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By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

MEDIA houses and practitioners have been reassured to report events and issues without fear of reprisals.

Nape Nnauye, the Information, Communications and Information Technology minister, made this assurance during a tour of IPP media in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He said that the government needs contributions by a free media, including fair criticism, to improve service delivery for the public.

to play in exercising uncensored reporting, he said, elucidating that the government cannot be everywhere all the time but journalists can get information from all corners.

Fair criticism is healthy provided it is delivered in a civil manner, he stated, reiterating that President Samia is committed to implement the four Rs, of reconciliation, resilience, reform and rebuilding, he said.

He also took up the issue of cyber bullying, urging the public to take part in the battle as that is basically a societal problem. What people portray in social networks also contributes to fuel the malaise, the minister intoned.

"The battle against digital violence has to start at community level. Yes, we



Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye flips through yesterday's issue of The Guardian newspaper while being shown around The Guardian Limited (TGL) newsroom as part of his familiarisation tour of IPP media outlets in Dar es Salaam's Mikocheni Light Industrial Area yesterday morning. Right is the newspaper's managing editor, Wallace Mauggo. The others include TGL finance manager Samuel Orgeness (2nd-R, foreground), followed by Nipashe newspaper deputy managing editor Epson Luhwago. Pictorial spread on Page 4. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

"Get out of the cold, the era of fear and self-censorship is gone," he declared, adding that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has demonstrated the will to expand democratic space for the country's development.

The media have a role

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EU mission elated about human rights, democratic space shifts

By Guardian Reporter

THE European Union (EU) has expressed satisfaction with steps taken by the government to improve human rights, democracy, freedom of expression and good governance.

Manfredo Fanti, the EU ambassador to Tanzania, made this observation at a meeting on the political situation in the country, attended by a range of top diplomatic officials from EU member states yesterday.

He said EU-Tanzania discussions have been important as they have provided a clearer picture on issues of politics in Tanzania. The meeting had generated EU confidence in the political environment in the country, he stated.

Dr Stergomena Tax, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, said during the discussion that the EU shown appreciation on the various steps taken by the government as to improvement of human rights, democracy, freedom of expression and good governance.

"As we were explaining to them about various steps we are taking regarding the issues, they promptly said they have seen that already and were satisfied. They acknowledged that we have made great strides in this area as well as in other issues," she said.

Among other issues, they discussed the blue economy strategy as well as environment,

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IDA issues \$550m loan for maternal health, rural water

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has signed a \$550m (1.28trn/-) concessional loan with the International Development Association (IDA), the soft loan window of the World Bank, to finance implementation of the maternal and child health project along with the sustainable rural water supply and sanitation programme.

Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, the Finance and Planning minister, said at the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, that the funds a grant of \$29.9m (68.8bn/-) for portions of the two projects.

The total loan is set out in segments, where \$304.9m is directed at the sustainable rural water and sanitation project, of which \$300m (689.5bn/-) is an IDA concessional loan, he said.

A portion of \$4.9m (11.3bn/-) is a grant from the energy sector management assistance programme (ESMAP); and

\$275m is set for the maternal and child health project. In that portion \$250m is an IDA concessional loan (574.59bn/-) and \$25m (57.9bn/-) is a grant from the multi-donor trust fund, the Global Financing Facility for women, children and adolescents.

Objectives of the two agreements are in line with national plans to build a competitive and industrial economy for human development, he said, pointing out policy priority for increased access to sources of safe water and improved sanitation. The government also seeks to address persistent quality gaps in the delivery of health services, he said.

This additional financing for sustainable rural water and sanitation programme is going to complement efforts in increasing access to the services in

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National Environment Management Council director general Dr Samuel Gwamaka (C) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday launching Road Freight Sustainability 4.0, a book by transport and environment stakeholder Abdol Kamdar (2nd-L). Witnessing the event are Supedoll board chairman Seif Ali Seif (2nd-R), CEO Sridhar Nagajan (R) and general manager Fulgence Bube. Superdoll, a leading provider of high quality products and services in the automotive industry, is widely known for complementing environmental conservation and promotion drives in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Switzerland initiates joint trade chamber

By Guardian Correspondent

SWITZERLAND has at last established a joint chamber of commerce of Swiss and Tanzanian business groups after perennial complaints from Tanzanian traders as regards the lack of a Swiss market for their goods.

Exaud Kigahe, the Investments, Industry and Trade deputy minister, said

at the chamber's launch in Dar es Salaam on Monday that this initiative will simplify access to the Swiss market, thus improving trade between the two countries. Having a chamber for consultations entails significant benefits to the country as it expands the scope of trade, increasing avenues for access to capital

It will be a platform on which traders will be exchanging views and expand trade opportunities in order to build up and maintain strong relations

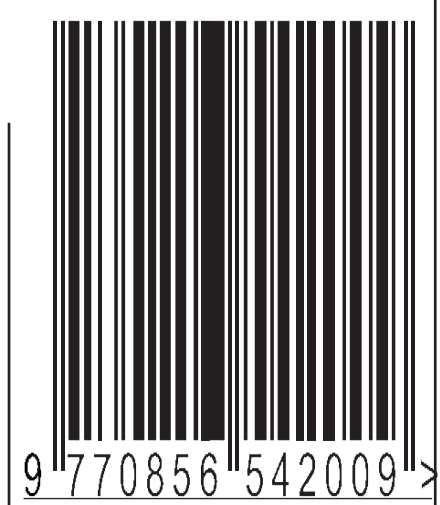
for traders, making trade activity more dynamic. One such benefit is that local traders will have an opportunity to consult on how to produce quality goods in like manner as they do in the targeted market, he said.

This will cultivate a spirit of confidence in the country's ability to produce goods

that can compete globally, he asserted affirming that such ability is likely to boost ties in economic exchange, investment, industry, trade and education between the two countries.

Being applauded by traders who attended the event, he

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have media regulatory frameworks working on it, but there are people infringing regulations," he stated, emphasising on the public to abide by the country's laws in using social networks. He similarly admitted that the government faces challenges in combating digital fraud as some unfaithful SIM Card vendors illegally register mobile phone lines using a national identification number (NIN) belonging to someone else. On various occasions the vendors complain over poor network connection to only remain with the customer's NIN and other details which they later on use on other buyers of SIM cards, he pointed out. "Having 61m mobile phone subscribers is a bit challenging. The government finds it difficult to deal with digital fraud due to the multiple line registration business. We are working on it," he surmised. Returning to the main theme, he said

the government sees no reason for tension between the government and media stakeholders. The government's intention is to create an enabling environment to promote the media industry, he stated, noting that 98 percent of provisions in sections in the Media Services Act, 2016 have been checked. The government acknowledges the work done by the media industry, he stated, affirming that President Samia sees the media as a partner in attaining national development goals. Last month, the government tabled in the National Assembly the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill for its first reading, seeking to amend eight laws including the Media Services Act of 2016. The purpose is to evacuate various legal challenges observed in its application, the covering note affirms.



Ukraine's Ambassador to Tanzania, Andrii Pravednyk, presents his letters of credence to President Samia Suluhu Hassan at Chamwino State House in Dodoma Region yesterday. Photo: State House

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participating districts and strengthen the capacity of selected sector institutions to sustain service delivery, he said.

The maternal and child health project will scale-up provisions and improve the quality of essential health care services, targeting maternal and child health in particular, he said, pointing out that the project covers both parts of the Union.

The financing agreements have added into existing World

Bank portfolio for national projects, pegged at \$7.8bn at present, he said.

Nathan Belete, the World Bank zonal director, said Tanzania has made important progress in improving health outcomes over the past two decades. From 2000 to 2019, life expectancy increased from 51 to 65 years, with infant and under-five mortality reduced by one-third.

The World Bank Group is proud to be associated with this progress, he said, point-

ing out that the \$270.2m earmarked for the strengthening primary healthcare for results programme, ending in 2021, achieved significant results, he said.

Despite impressive progress, some old challenges persist while new ones have emerged, he said, pointing at communicable diseases as a major cause of morbidity and mortality. "Non-communicable diseases are increasing and neonatal and maternal mortality rates are still very high," he asserted.

"Contributing factors include low quality of care, shortages and inequitable distribution of the health workforce, low functionality of the health infrastructure and a weak referral system," he explained.

The new maternal and child health investment programme will support the government to improve the quality of essential healthcare services and scale up their delivery, with a focus on maternal and child health.

This programme is financed by a \$250m IDA credit and a

\$25m grant from the Global Financing Facility. The programme focuses on the five most critical areas to improve maternal and child health, he stated.

The maternal and child health investment programme will also support Zanzibar and it will be the first IDA-supported investment in the health sector in the Isles, as it has usually been covered by the US Presidential Emergency Programme on HIV, Malaria and Tuberculosis, officials noted.

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said that the government has put its efforts in trade investment, such that initiatives of this kind help to place Tanzania on the world trade map.

He aired the view that joint chambers could be formed in specific areas like mining, fishing, farming, livestock keeping, medical drugs and the blue economy, to enable facilitation of investments in those sectors.

Helene Artieda, director of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) in the Swiss government, said the chamber will be a gate for trade between the two countries to spur investment and uplift economic ties.

"It will be a platform on which traders will be exchanging views and expand trade opportunities in order to build up and maintain strong relations," she stated.

Anne Kagasheki, director general of Shikana Group, a legal and investment advisory firm, said the chamber is intended to bring together Swiss and Tanzanian traders.

She explained her education and life in Switzerland for a number of years, thus helping in the work to initiate the chamber. She said it will assist small traders to export their goods to Switzerland. "I am an investor in my country and this is a great opportunity taking into account that I am a Tanzanian but educated and living in Switzerland," she stated. Didier Chassot, the Swiss ambassador, hoisted the launching event at his residence, bringing together 120 traders, private sector executives and a number of diplomatic officials.

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Exaud Kigaha (2nd-R), Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Investment, Industries and Trade), cuts ribbon in Dar es Salaam on Monday to inaugurate the Switzerland-Tanzania Chamber of Commerce. With him are Swiss national Helene Budliger (2nd-L), Switzerland's Ambassador to Tanzania, Didier Chassot (L), and the chamber's founder, Anne Kagasheki. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

New PS out to transform land rent collection system

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

ANTHONY Sanga, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, has pledged to make great transformation in the rent collection system to go in tandem with the modern system as used by water and sanitation authorities in the country.

"In order to attain achievements, we must know the number of land owners in the country by inserting them into the system so that we know the amount of land rent expected in the country," said Sanga.

Sanga made the remarks here yesterday at a brief event for

handing over the office from the outgoing office holder, Dr Allan Kijazi who has finished his tenure following President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent appointment of various high government officials.

Explaining his experience regarding revenue collection system in the Water Ministry and its institutions, Sanga said they achieved success by having a robust system after abandoning foreign systems and instead trust internal experts who were able to create robust revenue collection system.

He therefore called for using internal experts as well as trust other officials in the lands sector by giving them the opportunity to

show their ability.

For his part, the outgoing Permanent secretary in the Lands Ministry, Dr Kijazi called on ministry officials to work closely with their new leader.

He called on members of the ministry's management board to assist new officials to address challenges facing the ministry, including land conflicts by referring to them all those they had already addressed.

Dr Kijazi added that already the ministry had started addressing land conflicts starting with regions with hard core conflicts and so far the exercise has been completed in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions

and was going on in Mwanza and Arusha regions as an important step to address the challenge.

In regard to land rent collection, Dr Kijazi said so far the average land collection estimate stands at 60 per cent and called on the new PS to improve the incorporation of all land owners to pay land rent to the government.

PS Anthony Sanga and his deputy, Lucy Kabyemela yesterday morning arrived at the Lands ministry headquarters here and were received by applause by workers and staff already to start work following their appointment by President Samia a few days ago.

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Tanzania's participation in regional and global engagements, along with mutually beneficial relations with the EU. Boosting trade and investment with a view to eventually attaining trade balance between Tanzania and EU, climate change issues and diversity global issues like the Russia-Ukraine war and its effects were key areas of discussion, she said.

Ambassador Mindi Kasiga, the director of the communications at Foreign Affairs, elaborated that bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and EU, the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) spheres were raised in relation to the wider global situation. "All these three areas and their agendas were discussed in-depth. For our side the issues raised included climate change, investment and various strategies set by EU countries," he added.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (R) hosts talks in Dar es Salaam at the weekend with senior members of the management team of Bolt, a firm that offers vehicles for hire, car-sharing and food delivery services. From-L: Andrew Ihsaan, senior public policy manager for East and southern Africa; Kenneth Anye, senior head of public policy, Africa; and Eirini Zafeiratou, vice president of policy & regulation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PS calls TPA to start Kwala port operations as soon as possible

By Guardian Reporter

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Transport, Gabriel Migire has directed the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to work with other private and public institutions to ensure operations at Kwala dry port commences as soon as possible.

Migire said this yesterday during his meeting with officials from the ministry, TPA and various service providers at the Dar es Salaam port.

He said that operations at Kwala dry port in Vigwaza, Coast region will reduce congestion of cargo, especially big vehicles at the Dar es Salaam port as it will enable traders to store their cargo before shipping to other areas.

In addition, Migire said that the completion of the Kwala Dry Port will help to reduce traffic jams caused by large vehicles in Dar es Salaam city, thus calling for the institutions to implement their responsibility so as to facilitate commencement of the port.

Kwala dry port manager Alexander Ndibalema said the construction of the port had reached 90 per cent and is

expected to be completed at the end of next month.

He said that the construction of a 15kms road at concrete level from Vigwaza to the port has been completed which will facilitate smooth penetration from the main road to the port.

Ndibalema however explained that cargo from the Dar es Salaam port will be transported by train to Kwala port where traders will be fetching the goods from there.

Meanwhile, Dar es Salaam Port manager Mrisho Mrisho said that cargo quantity at the port has increased by 22 percent and called on stakeholders to ensure that they fetch their goods on time instead of leaving them there for a long time.

The Kwala dry port project consists of construction of the dry port at the cost of 36bn/- and 15.5-kilometres road connecting Morogoro highway with the dry port.

The operations of Kwala port will help improve the performance of the Dar es Salaam seaport by storing transit cargo to neighbouring countries of Burundi, Rwanda, DR Congo, Uganda, Zambia and Malawi.

UNESCO, ministry to arrange high level dialogue meeting on education system

By Getrude Mbago

THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has organised a special high level policy dialogue for key stakeholders so as to discuss and chart recommendations to develop national Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) strategic framework.

Commenced in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the two-day event's major focus is to engage main policy actors and educational leaders, civil society organisations, non-government organisations, private sector and media houses involved in ESD and climate action initiatives to advocate for integration and mainstreaming of ESD into policies, curriculum, and institutional leadership activities and to support Tanzania to develop the national strategic framework in context of the ESD for 2030 framework.

Speaking during the opening session, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training in Zanzibar Khamis Abdullah commended UNESCO on driving the education for 2030 agenda globally and regionally saying that the meeting was indeed timely and relevant considering the adverse impact of climate change in the world and the necessity to ensure that the young generation, and indeed everyone, is well informed and equipped on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

He said that the development of an ESD Strategic Framework for Tanzania is timely to ensure the embedment of sustainability principles into the curriculum and interdisciplinary and holistic approach to the delivery of education that empowers people to change the way they think and work towards a sustainable future.

"The principles of ESD ensure universality and continuity of education; an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning; effective interaction between teacher and learners; comprehensive support from society and the state for inclusivity and relevance through a combination of training and upbringing; integration of knowledge to create ecologically sustainable models for the development," he said.

The PS said that under the directive of the President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the government's efforts are geared towards ensuring a transformative education system in Tanzania.

The education reform process included the ongoing revision of the education and training policy, legislation, and basic education Curriculum. The reform process has reached out to all education stakeholders, and we believe that the process will have a transformative impact on our education system, thus adding to the many milestones we have achieved," he asserted.

Michel Toto, the UNESCO Dar es Salaam head of office and representative said developing an ESD Strategic Framework is a key step towards coordinating efforts by various stakeholders, including the government, CSOs, development partners, academia, and the youth on education for sustainable development.

"This meeting is very important to UNESCO, being the lead agency for the implementation of the education for sustainable development (ESD) for 2030, focusing on advocating for integrating ESD into existing policy, regulatory and operational frameworks through multi-sector approaches, coordination, and leadership and strengthening sustainable development through capacity building, training, and continuing professional development in formal, non-formal, and informal learning settings," he explained.

Other objectives include forging the ESD partnership and networks to promote sustainable sharing of ESD resources in support of the active engagement of youth and communities in ESD practice and action for change and promoting research and development of ESD at the national and regional level and strengthening regional knowledge management, monitoring, and evaluation



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Minister Nape Nnauye tours IPP media outlets



Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye makes remarks at The Guardian Limited (TGL) newsroom during his tour of IPP media outlets in Dar es Salaam's Mikocheni Light Industrial Area yesterday. From-L: TGL director Joyce Luhanga, TGL print manager Balasubramaniyan Venkadachalam, TGL finance manager Samuel Orgeness, Nipashe newspaper deputy managing editor Epsom Luhwago, and The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo. Photos: Correspondent Miraji Msala



EATV/EA Radio managing director Regina Mengi leads the minister to the twin stations' offices.



