is officially collected or recycled, according to the International Telecommunication Union.

In this context, support from African governments for used smartphone refurbishment initiatives seems logical, involving the reduction of import taxes on components necessary for refurbishment and the granting of tax benefits to companies in the sector, the report says.

Nevertheless, for Africa to fully benefit from this opportunity and develop a sustainable refurbishment industry, overcoming several challenges will be crucial, an Ecofin Pro report noted.

"Governments on the continent should establish an appropriate regulatory framework, develop recycling infrastructures, and train qualified personnel. Close collaboration between governments, businesses, and international organizations will be essential to overcome these obstacles," the report asserts.

Bank unveils plans for DRC market expansion

By Guardian Correspondent, Lubumbashi

CRDB Group has unveiled its further expansion plan to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) market, after months of successful operations in the second largest nation in Africa.

Jessica Nyachiro, CRDB Bank DR Congo SA's Managing Director, revealed this during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Lubumbashi over the weekend.

Speaking on the subsidiary's priorities in 2024, Jessica mentioned that the bank aims to further solidify its position in DRC by expanding its footprint within Lubumbashi, as well as Kinshasa, North and South Kivu, Bukavu and other strategic areas.

"We will also continue to deliver quality banking services, fostering financial inclusion through the introduction of products and service tailored to diverse customer segments, including individuals, MSMEs, and Corporates across all sectors," said Jessica.

She further explained that the bank will also continue to invest heavily in digital infrastructure, to ensuring increased and convenient banking services to Congolese people.

"We have witnessed the transformative power of innovative banking solutions in Tanzania and Burundi, and we are highly optimistic about replicating this success in the DRC," she noted.

CRDB Bank DR Congo SA is a joint venture of CRDB Bank PLC, Norway Development Finance Institution (NorFund), and Danish Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU). The bank currently offers its services in DRC through its Hyponese branch located in Lubumbashi and various Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in different areas of the city.

Lubumbashi is a business city with a significant presence of the international community, including Tanzanians, with the presence of a Tanzanian consulate and Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) office as well as daily scheduled flights by Air Tanzania.

Speaking during the AGM, the Board chairman, CRDB Bank Congo SA, Dr. Fred Msemwa said the subsidiary has made a remarkable entry into the Congolese market after witnessing a surge in interest from the local populace since its establishment in mid-July 2023.

Despite the challenges faced the DRC market in 2023 including local elections, high inflation and geopolitical tensions, Dr Msemwa said, the bank has attracted thousands of Congolese citizens and business community

onboard. Dr. Msemwa emphasized the bank's commitment to providing innovative financial solutions to DRC market. "We are delighted to announce that we have garnered significant interest among the Congolese population," stated Dr. Msemwa.

"We are committed to serving our customers with excellence and contributing to the economic development of the DRC," he added. For just five months to December 2023, he said, the bank recorded a significant influx of customer deposits of CDF 2.5 billion, and a remarkable asset portfolio of CDF 126 billion.

The CRDB Group CEO



The Chairman of the CRDB Bank Group Board, Dr. Ally Laay (C), Director of Investments at Norfund, Judy Kinyanjui (2nd R), Group CEO and MD of CRDB Bank PLC, Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd L), Chairman of the Board of CRDB Bank Congo, Dr. Fred Msemwa (R), and Managing Director of CRDB Bank Congo, Jessica Nyachiro (L), pose in group photo with members of the Board of Directors of CRDB Bank Congo after the first Annual General Meeting of CRDB Bank Congo shareholders held on Saturday in Lubumbashi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

and Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela highlighted that DRC subsidiary has successfully introduced a cross-border money transfer solution dubbed 'CRDB Umoja'.

He explained that the innovation has streamlined transactions within the bank's network and garnered substantial interest from businesses engaged in trade between the DRC, Congo, and Burundi.

"We stands ready to facilitate hassle-free transactions among Tanzanians trading with Congolese by offering peace of mind and support every step," affirmed Nsekela.

He thanked the Presidents Felix Tsishekedi and Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, for creating conducive environments for business cooperation, which have been the catalyst for the bank's entry and a good start in DRC.

Dr. Ally Laay, Chairman of the CRDB Bank Group, expressed his optimism regarding CRDB Bank Congo SA auspicious start and its alignment with the group's broader vision.

"The subsidiary's early achievements not only contribute to our overarching goal of becoming the leading Pan African Bank, but also align perfectly with our vision of transforming lives and economies," he said.

The CRDB Group CEO

Dar stocks market records 2.5bn/- weekly turnover

By Guardian Reporter

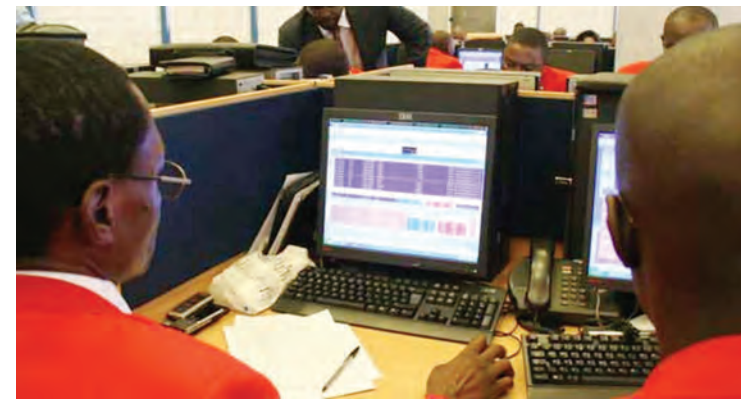
The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded the weekly turnover of 2.5bn/- during the first week of the current quarter, a decrease compared to 3.9bn/- recorded during the previous week.

The daily reports show that both market activities were dominated by local investors, who accounted for 87.44 percent of total value of shares bought and 74.62 percent of total value of shares sold.

Foreign investors injected 314m/- through buying shares, which was equivalent to 12.56 percent of total value of shares bought and they sold shares valued 634m/- of which were bought by both local and foreign investors.

During the first trading session of last week a total turnover of 521.1m/- was recorded, following the transaction of 229,969 shares, which were traded in 226 deals.

Top movers during the day was CRDB Bank counter, which recorded the transaction of 125,086 shares valued 69.4m/- traded at the weighted average price of 560/- per share in 151 deals, followed by Tanzania Breweries



DSE brokers participate in an online share trading. File Photo

Limited (TBL) counter, which recorded the transaction of 50,000 shares valued 287.5m/- traded at a discounted price through pre-arranged block trade.

Other top movers were NMB Bank, which transacted 30,340 shares valued 145m/- traded at the weighted average price of 4,790/- per share in 13 deals and NICO, which recorded the transaction of 13,376 shares valued 8.8m/- traded at a weighted average price of 685/- per share in 14 deals.

During the second day, on Wednesday, total turnover of 727 was recorded, following the transaction of 937,092 shares traded in 199 deals.

Top mover was CRDB Bank

counter, which recorded the transaction of 860,808 shares valued 476.3m/- of which 530,000 were transacted through block trade pre-arranged market board while the remaining 330,808 shares were transacted through normal board at a weighted average price of 560/- per share 99 deals.

During the day, foreign investors participated by selling shares valued 204.3m/- and buying shares valued 21m/-.

The second top mover during the day was Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) counter, which recorded the transaction of 31,436 shares through a block trade pre-arranged market board, followed by TCCIA Investment Limited

(TICL), which transacted 12,980 shares valued 2.5m/- traded in 28 deals.

On Wednesday, the daily report shows a total turnover of 1.16bn/- was recorded following the transactions of 1.66 million shares traded in 177 deals.

On block trade pre-arranged market board, CRDB counter traded a block of 1.4 million shares, while TCC counter traded a block of 33,000 shares.

CRDB counter was top move, after transacting 1.56 million shares valued 864m/- in 87 deals, followed by TCC counter and NICO counter, which recorded the transaction of 21,045 shares traded at a weighted average price of 715/- per share in 34 deals.

During the last day of the week, the market activities slowed down, after a turnover of only 83.35m/- being recorded, following the transaction of 146,285 shares traded in 177 deals.

Top movers were CRDB Bank, which recorded the transaction of 134,701 shares valued 74.8m/- traded in 138 deals, followed by TICL, which transacted 6,443 shares valued 1.25m/- traded at a price ranging from 190/- to 195/- per share in 19 deals.

Bank brings back smiles to orphans via savings



Absa Bank Tanzania's, Ndabu Lilian Swere (2nd R), hands over school supplies bag to one of the children under the care of Watoto Wetu Tanzania, Johnson Herman, at an event organized by the bank in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others in the picture are Absa employees. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Absa Bank of Tanzania has stated that will continue to prioritize the educational aspirations of Tanzanian children in improving banking services related to children, especially through its special account for children, the Absa Child Savings Account.

Speaking to journalists at an event organized for children in need from orphanages under the Adonai El Roi Foundation, Absa Bank's Head of Retail Banking, Ndabu Lilian Swere, emphasized that this aligns with the bank's overarching goal of empowering Africa and Tanzania's Tomorrow, Together, One Story at a Time, in line with its new brand promise,

"Your Story Matters."

"Children have many dreams in their lives; some aspire to be doctors, lawyers, corporate leaders, or political leaders. We value our children's stories, and Absa is here to support them in fulfilling their educational dreams," said Ndabu.

"Absa provides banking services for various groups, and through these services, we also enable the stories of parents or guardians of these children to fulfill their various economic narratives."

"This is not the first time Absa has volunteered to help the community. Recently, we assisted prematurely born children, and we will also look into other better ways to help them," added Ndabu.

Speaking about the bank's child savings account, the Head of Retail Products and Strategy at Absa Bank Tanzania, Heristraton Genesis, mentioned that the account has no monthly fees and can accrue interest even twice if no withdrawals are made within three months.

"In demonstrating Absa Bank's commitment to enabling children's dreams, we offer double interest on the amount held within the account for three months to help children fulfill their educational dreams," said Genesis.

"It is easy to open this account; the requirements include the parent or guardian's national identification, the child's birth certificate,

or any identification from the child's school, the account can be managed using our digital services without the need to visit bank branches."