Minister Nnauye makes remarks shortly after going around the IPP media outlets. From-L: ITV/ Radio One managing director Joyce Mhaviile, EATV/EA Radio MD Regina Mengi and TGL director Joyce Luhanga.



The minister exchanges greetings with TGL chief photographer Selemani Mpochi.



The minister exchanges greetings with TGL commercial director Ajay Goyal.



The minister exchanges greetings with TGL general manager Srinivas Chintaruri.



The minister and ITV/Radio One MD Joyce Mhaviile (2nd-L) engaged in parting remarks as he wrapped up his tour. Left is TGL director Joyce Luhanga and right is EATV/EA Radio MD Regina Mengi



Minister Nnauye (L) pictured fielding questions during an interview with Radio One.

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James Ntalika (L), chief tax officer for the Tanzania Revenue Authority's Kinondoni and Tegeta districts, sensitisers cosmetic shop workers Dorah Fredy (C) and Mariam Fredy in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the national importance of tax compliance among taxpayers. It was in continuation of TRA's ongoing 14-day door-to-door campaign in the city's Matangini Kimara suburb. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

CCM dispatches team to investigate complaints over fertiliser distribution

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyoni

CHAMA Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) has dispatched a team of people to investigate areas that had complaints over fertiliser distribution including subsidised fertiliser to enable farmers to get the essential input as planned.

The party said it will not accept to have leaders who like to be applauded by the people while the same people are faced by various challenges.

CCM Secretary General Daniel Chongolo made the remarks here yesterday during a visit by members of the party's secretariat out to inspect the implementation of its 2020-25 Election Manifesto.

Chongolo was accompanied by the party's National Executive Committee (NEC) Secretary for Ideology and Publicity, Sophia Mjema and NEC Secretary for Organisation, Issa Haji Gavu.

He said President Samia Suluhu Hassan had decided to reduce the cost burden for farm inputs including fertiliser and pesticides by providing more than 150bn/- in subsidy.

"We have visited some areas and dispatched our officials to follow up on various complaints as our aim is to make sure farmers are certain to get the fertiliser," he said.

In addition, Chongolo called upon dis-

trict commissioners to make sure they mobilise the youth to join in apprenticeship training needed in their areas.

He told parents not to leave their youth to continue sitting at street corners instead they should send them to receive such training.

Speaking to Chikutyu residents after inspecting the Kintinku Lusilile water project costing 5.6bn/-, Chongolo said the government has provided opportunities to the youth to study technical programmes for free via VETA colleges under the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities).

He said it is not right for a project to be implemented in one area but with its window grill being welded in another district or region, because if the youth had received such training, the welding cannot be done in other areas.

"There is no other alternative except preparing your own children for such work in your own area," he said.

In the same vein, Singida Regional Commissioner, Peter Serukamba thanked the government for providing Manyoni District with funds for development projects including water supply, building of Solya Girls secondary school and the construction of other infrastructures including roads.

Huawei comes up with 'green' 1-2-3 solutions

By Guardian Reporter, Barcelona

HUAWEI has launched the green 1-2-3 solutions to pave the way for the green development of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure networks.

The multinational ICT firm launched the new approach at the Huawei Green ICT Summit on the sidelines of the ongoing Mobile World Congress (MWC 2023) in Barcelona, Spain.

In his keynote speech entitled: 'Green and Development, Choosing Not to Choose,' Peng Song, President of ICT Strategy and Marketing of Huawei, pointed out that an artificial intelligence (AI) "Big Bang" is underway, bringing new benefits and opportunities to operators.

Peng said: "It also requires better ICT infrastructure, due to higher bandwidth and increased computing power leading to a rapid increase in network energy consumption. The ICT industry seems to be faced with the tough choice to either go green or develop. However, we believe the industry can choose not to choose, and instead go green and develop simultaneously."

He also pointed out that simultaneous green ICT and ICT development is possible if the right balance is struck between energy efficiency, renewable energy utilization, and user experience.

"In terms of energy efficiency, Huawei advocates expanding the focus from just improving network energy efficiency to also reducing absolute energy consumption. In light-load scenarios, multi-dimensional shutdown technology can be employed to enable intelligent shutdown across different dimensions, such as frequency, time, channel, and power," he stated.

The official also stated that in ultra-light-load scenarios, equipment can be put into a deep dormancy mode. For example, new materials and processes can be used to solve condensation and low temperature issues when AAU hardware shuts down.

"This enables the power module to independently remain in standby, meaning the power consumption of the AAU during extremely light load can be reduced from 300W to less than 10W."

In terms of renewable energy, the company calls for a focus expansion, from the scale of green power deployment to the efficient use of renewable energy. An upgrade from network-specific policies to site-specific policies can be undertaken in order to improve the accuracy of renewable energy deployment.

Peng further stated: "The time required for intelligent scheduling can be reduced from days to minutes, thus maximizing the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy. Multi-dimensional site information such as weather, electricity price, battery status, and service volume can be obtained, and intelligent scheduling algorithms can maximize power generation efficiency and load-based power availability, while minimizing overall power cost."

In terms of user experience, Huawei proposes that the focus should no longer solely be on network energy saving and KPI assurance, but extend to user experience assurance. Optimal energy saving policies can be adopted according to different network scenarios. In low-traffic scenarios, basic network KPIs are guaranteed to maximize energy saving, while user experience is guaranteed in high-traffic scenarios.

"Experience-driven approaches are being upgraded to data-driven approaches, allowing energy-saving policies to be generated in minutes and optimization policies to be delivered in milliseconds."

Peng emphasized that Huawei iteratively updates its green solutions in accordance with its belief in the potential of the three aforementioned areas, and has launched the Huawei Green 1-2-3 solution. "Within this solution, one refers to one index for green network construction; 2 refers to the focus on two scenarios: high energy efficiency and ultra-low energy consumption; and 3 refers to a systematic three-layer solution that covers sites, networks, and operations," he said.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Intention to Cancel Registration for Value Added Tax of Traders No Longer Possessing Registration Criteria

The provision of **Section 28** and **Section 29** of the **Value Added Tax Act, Cap. 148 (R.E 2019)** require persons who meet the set Value Added Tax (VAT) registration criteria, to apply to the Commissioner General to register for VAT. Among the criteria for VAT registration is the attainment of set turnover threshold. Moreover, **Regulation 14 of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 2015** clarifies the set registration threshold to be **One Hundred Million Shillings**.

The review of our database for VAT registered traders has revealed that, some of VAT registered traders have turnover below the required threshold hence have lost criteria for registration. In order to increase efficiency in administering VAT, the Commissioner General intends to exercise powers conferred under **Section 41** of the **VAT Act** to **cancel VAT registration** of all traders whose turnover have fallen below the required threshold and those who lost qualities provided under **Section 29** of the same Act. **However, this notice does not remove the obligation to pay tax liabilities or submit previous tax returns by taxpayers who are intended to be deregistered.**

In view of the above, the general public is notified that, **the list of taxpayers whose VAT registration will be cancelled is available in the TRA Website (www.tra.go.tz)**. Taxpayers who will be aggrieved with this decision, are required to file to the Commissioner General statement of reasons stating why they should not be deregistered from VAT. The statement should be channelled through respective **Regional Manager's Offices**, and be made **within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice**. The Authority will continue with the deregistration process without further notice upon expiration of the provided period.

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PM bans traditional 'bidoo' measure for palm oil trade

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed Kigoma Regional Commissioner Tobias Andengenyne to collaborate with the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) to make sure they introduce into market formal measures for palm oil trade and abandon traditional measures that have been defrauding farmers.

Majaliwa (pictured) issued the instructions on Monday

this week during his visit to the Trolle Mattle palm oil processing factories in Kigoma Town.

His instructions came after Kigoma North Member of Parliament Assa Makanika appealed to the government to direct the introduction of official measures for the palm oil trade instead of using the traditional "bidoo" measures.

"A farmer is being defrauded due to the use of "bidoo" measure in which a buyer pours in hot water into a plastic con-

tainer making it expand, hence instead of holding 20 litres of palm oil, it holds 25 litres and the farmer is paid for only 20 litres," said the MP.

Majaliwa said the "bidoo" measure is not acceptable and is not in the laws hence its use is illegal as it defrauds farmers.

"Regional Commissioner, this issue is yours as well as your DCs, visit all markets selling palm oil and if you find the "bidoo" seize them, and people should not agree to sell oil via



the measure and report all buyers using it," said PM Majaliwa. Meanwhile, Prime Minister

Majaliwa instructed SIDO to continue with the innovation in looking for a better and easy

technology in extracting palm oil to enable farmers produce more and better quality of the crop.

Majaliwa further said in order to make sure the farming sector is accorded the desired respect, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has increased funds for the agriculture budget and the ministry has stressed on strategic crops farming including oil palm.

Meanwhile, Deputy Agriculture Minister Anthony Ma-

vunde has said the Phase VI Government is committed to boost oil palm sector and will make sure the crop becomes a saviour for all farmers.

"So far Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has endorsed 1.4bn/- that will come here for oil palm farmers, out of which 353m/- is for three AMCOS's, and today we are providing another 118m/- for two other AMCOS's," deputy minister Mavunde said.



ALAF external affairs manager Hawa Bayumi (R) presents a dummy cheque for 10m/- to National Road Safety Council executive secretary Ramadhani Ng'anzi at the Traffic Police headquarters in Dar es Salaam on Monday. The money is meant to support National Road Safety Week activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

China pledges to import specialty goods originating from Tanzania

By Correspondent James Kandoya

CHINA has pledged to import specialty products from Tanzania, support its enterprises investing and operating in the country and provide assistance to contribute to country's economic and social development.

Li Mingxiang, Deputy Minister in the International Department of the Central Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam when briefing high-level cadres of Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) at the 20th National Congress of the CPC.

He said China will provide scholarships for Tanzanian students to study in China and conduct exchanges and mutual learning of state and party governance experience.

He also said they will enhance cooperation in poverty reduction, agriculture, women and children affairs, and youth's exchanges so as to improve people's livelihood.

"We are ready to implement genuine multilateralism, oppose all forms of hegemonies, power and interference in other country's internal affairs, while ensuring that developing countries are better represented and have a greater say in global affairs, protecting common interest of developing countries and international fairness and justice, so as contribute more to a human community with a shared future," he said

"In future, we would like to enhance exchanges, understanding, experience sharing and cooperation with the CCM so that we could better follow a path of development suitable to our national conditions, realise modernisation at an early and better benefit our two people," he added.

He added that recent years have witnessed increased political trust and fruitful cooperation across the board between the two countries.

In 2022, the bilateral trade reached \$ 8.31billion, an increase of 23.7 percent year on year despite headwinds adding that China continues to be the largest trading partner to Tanzania with direct stock investment reaching \$ 1.83 billion.

Mingxiang said 98 percent of the tax items exporting to China from Tanzania enjoy zero tariffs and fresh Tanzanian avocados are accessible to ordinary Chinese people.

He said the two countries have always understood and supported each other on issues to the core interests and of major concerns, setting an example for solidarity and cooperation between China and Africa and among developing countries.

"This congress has reiterated China's commitment to strengthen solidarity and cooperation with other developing countries guided by principles of sincerity, real results, affinity and good faith and pursuit of greater good and shared interest," he said.

CCM Vice Chairman Abdulrahman Kinana said in her state visit to China last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her counterpart Xi Jinping announced the elevation of bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership.

"The success we have has been greatly contributed by partnerships and technical and financial assistance from our friends including China which has been at the forefront of building or improving infrastructure in the country," he said.

SIA passenger lounge building contractor tasked to finish project before April 2024

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

MBEYA Region's Defence and Security Committee has instructed the contractor building the passengers' lounge at Songwe International Airport (SIA) to complete the project before April 2024.

The Committee's Chairman, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera issued the remarks at the weekend during the panel's inspection of the project work which has of late been sluggish.

He said they have tolerated them for a long time and now they have issued a deadline, the project should be completed by April 2024 before further steps are taken. He said the project costs more than 33bn/- and called upon the building's consulting contractor to finalise the remaining work before it becomes operational.

Meanwhile, Mbeya Region TANROADS manager, Matari Masige said already the work is 95 per cent complete and the delays are caused by late arrival of materials. Recently, during his visit to SIA, works and transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete advised farmers in the region to use air transport in ferrying their crops that will assure them of quick returns rather than using the road.



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A stitch in time saves nine, with some new appointments of late

HOW far do political commentators and activists tell the difference between institutions and individuals? The reason for the question is that plenty of what has at times been understood as a problem of institutions is really one of individual temperament, style of leadership, etc. Still institutions are important as they provide an enabling environment which those critical of the leadership style then believe is the *bete noire*; without such facilitation that style of leadership would not exist, and all would be well. Too often it isn't true as it could be worse.

So it is likely that there will be some soul searching in the ranks of activists now that at least there is an impression of change at the National Electoral Commission, where the sign is that civic elections expected next year and the general elections the following year will be based on a different model. It appears that some activists, if not the majority of them, had already taken the 2019 civic polls and the 2020 general election as the hallmarks of the character of the commission, as if it didn't organise elections differently before. Now this issue is being brought to the fore with the changes in the direction of the polls regulator, just off the mill.

Two reactions are likely to be registered inwardly, that the hawkish groups in the ruling party will lose more of their confidence that those in charge of things right now may still act to reaffirm the party's grip on power, come sunshine come rain. The other camp is likely to have noticed a substantial amount of goodwill in that the

next polling exercises ought to take the framework of the 2015 model and not its successor exercises. On the basis of admissible criteria the last civic poll and general election aren't a usable model. But it has a vast array of stakeholders; they often have plenty of wisdom to quote from as to why that method is best.

With the return of the key organiser of the 2015 polls to office, another departure also appears to have been registered, as the Zanzibar leadership and the rival party they work with in the Government of National Unity were for a while at loggerheads on something similar. A director of elections who was a top official during the past polls was placed in charge of the Zanzibar polls body, which the GNU partners understood that it meant 'more of the same.' With the Mainland appointment, even if the Zanzibar one remains the same, the signal is given as to what sort of polls are to be expected, which makes a big difference.

That impression ought to engender a feeling of reassurance within the ranks of opposition parties as to what to expect in the next polls, that they only need to convince the people for their level of support to be registered. Not much objection was heard on the 2015 polls, at least what one would call observable breaches of regulations, rather than somewhat murky disputes about the presence of another ICT centre for reported poll flow. Such ICT posts are consonant with democracy; they can be destabilising if someone deliberately misuses them.

There are areas that activists may expect that they will still be under lock and key, probably.

Yes, private sector habits can enrich public agencies with methods, ideas

SOME debate appears to be afoot as to the helpfulness as it were, of picking private sector executives to head government agencies. That was rarely happening in the past with the possible exception of the judiciary, where astute private advocates were often appointed High Court judges. Yet in the law fraternity by definition all advocates are court officials, as they help magistrates and judges find the truth, or the most reliable version of things, in any matter brought to court. That their services are in fact hired isn't of much consequence there.

This feeling of proximity between the private sector and the public sector is something that still needs to be cultivated, especially because days aren't that far off when regulatory agencies were seeing the private sector as a hunting ground of sorts. The relevant agency was on a war footing for payment of regular taxes, often on the basis of excessively high tax liabilities due to a skewed mode of estimation. They are learning to do things differently, but they may have to learn a little faster, to also work with those with private sector convictions.

It isn't easy to actually slay out the plan for this admixture, whether it is to bring the public sector to completely change its attitudes, or to bring public sector executives to a grumbling acceptance that those from the private sector can also do a good job in running public sector agencies. But there is a strategic aspect that is undeniably valuable, namely the urgency for efficient realisation of tasks, where failure or failure to meet the goals isn't acceptable. The point is that private firms can fail, but public agencies can't fail, protected in a statutory way.

Yet appointing those from the private sector to help administer public agencies can only work in the manner intended if there are energetic reforms where goal realization in the public sector starts approximating the private sector, if not in deeds, at least in words. For beginners, this was adamantly not the case in the public sector for decades, and to be frank only the fifth phase government started compelling large public organisations to present a visible or viable dividend at the end of each financial year. The CEOs were told they could be sidelined if they failed to reach this goal; later the tone shifted to dissolving such agencies.

It is early days yet to see if it is public agencies which will influence ex-private sector top executives to slacken in their disposition and pick up the more relaxed habits of the public sector, or the contrary. For one thing, what senior officials in public agencies always look for are signals from higher level; if the mood is relaxed they will sink in their chairs, pursue 'business as usual,' knowing all they need is to prepare a list of 'challenges' they face. If they see stark warning signals in case of failure, they will pull up their socks and deliver.

There is an auxiliary question of what method works best in bringing public agencies to deliver, and how far the kind of mixture and shuffling we have seen over the past half year may indeed do the trick. Strictly speaking, what public agencies mostly wish for is 'business as usual,' where at the end the CEO is removed, and then the merry-making continues. It is possible that those recruited from the private sector are more likely to stick to goals of efficiency rather than games of loyalty.