Speaking during the event, the Founder of the Adonai El Roi Foundation, Ngole Melaiho, stated that their main goal as a non-governmental organization, among other things, is to eradicate poverty in these centers.

"Our institution aims to closely monitor these children so they can develop their dreams by nurturing the talents within them."

"I would like to encourage Tanzanians to continue supporting these centers and to increase their love for these children so they can achieve their goals," added Ngole.

Govt plans to construct two wheat processing plants

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE government is finalizing process to embark on a project for the construction of two ultra-modern wheat processing plants in the country, Deputy Minister of Agriculture David Silinde (pictured) has said.

He was responding to a question filed by the Makete Member of Parliament (MP) Festo Sanga who wanted to know plans by the government to install a wheat processing factory in the famous wheat producing district.

Deputy Minister Silinde expressed that the parent ministry will prioritize the district when it comes to construction of the said two factories.

He detailed, "We're now running a countrywide evaluation of all wheat producing areas in order to determine the profitable areas for the installation of the two processing facilities."

And he added, during the 2023/24 growing season the ministry set to extend to the farmers in the Makete District at least 1000tons of the subsidized wheat seeds, saying out of which, 476tons have already distributed to the farmers, whereby 524 tons are in the process to be channeled soon to the district by ASA.

"As a positive results, the farmers in Makete have used the subsidized seeds fruitful to heighten production in surplus to the purchasing capacity of the available market," he observed.

To help solve the emerging



market challenge, the minister unveiled that apart from plans to install a processing plant into the district, the government has also directed the Ce-

reals and other Produce Board (CPB) to intervene.

"We have directed the CPB to go to Makete district and conduct a special evaluation of the

un-purchased standard wheat tons that have been produced by the growers and buy it according," he informed.

As per the directives, he said the Board, CPB, is required to purchase the 'stranded' wheat tons in accord to the purchasing systems set by the relevant farmers through their Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) and not otherwise.

In his prime question, the Makete lawmaker said wheat production in the district has skyrocketed to the higher tune following a friendly move by the parent ministry to inject the growers with the subsidized improved seeds through the Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA).

The government is currently running an ambitious strat-

egy to improve production of wheat in Makete district of Njombe region from the current 8,242 tons to at least 200,000 by 2026.

Among others, the initiative focuses to increase wheat production coverage from 17, 120 hectares to a total of 118,000 hectares by 2026.

The intended development is projected to see the wheat farmers in the district improve their incomes from 750,000/- per hectare to 1,725,000/-, possibly through heightening yields from the current 0.5 tons per hectare to at least 1.5 tons.

To fuel the strategy, researchers from the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) have imparted the wheat farmers in the district over the needed agronomic

practices for the professional production of the economic cash crop, especially use of proper fertilizers.

Dr. Catherine Senkoro, the soil expert who doubles as the director of the Tanga-based TARI Mlingano Centre said they have conducted a thorough testing of the soil in the district to determine the type of fertilizers which is necessary needed to be used by the farmers in the areas, together with other inputs, in order to realise bumper harvests.

"We took samples of the soil from the Makete ecologies and examined it professionally in our laboratory, whereby among other, we established that the soil is short of nitrogen and phosphorus and the soil PH is also low," she expressed.

Halotel organises an iftar for small business owners

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

Halotel brought together small traders conducting their businesses in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, in an iftar gathering, as part of supporting the community in promoting unity and solidarity.

Speaking during the event held on Friday evening, Halotel's deputy director of finance Najib Ferej, said that the iftar event aimed to uniting the community during ongoing holy month of Ramadan.

Ferej emphasized that Halotel believes in unity and solidarity, as reflected in the company's motto "Together for Excellence," and it finds it important to support government efforts in bringing people together and fostering good relationships within the surrounding communities.

"During this Holy Month of Ramadan, Halotel, in collaboration with the government, takes pride in organizing iftar for our community. This is a sign of our unity, solidarity, and brotherhood that bind us all together. It's a time to participate, support each other, and strengthen our community relations," said Ferej.

He added that through this sponsorship, Halotel enabled the Makumbusho street leadership to make the event unique and memorable for the residents as it recognizes the importance of building loving communities, as the event will be a great opportunity to strengthen social relationships and promote culture.

Speaking during the event, the chairman of local government at Bwawani area Ismail Mwenda,



Halotel Tanzania's deputy director of finance, Najib Ferej (3rd L), poses in a photo with some of the local government leaders and Muslim sheikhs from Bwawani area, during the iftar organized over the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Zuwena Shame.

thanked the telecom company for showing the intention to unite people during this holy month of Ramadan.

"This is a catalyst in the community when a company decides to bring people together during this holy month

of Ramadan, it shows love and solidarity among the people of Makumbusho and the community at large," said Mwenda.

Halotel, as a communication service provider in Tanzania, offers various communication services and meets the needs

of its customers. By focusing on providing excellent service and reliability, Halotel continues to deliver quality services and bring positive changes to the communication sector and the community as a whole."

EAGC to launch EA grain value chain project

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

THE Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC) in collaboration with TradeMark Africa (TMA) will today launch a three-year pioneering project dubbed 'Strengthening Competitiveness in Export-Oriented Staple Food Value Chains in East Africa'.

Mark Priestley, Chief of Party for the USAID-Economic Recovery and Reform Action (USAID -ERRA) said the initiative is funded by the USAID through TMA, and seeking to boost regional grain trade across critical corridors in Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

The project is particularly significant due to the volatility and gradual decline of the region's trade in food commodities.

Numerous challenges, such as minimal aggregation, informal trading and limited integration of farmers into formal trade, contribute to substantial transactional costs.

Furthermore, the absence of adequate storage and quality management infrastructure, a deficiency in post-harvest handling expertise, and a scarcity of information about export markets serve to aggravate these issues.

"To address these challenges, the project intends to fortify farmer-led Grain Business Hubs (G-Hubs), utilize technology to elevate grain production, quality, and trade, and enhance enterprise-level capabilities along with institutional frameworks to improve adherence to Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards, thereby bolstering export-driven grain trade," he said

Moreover, the initiative will develop and enhance an information hub to guide regional food balance sheets and influence national and regional food security and trade policies, ultimately cultivating an enabling regulatory framework for trade.

"ERRA aims to promote to transformative trade and investment reforms in the East and Horn of Africa while supporting the region to return to a growth pathway and recover from the negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic while advancing competitiveness, resilience and sustainability," he said.

Gerald Masila, the Eastern Africa Grain Council (EAGC)'s executive director expressed his excitement about the project's launch and emphasized its alignment with the council's mission to advocate for an enabling environment in promoting structured grain trade for the optimum benefit of its stakeholders.

He emphasized the expected benefits of the project to the sector including, improved production, greater access to agricultural finance, capacity enhancement, mentorship in SPS and quality compliance, and better trade linkages.

Michael Kitulizo, EAGC's country director highlighted council's vision to be the leading voice for the grain industry in Africa.

Through the project, he said, EAGC will amplify export-oriented market access, empower smallholder farmers with the necessary skills and resources, enhance firms' export capabilities and foster collaboration to improve the policy environment.

"The project strategically targets key interventions aiming to transform the grain sector landscape, expand market access to broaden Tanzania and Uganda's participation in the Kenyan market, and promote regional integration, trade, and economic prosperity," he said.

EAGC is a regional, not-for-profit council of firms and organizations in the grain value chain that is the leading voice of the grain industry in Africa to facilitate efficient, structured, inclusive, sustainable and profitable grain trade through various interventions.

The interventions include policy research and advocacy, market information, training and capacity building as well as structured grain trading systems.

EAGC's mandate spans across ten countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, DR Congo, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Zambia.

Dar resident wins vehicle in bank's campaign draw

By Guardian Correspondent

Nickson Kiungo, a resident of Dar es Salaam region, has emerged the first winner of brand new Nissan Dualis vehicle prize, through an ongoing CRDB Bank's SimBanking marketing campaign.

The bank's head of retail banking Stephen Adili said Adili has won the prize after conducting many transactions through SimBanking through his mobile phone.

"We have three brand new vehicles remaining as awards to our customers as well as other prizes including three wheelers (bajaj), motorcycles and mobile phones. In order to win these prizes, you need to transact more through SimBanking," he said.

He said the won car by Kiungo, will be fully-filled with fuel, with comprehensive insurance coverage.

Speaking during when receiving the prize, Kiungo said he feels happy and luckiest bank customer to win the vehicle.

Apart from the vehicle prizes, other customers include Daud Peres Manyama and James Ales Kiambati also emerged the winners of brand new smart phones.



CRDB Bank's head of retail banking Stephen Adili (L) together with public relations officer Winnie Mzava and SimBanking Ambassador Eliud Samwel pose in a photo during the first marketing campaign raffle held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Zanzibar's Islamic insurance agency enters Dodoma

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Wema Takaful Agency, the Zanzibar-based Islamic Insurance Agency, operating under the principle of Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) Takaful, has extended its investment foothold in Dodoma.

Director of Wema Takaful, Ally Ally told the Guardian over the weekend that they have decided to extend services in Dodoma to stimulate provision of sharia compliant insurance services to

Muslim and non-Muslim.

"We are focusing to providing Takaful insurance, which is based on the principle of mutual cooperation and solidarity among participants," he informed.

He explained that Takaful is an alternative to conventional insurance that is non-interest.

"We're appealing to the Islam and non-Islam believers residing in Dodoma who are interested with sharia compliancy financial services, to come and be served with us," he said.



The Director of Wema Takaful Insurance Agency, Ally Ally

He added that the agent, which is licensed by the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) was launched on July last

year in Zanzibar by President Hussein Ally Mwinyi.

The company also operates its branches in Dar es Salaam.

"Wema Takaful is the technology driven insurance platform which is dedicated to revolutionizing the insurance industry across Tanzania," he said.

Apart from hailing the governments, in both mainland and Isle, for expanding insurance coverage, Ally also spoke over the need for awareness creation on the important of insurance among the public.

"The relevant trend communicate a clear message that majority of the citizens are still far, and are crowded out from using insurance services due to lack of awareness," he said.

To help improving the situation, he said the Wema Takaful was mulling to conduct a series of public campaign in cooperation with diverse stakeholders aiming to educate and sensitize the public over the important of affiliating with different insurance services being rolled out in the country.

Shareholders approve Saturn's takeover of Shanta Gold

By Guardian Correspondent, Nairobi

Gold miner Shanta Gold has confirmed that the requisite majority of voting scheme shareholders have voted in favour of a takeover by Tanzania-based Saturn Resources, or Bidco, which is a newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary of global conglomerate ETC Holdings.

Shareholder approval as well as approval from the Competition Authority of Kenya were two of the outstanding conditions to the scheme.

Completion of the takeover remains subject to regulatory approvals from the Tanzanian Fair Competition Commission, the Tanzanian Mining Commission and the Cabinet secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs in Kenya.

Shanta expects the acquisition to become effective before the second half of the year.

The Bidco group in December reached agreement with Shanta on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash acquisition, pursuant to which



Bidco would acquire the entire issued, and to be issued, share capital of Shanta not already owned by any member of the Bidco group.

The acquisition is being implemented by way of a court-sanctioned scheme of agreement.

Bidco increased its final

offer price in the process by 10 percent, which values the share capital of Shanta at about £156.1-million. Under the terms of the increased and final offer, scheme shareholders will be entitled to receive 14.85p in cash for each scheme share.

Additionally, each Shanta shareholder will be entitled to receive and retain an interim dividend of up to 0.15p apiece.

Shanta owns and operates the New Luika and Singida gold mines in Tanzania.

The New Luika Gold Mine ("New Luika") is currently the 4th largest mine in Tanzania and is in the Songwe District of Southwestern Tanzania approximately 700 km South-West of Dar es Salaam.

Production at New Luika commenced in 2012 and the current re-

serve life was extended in 2022 to HI 2028. New Luika is an Open Pit and Underground mining operation and employs approximately 942 employees and contractors of which 99 percent are Tanzanians.

New Luika has maintained its reputation as one of the safest gold mining operations of its peers.

Banks to fight for WB's green fund

NAIROBI

Banks will fight for a Sh50 billion World Bank-backed fund aimed at supporting SMEs investing in climate change mitigation.

A new report by the World Bank notes that Kenya's State Department of Investment Promotion (SDIP) will provide the seed capital for the green investment fund (GIF).

The seed capital will be in the form of a mezzanine loan, a hybrid of equity and debt. GIF will mobilise funds from the private sector to manufacture electric vehicles (EVs), build green houses, provide water and sanitation, and smart agriculture.

The SDIP, which falls under the Ministry of Investment Trade and Industry, will be the executing agency through the Kenya Development Corporation (KDC).

Banks, mostly those with financial muscle, will be responsible for disseminating the funds.

"To crowd in private and IFI (International Finance Institutions) investment, the SDIP - MITI through KDC will serve as the anchor investor by providing junior/mezzanine debt into the Green Investment Fund with provisions for it to take on first losses and to cap its returns," said the World Bank in a technical design detail note for the Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project.

The Green Fund will be set up as a special-purpose vehicle to channel the proceeds of the World Bank loan and will be regulated by the Capital Markets Authority. It will also be managed by an independent, competitively selected fund manager.

Uganda due to open its tin processing plan in May

KAMPALA

Uganda is expected to launch its first tin refinery in May this year, led by Woodcross Resources, which will align with the government's goal to become a sub-regional hub for the processing of various mineral resources, including gold.

"We are preparing to launch our very first tin processing facility. They will refine tin to over 99 percent in terms of purity," said Irene Bateebe, Permanent Secretary at the Ugandan Ministry of Mines, as reported by Reuters this week.

With an annual production capacity of 1,000 tonnes according to Woodcross's website, the plant is expected to be supplied with ore from a historic tin mine for which the company has obtained a mining license.

To guarantee the refinery's supply, at the beginning of this year, the Ugandan government banned the export of tin that did not have a purity level of at least 99.85 percent compared to the previous 67 percent to 70 percent.

The plant could also be used for processing ore from other countries in the sub-region, such as Rwanda and the DRC.

The latter has no refinery, though it produced 4.5 percent of global tin production in 2023. All the output came from the Bisie mine, owned by Alphamin Resources.

Despite not having industrial gold mines, Uganda has emerged in recent years as one of the largest exporters of ore in East and Central Africa.

Kampala has encouraged the establishment of several gold refineries on its soil, which can be sourced from producers and traders across the region.

In 2023, Uganda exported \$2.3 billion worth of gold, more than double the revenues from coffee, once the top export commodity.

Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are the three countries that produce tin in East Africa. The metal is popularly used in soldering electronic components.

The Bisie mine in the DRC produces over 4 percent of the global production. Meanwhile, the country does not have a single processing plant.

The leading producer of the base metal tin in 2023 was China, with an estimated production volume of 68,000 metric tons. Myanmar was the world's second-largest tin mining country that year, with production estimated at 54,000 metric tons.

This level of production in China is largely due to factors like the country's long-standing mining and smelting history, as well as its plentiful tin mines, especially throughout Yunnan.

Overall, global refined tin production is estimated to have reached 380,400 tonnes, up 0.3 percent on last year's total of 379,400 tonnes.

The global refined tin production for 2023 was 370,100 tonnes, representing a decline of 2.1 percent from 2022.

Approximately 59 percent of this tin originated from just ten leading smelters, whose collective output increased by 856 tonnes.



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WORLD

Hamas to send delegation to Egypt for truce talks

GAZA

THE Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) announced on Saturday that a delegation of its leaders would travel to Egypt on Sunday for talks on a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and a hostage-for-prisoner swap deal between the movement and Israel.

"A Hamas leadership delegation, headed by Khalil Al-Hayya, will travel to Cairo on Sunday in response to a call from our brothers in Egypt," Hamas said in a statement. Al-Hayya is a member of Hamas' politburo and the movement's deputy chief in Gaza.

Hamas said it would still adhere to "the position it presented on March 14," describing it as "natural demands to end the (Israeli) aggression" and saying it would not give up on them.

The demands include "a permanent ceasefire, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, the return of displaced individuals to their places of residence,

people's freedom of movement, relief and shelter, and a serious prisoner swap deal," read the statement.

The Hamas announcement coincides with a meeting in Cairo on Saturday to discuss a ceasefire in Gaza and a hostage-for-prisoner swap deal between Hamas and Israel, according to Israeli media outlets.

The meeting brings together CIA Director William Burns, Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, and head of Egypt's General Intelligence Service Abbas Kamel.

During previous rounds of indirect talks, Hamas demanded a complete cessation of the war, while Israel agreed only to a temporary ceasefire and rejected Hamas' request to allow displaced civilians to return home.

The Palestinian death toll in Gaza Strip from ongoing Israeli attacks has risen to 33,137, Hamas-run Health Ministry said in a press statement on Satur-



A woman sits holding empty containers outside a tent pitched by a destroyed building in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Friday amid the ongoing conflict in the Palestinian territory between Israel and the militant group Hamas. AFP

day.

During the past 24 hours, Israeli army killed 46 Palestinians and wounded 65 others, bringing the total death toll to 33,137 and injuries to 75,815, since the Israel-Hamas conflict broke out on Oct 7, 2023, according to the ministry.

Meanwhile, Israeli military announced Saturday that a senior internal security official of Hamas was killed in its recent airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

IDF spokesperson Avichay Adraee said on social media platform X that the Israel Defense Forces and Shin Bet security service killed the official who sought to carry out major opera-

tions in Gaza and planned attacks in Israeli territory.

He added that Akram Abdul Rahman Hussein Salama held several high-ranking positions in Hamas and affiliated internal apparatus and was killed Wednesday by fighter jets.

The man was sought after for planning and carrying out major attacks against the Israeli military and in Israeli territories, the statement added.

Israel has been launching a large-scale offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on Oct 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and more than 200 were taken hostage.

US continues hunt for Russian citizens in third countries, says Russian envoy

BUTNER

THE US authorities continue their hunt for Russian citizens in third countries, seeking their deportation to the United States, Russian Ambassador Anatoly Antonov said.



"The Americans continue their hunt for Russian citizens; they keep grabbing them in third countries and seek their deportation here, to the United States of America.

And it is simply extremely difficult, if ever possible, to get out once you're here," Antonov told reporters after visiting Russian citizen Roman Seleznyov, who is currently imprisoned in Butner, North Carolina. According to the envoy, "this is exactly what happened" to Roman Seleznyov.

Antonov will send a note to the US authorities demanding that they alleviate the conditions in jail for Seleznev, who is serving a sentence in North Carolina's Butner prison complex.

"After coming back to Washington, I am going to send a note to the Department of State. I have an idea to contact the chief of US prisons (the head of the Federal Bureau of Prisons within the US Department of Justice - TASS) in order to make life in prison easier for Roman. Most importantly, I would like to emphasize again that his health is not very good, but there is no need to disclose all his health conditions.

He is waiting, and I hope very much that his turn will come, when we will be able to have Roman released and he will be able to hug his family and friends in Moscow," the ambassador said.

Earlier, the Russian envoy said there was no chance of Seleznyov being released early from his imprisonment in the United States.

"There are no such chances. But there is an opportunity if he is exchanged for any of the Americans [jailed in Russia] through the existing confidential channel."

But Antonov said he was unaware of any details in that sphere.

In August 2016, the jury found Seleznyov guilty of cyber crime. He was convicted of computer hacks that hit more than 200 US businesses over several years. On April 21, 2017, Seattle's federal district court sentenced the Russian to 27 years of imprisonment and a penalty of \$170 mln.

Antonov also added that the US authorities have not yet denied Russian diplomats meetings with Russian citizens imprisoned in the US.

"I will be careful. Up to this point, we have not been denied meetings with Russian citizens in American custody," he said, answering a question.

Russian Ambassador was also asked to comment on the remarks made by Roger Carstens, US Special Envoy for Hostage Affairs, who said on April 4 that Washington prepares new proposals on the exchange of prisoners. Antonov answered that Russia would examine potential new US proposals on the exchange of prisoners and provide an adequate response, should it receive such proposals.