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A vital partnership for the 2030 agenda

By Ulrika Modéer and Steve Utterwulge

THE world is faced with unprecedented global challenges that require unparalleled levels of partnerships and a strong multilateral system. We need all hands on deck to make progress to achieve the GlobalGoals by 2030. UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of UNDP's Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy Ulrika Modéer and UNDP's Director of Public Partnerships Steve Utterwulge highlight our work with International Financial Institutions and call for greater flexible funding to meet today's most pressing development priorities.

Flexible and predictable funding allows UN agencies to respond promptly and with agility in times of crisis. In countries such as Afghanistan, Yemen, and Ukraine, UNDP implements projects and programmes that help protect livelihoods and enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities.

The UN has estimated that the world will need to spend between US\$3 trillion and US\$5 trillion annually to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, while the COVID-19 pandemic has already increased that estimate by an additional US\$2 trillion annually.

In addition, the highly fragile global economic outlook, impacts of climate change and rising geopolitical tensions, have led to a major deterioration in international public finance, resulting in 51 developing economies being highly indebted, with the spectre of defaults looming on the horizon for over-indebted developing countries.

Considering this dark scenario of compounded crisis, the multilateral system is being called upon to become more fit-for-purpose to support global public goods and overcome global challenges.

It is therefore imperative that institutions such as the UN and International Financial Institutions (IFIs) need to bolster their partnership to provide coordinated, effective, and targeted support to developing countries' widening needs for SDG financing.

Against this backdrop and in response to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and UN Secretary-General's Roadmap for Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UN System and IFIs have strived to work more closely together to promote sustainable and innovative financial systems at country level, and to catalyse more private finance.

In 2018, for example, UN Secretary-General António Guterres and former World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim signed a Strategic Partnership Framework, which consolidated their joint commitment to cooperate in helping countries implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

UN agencies have developed financial and non-financial partnerships with IFIs with the aim to support governments to leverage financing, technical expertise, and advocacy from a wider range of sources.

By joining forces, UN agencies and IFIs can use and complement their respective comparative advantages in support of national development priorities and maximize development impact on the ground.

Last week, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held its first regular session of the year in New York. It was clear that Member States are keen to see greater engagement with IFIs to deliver on sustainable development results at scale.

As we are gearing towards the SDG Summit, there is a reckoning that we cannot do business as usual. We need all hands on deck to make progress towards 2030.

This call for joint action should also be an opportunity for member states - usually the same donors funding the UN system and IFIs - to reflect on the global funding architecture of the United Nations Development System (UNDS). The UNDS needs predictable, un-earmarked, and flexible resources to perform its core functions and preserve the core values of multilateralism, universalism, and development effectiveness.

Nevertheless, a report by the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation points out that OECD-DAC countries' funding to the UNDS is more projectised and highly earmarked than the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, or regional development banks.

In this moment of immense global uncertainty, following the UNDP Strategic Plan, UNDP is scaling up its engagement with IFIs to support countries access the capital, technical expertise, and partnerships required to achieve the SDGs.

Since 2017, UNDP has mobilized over US\$1.85 billion from IFI partners, both directly through grant contributions and indirectly through government fi-

ancing to support loan implementation.

In many fragile and conflict-affected states, UN agencies, such as UNDP, stay and deliver, sometimes on behalf of IFIs who cannot always fully operate in these settings. UNDP works in close cooperation with the humanitarian system and across the development, peace, and human rights pillars of the UN system.

Flexible and predictable funding allows UN agencies to respond promptly and with agility in times of crisis. In countries such as Afghanistan, Yemen, and Ukraine, UNDP implements projects and programmes that help protect livelihoods and enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities.

Member States and shareholders of Multilateral Development Banks and other IFIs recognize the synergistic and complementary mandates of many UN agencies and IFIs. The partnership is or should be obvious in areas such as sustainable finance, climate action, crisis and fragility, and poverty alleviation.

But as the world is faced with unprecedented global challenges that require unparalleled levels of partnerships and a strong multilateral system, Member States should enable a deeper engagement between the UNDS and IFIs through robust political commitment backed by a funding architecture befitting a world racing towards 2030.

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Anxious wait for Nigeria's president-elect and tasks ahead

By Special Correspondent

SERVICE delivery will continue to elude the country with a bureaucracy that has perfected the act of public corruption, subversion of policies and budget-padding.

General elections to transit from this administration to another began last Saturday with those of presidential and National Assembly candidates. Details of their outcomes are trickling in. The president-elect is anxiously being awaited locally and around the world. There are 18 political parties on the ballot for the contest. But political pundits narrowed it to a four-person horse race among the leading candidates: that of the All Progressives Congress (APC); Labour Party (LP); New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP); and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). A total of 109 seats in the Senate and 360 in the House of Representatives, were equally contested for.

Regrettably, polling continued in 141 units in Bayelsa State on Sunday, following security breaches that made it impossible to be carried out on Saturday. The INEC chairman, Mahmood Yakubu, said this in an update on the conduct of the exercise, while also reporting some glitches in Lagos, Imo, Anambra, Borno, Abia, Edo States, among others, subjected to thorough scrutiny for action.

Experiences from Saturday's elections revealed that much have not changed in INEC's logistical nightmares. Electoral officials and voting materials arrived at some centres as late as between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., forcing the exercise to spill over to Sunday. Lagos and Abia States were among the areas affected.

Very disturbing has been voter intimidation in some parts of Rivers, Abia, Akwa Ibom, Gombe, Edo, Lagos, Ogun and Taraba States, where armed thugs invaded polling units and snatched ballot boxes, burnt them, or threw thumb-printed ballot papers into the gutter. These electoral bandits were not acting alone, as reported by a number of media organisations. Law enforcement agencies would be doing good to nab the suspects, as governorship and state assembly polls come up on 11 March. Even more, is the growing anxiety and suspicion that presidential election results are about to be tampered with. The fear is fuelled by INEC's failure to upload results directly from polling units onto the INEC Result Viewing Portal, IrEV, right from BVAS machines without delay. INEC responded almost 24 hours after polling concerns about the limited functionality of the portal triggered the belief among many Nigerians and two of the political parties, to allege that there is a plot to manipulate the figures.

However, INEC denied this. In a statement on Sun-

day, signed by Festus Okoye, the Commission's National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee, it said, "The problem is totally due to technical hitches related to scaling up the IrEV from managing off-season, State elections, to one for managing nationwide general elections." It then assured the public that all the polling units' result copies issued to political parties are safe. At this point, except proof to the contrary emerges, we need to give INEC the benefit of the doubt.

The road to this juncture in the transition process has been strewn with thistles and ramparts. Though, similar extenuating circumstances had affected some previous elections but none had barriers as gargantuan as the recently concluded ones. Nigerians are hungry and angry: there is no money in their pockets, due to the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) redesigning of the naira policy, which compelled everyone to deposit their N200, N500 and N1000 currency denominations in banks for exchange with new notes. However, this swap is yet to occur. The general feeling of a CBN finagle has driven youths to violent protests, smashing banks and property of innocent victims. Fuel scarcity and its astronomical costs when made available and most epileptic electricity supply have pushed citizens under the bus.

It is the willpower that separates big winners and perennial losers

WHERE there is a will there is a way is an old English proverb that emphasizes the importance of willpower and the change it brings on an average person's life. It means that if you have willpower to achieve something, then nothing can block your path.

The proverb is a statement of encouragement. It tells people not to give up but continue until they achieve their dreams and goals. For, nothing is impossible for a man or woman with great determination and willpower. For such people, sky's the limit.

A determined person accepts difficulties and obstacles as challenges and overcomes them with hard work and efforts. If you keep dreaming and doing nothing to make it happen, you will face failure and will become incompetent. On the other hand, people willing to achieve success and take risks will surely achieve their goals. Even if they are apparently physically not capable, their willingness will help them to achieve their goals.

There are many stories of people that prove impossible is nothing. "Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will," said Mahatma Gandhi, an Indian political leader, activist, religious and social reformer. Most of us take our lives for granted. Despite being physically fit, we keep complaining and making excuses.

There are the so-called differently-abled people who prove that you don't need two hands, legs or eyes to succeed. All you need is willpower and determination. There are more and more motivational stories based on some people's true willpower and determination overcome their physical difficulties and achieve what even able-bodied people find impossible.

Many famous personalities who were either born with disability or got tragic accidents have made a place for themselves in the world. Their never say die attitude has served as an undying inspiration and motivation for those who have to battle with disabilities and

also inspiration for able-bodied people who do not have strong willpower for their dream.

Many of those strong-willed people are legendary actors, sportspeople, musicians, athletes and writers. They have chosen a challenging public life with dignity by defying all odds and turning the spotlight on themselves by their strong willpower. There are some lesser-known people with disabilities whose awe-inspiring stories are worth knowing.

So, here, let's look into the lives of some of the brave and extraordinary people who are the living legends in their own way and deserve a salute for their indomitable spirit.

Natalie du Toit is a South African former Olympic and Paralympic swimmer from Cape Town. In 2021, Natalie's left leg got amputated after she was involved in an accident. This condition never limited her from accomplishing her dreams. She raised the South African flag high after scoring gold medals at the 2004 Paralympic Games as well as the Commonwealth Games.

Claudia Gordon is the first black female attorney in the United States. She was born in Jamaica and faced discrimination for being deaf. She later moved to the US at the age of 11 and enrolled at the Lexington school for the deaf in New York. She was the first deaf graduate of American University's law school. She worked for the US government and the White House. Claudia never accepted her disabilities to stop her rather she used her disabilities as a power to pursue a career devoted to helping other individuals with disabilities.

The renowned Indian classical dancer and TV actress Sudha Chandran met an accident at the age of 17 and lost her left leg that had to be amputated. But the brave woman did not give up her indomitable spirit and continued to fulfil her dream and profession with the help of Jaipur foot. A film was made on the basis of her real story and she played her character. She has been honoured with numerous awards and performed all over the world.

A 27-year-old Arunima Sinha, an In-



dian mountaineer and sportsman lost her left leg in an unfortunate accident. Despite the fact that she lost a leg, she did not give up the spirit of her life but decided to convert her weakness into her biggest strength and by her true determination, she became the first Indian amputee to conquer the Mount Everest with the help of a prosthetic leg. Besides setting an example to the

world, Arunima also made India a proud nation.

Stephen Hawking is a British greatest scientist suffered a rare motor neuron disease and used to speak with the help of a voice synthesizer. One of the most brilliant scientists, wheelchair-bound Hawking attended Oxford University as an undergraduate student and later received PhD in 1966 from Cambridge

University. By the time he was 35, Hawking was Cambridge's first Gravitational Physics professor and received the Lucasian professor of Mathematics award. He has also published a book entitled 'A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes'.

Helen Keller is an American author and educator who was born blind, deaf and mute. Despite her blindness, she became an author, political activist and lecturer by her strong willpower. She devoted her life to serving persons with disabilities, thus becoming an inspiration to many disabled persons.

Life is challenging for so many of us right now. So, I put together some inspirational stories of strong willpower and success to give you encouragement and hope. Above mentioned real-life stories may give you the courage to push past challenges and overcome obstacles. Be encouraged if you are in a tough spot in your life. Struggle is a part of every good story. Your story can be one of overcoming too.

All people with disabilities have a right to participate actively in society and live a normal life. And I hope you are inspired by these stories of people who overcame obstacles and achieved their goals. If you are a strong-willed person, nothing can stop you from achieving your goals and dreams.



Pressing Issues
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Here are some useful tips for taking care of your mental health

By Ferdinand Ilungu

MENTAL health refers to a person's condition with regard to psychological and emotional wellbeing. It affects how we think, feel and act. It helps to determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make healthy or harmful choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

We live in a world where people of all ages battle mental health issues. Because it is a less talked-about topic, many take or destroy their lives or those of others. You are responsible for taking care of your mental health. This can be achieved by employing the following tips:

Value yourself

The world defines you from how you present yourself. Understand that there is no greater power than that which lies within you. Your worth is unique and special because you are fashioned for a special assignment. Valuing yourself means that you believe you are important and worthy of love, respect, success, happiness and all good things that life has to offer. It means you believe in your capabilities and recognize the innate strengths and resilience within you. If you value yourself, it makes it easier to take actionable steps towards growth and achieving your goals. Valuing yourself does not mean devaluing others. In fact, having a strong sense of self-care means that you also value others.

Take care of that body

Your body houses great and unmatched potential that lies deep in your true self. Be swift and certain to eat nutritious meals, avoid addictive habits like smoking, and drink plenty of water, exercise regularly as this will help you to decrease the level of depression and anxiety thus stabilizing your moods.

Surround yourself with good people

People with strong family and social connections are generally healthier than the contrary. Open yourself into pushing agendas that will eventually make you a better person and clever than yesterday. The essence of life is to harness greatness gradually as one learns. Give yourself. Volunteer your time and energy in doing well always. Doing well builds your esteem and confidence in core values that are integral to any individual's life.

Learn stress management skills

This is an art that you must learn to protect your mental health. Embrace a smile always. Have you ever wondered why a stranger will start smiling at you once



they see you smile for the very first time you meet? People are wired to be responsive to the conditions surrounding them. You will always get back a handful of what you give out.

The more smiles you put on their faces, the more smiles you earn back. Laughter is termed as medicine and adding to a long fulfilling life. See every stress as a staircase that gravitates you to a better version of yourself. Laughter can boost your immune system - research shows that laughing can boost your NK (natural killer) cells. NK cells are a type of white blood cell that play a major role in fighting off viruses and bacteria. Ease pain and relax your body.

Did you know that laughter increases your blood flow? When you laugh, your

brain releases beta - endorphins, which leads to the release of nitric oxide. Nitric oxide is a powerful chemical that dilates the inner lining of your blood vessels thus improving the functioning of the blood vessels and increasing the blood flow. This can help you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Laughter burns calories - let's put it this way; there are many ways that calories can be burnt like going to the gym, running, walking some miles a day. A recent study shows that laughing for about 10 to 15 minutes a day, can burn approximately 40 calories. Laughing more diffuses anger and conflict faster than you think. Looking at the funny side can put problems into perspective and enables you to move on from

confrontations without holding onto bitterness or resentment.

We want to live a long and fulfilling life, don't you? If your answer is yes, then you have to start laughing. A study conducted found that people with a strong sense of humor outlived those who don't laugh as such. Refuse to be a subject of mental illness by understanding that within you lies great ability and tenacity to rise above all things.

Rewarding yourself with quiet time will do you good. This will improve your state of mind, give you a wider scope of reflection on pertinent issues thus shaping your perspectives on vital life matters. Do not punish yourself with the pain of not achieving your goals. Be smart. Set realistic goals. Decide what you want to achieve in whatever

aspects of life you desire. Do not just stop at setting goals but do write down all the steps you need to take towards actualization of your goals.

Lastly, break up the monotony and habits that disposition you from the right track. Get help when you need it.

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Climate displacement and migration in South East Asia

By Kwan Soo-Chen and David McCoy

GLOBAL warming and climate breakdown are going to be disruptive to say the least. Humanity's insistence on unsustainable development and rising greenhouse gas emissions will make the settlements of millions of people increasingly prone to extreme weather events and full-blown natural disasters.

Many places will also become uninhabitable. As a consequence, many people are going to have to move from their current homes, either temporarily or permanently.

The term 'climate mobility' is used to describe three forms of climate-induced movement of populations: displacement, where people are forced to leave their homes; migration, where movement is to some degree voluntary; and planned relocation, where movement is proactively instigated, supervised and carried out by the state.

In reality, these three forms of mobility overlap and may occur concurrently, making it difficult to accurately quantify and monitor trends over time. Furthermore, when considering the impacts of climate change on human mobility, there is a need to consider the inability or unwillingness of communities to move despite being at risk from harm, loss and damage.