AU appoints special envoy to combat genocide, mass atrocities in Africa

ADDIS ABABA

CHAIRPERSON of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat on Saturday appointed Adama Dieng of Senegal as the first AU special envoy for the prevention of the crime of genocide and other mass atrocities.

As the 55-member continental organization's first special envoy for the prevention of the crime of genocide and other mass atrocities, Dieng will drive the AU's agenda to combat the ideology of hate and genocide on the African continent, Faki said on X, formerly Twitter, on Saturday.

Dieng has previously served as the former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. As a legal and human rights expert, Dieng has a distinguished career in contributing to the strengthening of rule of law, fighting impunity and promoting capacity-building in the area of judicial and democratic institutions, including through fact-finding missions, publications and media, according to the UN.

Dieng's appointment came as the AU is set to hold a high-level event in relation to the 30th commemoration of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda under the theme "Remember-Unite-Renew" on Sunday. Since 2010, the AU has been organizing annual commemoration events every year on April 7 as per the decision of African leaders.

Chinese premier meets US treasury secretary

BEIJING

CHINESE Premier Li Qiang yesterday met with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in Beijing.

It is hoped that the United States will abide by the basic norms of market economy including fair competition and open cooperation, refrain from turning economic and trade issues into political or security issues, and view the issue of production capacity objectively and dialectically from a market-oriented and global perspective, Li said.

The development of China's new energy industry will make important contributions to the global green and low-carbon transition, Li added.

Noting that the China-U.S. relationship is beginning to stabilize under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state, Li said that China hopes the two countries will be partners rather than adversaries, with mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation.

It is hoped that the U.S. side will work with China to continue implementing the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, and translate the San Francisco vision into reality, he said.

As the world's two largest economies, China and the United States have deeply intertwined economic interests, Li said, adding that strengthening economic and trade cooperation is of great significance to each other's development and global economic growth.

He said the two sides should strengthen communication to jointly find ways to manage and resolve differences, so as to make China-U.S. economic and trade



Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng (R) shakes hands with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in Guangzhou, China, on Friday. Xinhua

cooperation stable, smooth and efficient, create more benefits for the enterprises and people of the

two countries, and contribute to the world's economic development and improvement of people's livelihoods.

China is willing to strengthen policy coordination with the United States on climate change and other issues to jointly address global challenges, he added.

Yellen said that with the joint efforts of both sides, the U.S.-China relationship has become more stable.

As the world's two largest economies, the United States and China should manage their bilateral economic relationship responsibly.

She said the United States appreciates the progress made in U.S.-China economic dialogue and cooperation, does not seek "decoupling" from China, and stands ready to work with China to implement the important consensus reached by the two presidents in San Francisco, communicate candidly, avoid misunderstandings, deepen exchanges and cooperation, properly manage differences, jointly cope with pressing global challenges and promote the steady development of bilateral relations.

Xinhua

Zimbabwean retail shops demand hard cash as banks convert to new currency

HARARE

MAJOR retail shops were on Saturday trading largely in United States dollars after financial institutions suspended the use of the outgoing Zimbabwean dollar (ZWL) while adjusting to the new Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG) currency which was introduced on Friday.

Workers at one of the shops at Westgate Shopping Mall, northwest of the city center, told Xinhua that they were

accepting cash (U.S. dollars and ZWL), but not many people have been accessing the local currency for several months now. "We had to come to the shop very early in the morning to see how we would be trading following the introduction of ZiG.

We decided that since our machines were no longer processing Zimbabwean dollar transactions, we should stick to only cash," said an employee at one of the shops.

Till points were less crowded than

usual as customers failed to use their debit cards and mobile money transfer platforms.

Financial institutions were also notifying customers that they had suspended some of their services while they were going through the currency conversion period.

The country's biggest mobile network operator, Econet, also announced Saturday that it had suspended trading in local currency.

"Please note that we have suspend-

ed trading in ZWL, effective 5 April, as we prepare for currency changeover on our system," the operator told its customers.

The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) on Friday introduced a structured currency (ZiG) which will be backed by a basket of foreign exchange reserves and precious minerals, mainly gold, amid hopes that it will foster currency stability and contain rising inflation.

Xinhua

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met with representatives of the U.S. business, strategic and academic communities at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on March 27.

Xi listened attentively to his U.S. guests and responded to their comments. He expounded on China's development prospects and strategic intentions, and the country's position and propositions on developing its relations with the United States.

He said as long as both sides see each other as partners and show mutual respect, coexist in peace and cooperate for win-win results, China-U.S. relations will get better.

This fully demonstrates that China, as a responsible major country, always bears in mind the common good of human-

China-US relationship can embrace brighter future

ity and hopes to stabilize and improve China-U.S. relations, so as to inject positive energy into world peace and development.

To maintain steady, sound and sustainable development of China-U.S. relations, it is crucial for the United States to correctly understand China's development prospects and strategic intentions and see that the two countries' respective success is an opportunity for each other.

Xi pointed out that the Chinese economy is sound and sustainable. China has the confidence and determination that its development has a bright future. Last year, China registered one of the highest

growth rates among the major economies and accounted for over 30 percent of global growth as before.

China has come to where it is today after overcoming all kinds of difficulties and challenges. China did not collapse as predicted by the "China collapse theory," nor will it peak as forecasted by the "China peak theory," he said.

The country will continue to advance high-quality development and Chinese modernization, enable the Chinese people to live a better life, and contribute more to sustainable development in the world, Xi noted.

He said China is planning and implementing a series of

major steps for comprehensively deepening reform, and steadily fostering a market-oriented, law-based and world-class business environment. This will create broader development space for U.S. and other foreign businesses.

Win-win cooperation is the trend of the times, and it is also an inherent property of China-U.S. relations. U.S. businesses are welcome to participate more in Belt and Road cooperation, attend large-scale business events such as the China International Import Expo, and continue to invest in China, cultivate the market and grow their business.

Faced with the recent years' new and evolving situation in

China-U.S. business ties, the two sides should stay committed to mutual respect, mutual benefit and equal-footed consultation, follow economic and market rules, expand and deepen mutually beneficial business cooperation, respect each other's development rights, and work for win-win outcomes for the two countries and the world at large.

Economic globalization may encounter headwinds, but the historical trend will not change. There is no way out for "decoupling and breaking the chain," and opening-up and cooperation are the only choice.

The mindset of zero-sum game characterized by binary

opposition has long been a thing of the past, and a genuinely secure world should be one featuring deep integration and interdependence. Creating scientific and technological barriers and severing industrial and supply chains will only lead to division and confrontation.

The China-U.S. relationship cannot go back to the old days, but it can embrace a brighter future. Last November, Xi met with U.S. President Joe Biden in San Francisco. The two heads of state had an in-depth exchange of views on strategic and overarching issues critical to the direction of China-U.S. relations and reached important consensus. The most im-

portant understanding they reached was on the need to stabilize and improve China-U.S. relations. In the past few months, Chinese and U.S. officials have worked to follow through on the common understandings of the two presidents, maintained communication and made progress in the political and diplomatic, economic and financial, law enforcement and counter-narcotics, climate change and people-to-people fields.

The San Francisco meeting between Xi and Biden has inspired all sectors of China and the United States, as well as the world at large. The two sides should follow the strategic guidance of the two heads of state and make the San Francisco vision a reality.

People's Daily



Botswana's forests go up in smoke to plug electricity gap

GABORONE

KESEBONYE Mbambo, a resident of Somerset, a high-density suburb of Francistown, Botswana's second largest city, has started to ransack the forest near her home for firewood ever since Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) switched from post-paid to pre-paid over a decade ago.

In an interview with Xinhua, Mbambo, 41, said she uses about 2 tons of wood per month for cooking and to perform other domestic chores that need energy such as ironing. "There is no other means at my disposal to cook because I cannot afford to buy electricity cooking gas.

So, I have to cut down trees in the forest near where I am renting a one room," she added. According to Mbambo, she used to use electricity in the past even if she had no means to pay for it because BPC, Botswana's sole power utility, had not switched from post-paid to pre-paid electricity. Pre-paid electricity means a customer can only be allocated electricity according to what one has paid for.

The payment is done before the customer has used the electricity, said Mbambo, adding that many are failing to do so.

Tiny Moloi is a neighbor to Mbambo and in most

cases they go to the forest together in search for firewood "because like my friend (Mbambo), I cannot afford to buy the pre-paid electricity," she said.

Moloi said she needs at least 1.5 tons of wood every month in order to meet all her energy needs. She tried to substitute electricity with liquefied gas and illuminated paraffin, but it proved expensive for her.

A single unit of electricity costs more than one pula while liquefied gas is valued at more than two pulas, according to a recent survey conducted by the Department of Consumer Affairs, which falls under Botswana's Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry.

Mbambo needs 500 pula (about 38 U.S. dollars) per month while Moloi needs 300 pula (about 24 U.S. dollars). Mbambo has five children and Moloi has three.

The bigger the family, the higher electricity expense there are. Dumezweni Mthimkhulu, Botswana's Minister of Environment and Tourism, admitted in an

interview with Xinhua that residents account 20,000 hectares of deforestation each year in Francistown.

"We are deeply concerned by the alarming rate of deforestation and forest degradation in our country, driven by unsustainable land-use practices, illegal logging, agricultural expansion and infrastructure development," he said.

Mthimkhulu said this destruction not only threatens biodiversity and ecosystems but also exacerbates climate change, leading to adverse impacts on weather patterns, water cycles, and human health. "We call upon residents, civil society, and the private sector to prioritize the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of forests," said Mthimkhulu.

He said Botswana is doing everything within its power to strengthen protected area networks, implementing land-use planning and zoning regulations, promoting agroforestry and sustainable agriculture practices, and supporting

community-based forest management initiatives.

In addition, Botswana has embarked on promoting clean energy through installation of solar farms with a view of making electricity accessibility cheaper and more convenient to the residents.

Under Botswana law, anyone who cuts down trees and collects other forest products without a license risks arrest and a fine of between 5,000 pula and 500,000 pula (357 U.S. dollars and 35,714 U.S. dollars). But little has been done in terms of enforcing the laws protecting forests because "it is difficult to enforce a law when the government is the one failing to provide the amenities to its people," said Mthimkhulu.

According to an analysis by the World Bank, the forestry sector contributes an average of between 4 percent and 19 percent to the gross domestic product (GDP) of seven member states in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, including Botswana.

Agencies

Russia sees links between concert terrorist attack, Ukraine conflict

MOSCOW

THE Russian Investigative Committee said on Friday that evidence shows a potential link between the deadly terrorist attack at Crocus City Hall near Moscow and the ongoing special military operation in Ukraine.

In a statement issued on its Telegram channel, the committee noted that from the attackers' mobile phones, which the terrorists attempted to destroy, data was retrieved related to the preparation of the attack.

"The data may indicate a connection between the terrorist act committed and the special military operation," the statement read.

Investigators revealed that the Crocus City Hall was targeted upon instructions from a coordinator. "On the morning of Feb 24, 2024, the anniversary of the special military operation's commencement, one of the accomplices sent screenshots of Crocus City Hall's entrances and access routes to their coordinator," the committee said.

"In addition, photographs of people in camouflage uniforms with a Ukrainian flag against the backdrop of destroyed buildings and a Ukrainian postage stamp with an obscene gesture were found on the terrorist's phone," added the statement.

A shooting at Moscow's Crocus City Hall concert venue on March 22, followed by a massive fire, resulted in at least 144 deaths and 551 injuries, according to official statistics.

Russia had previously suggested that the terrorist attack was linked to Ukraine, a claim that Ukraine had repeatedly denied.

Agencies

Traditional Chinese medicine gains wider recognition around world

OVER 2,000 years ago, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) began to spread and gain popularity along the ancient Silk Road, becoming an important aspect of commercial and trade exchanges between China and other countries.

Today, TCM has reached 196 countries and regions, gaining greater influence worldwide and making valuable contributions to people-to-people bonds and the protection of health and wellbeing of humanity.

"I'm deeply impressed by the remarkable efficacy of TCM and the expertise of Chinese doctors," said Anton Melak, a resident in Paola, Malta, at the Mediterranean Regional Center for Traditional Chinese Medicine (MRCTCM).

Melak was unable to lift his arm last year due to a right shoulder injury, and he sought immediate treatment at the center. After nearly six months of acupuncture and massage therapy, his condition significantly improved.

"I received my first TCM treatment in 1996 when I was suffering from severe migraines, which proved to be truly effective," Melak said.

In Malta, the MRCTCM has become a well-known institution for TCM treatment and training. In 2008, it opened a TCM department at Mater Dei Hospital, a state-owned acute general teaching hospital in Malta, marking the first time for TCM to be granted an independent department in a state hospital in the European Union (EU).

Since 1993, the Chinese government has sent 19 medical teams to Malta, treating approximately 250,000 patients.

China's medical assistance to foreign countries started over 60 years ago, and TCM has played an important role in these endeavors.

Acupuncture is among the longest-running departments in the history



Continuing education and training were carried out for South African TCM doctors at the African Center of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture on Aug. 19, 2023. File photo

of Chinese medical assistance to Algeria. At the Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital, the TCM clinic set up by the Chinese medical team often sees long queues of patients. In Kuwait, the TCM treatment is popular, and there are groups of enthusiasts for Tai Chi and Baduanjin, both traditional Chinese exercises. In Guyana, the Chinese medical team has provided acupuncture treatment to tens of thousands of patients while also promoting TCM courses such as acupuncture and massage in local schools.

In recent years, China has been deepening the educational cooperation in TCM with multiple countries.

Since its official launch at the University of Johannesburg in 2020, acupuncture has become one of the most popular and competitive programs. The program admits around 50 students each year, and the number of applicants has grown from 1,285 in 2020 to 7,102 in 2022.

Michelle Delpaul was among the first students to graduate with a master's degree in acupuncture from the University of Johannesburg. She now serves as a lecturer and remains dedicated to expanding her knowledge through further studies.

With acupuncture, Delpaul has helped many patients to deal with frozen shoulder, stroke, and acute asthma. She said that throughout the years of clinical practice, she has truly witnessed the remarkable effects of acupuncture. She hopes to continue learning and share the benefits

of TCM acupuncture with more people. Shafiq, who graduated from the TCM department at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman in Malaysia, began his career at a TCM clinic in Kuala Lumpur last year. He told People's Daily that through the TCM treatment, his mother's migraines have been alleviated and his aftereffects of meningitis have greatly diminished over time. These experiences have reinforced his resolve to excel in TCM.

It is reported that the TCM department at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman has been running for over a decade and has more than 160 students. The average employment rate for graduates stands at 97 percent annually. The university has carried out cooperation with multiple Chinese universities and hospitals specializing in TCM.

According to statistics, China's exports of TCM products exceeded \$2.91 billion in the first half of 2023, an increase of 3.63 percent year on year. In recent years, China has established 31 TCM service export bases, which have evolved into comprehensive international service platforms benefiting people of different countries.

Inspired by TCM literature and supported by Chinese scientific research, artemisinin-based drugs have made significant contributions to malaria prevention and treatment in many African countries.

Over the years, China has strengthened international cooperation in TCM with Belt and Road partner countries, making solid progress in building a Silk Road of

health.

China has established 30 overseas TCM centers in countries such as Russia, Thailand, and Hungary, and facilitated the registration and market entry of over 100 Chinese patent medicines in Belt and Road partner countries. Besides, China has signed traditional medicine cooperation agreements with 14 partner countries and received support for TCM development within the legal and regulatory frameworks of eight partner countries.

Raymond Busuttill, former Chairman of the Board of the MRCTCM, who had held positions in Malta's Ministry for Health and the World Health Organization (WHO), said that TCM encapsulates centuries of human wisdom and has proved to be uniquely effective in dealing with certain health conditions.

The WHO has included traditional medicine originating from TCM in the International Classification of Diseases, indicating an increasing recognition of TCM's value.

People's Daily

Iran set to retaliate for Israel's consulate attack in Syria - experts

TEHRAN

IRAN is set to retaliate for Israel's recent attack on the Iranian consulate building in Syria, though the way, severity and timing of Iran's response remain to be seen, Iranian experts said.

Israel on Monday launched a missile strike on the consular section of the Iranian embassy in the Syrian capital Damascus, killing seven Iranians, including two veteran commanders of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and a number of Syrian civilians.

Following the attack, Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei vowed in a message that the country's "brave men" would inflict "a regret-inducing punishment" on Israel for its "criminal" attack. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi also vowed that the "cowardly crime will not go unanswered."

Seyed Reza Sadr al-Hosseini, a Tehran-based senior expert on West Asia issues, said that Israel was acting like a "drunk person" as it hit a "strategic dead end" on the issue of Palestine, especially in the Palestinian enclave of Gaza Strip, where Israel has been launching a military campaign to wipe out the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) since last October.

Supported by the United States and a number of the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Israel's moves "have crossed all possible humane red lines," Sadr al-Hosseini told Xinhua in an interview. He cited Israel's killing of more than 33,000 people in Gaza and the latest attack on the Iranian consulate building in Syria as among the "red lines" crossed by Israel.

Sadr al-Hosseini said the Israeli attack on Iran's embassy in Damascus was "a cowardly and brutal move" that violated all international conventions and agreements, especially the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961).

In an analysis published by the semi-official Mehr news agency on Wednesday, Asghar Zarei, a Tehran-based foreign policy affairs expert, said the Israeli attack was an "adventurist and dangerous" move taken due to Israel's failure to reach its targets in Gaza as well as the unprecedented economic losses and casualties it suffered in the conflict.

Zarei believed that Israel committed the "crime" of attacking the Iranian embassy in Syria at a time

when it was at the "peak of desperation and inability" to manage the war in Gaza.

By attacking the Iranian embassy, Israel aimed to divert media attention and global public opinion away from the "Israeli crimes committed in Gaza," he added. In an analysis published by Iran's official news agency IRNA on Tuesday, Ahmad Sadat, a Tehran-based regional affairs expert, said the Israeli attack had roots in several social, political and security issues and was aimed at expanding regional developments and their far-reaching consequences.

Sadat said that, in addition to the failure to achieve its announced objectives in Gaza, the Israeli government led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is also facing deepening internal differences among the cabinet, rising inflation, and the fatigue of the Israeli soldiers in Gaza, which have led to calls for Netanyahu's resignation.

On the possible response to Israel's blatant attack on the Iranian embassy in Syria, Sadr al-Hosseini said that Iran would use all its diplomatic capacities and moves, including filing a complaint at the UN Security Council and raising the issue at the General Assembly, while reserving the right to give a proportionate response to the Israeli attack "at the right time and place."

He added that it was not possible to predict the timing, method and level of Iran's retaliation against Israel, or if Tehran's retaliation would be taken through a direct move or done by its friends in the resistance front.

Zarei believed that Israel would receive "a fitting response" for its attacks, as Iran had previously shown that it was able to deal a "deterrent" blow to Israel.

"This time, Tehran's response to the Israeli aggression would be costly and painful for Israel," he said, adding that any Israeli diplomatic missions could be a potential target for attacks by resistance groups in the region and those against Israel. In his analysis, Sadat pointed out that Iran's response to the attack on the Iranian embassy in Damascus aims to "maintain the balance of threat and create the necessary deterrence."

"Iran's response should be in proportion to the Israeli attack or even 'outweigh' it in terms of size and casualties, he said.

Xinhua

Final CAF derby shows just why Yanga remains local champion club at present

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CITY giants Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, and Simba SC have finally exited the CAF Champions League tourney in favour of Mamelodi Sundowns and Al Ahly, respectively.

While both sides lost their encounters and came back home a rather sad lot in two groups, their moods were vividly different, as Yanga fans by and large kept their heads high, unlike their next-street nemesis' alter egos, who were cursing to bed.