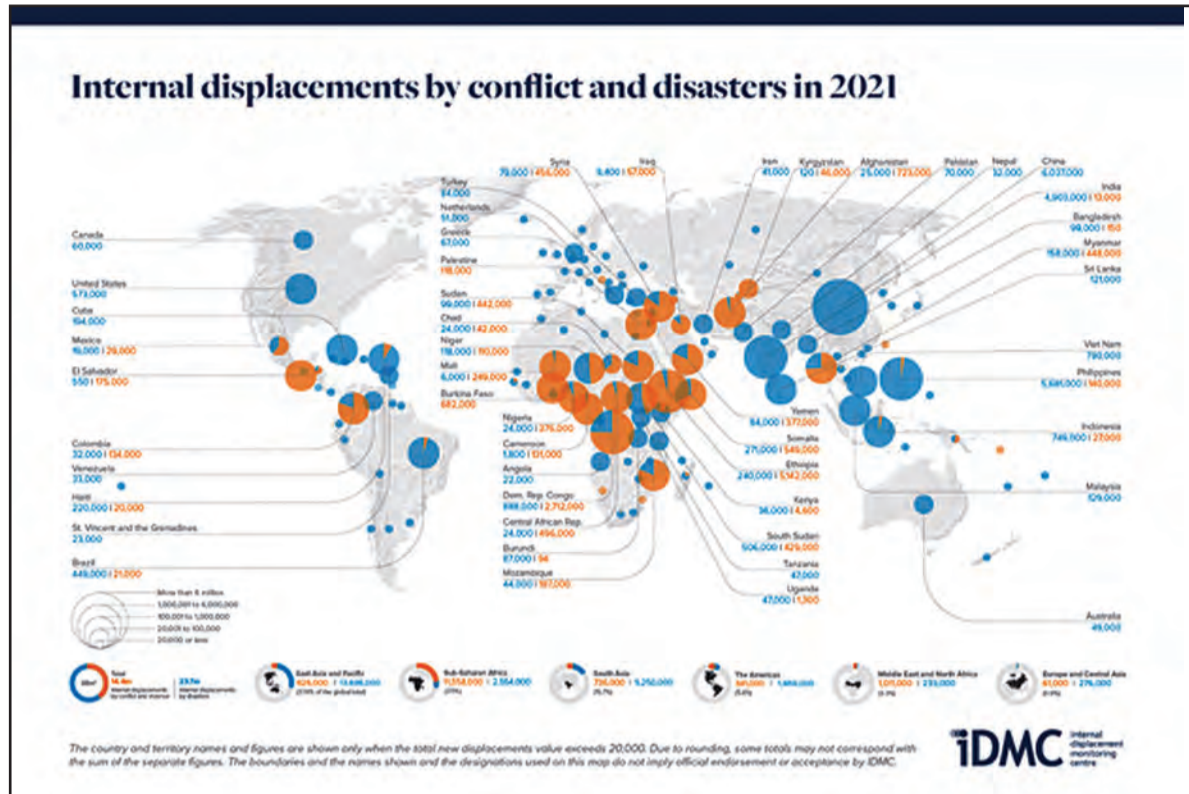
There are several drivers of 'climate mobility'. The most obvious is the direct destruction of homes and infrastructure by acute severe weather events and floodings. Less obvious drivers include the more chronic impact of sea level rise, soil erosion, erratic weather patterns, salination and forest degradation on water supply, agriculture and livelihoods.

Data on climate mobility are sketchy and it is hard to attribute any instance of displacement or forced migration to only one set of factors. Political and economic factors may often be significant co-factors. Similarly, movements and migration attributed to economic forces or armed conflicts may have some underlying relationship to environmental degradation.

According to the 2022 Global Report of Internal Displacements (GRID) by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) in Geneva, there were 38 million individual instances of displacement in 2021 globally, with 14.3 million (37.6%) coming from the East Asia and Pacific region.

These numbers include people who were displaced more than once. More than half of these displacements (23.7 million) globally, and 95% in the East and Pacific region were due to weather-related disasters, and most of these were concentrated in LMICs.

In the Asia Pacific region, 225.3 million internal displacements caused by disasters have been recorded



from 2010 to 2021, where 95% were weather related and the other 5% were geophysical. The Southeast Asian countries with the highest incidence of displacements due to natural disasters in 2021 were the Philippines (5,681,000), Indonesia (749,000), Vietnam (780,000) and Myanmar (158,000).

The two biggest causes of disaster-related displacements in the region are floods and storms which were responsible for over 80% of disaster-related displacements between 2008 and 2020.

Attempts are also being made to monitor the scale of planned relocations. One study, for example, identified 308 planned relocations globally in 2021, of which more than half were in Asia (160). This included 29 cases in the Philippines, and 17 in both Vietnam and Indonesia.

Importantly however, half all of these 'planned relocations' involved populations in rural areas including the indigenous commu-

nities, and half of them had already been displaced by acute weather events. The number of households involved in each planned relocation ranged from as little as four households to 1,000 households, with the majority involving less than 250 households.

Although Southeast Asia is known as being a 'hot spot' for acute severe weather events, it is also vulnerable to the effects of more chronic environmental degradation. For example, the large low-lying coastal areas of the region - such as in Vietnam and Thailand and around the Mekong delta - are already being affected by sea level rise and its impacts on settlements through coastal erosion and saltwater intrusion.

Although projections of the scale of future climate mobility are uncertain, significant growth is indicated. Already we have seen the number of internal displacements increased from 3.9 million per year in 2008-2010 to 6.4 million per year

in 2019-2021.

According to the Groundswell Report of the World Bank, the number of internal climate migrants in the East Asia and Pacific region will reach 49 million by 2050, representing 2% of the regional population. The lower Mekong subregion in Southeast Asia is projected to see between 3.3 million and 6.3 million new climate migrants between now and 2050 (1.4% to 2.7% of the country population) depending on different scenarios.

The high-risk outmigration hotspots include the coastal areas of Vietnam (threatened by sea level rise) and central Thailand and Myanmar (threatened by water scarcity and reduced agriculture productivity).

While most climate mobility occurs within a country, there will be growing pressure on national borders as climate change worsens. However, there appears to be little modelling of future scenarios involving cross-border migration due

to climate change and environmental breakdown.

Such pressure might be expected around land borders within the Greater Mekong sub-region affecting Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and Laos. But given the physical geography of the region, cross-border migration by sea may become an issue as the effects of climate change worsen.

Clearly this will pose international security as well as humanitarian challenges. Currently however, the 1951 Refugee Convention does not give people fleeing from environmental disasters or climate-related threats the right to be recognized as refugees, even though the term 'climate refugees' is increasingly used in popular and academic discourse.

The non-binding Global Compact for Migration which was developed in line with the SDG target 10.7 on migration policies and adopted by majority of the UN Member States in December 2018 is a good start to strengthening international cooperation in tackling the challenges and human rights-related aspects of cross border migrants from climate change.

The negative health impacts of being forcibly moved from one's home are significant, but will also depend on the form of migration (temporary or permanent, short or long distance, internal or cross-border) and the social, economic and political conditions of their home and new environments.

Furthermore, there are different health needs and impacts for populations on the move and those that are settled, as well as for receiving communities and those that are left behind. While certain risks and threats will be reduced by movement, many will face new health hazards in their new settings including a lack of economic opportunities, as well as the mental health risks associated with social and cultural loss.

Climate mobility is a current and pressing issue in Southeast Asia. Even if everything is done to mitigate further global warming, millions of people in the region will likely be forced to move from their current settlements over the next few decades.

Whether we are adequately prepared for this is at best an open question. What is clear however is that the responsibilities of governments towards both current and future climate migrants is considerable.

Crucially, health systems will have to provide for both physical safety and health of vulnerable populations, as well as the burden of mental illness produced by forced migration.

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Earthquake relief efforts in Syria shouldn't overlook those with disabilities

By Emina Ćerimović

A FEW days ago, I saw a photo shared to Twitter of Sham, a young Syrian girl rescued from under the rubble in northwest Syria, sitting upright in her hospital bed. According to the Syrian Civil Defense, a volunteer humanitarian group also known as the White Helmets, Sham will lose both her legs because of injuries from the quake.

Looking at her photo, I couldn't help but think of the additional human rights abuses Sham will experience on the basis of her disability. She will join the ranks of all the children with disabilities who are surviving the 12-year-conflict in Syria without equal access to humanitarian aid.

And so will others who experienced traumatic physical and psychological injuries in

the wake of the earthquakes: a girl who had spent 30 hours under the rubble in the heavily affected town of Jindires in northwest Syria and who had lost both her legs; a 3-year-old boy in Jindiris who was trapped for 42 hours and whose left leg was amputated; a young Syrian man living in Gaziantep, Turkey, whose right hand was amputated.

As issues of humanitarian aid access to various affected parts of Syria dominate the news, relief efforts should not overlook the short and long-term needs of people with disabilities and the thousands of earthquake survivors who have sustained physical and psychological injuries that could lead to permanent disabilities.

As two more powerful earthquakes struck the region on February 20, panic and fear spread among



Shahd, a 12-year-old girl with a hearing disability, stands in front of a window facing her father, in the house her family live in, Azaz, Aleppo, Syria. Credit: Human Rights Watch.

earthquake survivors in both Syria and Turkey, bringing into sharp focus the psycho-

logical trauma caused by the natural hazard and, for Syrians, by over 12 years of war.

In Syria, approximately 28 percent of the current population - nearly double

the global average - are estimated to have a disability, and their rights and needs are largely unmet. As I found in my September report on the greater risk of harm and lack of access to basic rights for children with disabilities caught up in the Syrian war, the design and delivery of humanitarian programs in Syria are not taking into account the particular needs of children with disabilities. In some cases, such programs explicitly exclude them.

As an example, some educational activities and child-friendly spaces excluded children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Children with disabilities are growing up without safety, basic necessities, education, assistive devices, or psychosocial support, in ways that put their lives and rights at risk.

They experience stigma, psychological harm, and higher levels of poverty. The situation is no better for adults with disabilities who also face systematic challenges in accessing humanitarian services on an equal basis with others.

This crisis should serve as a wake-up call for UN agencies, donor states, humanitarian organizations, and charities to properly respond to all children's rights by ensuring the rights and needs of children with disabilities are also met.

They should develop and implement their response and recovery action plans with people with disabilities at their core. The attention and investment in children - like Sham - and adults with disabilities will enhance human rights for everyone.

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Villagers call on authorities to prioritise corridor restoration to control crop raids

By Felister Peter

“PREVIOUSLY, there were few incidences of crop raids by elephants; but from 2011 we started witnessing an increase in elephant raids into our farms. Some of the large mammals could invade homes and eat fruits such as oranges, lemons and water melons,” narrated Mohamed Libongoi, a resident of Kanyenja village in Mnag’ula B ward, Kilombero district, Morogoro region.

Libongoi said that in the 2019/2020 farming season, the big animals raided and destroyed his one acre rice farm.

Mrashi Dongwe from Sonjo village in Mkula ward appealed to the government to fast track restoration of the Kilombero elephant corridor to help reduce crop raids.

“Responsible authorities should prioritize restoration of the corridor as elephants continue to invade farms. Some of us agreed willingly to offer our farm lands for the project because we are tired of seeing our corps damaged each farming season,” said Dongwe who engages in rice and sugarcane cultivation.

Dongwe said she provided over 11 acres of a family farm to allow construction of the underpass at Mang’ula A village. She said all the people who offered their farm land for restoration of the elephant corridor were compensated.

“I received 11.5m/- in compensation because my farm was planted with sugarcane. I used the money to purchase a farm somewhere far from the corridor and paid tuition fees for my children at the Institute of Rural Development Planning in Dodoma,” she added.

Mwajuma Lioko, a resident of Kanyenja village in Mkula ward said: “The situation is now worse because elephants eat everything including fruits. When they raid a farm, they can eat more than three acres of rice within minutes.”

She said some villagers have abandoned maize cultivation over fears of ending up getting losses due to elephant raids in the agriculture fields.

“The government should look at ways to assist us; most of us are small scale farmers, having our crops damaged would end up fueling poverty among households,” she said, commending the various measures taken by the Southern Tanzania Elephant Program (STEP) to control the big animals.

STEP is a local Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that works to reduce human wildlife conflicts along the 13 kilometers Kilombero elephant corridor which connects the Udzungwa Mountains Na-



AN elephant underpass constructed along the busy Kidatu–Ifakara road in Kilombero district, Morogoro region.

tional Park with the Nyerere National Park through the Magombera Nature Reserve.

One of the six local elephant monitors who works under STEP, Juma Mahulu from Kanyenja village said they have installed a solar light fence to scare elephants from passing through farms.

He said the fences have helped to control the wild animals because the numbers of incidents are also decreasing. Elephants normally

leave the parks during night and return in the morning.

“Before installation of the fence, there were too many incidences of elephants’ invasion into farms. The fence is one kilometres long with over 40 different coloured lights. We have recently installed another fence measuring two kilometres with over 100 lights.

Elephants prefer eating cereals, pumpkins, maize, rice and banana.

We are thankful to STEP because through the corridor restoration project we have managed to control the large mammals because even incidents of crop raids have gone down.

We have also fixed 15 cameras to monitor elephants when moving from Nyerere National Park.

Human Elephant Co-existence (HEC) Coordinator from STEP, Kim Lim the organization has employed six

elephant monitors as part of efforts to reduce crop raids.

She said they are also working closely with the villagers in controlling wild animals whereas they deployed a number of methods including construction of different types of fences.

Lim said the beehives fence has proved successes following 80 percent efficiency in controlling elephants from invading farms. The other fences—smell repellent fence

with 60 per cent efficiency and solar fence (74 per cent) efficiency have also helped to reduce the problem.

“Elephants are now used to the smell repellent fence, they no longer fear the chilli powder. We mostly relying on the solar and beehives fence as the big animals still fear the light and bees,” she added.

She added: “We tried the smell (chilli powder) fence for one year; it was unfortunate that elephants got used to smell and were breaking the fences to get into farms.”

UNECA urges Africa to prioritise green mineral value chains for sustainable industrialisation

ADDIS ABABA

THE UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has urged African countries to prioritize green mineral value chains for sustainable industrialization.

The call was made by acting executive secretary of the UNECA Antonio Pedro during a panel discussion on ‘Building a regional battery mineral value chain in Africa’ that was held recently.

Pedro emphasized that in order to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa’s Agenda 2063, the world must decarbonize its growth models and shift to renewable energy sources.

He said the shift to renewable energy sources is a resource-intensive path that requires greater production of a variety

of minerals that are central to decarbonisation.

According to figures from the UNECA, the African continent is home to many minerals, in which the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), for instance, produces more than 70 per cent of the world’s cobalt. DRC and Zambia together supply 10 per cent of global copper while Mozambique and South Africa hold significant reserves of graphite, platinum metals, lithium and more.

“We have clear opportunities not only from the global green mineral boom but also from our domestic achievements, such as the African Continental Free Trade Area to facilitate the development of regional value chains for these green economy products,” a UNECA statement issued from Addis Ababa,

the capital of Ethiopia, quoted Pedro as saying.

Pedro noted several innovative financing mechanisms that have been developed to support initiatives such as the battery and electric vehicles value chains.

“In the last two decades we have seen that without the right enabling policies and incentives, commodity super-cycles come and go, leaving our countries dependent on resource extraction,” said Pedro.

He deplored the fact that about 70 per cent of the region’s exports are unprocessed commodities, a situation that can change with the right policies that prioritize industrialization and value-addition in mining and other resource sectors.

The session, which was held in a hybrid format, was jointly organized by the UNECA and African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) ahead of the 9th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), slated to be held in Niamey, Niger, from Feb. 28 to March 2.

Oluranti Doherty, director of export development at the Afreximbank, noted that it was disappointing that despite Africa being

endowed with an array of minerals from copper, magnesium, nickel and cobalt, the continent has not been able to make an energy transition.

“We are working on a framework agreement for special economic zones for the production of batteries, electric vehicles and accessories, and we will facilitate the commencement of studies to facilitate the development of this facility,” Doherty said.

Jill Biden sees East Africa drought up close, seeks more aid

NAIROBI

US First Lady Jill Biden called on wealthy nations to give more to countries in the Horn of Africa, which is experiencing its worst drought in four decades, during a visit Sunday to affected communities in Kenya.

The US has funded most of the aid to deal with the climate disaster, which has led to the death of millions of livestock and destroyed crops.

“We can’t be alone. We need other countries to join us in this global effort to help people in the region,” Biden (pictured) said at an aid distribution point in Kajiado, south of Nairobi.

“Unfortunately, you know there’s a war in Ukraine. There’s an earthquake in Turkey. I mean there are a lot of conflicting interests, but obviously here... people are starving,” she said.

First lady Joe Biden, who earlier this week visited Namibia, listened to parents struggling to feed their children and com-



munities unable to get water.

Drought was one of the main themes of Ms Biden’s visit to Africa, along with food security and agriculture.

The Horn of Africa is one of the most vul-

nerable regions to climate change, with crises becoming more frequent and intense.

According to the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) of Igad, a grouping of East African countries, current conditions are worse than before the 2011 drought, which led to famine and the death of thousands of people. According to Igad and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), 23 million people are already “acutely food insecure” in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

Biden’s visit to Namibia and then to Kenya is a follow-up to the US-Africa summit held in Washington in late 2022.

Africa has become a diplomatic battleground after Russia’s offensive in Ukraine last year. Biden’s visit was the first by a senior White House official to the continent since her husband took office in January 2021.

In Namibia, Biden said the US is committed to helping African nations have a stronger voice at the UN and other international bodies.



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ANC's reaction to Eskom revelations exposes a party in denial of reality and in a deep ethical crisis

By Stephen Grootes

WHILE it has not yet been revealed which politically connected individuals are benefiting from corruption at Eskom, it is obvious that much more information will burst into the public domain soon. This is likely to eventually include the names of the senior individuals reportedly involved.

The ANC's response, so far, may have echoes of the beginning of the State Capture era, when the circling of the wagons was the name of its game. Instead of cracking down on corruption, the party is at-

tacking those who are fighting to save Eskom and the SA economy.

This comes at a critical time for the party, as it is due to face voters just next year when load shedding is still likely to be an overwhelming central issue.

The reaction of the ANC to former Eskom CEO André de Ruyter's claims in his eTV interview has been to put pressure on De Ruyter. It said that if he doesn't name the names and go to the police, it will go to court to force him to do so.

The ANC has also said that it will not tolerate corruption and that it won't protect people who are corrupt.

It has been joined in this by Cosatu and



President Cyril Ramaphosa, left, and Public Enterprises minister Pravin Gordhan. (Illustrative image | sources: Business Day / Freddy Mavunda | Bloomberg via Getty Images / Waldo Swiegers)

the SACP, who have said that De Ruyter has a duty to go to the police.

Then, Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan told Newzroom Afrika on Monday that he had discussed corruption at Eskom with De Ruyter, and that De Ruyter had "alluded" to certain people being involved.

As Gordhan put it, "if he has the evidence, he must go to the law enforcement agencies... don't expect me on the basis of some understanding or possible suspicion to now say who it is... I don't want to be charged with defamation, I don't have the evidence."

For those with long memories, there may be some echoes of the ANC during the early stages of State Capture here.

Then, almost no matter what evidence could be brought regarding then president Jacob Zuma, it was deemed as an attack on the ANC and not about corruption.

Even when the Guptas landed a plane at the Waterkloof Air Force Base, the party used its employees in the government to ensure that no action was taken. Instead, and scandalously, the main official involved, Bruce Koloane, was "punished" with an ambassadorship to the Netherlands.

Also, at the time, the ANC's leadership had ensured that the National Prosecuting Authority was hollowed out. It was Zuma who appointed Menzi Simelane as National Director of Public Prosecutions after it was found that there was "prima facie" evidence that he had lied under oath.

It should be remembered that this was during a time, in 2012, when people such as then SACP leader Blade Nzimande were calling for a law specifically to protect Zuma from being insulted.

Several years later, at the height of State Capture, then Police Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko appointed Berning Ntlembeza as head of the Hawks after a judge had found Ntlembeza was a "man without integrity".

Protecting the comrades from prosecution All this illustrates the control the ANC has had in the past over our law enforcement officials and its eagerness to use this to protect the comrades who might have been in danger of criminal prosecution.

In the process, that very same law enforcement was so systematically weakened that today it is unable to stem the rising tide of lawlessness in South Africa.

It has been well demonstrated that the Hawks and the police are simply unable to investigate crimes of corruption. Fewer than 20% of murders in SA are solved and most crimes are left unpunished. Just two years ago, the head of the Hawks, Godfrey Lebeza, said the crime-fighting unit was operating at below 50% of its capacity.

It is beyond any doubt that the major reason our law enforcement agencies are in this state of disrepair is because of the people running the ANC government over the last 15 or so years. It was they who not only allowed but also enabled and encouraged this to happen.

For those with even longer memories, there are echoes of the ANC's behaviour during the Arms

Deal in the 1990s.

Then, as more information started to emerge, one member of the ANC who opposed the deal, Andrew Feinstein, was isolated, attacked and eventually hounded out of the country. Anyone else who opposed the deal was harshly dealt with.

It appears the ANC may have learnt very little from that time.

'Join the dots'

Now, Gordhan is demanding that De Ruyter go to the police with evidence, saying that he cannot do so on the basis of "suspicion".

But this is the very same Gordhan who told the nation, time and time again, to "join the dots" in 2017, when he was under pressure during the State Capture era.

During that time, Gordhan played a huge role in exposing Zuma and the Guptas and their central involvement in State Capture.

He was right in those days and has been proven so ever since. So how is this man, who in 2017 urged the people of South Africa to "join the dots", now asking someone else to take evidence to the police, that he himself knows are corrupt and incompetent?

Even more, he surely has a duty to better understand what is happening, before repeating the ANC's well-rehearsed lines.

There are other things he could say. He could say that he is trying to find out more, that he believes these are serious claims and there must be action, and that he is calling on the police to properly investigate.

But he has not said these things. He just walked away from what is South Africa's grimmest problem in decades.

At the same time, the ANC's own stance, basically attacking De Ruyter, may end badly.

It is interesting to contrast the comments of ANC Secretary-General Fikile Mbalula with the view of the union federation Saftu, which also wants De Ruyter to name names. Saftu is clear that it does not want to "pit ourselves against" him, they just want the information. DM

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VERSUS

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Take further notice that should you default to enter appearance in court on the day time mentioned above, the suit will proceed and judgment may be given in your absence.

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CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY
Statement of Work

Purpose: To support implementation of the total health commodities financial needs assessment in Zanzibar
Provider(s): TBD
Period of Performance: March - May 2023 (23 days)
Place of Performance: Zanzibar

1. Background
GHSC-TA-TZ, as a technical assistance implementing partner to the Government of Tanzania on health commodities supply chain strengthening, is committed to the provision of strategic planning and implementation assistance through supply chain costing and financing strategies. GHSC-TA-TZ intends to provide short-term technical assistance to assess the range of funding sources available and compare this to the total health commodity needs to identify gaps at healthcare facilities. This exercise will provide insight into better management of direct funds to health facilities to realize efficiency gains.

The scope of this assessment is for Zanzibar only. It will cover only sampled public health facilities. The assessment will assess all health commodities from medical supplies and equipment to medicines and lab reagents. The assessment is expected to be done in early April 2023. The timeframe for the assessment data that will be collected is Zanzibar's financial year 2021/2022.

The assessment aims at answering the following questions:
a. What are the total health commodities financial needs for a health facility?
b. What are the available funds (source breakdown) to cover the financial needs estimated in (a) above?
c. Is there any financial gap?

2. Consultant Tasks

3.1. Conduct comprehensive assessment to determine the range of health commodities funding sources available in Zanzibar at sampled health facilities and compare this to the total commodity needs to identify available gaps.

3.2.
a. Conduct desk review to:
• Develop list of health commodities to be included in the needs assessment as per the standard treatment guidelines (STG).
• Review the existing data collection tools used in the similar assessment conducted in Tanzania Mainland and revise them for use in this assessment, if necessary.
• Identify data sources to be used.
b. Develop and draft the study design and protocol, including determining the sample size of health facilities to be included in the assessment.
c. Pilot (pre-test) the refined data collection tools and make any needed modifications.
d. Conduct training of data collection teams in utilizing the data collection tools.
e. Conduct data collection at the sampled health facilities.
f. Conduct data compilation, cleaning, and analysis.
g. Write draft assessment report based on data analysis.
h. Develop PowerPoint presentation on preliminary findings and present them to and validate them with government stakeholders.
i. Write final assessment report, addressing validation and other feedback from government stakeholders and guidance from GHSC TA-TZ.
j. Develop PowerPoint presentation on final findings and present them to government and other stakeholders.
3.3. Provide a weekly status update by email to Michael John (michael.john@tz-ghsc.com).

3. Tasks timeline

Activity	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5
Desk review (list of health commodities for needs assessment as per STG; review/revise existing data collection tool; identify data sources to be used)					
Develop study design and protocol, including sample size and tools					
Data collection training and piloting					
Data collection					
Data cleaning and compilation (gather feedback from the data collection team leads)					
Data analysis					
Report writing					
First draft study report submission					
Develop PowerPoint presentation on preliminary findings					
Present preliminary findings to key government stakeholders and GHSC-TA-TZ team					
Final study report writing and submission					
Present final findings to key government and other stakeholders					

4. Deliverables

- Final Report
- PowerPoint presentation on final findings

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your resume, cover letter to ghsc.recruitment@gmail.com before 10th March, 2023.

BUSINESS

Oil price steadies on China growth hopes

SINGAPORE

Oil prices were steady in Asian trade on Tuesday, supported by hopes a solid economic rebound in China will drive up fuel demand, offsetting worries about further US interest rate hikes potentially hurting demand in the world's biggest economy.

Brent crude futures for April, due to expire on Tuesday, gained 14 cents to \$82.59 per barrel.

The more active May contract firmed 17 cents to \$82.21 per barrel.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose 21 cents to \$75.89 a barrel.

Brent and WTI futures were both on track for monthly losses of around 2.2 percent and 3.8 percent respectively, with WTI likely to hit a four-month streak of declines.

Expectations of a demand recovery in China underpinned gains, with the market awaiting key data over the next two days. Economists polled by Reuters expected factory activity in the world's second-largest economy grew in February.

"China's economic recovery will drive its demand for commodities higher with oil positioned to benefit the most," JPMorgan analysts in a client note.

JPMorgan's oil analysts maintained their 2023 average price forecast on Brent crude futures at \$90 per barrel.

However the threat of more US rate increases following stronger-than-expected new orders for core US-manufactured capital goods in January, capped gains, with US Federal Reserve Governor Philip Jefferson saying inflation for services remained "stubbornly high."

"The stronger than expected inflation numbers raised concerns about further hikes in interest rates, which has already curbed demand in the US," ANZ analysts said in a client note.

The market will be looking out for the latest US oil stocks data due from the American Petroleum Institute industry group on Tuesday and the government's Energy Information Administration on Wednesday for further demand indicators.

A preliminary Reuters' poll showed analysts expected crude stocks grew by 400,000 barrels in the week to Feb. 24, which would mark the tenth consecutive week of builds.

Seven analysts polled also estimated that gasoline stocks rose by about 700,000 barrels. Distillate inventories, which include diesel and heating oil, were expected to have decreased by about 500,000 barrels last week.

OANDA analyst Edward Moya said in a note that any signs that demand is improving would provide a catalyst to send WTI above last week's high of \$77.51.



A view of oil terminal Kozmino near Nakhodka

KCB to open six new outlets in Tanzania

NAIROBI

KCB Group is set to open 12 new branches in Kenya and Tanzania this year in a move that will take its branches across the region past the 500 mark, deepening its lead on physical locations.

Six of the new branches will be in Kenya while the other half will be in Tanzania where KCB is still eyeing acquisitions after the deal to acquire a 100 percent stake in African Banking Corporation Tanzania Limited collapsed in December 2021.

KCB Group managing director Paul Russo told the Business Daily the move will help the lender reach more customers in these markets.

"We already have the approval to open six branches in Kenya and six more in Tanzania this year," said Mr Russo.

The 12 branches will take KCB Group's combined network to 510 branches from 498 last September, compared with its rival Equity Group which closed the period with 353 branches.

Mr Russo did not disclose the specific locations but said as some locations change from largely residential to commercial hubs, KCB will continue

seizing the moment to reach more customers.

KCB is still keen on sealing an acquisition in Tanzania to grow the size of its current subsidiary which operates 15 branches that are served by 293 employees.

"Tanzania is a market we are still keen on. If an opportunity comes, we will take it. We are going ahead to open six branches in Tanzania this year. So it is a two-pronged approach, to pursue opportunities as well as scale up," said Mr Russo.

"Numbers in KCB Tanzania have been up in the last six years. For that size of a market, you need more presence by building an ecosystem of both digital and physical location."

KCB Tanzania closed 2021 with a net profit of Sh722 million compared with Sh216 million in the previous year.

The subsidiary's pre-tax profit had jumped by 49 percent to Sh1.13 billion in the nine months that ended September last year.

About 16.3 percent or Sh7.04 billion of KCB Group's pre-tax profit was from the subsidiaries - National Bank of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan and Burundi - while Sh37.08 billion was from KCB Kenya.



Standard Chartered Bank CEO Herman Kasekede (C) presents a report on environmental conservation in Tanzania in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Right is Serengeti Breweries Limited Md Mark Ocitti and left is Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) director general Masanja Kadogosa. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

StanChart seeks 700bn/- to promote the green economy

By Francis Kajubi

STANDARD Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited is expected to raise 700bn/- (\$300 million) by 2030 to finance innovative solutions that will help to address the climate change crisis and promote a green economy and sustainable development programmes in Tanzania.

The bank's chief executive officer Herman Kasekede said this when he was speaking at the launch of the report titled 'Here for Good: A sustainable future for Tanzania 2022'.

The report showcases the bank's social, commercial, and environmental opportunities for developing economies that can deliver sustainable prosperity in the decade ahead.

Currently, he said the bank is working with the ministry of finance and planning to come up with a sustainable finance framework, which will enable the coun-

try to take advantage of better priced financing available in the debt and capital market.

He said that Standard Chartered has been focusing on three pillars namely sustainable financing, being a responsible company and investing in communities.

"With sustainable financing the bank has coordinated 3.7 quadrillion/- financing for the SGR project. The bank has provided 45.3bn/- in financing to Car & General to support their working capital which has enabled the client to maintain an all women run assembly plant and warehouse," said Kasekede.

According to him, in enhancing financial inclusion the bank had in 2021 extended 24.7m/- to microfinance institutions for lending small and medium entrepreneurs where about 454,000 beneficiaries were reached.

He said in 2019 the bank introduced the Futuremakers, a global initiative to tackle inequality and promote economic inclusion.

The program is designed to lift young people out of poverty by empowering them through education, employability, and entrepreneurship programs.

However, in 2021 the bank made a total contribution of 992m/- to the Future Makers by Standard Chartered initiative.

The contribution supported 768 youth participants, empowered 80 entrepreneurs, and provided opportunities for 2,859 Goal program participants.

Kasekede said that last year the bank embraced a transitional period shifting its focus towards its corporate and commercial lending propositions targeting at supporting microfinance institutions.

Switbert Mkama, deputy permanent secretary for environment in the Vice President's office, Union and Environment said that sustainability efforts are essential for the country's socioeconomic development without compromising the future for coming generations.

"The government considers the 2030 Agenda as the pillar for accelerating its development plans. This envisages how the development vision 2025 is integrated with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals that represent the agenda of poverty alleviation and protect the planet," said Mkama.

He commended StanChart for championing and leading in connecting its business to sustainable goals 5, 11 and 13.

Mark Ocitti, managing director Serengeti Breweries Limited said that for the past three years the company had spent 35million pounds in upgrading water treatment infrastructures for the sake of environment protection.

"There's no business on a dead planet and thus we should do our businesses sustainably and live our lives sustainably by embracing the consumption of clean and sustainable energy sources," said Ocitti.

Banks' lending to agriculture, manufacturing expands

By Guardian Reporter

Farmers and manufacturers are continuing to benefit more from expanding banks' lending to economic activities, after their combined shares increased during the year ended in December 2022, compared with similar period in 2021, the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) quarterly economic bulletin has shown.

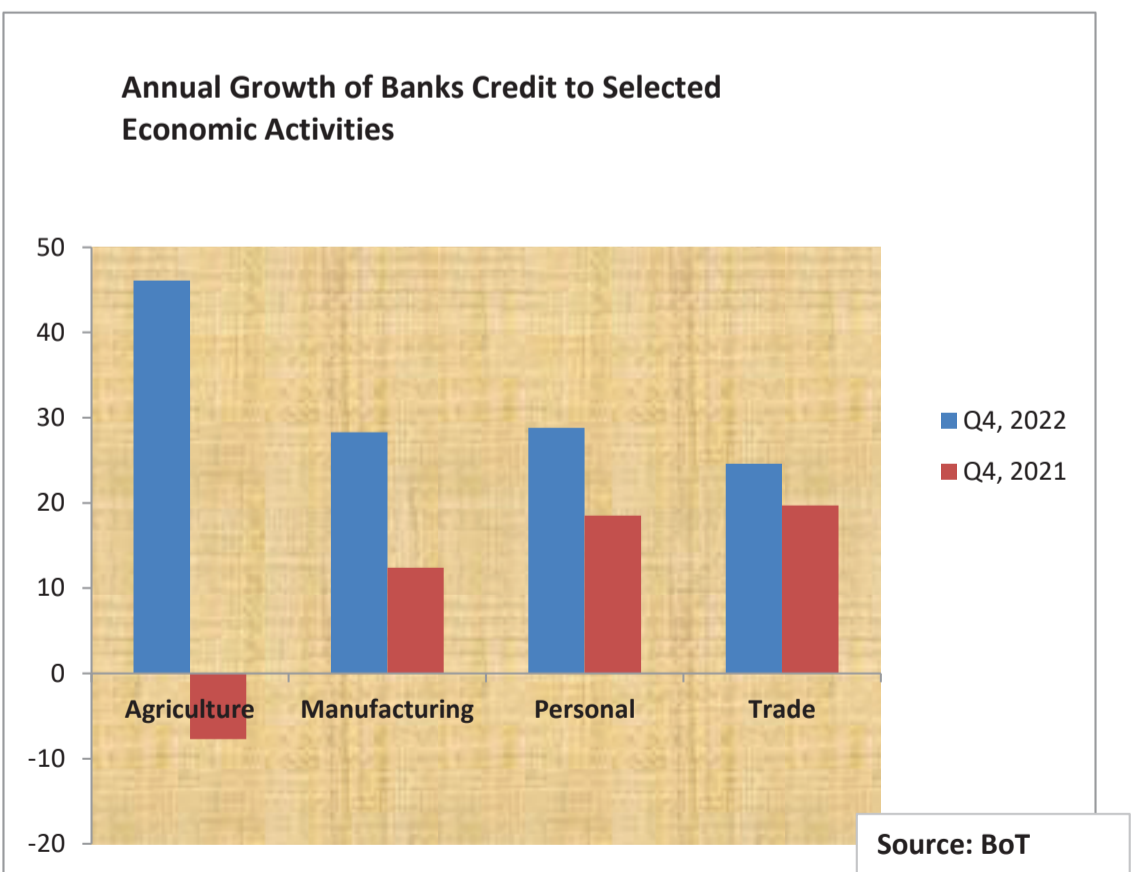
The Q4, 2022 bulletin shows the combined share of banks' lending to agriculture and manufacturing reached nearly 18.6 percent during the fourth quarter of last year, compared with 17 percent recorded during the end of the fourth quarter of 2021.