Yanga made an all-out effort to stand their ground in the return match as in the one at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, alias Lupaso Arena, and tasted the nets with a 30-meter drive from Aziz Ki that went under the bar, hit the ground, and rebounded, and lost.

Thus, when Yanga later lost on penalties, they had indeed been eliminated but not defeated on the pitch, unlike Simba SC who ended a miserable visit to Cairo to chalk up two more goals to the one they conceded at the Lupaso Arena.

Either way, the game and the results were quite logical, since Yanga stood up a better chance of making it to the semi-finals but was unlikely to do so, from all realistic projections up to that point.

Yanga could have won with an Aziz Ki upset goal had it been duly allowed, but their archrivals would have needed something like a miracle, instead.

Al Ahly forwards had an easier way to go around the Simba SC defense line than it was the case for Mamelodi to tame the Yanga rearguard,



Yanga's midfielder Jonas Mkude (R) challenges Mamelodi Sundowns' midfielder, Teboho Makoena when the teams took on each other in the second leg of the 2023-24 CAF Champions League last eight which took place in Pretoria last Friday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

looking well drilled about to avoid being either outrun or side-stepped with ease.

Still, it must be admitted that the Jangwani Street side got away a bit lightly with plenty of rough play, one of which resembled a clear penalty case, holding and tripping deep inside the box.

As the referee had granted Yanga the penalty respite, the fans' shouting on the disallowed goal ran a bit hollow, as it was a benefit of the doubt just as in the other case.

When it comes to how the marches were handled, and especially the more intense Pretoria encounter, it was fairly evident that the mistakes we keep hearing of poor African circuit referees are not just random, accidental errors in how they conduct the matches.

There is distinctive wisdom embodied in their match handling, on account of their proximity to the sensitivity of a negative decision on a certain side, and irrelevance to the other side if that decision wasn't taken, to just allow play to resume.

A decision that can mar the playing mood is left out if it isn't foolproof, in which case Yanga is first enthused over either the declined penalty or a possible second yellow card for Mudathir Yahya, and then squarely repaid with that Aziz Ki goal!

Noticeably, in well-aided remarks extensively picked on local radios after Yanga was in Pretoria and the two sides were preparing for the late Friday showdown, one player who appeared to have earned the respect of the South African club's

coach was Aziz Ki. It was not surprising that he either came closest to scoring or scored from a distant drive but courtesy of the referee and rules of African fair play in general, the goal wasn't counted.

And as fate would have it, that same Aziz Ki took the starting penalty shot and fluffed it with a weak shot, while versatile defender Ibrahim Hamad 'Bacca' shot over the bar to bring Mamelodi players onto the pitch in a paroxysm of relief; they had qualified for the semis on the shoot-out.

Another visible feature of the Yanga versus Mamelodi Sundowns encounter was the ability to learn on the part of the players, or more accurately ability to adapt on the part of Yanga's head coach Miguel Gamondi.

When opening the match they apparently sought to obtain a quick score and then fall back, but were soon pinned to their half as Mamelodi was clearly in control of the mid-field play.

A good part of the clearances were just aimed at the center of the pitch and the opposite side collected the balls to start another run on the goal, which altogether changed in the second half; then it was on equal terms.

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The wish for a revamped side will not be quenched with getting a striker at the front, where Saidi Ntibazonkiza was placed as 'false number nine' but it appeared to be Clatous Chama who was more spirited in pointed attack, occasionally making surefooted forays deep in the box.

The wish is unlikely to be satisfied merely with getting Fiston Maye, even if it is a good start.

There is an impression that Simba SC fans are getting nervous with Shomari Kapombe on big ties, while Mohamed Hussein wasn't under fire, meanwhile, on the other team, captain Mwamnyeto was the one who, on some occasions, had the fans worried, as Simba SC fans in the past used to be worried about Joash Onyango.

Of course, even a Henock Inonga blunder can, at times, draw out some irritated reactions as no one is immune to wrong reflexes, but, at times, there is a feeling that time needs to be called on either this or that defender.

Surprisingly, Yanga's maverick signing, defensive midfielder Jonas Mkude, fared pretty well on Friday!



Namungo FC's midfielder, Erasto Nyoni.

Nyoni breaks ice on his longevity in the Tanzania top-flight football

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NAMUNGO FC's versatile player Erasto Nyoni has called upon young players to have dedication and invest in their health for them to prosper in the game for many years.

The 35-year-old now with Namungo FC made his debut for Tanzania in 2006, clinching 106 caps for Taifa Stars, scoring six goals including the winning penalty that sent Tanzania to the 2019 AFCON after commanding a 3-0 win against Uganda.

Nyoni who has enjoyed international football - played one season with Vital'O of Burundi in 2009 before returning to Tanzania to join Azam FC from 2010-2017.

The midfielder thereafter joined Simba SC and enjoyed local success including winning four consecutive Premier League titles from 2017/2018 to 2020/21 season.

The Arusha's Rolling Stone Academy graduate says playing at the top level for many years, the way he has done, requires ultimate sacrifice and discipline while being open to learning the game.

The footballer noted: "Many young players fail to stay in the game for a long time due to lack of discipline and media trends that cover the particular player so much, leading to such a player losing his head instead of training hard and ignoring what is said outside."

"To love the game is key, following the coaches' programs during training, having personal training that will keep a player fit all the time, hav-

ing proper diet and resting the body whenever necessary."

"I can play many positions on the field, something that has set me apart from many players because I am open to learning about the game that has faced so much revolution in recent years, young players should understand this."

"The talents are there, if they put their energy into the game with top-notch discipline they will be praised for many years to come like the foreign players that have made their mark and name for themselves," Nyoni - who is the most capped player in Tanzania's national team - noted.

Commenting on Namungo FC's recent form - which had witnessed the outfit securing one win, one draw, and succumbing to three losses, Nyoni said they have used their international break in a good manner to turn their season around in the last nine NBC Premier League games.

"We are just three points away from relegation, we understand the magnitude of the remaining games and what to do to survive and remain in the top-flight football."

"We have tough games against Simba and Azam FC we need to win those games to secure our spot in the league next season," the midfielder pointed out.

"Games will be tough because every team has its ambitions in these remaining games of the season, we have to have a strong mentality and stick to our tactics and win our games," Nyoni insisted.

Makudubela dismisses claims on his playing style

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's winger Mahlatsi Makudubela, alias 'Skudu', has presented his views on the showboating debate, saying he uses his skills to outfox defenders rather than showing off to the fans.

The South African player has failed to impress Yanga's head coach Miguel Gamondi to have the former back into the starting lineup since he picked an injury at the beginning of the season.

Before joining Yanga, Makudubela played for seven clubs in South Africa, including Orlando Pirates, Platinum Stars, Golden Arrows FC, Platinum Stars, and most recently Marumo Gallants.

Speaking on his style of play that has divided fans, Makudubela said being a fan favourite and showboating are two different issues about his style of play.

"You know, I don't know the



Yanga's South African winger Mahlatsi Makudubela.

difference between dribbling past players and showboating because I think I'm more of a player that likes to dribble past players, going past players, eliminating players to gain numerical advantage into the final third of the opponent," Makudubela noted.

The winger disclosed: "I don't know if that is showboating. But yeah, I don't know if that is called showboating, eliminating players to gain numerical superiority into the opponents' attacking third."

"So, showboating... I think we

can see that at Maimane Phiri (South Africans-sponsored street football), people going on their knees and making the fans happy."

The footballer added: "I think I'm more of a player that eliminates players and helps the team win. Hence, that's why I've scored three goals this season so far."

Makudubela's flair certainly gets the fans excited, and the 34-year-old believes that it is something many South African players are naturally gifted with.

"I think, maybe, even when I'm just pushing the ball, I think there's just that element of it that brings joy into people, and you must never take that thing lightly, because it's a God-given talent, that thing. When I used to watch Ronaldinho, he used to transmit joy to me, you know," the performer revealed.

Makudubela noted: "And by just doing the smaller things,

how we just pass the ball and then act like it's moving into this space. They are the basic things."

"But I think I'm also gifted with that, transmitting joy to people who are watching me, and I need not change my style of play because I want to accommodate somebody else. I think that's the most powerful tool that was given to me."

"And I think I'm this far because people saw what I can do, why do I want to change it and be somebody that I'm not, you know."

"I will not transmit that love and joy to people who are watching. So ja, I think that gives me an edge over the opponents," Makudubela disclosed.

Makudubela turns out to be the first South African to play in the NBC Premier League history after joining Yanga from DSTV Premiership club, Marumo Gallants, at the end of the season.

Singida holds sway in Twende Paris festival

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SINGIDA athletes have collected many medals in the just-ended festival, termed 'Twende Paris', which took place in the region last weekend.

The festivals which were organized by the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) were played at Mwenge Secondary School and attracted young athletes from Singida and Mbeya.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the festival, Singida Regional Commissioner Halima Den-dego hailed TOC for the event, revealing it is a good platform for the committee to expose young athletes who will represent the country in future events. She said it is an honour for her region to

host the maiden festival.

"We are very happy that TOC has decided to host this festival in our region, they will help to expose many young and upcoming athletes, I'm told three regions were invited but so far Mbeya and Singida competed, this is not good and I will contact my colleague in Coast Region to know what went wrong with them," she said.

Volleyball, athletics, and football were the disciplines that had athletes taking part in.

In the girls' 1500m race, Singida's athletes won the top three positions, with Zahara Ramadhan ending as the winner by clocking 5:09:60, followed by runner-up Asia Ramadhan who posted 5:11:92 and Zakati Salim who clocked 5:24:09 to finish third.

The top three were awarded medals and cash prizes- 500,000/-, 200, 000/-, and 100,000/- respectively.

In the 1500m showdown for the boys' category, Nicholas Isdory of Singida won by clocking 4:47:62, whilst Mbeya's duo of Joel Samuel (4:48:07) and Elibariki Sokota (4:50:56) took second and third places respectively.

In the 800m race for boys, Phil-lipo Petro of Singida was the winner having clocked 2:13:00, Hamisi Hassan - who also hails from Singida - came second with 2:22:32, and Mbeya's Meshack Samuel ended third having clocked 2:24:24.

Martha Martin of Singida emerged the winner in the girls' 800m race as she posted 2:35:54, Shailla Hassan - also from the same

region - grabbed second place after recording 2:40:78 and another Singida-based athlete Neema Kipimu came third having posted 2:45:68.

Singida's Bakari Kasumari triumphed in the boys' 400m race by clocking 63:32, whereas Peter Joseph from Mbeya ended second as he posted 64:38, and Justine Charles of Singida ended third with 69:94. In the race's girls category - Shakila Jacob of Singida beat the rest to the top honour after clocking 68:06, Abigail Green from Mbeya ended second with 73:24, followed by Zahara Ali of Singida who took the third spot notching 73:96.

In the girls' 200m showdown, Aisha Hamis of Singida clocked 28:28 to triumph, followed by

Hajira Shaaban, also based in Singida, who posted 28:31 to take the second spot, and Mbeya's Stella Moses who took the third spot after recording 30:96. In the 200m showdown for boys, Singida's Sadam Nduka was the winner given the athlete notched 24:91, followed by another Singida runner, Amiri Ibrahim, who notched 25:29 to finish second and Mbeya's Raymond Bariki took third place after posting 26:34.

The girls' volleyball tournament culminated with Mbeya emerging as the winner, edging Singida B 2-1, the third spot was won by Singida A. In volleyball showdown for boys, Mbeya won 2-1, while in girls' football, Singida B emerged the winner having clobbered Mbeya 3-0 and in boys' football,

Singida beat Mbeya by the same margin.

Medals, trophies, and cash prizes were handed over to winners, in individual sports (athletics) the top winner - boys and girls - were presented with 300,000/- apiece, the runners-up raked in 200,000/- apiece, and third-placed runners took home 100, 000/- apiece.

In team sports - football and volleyball - winners in both boys and girls categories took 1m/- apiece, runners-up walked away with 750, 000/-, and third-placed teams were presented with 500, 000/-.

Singida District Commissioner Godwin Gondwe was the guest of honour in the closing ceremony and he thanked all participating regions for taking part in the festival.

Leverkusen on cusp of first Bundesliga title after Bayern loss

BERLIN

BAYER Leverkusen are just three points from a first Bundesliga title after a 1-0 win at Union Berlin on Saturday, with Bayern Munich letting a two-goal lead slip in a 3-2 loss at Heidenheim.

Bayern were cruising at half-time thanks to strikes from Harry Kane and Serge Gnabry but conceded three times in the second half, losing their second match in a row.

Florian Wirtz converted a penalty deep into first-half stoppage time as Leverkusen were made to work hard in the German capital against 10-man Union, extending their unbeaten run this season to 41 games.

Xabi Alonso's side need just three points from their remaining six matches to clinch the club's first league title.

Bayern, on a streak of 11 straight Bundesliga titles, could relinquish their crown next week in between the first and second legs of their Champions League quarter-final against Arsenal.

Union did their best to hold on despite Leverkusen's relentless pressure but gave way just before half-time, Germany defender Robin Gosens picking up a second yellow for a desperation tackle on Nathan Tella near the penalty box.

After some chaotic scenes from the ensuing free-kick the ball connected with the arm of Union captain Christopher Trimmel, giving Leverkusen a penalty after a long VAR review.

Wirtz calmly dispatched the penalty, his third goal in his past two games.

Late in the second half word filtered through to the visiting fans that Bayern were trailing at Heidenheim, sending them into raptures.

"Of course the situation is super but we don't want to celebrate yet," said Alonso.

"We can maybe celebrate something next Sunday. Before that there's a Europa League game (at home against West Ham). Nothing is settled yet and we need to wait a little."

Bayern looked in fine form early on, despite missing several injured first teamers including captain Manuel Neuer, Leroy Sane and Kingsley Coman, with coach Thomas Tuchel taking a cautious approach with Tuesday's Champions League trip to Arsenal in mind.

The ever-reliable Kane, yet to miss a league match this campaign, opened the scoring, scrambling in a Gnabry assist after 38 minutes.

Gnabry seemingly had Bayern on track for a simple victory when he scored just before the break, but the hosts turned the match around early in the second half.

Kevin Sessa and Tim Kleindienst both scored inside the space of 90 seconds to level the scores and stun the visitors.

AFP

Sub Messi scores but Miami held by Colorado

MIAMI

LIONEL Messi scored after coming off the bench but his Inter Miami were held to a 2-2 draw by the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer on Saturday.

The Argentine had been out of action for almost a month with a hamstring injury, missing the last four games, but was named among the substitutes for the home game.

Messi missed Wednesday's 2-1 home defeat to Mexico's Monterrey in the CONCACAF Champions Cup quarter-final and with the return game on Wednesday, Inter coach Gerard Martino rotated his squad.

Martino fielded a heavily second-string line-up with Messi's former Barcelona team-mates Luis Suarez, Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba also on the bench.

The youthful line-up looked comfortable, without threatening too often, but fell behind on the stroke of half-time when defender Ryan Sailor lunged into a rash challenge in the box on Colorado's French forward Kevin Cabral.

The Rapids' Brazilian forward Rafael Navarro drilled home the penalty to give Colorado a 1-0 lead at the break.

Messi was brought on after the interval and made an instant impact.

After just 12 minutes on the field, the Argentine World Cup-winner brought Miami level when Franco Negri crossed low from the left and Messi fired home off the inside of the post.

Busquets was then introduced and Miami took the lead on the hour -- Messi bursting forward from midfield, feeding David Ruiz down the right and his cross was coolly converted by debutant Leonardo Afonso.

Messi then brought a fine save out of Colorado's former Manchester City goalkeeper Zack Steffen and then from a tight angle at the back post, struck the woodwork.

But the third goal never arrived and Miami paid the price in the 88th minute when Calvin Harris lead a counter-attack down the right and found Cole Bassett who slotted home the equaliser.

AFP

Arsenal return to Premier League summit as Manchester City cruise

LONDON

ARSENAL leapfrogged Liverpool at the top of the Premier League with a 3-0 win at Brighton on Saturday after Kevin De Bruyne scored twice in Manchester City's victory at Crystal Palace.

Goals from Bukayo Saka, Kai Havertz and Leandro Trossard lifted the Gunners to 71 points -- one clear of Jurgen Klopp's men, who are tied on 70 points with defending champions City.

Liverpool face a trip to mercurial Manchester United at Old Trafford on Sunday in the next chapter of a thrilling three-way title race.

Mikel Arteta's Arsenal have now won 10 of their past 11 league games and have added steel to style after faltering badly in the home straight last season.

The Gunners boss hailed his team's maturity and cleverness against a side who had not lost at home since August.

"In attack and defence we had big performances individually," he told the BBC.

"We missed some big chances but the team looked really connected and had purpose. The last pass and shot to finish the situation could have been better, but it doesn't matter as we kept going."

Arsenal, who have not been crowned league champions since 2004, dominated the first half at the Amex Stadium



Aston Villa's Ollie Watkins scores his side's third goal against Brentford during their Premier League match at Villa Park in Birmingham, England on Saturday. AP

but needed a penalty to take the lead.

The breakthrough came when Gabriel Jesus was brought down by Tariq Lamptey and the returning Saka sent Bart Verbruggen the wrong way for his 14th Premier League goal of the season in the 33rd minute.

Arsenal doubled their lead shortly after the hour mark when Jorginho set up Havertz at the near post for a simple tap-in and Trossard made it three with a deft chipped finish.

- De Bruyne reaches 100 goals -

In the early kick-off, De Bruyne netted twice and top scorer Erling Haaland hit his 19th league goal of the season

in City's 4-2 win at Selhurst Park.

Jean-Philippe Mateta gave the home side a shock early lead but De Bruyne levelled in the 13th minute with a curler into the top corner to quell any nerves from the visitors.

Palace carried an attacking threat but Rico Lewis put City ahead just after half-time and De Bruyne and Haaland combined for the third.

Midfielder De Bruyne added his second with a stinging shot in the 70th minute -- his 100th goal for the club -- to make the game safe, before substitute Odsone Edouard scored a consolation.

City boss Pep Guardiola hailed the Belgium international, who missed five

months of the season with a hamstring injury he sustained in the opening match at Burnley.

"Sometimes it's Phil (Foden), Erling or Julian (Alvarez), today it was Kevin," he said.

"Without him we would not be able to win this. You talk about managers but players like Kevin make this game easy."

Everton went into their match against second-from-bottom Burnley desperately searching for a spark after a run of 13 Premier League matches without a win.

They struggled to impose themselves but benefited from a huge slice of fortune when goalkeeper Arjanet Muric's clearance deflected in

off Dominic Calvert-Lewin in first-half stoppage time.

Everton, who last played outside the English top-flight in the 1953/54 season, are now four points above the relegation zone.

But the club need everything they can get as they wait nervously to find out if they will be handed a second points deduction this season for breaking Premier League financial rules.

Fourth-placed Villa, who drew 3-3 against Brentford, will rue a second-half collapse that could prove costly in the race to qualify for next season's Champions League.

Unai Emery's men had led 2-0 before three goals in nine minutes from Mathias Jorgensen, Bryan Mbeumo and Yoane Wissa turned the match on its head.

But Ollie Watkins levelled in the 80th minute, leaving Villa just three points above Tottenham, who have two games in hand.

Carlton Morris scored a 90th-minute goal in Luton's 2-1 win against Bournemouth -- a result that leaves them in the relegation zone but now level on points with 17th-placed Nottingham Forest.

Newcastle edged past Fulham 1-0 courtesy of a late goal from Bruno Guimaraes while West Ham came from behind to beat Wolves 2-1.

AFP

So this is why Arsenal paid £60m for Kai Havertz

By Jim White

THE moment Arsenal scored their second goal in the 3-0 win at the Amex, the visiting supporters belted out a joyous serenade for the man who had put the ball in the Brighton net. "Sixty million down the drain, Kai Havertz scores again," they sang, celebrating the forward's sharp, clever finish from Jorginho's invitation of a cross.