This indicates that in each 100/- issued as credit by commercial banks to economic activities, nearly 19/- is shared between manufacturers and farmers.

According to the bulletin, the share of lending to agriculture increased to 8.6 percent from 7.3 percent respectively, while the share of lending to manufacturing reached 10 percent by December 2022 from 9.7 percent in December 2021.

The bulletin shows the growth of credits to agriculture reached the historical highest of 46.1 percent during the fourth quarter of last year, compared with a contraction of 7.7 percent in December 2021, while credits to manufacturing reached 28.8 percent from 12.4 percent respectively.

Annual growth of lending to agriculture was the highest compared with the growth of lending to other sectors of the economy during the reported



period.

Manufacturing and agriculture are interdependent sectors of the economy, which also employ the largest portion of the population and they are important for creating economic transformation as the country is currently implementing industrialization strategy.

According to BoT, agriculture was the second contributor to economic growth during the third quarter of last year, ac-

counting to 12.4 percent, below transport and storage which contributed 14.2 percent. During the third quarter of 2021, agriculture was top contributor to economic growth, accounting for 17.9 percent, followed by construction, which accounted for 17 percent.

Manufacturing contributed 7.9 percent to economic growth during the third quarter of last year, compared with 6.7 percent during similar quarter in 2021, accord-

ing to BoT.

However, the growth of agriculture during the third quarter of last year was 3.4 percent, lower than 5.2 percent during the previous year, while manufacturing grew by 4.5 percent in Q3, 2022, higher than 3.9 percent recorded in Q3, 2021.

Banks' lending to private sector reached nearly 25trn/- during the last quarter of last year, with annual growth of 22 percent, compared with

21trn/- with the growth of less than 10 percent during December 2021.

However, personal loans, which also include agricultural activities, continue to account the largest share of banks' lending as it accounted for 38.2 percent during the fourth quarter of last year, slightly lower than 36.8 percent recorded in Q4, 2021.

Trade is the second largest recipient of banks' credit as it accounts for 16.8 percent of the share.

Shanta Gold sees threefold rise in resources in 5 years

By Guardian Correspondent & Agencies

Producer, developer and explorer Shanta Gold reports that, over the past five years, it has grown its group resources threefold from 1.2-million ounces grading an average 3.28 g/t, to a currently-held 3.7-million ounces.

According to its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Eric Zurrin, ongoing successful exploration drilling at New Luika gold mine (NLGM), resource and reserve definitions at Singida, and "excellent progress" at Shanta's high-grade West Kenya project have all contributed to the "impressive longevity and quality" of the company's portfolio of gold assets.

Shanta's resources in Tanzania comprise the NLGM Joint Ore Reserves Committee- (Jorc-) compliant resource of 1.03-million ounces grading 2.42 g/t, and the Singida Jorc resource of 885 000



Singida's life-of-mine remains unchanged to the end of 2029

oz grading 2.36 g/t.

Tanzanian resources make up 625 000 oz of gold reserves, grading 2.91 g/t - down slightly from 645 000 oz grading 3.04 g/t at the end of 2021 as a result of limited drilling in 2022 and reserve depletion from mining operations.

With 8 829 m drilled in 2022, Shanta notes that its exploration spend in Tanzania was limited to \$2.1-million. "[This is] less than half of that incurred in 2021 due to priority over Singida construction funding, returning overall 92 500 ounces of new reserves at NLGM,"

says Zurrin.

In the country in 2022, Shanta added reserves of 92 500 oz - taking the total to 1.92-million ounces at a grade of 2.39 g/t - before depletion and enhancement, predominantly from the Bauhinia Creek and Luika underground deposits, Black Tree Hill, Elizabeth Hill and Porcupine South openpit deposits.

This served to add two more years to the life of NLGM, which is now expected to reach depletion in the first quarter of 2028.

"This marks the fourth consecutive year in which we have extend-

ed the mine life by at least another year through successful exploration, which remains key to unlocking long-term, sustainable returns for our shareholders," he says.

Also at NLGM, Shanta's tailings retreatment project contributes an additional 48 000 oz of recoverable gold, extending the broader NLGM operating life to at least February 2031.

Singida's life-of-mine however, remains unchanged to the end of 2029.

"As Singida moves into production in the very near term and

transitions from a cost center to a cash generator, our exploration focus will pivot back to mine life extension in order to unlock long-term shareholder value.

The Singida gold mine is an underexplored greenstone project within the prolific Lake Victoria Gold Field, with only about 75 000 m of drilling ever completed, providing the company with a huge opportunity for reserve addition and mine life extension.

In Kenya, the company's prospects include the Kakamega Camp National Instrument (NI) 43-101 resource of 1.28-million ounces grading 10.6 g/t and the Ramula NI 43-101 resource of 470 000 oz grading 2.41 g/t.

Up from 1.55-million ounces in 2022, Shanta's West Kenya reserves now comprise 1.76-million ounces, while the indicated category thereof increased from 378 000 oz in 2022, to a current 1.14-million ounces.

West Kenya's indicated resources of 1.14-million ounces increased from 378 000 oz in 2022.

Manufacturers cut 6,800 jobs despite tax incentives

NAIROBI

Manufacturing firms in Kenya have failed to create decent jobs despite years of receiving incentives as part of a government agenda of increasing the sector's contribution to economic output.

For more than five years, former President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration slapped higher import duties on iron and steel, vegetable oils, paper and paper products, timber and furniture, textile and footwear, in what was aimed at helping the manufacturing sector generate over 800,000 decent jobs by end of 2022.

However, an analysis done by the Business Daily shows that since 2018, and despite the state protection, these sub-sectors have barely generated new jobs.

Instead, official data shows that the number of decent jobs created by the manufacturing sector between 2017 and 2021 - just around the time when these protectionist policies were implemented - fell by 6,884.

Wage employment in the manufacturing sector dropped from 343,719 in 2017 to 336,835 two years ago, despite some of the players being shielded from the competition as part of the Jubilee administration's objective of increasing the contribution of the sector to 15 percent of Kenya's total output or gross domestic product (GDP) from nine per cent in 2017.

The number of wage employees engaged in the preparation and spinning of textile fibres, weaving of textiles, finishing of textiles and manufacturing of articles of paper and paperboard fell by 1,421, 452,229 and 353 respectively.

Regular workers engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel also fell by 21 while those manufacturing knitted and crocheted fabrics dropped by 28 in the review period.

However, beginning in the Financial Year 2018/19, the then Treasury Cabinet Secretary (CS) Henry Rotich increased import duty on finished iron and steel from the 25 percent levied by the other five East African Community (EAC) member states to 35 percent, noting that the industry was facing stiff competition from "imported subsidized iron and steel products."

Mr Rotich, in his budget speech, noted that Kenya had sufficient capacity to produce some paper and paper products which require protection.

"To protect manufacturers of these products, I have increased the rate of import duty from 25 percent to 35 percent on some paper and paper board produced in the region," said Rotich.

The Government had targeted Sh126 billion (\$1 billion) in new investments in the iron and steel sector by end of last year.

Mr Rotich noted that the textile and footwear firms are closing down due to increased unfair competition from cheap imported textiles and footwear as well as second-hand clothes and shoes, which he slapped a specific rate of import duty of \$5 per unit or 35 percent whichever is higher.

This, said the then CS, was to "encourage local production and create jobs for our youth in the sector."

Imports of timber and furniture would also become expensive to consumers after the government introduced a specific rate of duty of \$110 per tonne on particle board, \$120 per tonne on medium-density fiberboard, \$230 per M3 on plywood and \$200 per tonne on block boards, or an advalorem duty of 35 percent whichever is higher.

Tobias Alando, the chief operating officer at the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) said that while the enhanced import duty was a good idea, other factors such as the high cost of electricity and labour, high taxation as well as market access also had to be addressed.

Mr Alando noted that the cost of electricity in Kenya, while always available, is expensive compared to its neighbouring countries such as Ethiopia and Uganda.

"High cost of electricity is one of the factors that impacted negatively to the growth of the manufacturing sector," said Mr Alando.

An unpredictable policy that has seen the Government erratically introduce new measures, such as higher contributions of NSSF, has also negatively impacted the sector's growth.

"We are also competing for markets with other countries. If you protect me by introducing higher tariffs but then I don't have the market to sell my products, it does not help," said Mr Alando.

'We need policies to enhance digital financial services in the rural areas'

By Guardian Correspondent

The government has been advised to design appropriate policies that will bridge a gap for rural underserved population to access digital financial services, the researchers have said.

Traditionally, many financial services organisations have given little consideration to the poor since they have few assets that can contribute to profitability of firms providing such service according to studies by researchers from Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Research organization (STIPRO).

Speaking during presenting his paper titled, "Digital innovation ecosystem development for financial inclusion and market access;

The case of Tanzania" at a roundtable workshop earlier this week, Dr Engineer Denis Mwigusa said the government should make sure that the policies are implemented and monitored regularly to learn and immediately address digital financial services challenges in rural areas.

"Our study has the view that the services providers should either be incentivized or regulated so as to make sure they constantly communicate with their current and potential clients through appropriate means" he said adding,

"Also, the policies should provide incentives and conducive environment for the service providers to be innovative"

He said according to



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (C) witnesses the signing in Dar es Salaam at the weekend of a 540 million Euros agreement between the European Investment Bank (EIB) and three Tanzanian banks, among them KCB Bank Tanzania, with the focus on supporting women-led businesses and the blue economy. The others include EIB vice president Thomas Ostros (L), the European Commission's director for sustainable finance, Investment and Jobs, Antii Karhunen (2nd-L), and KCB Group acting regional businesses director doubling as KCB Bank managing director, Cosmas Kimario. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has achieved great coverage in terms of DFS in recent years but saying exclusion still persists.

"For instance, while, the World Bank reports 9 percent gap between women and men in the access to financial services worldwide, for Tanzania women exclusion stood at 39.3& percent and those of men is

29.9 percent according to Finscope (2017), he said

Another researcher from STIPRO Ms Lanta Daniel who presented a paper on "Digital services through mobile phones: status and challenges faced by rural women" said service providers are recommended to find a way of efficiently linking up with the underserved, especially those

in the rural areas to make sure they understand their financial services need.

"This can be done by strengthening the role agents in the Know Your Customer (KYC) issues. The services providers are recommended to find an effective marketing strategy that is suitable for underserved, especially the rural women" she said.

Chip demand will surge from 2024, says Kawai

TOKYO

The semiconductor industry will return to an exponential growth path next year despite lingering inflationary and geopolitical uncertainties, according to machinery maker Tokyo Electron Ltd.

Looking past the current nadir, Chief Executive Officer Toshiki Kawai said long-term trends like autonomous driving and metaverse development will supercharge demand for data storage and processing capabilities.

"The amount of data the world must deal with will grow tenfold by 2030 and then hundredfold by 2040," 59-year-old Kawai said in an interview. "For a while now, people have been talking about us living in a big-data era - but if you ask me, I still think we're in a small-data era."

Tokyo Electron may

face headwinds, however, from US-China tensions, which recently swept up Japan and the Netherlands in a push to curb exports of advanced chips and chipmaking technology into China. The details of what export controls Japan may adopt are not yet known, but the Tokyo company's business is likely to be directly impacted and it presently gets more than 20% of its sales in China.

"Chips are in need everywhere, including China, Japan, the US and Europe," Kawai said, declining to comment specifically on any potential trade restrictions. "So long as we continue to be the global number one, we should always be able to find business in one way or another. That's our stance."

Still, his view may prove overly rosy if current downtrends extend longer than expected or China export controls

are too onerous, Iwai Cosmo Securities analyst Kazuyoshi Saito said.

To craft the cutting-edge chips of the future, Tokyo Electron customers will have to adopt new processes in their production lines - such as silicon wafer bonding - and that's where the company believes its machinery has an advantage.

Tokyo Electron will command a larger share of the chipmaking equipment market in the years to come, its CEO said, pointing to the deployment of bonding technology in future stacked-memory architectures that would allow more data to be stored in smaller packages.

Kawai's comments are in line with what the world's biggest contract chipmaker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., said when reporting earnings in January.



Tokyo Electronics CEO Toshiki Kawai

Banks pile into euro zone bond sales as rates shoot up

LONDON

Banks are becoming the leading buyers of some euro zone governments' bond sales, taking advantage of surging interest rates as the European Central Bank looks to reduce its presence in the market.

Euro zone governments need private buyers to pick up some 400 billion euros (\$422 billion) of additional debt this year.

Funding needs remain high due to the energy shock that followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, while the ECB, a huge buyer in recent years, will soon start reducing the bonds it holds on its 8 trillion euro balance sheet as it tightens monetary policy to contain inflation.

Heavy central bank buying had kept borrowing costs and volatility low for years, so the key question now is who steps in as the ECB steps out.

Sales of bonds directly to end investors by bank syndicates so far this year show bank treasuries buying a much larger share of some countries' debt, according to data from debt agencies and Refinitiv's



IFR, as surging interest rates boost the appeal of government bonds.

"In many transactions, they are the largest buyers," said Pierre Blandin, global head of sovereign, supranational and agency debt capital markets at

Credit Agricole CIB, which has arranged many of this year's deals.

Funding officials said bank treasuries usually buy bonds that mature in up to 10 years, but such is demand that they have become the leading investors in

much longer-dated debt sales.

They were the top buyers in the European Union's debt sale this month, buying almost 50% of a seven-year bond and 35% of a 20-year bond. Last September, they bought 26% of a five-year bond and 21% of a 30-year, far

behind fund managers in second place.

Banks also took 39% of an Italian 20-year debt sale in January, while fund managers took 25%. In a 16-year debt sale last year, banks bought 29%.

"Demand from the bank treasuries in the deals is actually even stronger than what is seen in the statistics, as they generally get allocated a lower (share) of their orders than some other investors," said Belgium debt agency director Maric Post.

Bank treasuries took 30 percent of a 30-year Belgian debt sale in February, versus 10% a year ago.

The data does not give a breakdown of which exact banks are involved, but banks tend to buy the government debt of their home country.

The pool of negative-yielding euro area government bonds, which stood

at almost 50% of the market in January 2022, has disappeared as rates rise sharply. Across Europe, bond yields are at multi-year highs.

Banks have to hold a certain amount of high-quality liquid assets, cash and government bonds, as a liquidity buffer for regulatory reasons.

As bond yields rise relative to swap rates, it becomes more attractive for their treasuries to buy bonds rather than hold cash, said Daniel Gilliot, senior asset and liability management officer at BNP Paribas Fortis in Brussels.

The swap rate is the fixed rate investors pay to hedge against interest rate risk by receiving floating-rate payments.

Investors such as banks often pay the swap rate and hedge their exposure when buying these bonds, so higher bond yields also

make that hedging cost more palatable, analysts said.

"I think we bought this year more (bonds) than the whole of last year," Gilliot said.

Some banks have other incentives to buy more bonds. Italy's Intesa Sanpaolo bought some 10 billion euros in government bonds in early 2023 to replace risk-weighted assets it had cut.

Whether bank treasuries broaden out their buying remains to be seen, however. The share of bonds they bought in government syndications is up around 2 percentage points across the bloc this year, still second place to asset managers, Deutsche Bank said.

It notes that buying by asset managers is down seven percentage points, while demand from pension funds and insurers was broadly unchanged.

Copper, cobalt worth 1.5 billion US dollars pile up in DR Congo

KINSHASA

A growing pile of copper and cobalt worth about US\$1.5-billion is stranded in the Democratic Republic of Congo, caught up in a standoff over the future of one of the world's biggest battery-metal mines.

The huge stash of metal is owned by China's CMOC Group, which is locked in a dispute with its Congolese state-owned partner over royalty payments. While its exports were blocked in mid-July, CMOC's Tenke Fungurume mine has kept running at close to full capacity, simply stockpiling the extra metal until it can resume shipments, according to people familiar with the matter.

The logjam is a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities in electric-vehicle supply chains, which rely heavily on a small clutch of mines in a handful of countries – in the case of cobalt, Congo is by far the largest supplier. Battery metal prices have become increasingly volatile as producers struggle to match output to demand, creating headaches for automakers on the upswing, and miners on the way down. The Tenke Fungurume stockpile raises the threat of more sharp swings to come.

By now, there are about 120 000 tons of copper and around 12 500 tons of cobalt stuck waiting to leave the country, according to people familiar with the matter and Bloomberg calculations.

The copper accounts for the bulk of the value, at about \$1.1-billion at spot prices, but it only represents about 7 percent of total global monthly production, and is unlikely to affect international prices when it does hit the market. Tenke Fungurume accounts for about 15 percent of global sup-

ply – a larger share of production than the 10% slice of global oil output controlled by Saudi Arabia.

Surprisingly, the market has managed quite well without Tenke's cobalt, because demand for use in electronics has fallen and output elsewhere is increasing, sending prices tumbling more than 60 percent from a peak last year. The eventual release of the CMOC stockpile could drive them much lower still.

At the heart of the issue is state miner Gecamines' claim that CMOC has been lying about its mineral reserves and owes the company \$7.6-billion in royalties and interest. The pair also need to negotiate a sales contract to set the terms for future exports.

Part of the reason that the stockpile has become so large is that CMOC has remained hopeful throughout the dispute that a resolution was close, which kept it from dialing back activity at the site, according to people familiar with the operation.