The song - which the player says makes him smile every time he hears it - is an ironic riposte to the noisy assumption that gained widespread currency in the autumn.

Back then it was frequently claimed that Arsenal had signed a pup when they bought the German from Chelsea. Playing on the left side of midfield, the belief was widespread that he looked adrift, forlorn, pointless.

Not any more. Against Brighton, rampaging at centre forward, he supplied his eighth goal involvement in the past seven games. Five goals, three assists: this is a player coming into form at precisely the right moment for his team.

This time last season, Arsenal faltered in their race for the title. But any hope Liverpool and Manchester City might have had that Mikel Arteta's side would succumb again to run-in jitters disappeared on the south coast.

Calm, efficient, supremely well drilled, goodness they were good. With the best centre back pairing in the league, with Declan Rice protecting



Havertz's goal was that of a player high on confidence - Getty Images

everything, with Martin Odegaard conducting affairs, they look supremely well balanced.

But the suggestion at the Amex was that it is Havertz who is the real change from last spring. He is delivering a hatful of goals at precisely the moment they are most needed.

"He's having a huge impact on the team," said Arteta. "His numbers are really high, the understanding between the attacking players is really high."

Watching him in action here was to see a player who has clearly found the role that allows him best to unleash his abilities. A hugely versatile individual, for a time his adaptability seemed to work against him.

The idea when he was signed from Chelsea was that he would play in midfield, pressing, probing, passing, on top of providing the occasional goal. As a concept it clearly faltered. Those 60 million down the drain criticisms were not entirely ill-judged.

But then, back in Feb-

ruary, Arteta moved him forward. Initially it was done to cover for the injured Gabriel Jesus. But it worked almost immediately. His abilities as a midfielder, particularly his assiduousness in getting back into defensive positions, were not forgotten.

He continued to work like a trojan. As was evident against Brighton, he does not stop running, his sharp game intelligence enabling him quickly to assess where he needs to track.

For Lewis Dunk and the rest of the Brighton defence he offered an almost constantly moving target, never where they expected the centre forward to be as he was off forever foraging space. For Arteta, it appears to be a masterstroke of a move.

"A lot of the times players decide where they have to play," the manager said of the positional switch. "Sometimes it flows and when it flows you have to let it go. He seems so comfortable

there. And the team are comfortable with him there."

The return for Havertz's constant diligence has been that the goals started coming. Even when Jesus returned, the German remained in the centre forward position. The results have spoken for themselves.

He already has nine Premier League goals, more than he managed in any season for Chelsea (and he won the Champions League

there). And he seems to be relishing his new role as the spearhead of a side built on the strongest of defensive foundations.

"Definitely when you feel that you are so strong at the back it helps you a lot," Havertz said after the game. "I am enjoying myself and I will try to help the team, I hope to keep on going forward."

In January, Arteta suggested he needed to sign a forward. Not any more. As he acknowledged with a knowing smile, the answer was there all the time. Indeed, Havertz's resurrection may well have reduced the urgency to find appropriate attacking recruits in the summer.

"He's got some fantastic players around him," said Arteta of his freshly discovered finisher. "We have tried to create the right environment for him, give him the love he needs."

As love-ins go, this is one that is producing the goods.

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Yanga lodges complaint over disallowed goal in CAF CL last eight



Yanga's midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki (R) seeks to get past Mamelodi Sundowns' midfielder Lucas Ribeiro as the clubs locked horns in the second leg of the 2023-24 CAF Champions League last eight which took place in Pretoria last Friday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA has come up with claims of administrative error and favouritism following the club's defeat to Mamelodi Sundowns in the second leg of the CAF Champions League quarterfinal in Pretoria, South Africa on Friday night.

The Guardian has seen a letter addressed to the continent's football governing body's secretary-general, Veron Mosengo-Omba, requesting an investigation into the disallowed goal that would have handed Yanga a 1-0 advantage in the second half.

The Tanzania envoys in the premier continental showpiece thought they had broken the deadlock through midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki in the 57th minute.

The Burkinabe midfielder's left foot snapshot from inside Mamelodi's area beat goalkeeper Ronwen Williams, hit the crossbar, and bounced before coming back into play.

The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) though deemed it no goal in agreement with the on-field decision, thereby

infuriating the Yanga hierarchy as the club went on to lose 3-2 on penalties and Sundowns made it to the semi-finals.

The letter had asked questions about the CAF Champions League rules and regulations.

It said: "Referee Dahane

Beida and his fellow match officials 'intentionally neglected to review the goal incident through VAR, thereby disregarding the principles of fair play and justice in football'."

"(We) request for an investigation of administrative error and favouritism,"

the letter noted.

"The aforementioned actions by the referee team indicate a deliberate attempt to influence the outcome of the match in favour of Mamelodi Sundowns."

"This is further supported by the selective use of VAR, primarily focusing on

fouls committed by Young Africans Sports Club players for potential red cards, while ignoring a legitimate goal-scoring opportunity."

"The integrity of VAR and the standard of refereeing."

As such, Yanga is expecting CAF to review footage of the game and provide a conclusive report of the events of the night at Loftus.

The Jangwani Street club's head coach Miguel Gamondi did not mince his words either during his post-match press conference with journalists.

He was reluctant to answer questions but the CAF media officer pleaded with the Argentine to at least respond to a few.

"It's impossible to fight against VAR. I find it extremely unjust what unfolded here. The referee did not want to go check if the ball crossed the line, but he went to see if there was a yellow or red card," he said.

Gamondi pointed out: "The people of Tanzania were robbed today. How the decision was taken is suspicious at the very least."

The Argentine and his players will now shift focus as the team travels to Dodoma to lock horns with Dodoma Jiji FC in the fourth-round match of the CRDB Bank Federation Cup at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma on April 10. The winning team will advance to the quarterfinals.

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DAR ES SALAAM

Safety and swimming course organizers win plaudits

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Scout Dar es Salaam has hailed the good relationship it has with the Agnes Kimimba Foundation (ASF), saying the latter is helping many people in the region know safety and swimming lessons.

Scout Dar es Salaam's Board Chairman, Habib Abdallah, noted when he presided over the opening of a six-week safety, swimming, and diving course which is organized by Scout Dar es Salaam in conjunction with ASF.

He asked ASF to conduct many courses so that many people can know how to rescue and save people during water calamities.

"We thank ASF for hosting this course, it has come at a good time given the country is facing many water calamities, I'm appealing to the government and the private sector to support and fund courses of this nature," he said.

Amina Maulid- the Commissioner for Scout Dar es Salaam- said they expect 50 participants to attend the course which is geared towards teaching the participants about rescuing during water calamities.

She said after the course- which will be in two modules (practical and theory)- the participants who will mostly be scout members will work with the police and military personnel during water calamities.

Amina stated: "Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has forecasted that the country will experience heavy rains, the rains will be heavy, especially in coastal areas, and knowing that a big part of Dar es Salaam is surrounded by water bodies, we thought it wise to prepare the scouts for anything which will happen," the official revealed.

"After the course, our scouts- who will attend it- can help the police, army, and others in rescuing people and their properties during water calamities," she said.

In a recent interview, ASF Director Agnes Kimimba said the main aim of the course is to offer water safety and awareness to society.

"We are happy to work with Scout Dar es Salaam, we hope the knowledge imparted to participants will be used during water calamities not only in Dar es Salaam but also in other parts of the country," she said.

Abdallah said the World Health Organization (WHO) mentions water calamities as a major cause of death in Africa- especially in East Africa- and it is positioned 10th as far as main causes of death in the world are concerned.

The ASF is one of the leading agencies which promote life-saving, swimming, and diving courses.

The foundation's other aims are educating the community and bringing awareness of life-saving skills,

It further organizes regular swimming events for various groups and acts as a legal representative (hence agent) for professional sports figures such as athletes and coaches.

Benchikha laments missed opportunities as Simba SC crashes out of CAF CL last eight

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FOLLOWING Simba SC's exit in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League quarterfinals, the club's head coach Abdelhak Benchikha has lamented missed opportunities and lack of experience in decisive games as a reason for the squad's elimination.

The Msimbazi Street outfit suffered a 3-0 aggregate defeat to Egyptian football giant, Al Ahly, losing 2-0 in the rematch which took place at Cairo International Stadium in Egypt on Friday night.

In the last eight's first leg match involving the two outfits, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week, the Tanzanian club succumbed to a 1-0 upset.

The Egyptian giants reached the premier continental tournament's last four thanks to goals by Omar El-Sulaya and Mahmoud Kah-



Simba SC head coach, Abdelhak Benchikha.

raba in the return tie at Cairo International Stadium.

Al Ahly will now face the winner of the last-eight match

between TP Mazembe and Petro de Luanda in the semi-finals of the competition, as they seek to retain the title.

Simba SC has now failed to advance to four consecutive CAF Champions League semi-finals, as Benchikha pointed out they are heading back to the drawing board to reorganize for the remaining domestic league fixtures.

The Algerian noted: "I am so disappointed that we have let our fans down, we had opportunities to march on by converting our chances but we failed to convert them, we played well tactically and controlled the game statistically but the end product was not there."

"Al Ahly had few chances and they made good use of them, that is where the difference and experience at this stage come into existence."

"We did all we could but here is where our fate is, we have to focus on our next

matches especially the FA Cup this week," Benchikha said.

Speaking on behalf of his fellow players, Simba SC center-back Che Malone Fondoh has said that they took their exit as a learning process after bowing out to the defending champions.

The Cameroonian center-back disclosed: "This is football, we learn from our mistakes we have to match on and focus on our upcoming games, this is the only way and positivity is needed, we have domestic competitions to fight for, we can't promise our fans anything rather than dedication to our games."

"Al Ahly is an experienced side, we need to keep moving and make every opportunity count in the upcoming fixtures, next season will be much better as we keep on getting used to the quarterfinals," Malone noted.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

DURING THE POWER CRISIS I INSTALLED SOLAR PANELS...

...AND MY NOISY NEIGHBOUR BROUGHT A DIESEL POWERED GENERATOR