Yet a deal has so far proven elusive. Every day, roughly 500 tons of copper and 50 tons of cobalt are being added to the stash of metal, creating a growing logistical and commercial headache for CMOC and its partners.

And when the stockpile does eventually start to move, it's likely to spark a scramble for trucks in the region, driving up freight costs and adding to the chronic logistical logjams at the Congolese border.

CMOC did not reply to an email seeking comment. Gecamines deputy CEO Leon Mwine Kabiena, who oversees the Tenke mine portfolio for the Lubumbashi-based company, did not immediately provide comment when contacted by Bloomberg on email.

China tightens scrutiny of private funds

BEIJING

Chinese regulators revamped rules governing its 20 trillion yuan (\$2.9 trillion) private fund industry to curb irregularities and risks, a move that's set to benefit bigger managers including foreign players.

Private equity and hedge fund managers will need at least 10 million yuan in paid-in capital to operate, according to measures published Friday by the Asset Management Association of China.

That's about five times the current requirement for funds already in operation.

The rules, which take effect May

1, also raise requirements for controlling shareholders and senior management.

The wide-ranging revamp follows a years-long crackdown on irregularities such as insider trading by hedge funds, while stamping out so-called "fake private funds" that take advantage of loose regulations.

Private fund assets under management have surged almost eight-fold from 2015 to 20 trillion yuan, as wealthy investors sought higher returns.

The move to weed out smaller funds may give a boost to foreign money managers that are struggling to crack the Chinese market.



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12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Aya ya Jamii
13:00 Ripoti Maalum
13:35 Shikabamba
14:05 Igizo rpt: Rebeca
14:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
19:00 Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ - Live
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba
21:30 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
21:45 Chetu ni chetu
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 The Base
00:00 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

WEDNESDAY 28 Dec

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha

7:30 HABARI
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 DWTV Journal
9:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:25 Kipindi maalum: TARURA rpt
11:00 The Base rpt
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Our Earth rpt
13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
14:00 Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt
14:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
18:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00 Habari
21:05 Aibu Yako
21:10 Kipindi maalum: Tanesco
21:40 Kipindi maalum: Pesa Fasta
22:00 Ripoti maalum
22:30 Soap: Uzalo
23:00 The Base
00:00 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 29 Dec

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 DWTV Journal
9:30 Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Shamba lulu
11:00 The Base rpt
12:00 Al Jazeera
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
13:00 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:30 Shamsam za pwani rpt
14:30 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Jagina
19:00 Usafiri Wako
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00 Habari
21:05 Malumbano ya hoja
23:00 Habari
The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

FRIDAY 30 Dec

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 DWTV Journal
9:30 Soap rpt: In Love with Ramon
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:30 Usafiri Wako
11:00 The Base rpt
12:00 Al Jazeera

12:30 Kipindi maalum: Tanesco rpt
13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
14:30 DW: Afrimaxx
15:00 Meza Huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base (DJ Show)
17:30 Kisiam
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
18:30 Uchumi Wetu
19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 The Base
00:00 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

SATURDAY 31 Dec

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Kipindi maalum: FAO
10:05 Shika Bamba 5
10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
12:30 Usafiri wako
13:30 Jagina
14:00 Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
16:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
16:30 Igizo: Rebeca
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 ITV Top 10 rpt
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka
21:15 Igizo: Rebeca
21:40 Art and Lifestyle
22:10 ITV Top 10
22:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
23:40 Soap: Uzalo rpt
01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 1 Jan

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
11:50 Bongo Movie rpt
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10 rpt
17:20 Kipindi cha krikisto
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:10 Kipindi maalum: Reflexology
21:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
21:30 Mjuzi Zaidi
22:15 Bongo movie:
23:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt

02:05 Al Jazeera

CAPITAL

Thurs 22 Dec

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Spots gazette
12:00 Innovation

Mon 26 Dec

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Business edition
12:00 Out and About
12:30 Our earth

Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00

Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Tomorrow Today
16:30 EcoAfrica
17:00 Dw News Africa rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 The Décor rpt
19:30 Shamba lulu
20:00 Innovation Rpt
20:45 The Monday Agenda
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Kipima Joto
00:00 Al Jazeera

Tues 27 Dec

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Monday agenda rpt
12:15 Spots gazette
12:45 Filler doc

Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00

Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Culinary Delights Rpt
16:30 Capchat rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Innovation
19:30 Our Earth
20:00 Décor Rpt
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love
21:30 Capital Prime
22:00 Jagina rpt
22:30 EcoAfrica
23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 28 Dec

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Tomorrow Today rpt
12:00 Dw News Africa rpt
12:30 Our Earth
13:00 Telenovela rpt Laws Of love 14:00
Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Business Edition Rpt

16:30 Culinary delight rpt

17:00 Innovation rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Sports Gazette
19:30 Chetu ni chetu
20:00 Monday Agenda Rpt
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Dakika 45:
22:45 The Décor
23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 29 Dec

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Spots gazette
12:00 Innovation
12:30 Culinary

Telenovela rpt: Laws Of love

14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Tomorrow Today
16:30 Business edition rpt
17:00 In good shape
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Out & About Rpt
19:30 Tanzania yetu
20:00 Our Earth Rpt
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love 21:30
Capital Prime News
22:00 Capchat rpt
23:00 Al Jazeera

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06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Club 101 rpt
11:00 Al Jazeera
11:30 Capchat
12:30 Décor

Telenovela rpt Laws Of love 14:00

Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Dw News Africa rpt
16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt
17:30 Meza Huru
19:00 Rev
19:00 Out & About Rpt
20:00 Aibu Yako
20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
20:45 Telenovela: Laws Of love 21:30
Capital Prime News
22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 31 Dec

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Jagina rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n/about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
12:30 Our Earth rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Al Jazeera
14:30 Telenovela rpt Laws Of love 17:15

WORLD

Wife Jill: Joe Biden plans to run for president again

WASHINGTON

US first lady Jill Biden wants Americans to know that her husband, President Joe Biden, does plan to run for a second four-year term, and she's all for it - even as a formal declaration of his intentions has yet to be made.

Jill Biden, asked by CNN about her husband's plans on a just-completed trip to Namibia and Kenya, said she expects him to announce a campaign and dismissed a question on whether the 80-year-old Democrat might opt out of a run in 2024.

"I'm all for it, of course," said the first lady, whose opinion is considered critical for the president's upcoming plans, even as he consults with a close group of longtime political advisers.

She made even stronger remarks to the Associated Press on the trip, when asked if the president was running again: "How many times does he have to say it for you to believe it?"

Whether Biden should run in 2024

continues to be a source of debate among Democrats. Another run would test whether voters are ready to give Biden, already the oldest American president ever, another four years in office.

Biden himself has said repeatedly that he intends to run for re-election and has dismissed questions about his age, but has yet to make a formal declaration.

"There's too many other things we have to finish in the near term before I start a campaign," he told ABC's David Muir at the White House.

Biden said last November that he would run again, but an announcement now is not expected until the spring.

Biden to date has faced no major primary challenger, and he has shown no urgency to make a re-election bid official.

Biden spent the early weeks of the year in a controversy about classified documents, and more recently, his focus on foreign policy including a surprise



US President Joe Biden speaks during a reception celebrating Black History Month, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on Monday. AFP

trip to Ukraine has dominated his schedule.

Cedric Richmond, a former Biden White House adviser, said Biden would announce "whenever he's ready" when asked if an announcement was coming in March or April.

Any re-election bid would likely be influenced strongly by Biden's White House inner circle of advisers. But there has neither been a campaign manager identified yet nor the location of his campaign headquarters.

Polls show concerns about his age among some Americans since Biden would be 86 by the end of a prospective second term.

Some 46 percent of respondents to a Reuters/Ipsos poll earlier this month said the phrase "Joe Biden is too old to work in government" strongly describes the president, with 24 percent of Democrats and 49 percent of

independents holding that view.

Some 71 percent of respondents, including 52 percent of Democrats, said they did not believe that Biden should run for re-election in 2024.

On the Republican side, former President Donald Trump, who will be 78 by the time of the 2024 election, and Nikki Haley, Trump's former UN ambassador and former South Carolina governor, have so far declared as candidates for 2024.

Democratic strategist Bud Jackson said the issue of whether Biden should run again is a topic of great debate in Democratic circles.

"Almost everyone I talk to is concerned about his age," Jackson said, but that "nearly everyone I talk to give him the benefit of the doubt that he should still run."

Tinubu ahead in Nigeria election as opp parties reject vote

ABUJA

NIGERIA'S ruling party candidate Bola Tinubu was ahead in the vote count after Saturday's presidential poll, a Reuters tally of provisional results in 20 of 36 states showed on Monday, but opposition parties walked out of the counting process citing concerns of fraud.

The tally of provisional electoral commission results showed Tinubu, of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) party, was ahead with 39.7 percent or 5.4 million of valid votes counted, against 32.2 percent or 4.4 million votes for Atiku Abubakar of the main opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP).

Outsider Peter Obi of the smaller Labour Party was in third place on about 16.3 percent with about 2.2 million.

The election has been fraught with logistical and technological difficulties that resulted in the failure, in many places, to upload results directly from each polling unit to its website, as the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had promised to do to guarantee transparency.

There is no legal requirement to do so, but the failure of the electoral commission to live up to its promise meant results had to be collated manually inside ward and local government counting centers as in previous polls.

"INEC's lack of efficient planning in critical stages and effective public communication reduced trust in the process," the European Union observer mission said in a statement.

Commonwealth observer mission chief Thabo Mbeki also criticized INEC for its failure to upload the results.



Israeli security forces deploy in the West Bank town of Huwara on Sunday following the death of two Israelis in a shooting attack. AFP

By 1700 GMT on Monday, INEC had uploaded results from just 66,167 polling units out of a total of 178,846, its website showed.

"We take full responsibility for the problems and regret the distress that they have caused the candidates, political parties and the electorate," the commission said in a statement.

Opposition parties remained unsatisfied.

"The electoral process has been rigged ... and we are completely disassociating ourselves from it," PDP Atiku's campaign manager Melaye Dino said at the INEC results center in Abuja. Obi's Labour party was equally scathing.

"We regret to say that we have lost confidence in the results being collated and announced," Akin Oshintokun, director of Obi's campaign, told reporters. "We hereby call on the INEC to ... follow its own guidelines or completely cancel the entire election."

Tech woes

The election was highly dependent on communications technology that may have seemed doomed to fail in a country with such poor internet coverage, and the failures open the way for legal challenges against the results.

Obi defeated his ruling party challenger to win Nigeria's com-

mercial hub of Lagos in a major upset in the poll which was marred by delays and complaints of irregularities.

Around two-thirds of states in Africa's most populous country have yet to declare.

But the win in Lagos state - with 582,454 votes against 572,606 for Tinubu - was a major boost for Obi, whose run challenged candidates from two long-established movements that have alternated in power since the end of army rule in 1999.

Obi's campaign grabbed headlines with its use of social media and its focus on young people and urban voters fed up with wide-

spread corruption and insecurity.

To become president, a candidate needs to get more votes than any other candidate and also garner a quarter of the votes in at least 24 states.

There have been reports of violence and intimidation, though not at the scale of previous elections.

In northern Kano state, police said a group had attacked a campaign office for a smaller opposition party and set the building on fire, killing two people.

Police said they had killed one of the attackers and arrested four suspects.

Agencies

UN seeks new global consensus on safeguarding human rights

GENEVA

UNITED Nations human rights chief Volker Turk on Monday deplored the weaponization of human rights in the context of geopolitical shifts.

Turk, who took office as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights last October, was speaking at the opening of the 52nd regular session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

He called for a "new world-wide consensus on human rights", arguing that it is a question of survival that nations and communities should arrive at a common understanding.

"Our institutions - which exist to advance all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, on an equal footing, as well as the right to development and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment - are in a unique position to rebuild this shared respect for each other's dignity," he said.

He urged all the UN member states to overcome their differences through solidarity and genuine dialogue, working across geopolitical divides with a clear vision to advance the needs of every country and the rights of all.

"We can rise above the fray, and use human rights, not as a weapon in the context of geopolitical shifts - not as a nice-to-have for sunny days in the future - but as what it is and was always meant to be: a solution to help us get out of the harms that are destroying our world," he said.

The event, which will last for five and a half weeks, kicked off with a minute's silence in honor of the victims of the recent earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

During the first four days, 146 dignitaries will deliver their interventions, with most of them due to appear in person.

Vaclav Bales, president of the UN Human Rights Council, appealed to all participants to engage in open and frank discussions, enabled by a constructive and cooperative atmosphere.

"All delegations and participants should commit to these principles," he said.

Csaba Korosi, currently serving as President of the 77th UN General Assembly, said at Monday's session that the UN Human Rights Council, like the General Assembly, is "at a crossroads."

"Will it go about business as usual, compounding the crisis of trust in multilateralism? Or will it translate the political consensus on the need to cooperate into transformative solutions?" he asked.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that in July, together with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, he will launch a new Agenda for Protection, which will seek to strengthen support to member states to protect people and their rights, both in times of peace and in times of crisis and conflict.

"Human rights are not a luxury that can be left until we find a solution to the world's other problems. They are the solution to many of the world's other problems," he said.

Lavrov praises Arab countries for balanced position on Ukraine, despite pressure

MOSCOW

ARAB countries, even as they face strong pressure from the West, have taken a balanced position on the situation in Ukraine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a welcome address to the Middle East Conference of the Valdai International Discussion Club yesterday.

The address was read out by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov, who is also the presidential special envoy for the Middle East and Africa.

"We are stating with satisfaction that, despite unprecedented pressure from the US-led collective West, our Arab friends have taken a balanced position on the situation in and around Ukraine, as they are guided, first of all, by their fundamental national interests," the address said.

Lavrov (pictured) said the development of relations with the countries of the Middle East and North Africa is a priority for Russia's foreign policy. "Strengthening a trust-based dialogue and diverse mutually beneficial cooperation with each of the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, as well as multilateral associations operating in the Middle East space, are among the unconditional strategic priorities of Russia's foreign policy," the Russian foreign minister stated.

"Russian diplomacy will continue to work to make the Middle East a zone of security, stability and prosperity. We will continue to help to overcome crisis situations, take part in the post-conflict reconstruction of the affected countries," Lavrov said.



"CHINESE path to modernization" is a keyword for the international community to understand China.

It was raised and expounded during the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), and its rich connotation and significance for the world have been profoundly explained by Chinese President Xi Jinping on a series of bilateral and multilateral occasions.

Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, stressed again the importance of correctly understanding and vigorously advancing Chinese modernization while addressing the opening of a recent study session at the Party School of the CPC Central Committee.

International personages called the

Chinese modernisation offers new model of human advancement for world

Chinese path to modernization a major innovation in the development of human society, saying it has provided a brand-new model of modernization for the world and boosted the confidence of more countries in independently exploring their own paths to modernization.

Since the beginning of modern times, modernization has remained the historical trend of world development, and to achieve it is a common aspiration for every nation.

It is a huge achievement of the Chinese people made through countless hardships at an enormous cost under the leadership of the CPC, as well as a path that will turn China into a strong

country and lead it to national rejuvenation. Based on China's decades of exploration and practice since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949, especially since the launch of reform and opening up in 1978, as well as the new breakthroughs made in theory and practice since the 18th CPC National Congress, the CPC has succeeded in advancing and expanding Chinese modernization.

Chinese modernization is socialist modernization pursued under the leadership of the CPC, and the leadership of the CPC decides the nature of Chinese modernization.

The CPC has led the Chinese people in pioneering a uniquely Chinese

path to modernization, which demonstrates the Party's responsibility in leading the development of the times, its belief in remaining faithful to the people, and its vision of striving for the common good.

The modernization process of a country needs to follow the general rule of modernization, but it shall be suited to its realities and characterized by features unique to its context.

Chinese modernization is characterized by the common features of modernization in all countries and is also unique to the Chinese context.

It is the modernization of a huge population, of common prosperity for all, of material and cultural-ethical

advancement, of harmony between humanity and nature, and of peaceful development. These five features, which were recorded in the report to the 20th CPC National Congress, profoundly reveal the connotation of Chinese modernization.

Chinese modernization has become more clear, science-based, and practical, showing a strong appeal in the global sphere.

China has completed a process of industrialization that took developed countries several centuries in the space of mere decades, bringing about the two miracles of rapid economic growth and enduring social stability. This has opened up broad prospects

for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation and explains why Chinese modernization is so appealing.

Especially since the 18th CPC National Congress, the CPC and the Chinese people have striven in unity to eradicate absolute poverty and finish building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, thus completing the First Centenary Goal. These were feats that will be forever recorded in the Chinese nation's history, and feats that will profoundly influence the world.

What type of modernization a country follows is decided by its history, traditions, social system, development status, external environment, and other factors. Different national conditions lead to different paths to modernization

People's Daily

Attaining goals of Russia's operation is top priority in settling situation – Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov said on Monday that the situation in Ukraine can be settled at the negotiating table, but stressed that new territorial realities and the priority of reaching the goals of Russia's special military operation must be taken into account.

"There are certain realities, which have become Russia's domestic matters, I mean Russia's new territories. There is the Russian constitution, which cannot but be reckoned with by anyone and the Russia side cannot infringe upon.

These are very important realities. Moreover, there are certain goals Russia is attaining in the course of the special military operation," he said.

"Naturally, in favorable conditions and is the Ukrainian side demonstrate a corresponding attitude, it can be resolved at the negotiating table," he said. "But in this case, the most important thing is to achieve our goals. It is our unconditional priority."

"No one can, probably, now say that there are any signals [about the readiness for talks] from the Ukrainian side," Peskov noted. "So far, we proceed from the de jure impossibility for the Ukrainian side to hold any talks on this matter. This is what we proceed from."

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko said earlier that Moscow "is now ready to take steps toward peaceful settlement."

He stressed that Russia has been holding this position from the very first days of its operation, including during the two rounds of peace talks in Belarus, but later Kiev refused from further talks under the West's influence.

He noted however that if a new conflict flares up in the world, Ukraine will soon be forgotten. So, in his words, "there is no way out" other than to sign a peace treaty now without preliminary conditions.

Egypt's foreign minister breaks ice with visits to Syria, Türkiye

DAMASCUS

EGYPT'S foreign minister met Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Monday in the first visits to Syria and Türkiye by a top Egyptian diplomat in a decade.

Assad has benefited from an outpouring of Arab support since devastating earthquakes hit his country and neighboring Türkiye this month, helping to ease the diplomatic isolation he has faced over Syria's civil war which began in 2011.

"The goal of the visit is primarily humanitarian, and to pass on our solidarity - from the leadership, the government and the people of Egypt to the people of Syria," Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry told reporters in Damascus.

Later on Monday, Shoukry also said in remarks to local Egyptian television channel, Ten, that the visit indicates a willingness to turn over a new leaf with both countries. The visit "reflects the interest for relations between Egypt and the two countries return to their normal status," he said.

Egypt was looking forward to providing more quake assistance "in full coordination with the Syrian government" after already having donated some 1,500 tonnes. Shoukry added, standing alongside Syrian Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad.

"When the foreign minister of Egypt comes to Damascus, he comes to his home, his people, and his country," Mekdad said.

The earthquake killed more than 5,900 people in Syria, the bulk of them in the rebel-held northwest. In Türkiye, the death toll stands at more than 44,000.

The Arab League suspended Syria in 2011 over the government's deadly crackdown on protests, and many US-allied Arab states backed the opposition seeking to topple Assad.

But a number of Arab states, most prominently the United Arab Emirates, have shifted approach towards normalizing ties in recent years, after Assad defeated his insurgent enemies across much of the country helped by Iran and Russia.

Shoukry did not respond to reporters' questions on whether Egypt would support lifting the Arab League's suspension of Syria.

Dialogue with Damascus

Ties between Syria and Egypt were briefly cut during the Muslim Brotherhood-led government of then president Mohamed Mursi.

Egypt reopened its embassy in Syria in 2013 after the army removed Mursi from power, but kept Assad at arm's length. Shoukry met Mekdad in 2021 on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly.

Following the quake, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi spoke with Assad by phone for the first time and on Sunday a delegation of parliamentarians from around the region, including Egypt's parliament speaker, met Assad in Damascus.

Washington has voiced opposition to any moves towards rehabilitating or normalizing ties with Assad, citing his government's brutality during the conflict and the need to see progress towards a political solution.

Saudi Arabia, which remains at odds with Assad, has said consensus was building in the Arab world that isolating Syria was not working and that dialogue with Damascus was needed at some point to at least address humanitarian issues.

Shoukry also visited Türkiye, pointing to another shift in Egypt's foreign ties. He met Cavusoglu in the southern city of Adana, which was also hit by the earthquakes.

"Foreign minister offers condolences for the victims of earthquake, affirms solidarity of Egyptian leadership, government and people with Türkiye, and asserting continuity of aid for supporting Türkiye and its brotherly people," Ahmed Abu Zeid, spokesperson for Egypt's Foreign Ministry, said.

Turkish and Egyptian ministers later visited the port of Mersin, where an Egyptian aid ship arrived on Monday.

Agencies

US military uses balloons, disguises recon aircraft as civilian planes to spy on China - report

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Rishi Sunak struck a deal with the European Union on post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland on Monday, saying it would pave the way for a new chapter in London's relationship with the bloc.

Standing alongside European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at a news conference in Windsor, Sunak said the two sides had agreed to remove "any sense of a border" between Britain and its province - a situation that had angered politicians on both sides.

He immediately won plaudits from business groups who welcomed the easing of trade rules, and an EU promise that it would be willing to allow British scientists to join its vast research program if Sunak's party accepts the deal.

The agreement marks a high-risk strategy for Sunak just four months after he took office. He is looking to secure improved relations with Brussels - and the United States - without angering the wing of his party most wedded to Brexit.

The deal seeks to resolve the tensions caused by the Northern Ireland protocol, a complex agreement which set the trading rules for the British-ruled region that London agreed before it left the EU but now says are unworkable.

Its success is likely to hinge on whether it convinces the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) to end its boycott of Northern Ireland's power-sharing arrangements. These were central to the 1998 peace deal known as the Good Friday Agreement which mostly ended three decades of sectarian and political violence in Northern Ireland.



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (left) and European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen hold a joint press conference following their meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in Windsor, west of London, on Monday. AFP

"I'm pleased to report that we have now made a decisive breakthrough," Sunak said of his new "Windsor Framework". "This is the beginning of a new chapter in our relationship."

The issue of Northern Ireland has been one of the most contentious related to Britain's 2020 departure from the European Union. A return to a hard border between the province and Ireland, an EU member, could have jeopardized the peace deal.

But it remains to be seen whether the new terms will go far enough to end the political deadlock in Northern Ireland, where perceptions that the protocol loosened ties with Britain have angered many unionist communities.

Sunak is likely to talk up the fact he has secured a so-called "Stormont brake", which he said would allow Stormont - the regional assembly - to stop any "changes to EU goods rules that would have significant and lasting effects on everyday lives". He said that would give London a veto on new rules.

Von der Leyen said she hoped the brake could be avoided if the two sides consulted each other extensively when introducing new laws and regulatory changes.

Future rebellion?

DUP leader Jeffrey Donaldson said "significant progress" had been made but they would not be rushed into a decision.

Another DUP lawmaker, Ian Paisley, told the BBC it did not go far enough, and more talks were needed.

The European Research Group, which brings together pro-Brexit Conservative lawmakers, will work with lawyers to examine the details before giving a verdict, a process that could take around a week.

David Davis, a former Brexit minister, said Sunak had pulled off a "formidable negotiating success", although there has been speculation in Westminster that Boris Johnson could oppose the deal. A source close to the former prime minister said he was studying and reflecting on the proposal.

If the deal is accepted, the new changes would be phased in over the next few years. A parliamentary vote will take place once all parties have had time to study it.

Victory would strengthen Sunak's hold over his Conservative Party and enable him to move past the thorniest issue on his agenda as he seeks to catch up with the opposition Labour Party, now well ahead in opinion polls, before a national election expected in 2024.

Were he to fail, he would probably face a rebellion from the eurosceptic wing of his party, reviving the deep ideological divisions that have at times paralyzed the government since the vote to leave the EU in 2016.

Sunak could have left the stand-off unresolved, but officials

in London and Belfast say he has been motivated to act ahead of the 25-year anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, which could entail a visit from US President Joe Biden.

Biden, who often speaks with pride of his Irish roots, on Monday welcomed the deal and described it as an "essential step" to ensuring that the peace from the Good Friday Agreement was preserved.

US officials had previously warned that any action which endangered the peace agreement could harm the prospects of a US-UK trade deal.

"I appreciate the efforts of the leaders and officials on all sides who worked tirelessly to find a way forward that protects Northern Ireland's place within the UK's internal market as well as the EU's single market, to the benefit of all communities in Northern Ireland," Biden said in a statement.

Sunak is hoping that a successful outcome will improve cooperation with the EU in areas beyond Northern Ireland, including the regulation of financial services and in helping to stem an influx of migrants in small boats across the Channel.

Raoul Ruparel, a one-time special adviser on Europe to former prime minister Theresa May, said the new terms were much better than he had expected.

"It is worth saying the EU has moved massively," he said on Twitter. "Credit where its due. They look to have listened and taken on board concerns of UK, businesses and unionists in NI."

'China inspires developing countries to strive for prosperity'

SOUVENIRS with Chinese elements decorate an entire wall in the office of Essam Sharaf, former Prime Minister of Egypt. These souvenirs, including paper cuttings, Chinese calligraphy works, Peking Opera masks, as well as trophies and certificates that he received in China, carry his fond memories of years of friendly exchanges with China.

"I visited China for the first time in 2005 as Egypt's Minister of Transport and saw the rapid economic development of the country. So far, I've made some 30 visits to China and the continuous development of the country impressed me so much," said Sharaf (pictured).

He noted that China's development is about not only the ever-changing urban construction, but also the improving living standard of the Chinese people.

"Today, China has developed into a strong and modern civilized country. Unquestionably, this couldn't have been achieved without the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC)," Sharaf told People's Daily, adding that the CPC follows a people-centered development philosophy and the Chinese people trust and support the leadership of the CPC.

People-centered development philosophy is the secret to the CPC's success in governance, as it builds social consensus and fuels progress, he said.

As one of the earliest Egyptian readers of the book "Xi Jinping: The Governance of China", Sharaf attended a promotion seminar for the Egyptian edition of the book in 2014.

He said readers of the book can learn about the achievements and experiences of China in recent years, and understand the careful consideration and grand vision of Chinese President Xi Jinping in national governance.

Under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, China has eradicated absolute poverty and accomplished building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects, embracing the bright prospect of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts, Sharaf told People's Daily.

"It is the people of a country that are best placed to judge whether the development path they have chosen for themselves is suitable." This point in the book has left a deep impression on Sharaf.

He said China doesn't copy the development models of other countries, but firmly follows the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, which sets a good exam-

ple for other developing countries.

He believes the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Global Development Initiative, and the Global Security Initiative proposed by Xi as well as other global public goods provided by China are conducive to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Chinese initiatives and actions not only chart the course for improving global governance and multilateral development, but also inspire developing countries to strive for prosperity, he said.

Sharaf is a staunch supporter of the BRI, and has attended hundreds of discussions and seminars on the initiative in Egypt and other Arab countries, as well as in some European countries.

In his eyes, the biggest influence of the BRI is that it establishes a global cooperation mechanism, champions multilateralism under fair governance and upholds the principle of globalization featuring extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

"The Silk Road was once a bridge of East-West exchanges and mutual learning between civilizations. At present, economic globalization is facing headwinds. Rising populism, exclusivism, as well as unilateralism, protectionism and hegemonism are posing threats to global peace and development. The joint construction of the BRI revitalizes the ancient Silk Road and brings it new missions. It helps participating countries break the isolation and unite together more closely," Sharaf remarked.

Over the past decade, the BRI has been joined by more and more countries. So far, China has signed Belt and Road cooperation documents with over 150 countries. A series of practical cooperation projects have been implemented and investment keeps expanding.

"I can see the prospects that the BRI is creating for global development with its fruitful achievements," Sharaf said, adding that the BRI is in line with Egypt's Vision 2030 and provides huge opportunities for Egypt-China cooperation.

The China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone, the central business district in Egypt's new administrative capital, as well as other cooperation projects, play an important role in promoting Egypt's economic and social development and in improving the livelihood of the Egyptian people, he added.

In his point of view, the Green Silk Road, the Health Silk Road, the Digital Silk Road and the Innovation Silk Road under the framework of the BRI cover wider areas of development.

"The significance of the BRI is more prominent when the world is making concerted efforts to fight COVID-19," he said.

Since the onset of the pandemic, BRI countries have joined hands to fight the disease and reinforced cooperation in economic recovery, which helps tackle challenges, Sharaf noted.

China's efforts to promote high-quality BRI development are conducive to implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and will bring new prospects for advancing international cooperation and achieving common development, he said.

People's Daily



UNECA urges Africa to prioritise green mineral value chains for sustainable industrialisation

ADDIS ABABA

THE UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has urged African countries to prioritize green mineral value chains for sustainable industrialisation.

The call was made by Acting Executive Secretary of the UNECA Antonio Pedro during a panel discussion on "Building a regional battery mineral value chain in Africa" that was held Sunday.

Pedro emphasized that in order to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa's Agenda 2063, the world must decarbonize its growth models and shift to renewable energy sources.

He said the shift to renewable energy sources is a resource-intensive path that requires greater production of a variety of minerals that are central to decarbonization. According to figures from the UNECA, the African continent is home to many minerals, in which the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), for instance, produces more than 70 percent of the world's cobalt.

DRC and Zambia together supply 10 percent of global copper while Mozambique and South Africa hold significant reserves of graphite, platinum metals, lithium and more.

"We have clear opportunities not only from the global green mineral boom but also from our domestic achievements, such as the African Continental Free Trade Area to facilitate the development of regional value chains for these green economy products," a UNECA statement issued from Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, quoted Pedro as saying.

Pedro noted several innovative financing mechanisms that have been developed to support initiatives such as the battery and electric vehicles value chains.

"In the last two decades we

have seen that without the right enabling policies and incentives, commodity super-cycles come and go, leaving our countries dependent on resource extraction," said Pedro.

He deplored the fact that about 70 percent of the region's exports are unprocessed commodities, a situation that can change with the right policies that prioritize industrialization and value-addition in mining and other resource sectors.

The session, which was held in a hybrid format, was jointly organized by the UNECA and African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) ahead of the 9th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), slated to be held in Niamey, Niger, from Feb. 28 to March 2.

Oluranti Doherty, director of Export Development at the Afreximbank, noted that it was disappointing that despite Africa being endowed with an array of minerals from copper, magnesium, nickel and cobalt, the continent has not been able to make an energy transition.

"We are working on a framework agreement for special economic zones for the production of batteries, electric vehicles and accessories, and we will facilitate the commencement of studies to facilitate the development of this facility," Doherty said.

We have clear opportunities not only from the global green mineral boom but also from our domestic achievements, such as the African Continental Free



Zimbabwean cricketer, Aisah Chibanda (R), who plays for Tanzanian outfit, Aces Cricket Club, receives the Man of the Match prize from Tanzanian cricketer, Kassim Nassor, after completion of this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs League's game pitting the outfit against Caravans Cricket Club in the city on Sunday. Chibanda took two wickets and ended with 60 runs from 31 balls. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ACES CRICKET CLUB

Aces Cricket Club wallops Caravans Cricket Club in 2023 DC 50 Overs League

By Guardian Reporter

ACES Cricket Club has climbed to the top of the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Over League's Group A with a comprehensive five-wicket victory over Caravans Cricket Club at Leaders Club ground in the city on Sunday.

After losing the toss, Aces Cricket Club bowled Caravans Cricket Club out for 217 runs with seven overs to go.

Amal Rajeevan who ended with 73 runs, Kassim Nassoro that posted 71 runs, and Jitin Pratap Singh that chipped in with 30 runs were the cricketers that played a pivotal role, seeing to it Caravans Cricket Club ends its innings with a respectable total.

The trio had a notable contribution for the batting side, much as Aces Cricket Club had managed to put a stop to Caravans Cricket Club's free-flowing style.

Aces Cricket Club went for an early onslaught, which was in view from the very first over, having youthful opener, Salmin Yusuf, out with mere three runs, followed by fellow opener Sunil Adiyodi, ending five runs short of a two-digit figure.

Aces Cricket Club's bowling unit kept on piling pressure on Caravans Cricket Club with an early dismissal of another youthful cricketer, Johnson Nyambo, as he made his way back having posted 15 runs.

Adersh Dileep was soon run out for paltry four runs and Caravans Cricket Club then did do some good stitch partnership between skipper Jitin Singh and Rajeevan, who has lately been their reliable cricketer.

Rajeevan was, eventually, Caravans Cricket Club's top run-getter with 73 runs, returning to the pavilion in the 38.5 over with his outfit reaching 188 runs with seven wickets taken.

Aces Cricket Club's Zimbabwean all-rounder, Aisah Chibanda, then got the wickets of Singh and Akhil Anil to compound Caravans Cricket Club's woes.

Both batsmen were well caught, one of whom was sent back by Chibanda and the other was caught by budding Tanzanian all-rounder,

Jaffary Kanyita, from the Zimbabwean cricketer's delivery.

Eventually, a magical spell by Aces Cricket Club's pacer, Ali Mpeka, made it look easy for the bowling side.

Although this was a flat deck score of 217 runs, it was below par as far as Caravans Cricket Club's competence is concerned.

The in-form Mpeka ended with an impressive six-wicket haul, conceding 38 runs in 9.1 overs and a 4.15 economy rate.

Chibanda ended his bowling stint with two wickets, conceding 21 runs in four overs, and chipping in with a 5.25 economy rate.

In response, Aces Cricket Club went on a rampage, with opener Nassib Kelvin keeping the team in the game with his skilful batting.

The senior all-rounder got the better of Caravans Cricket Club's bowlers to record 68 runs, he was well supported by fellow opener Asif Butt initially.

Kelvin's impressive batting stint saw the senior cricketer turn into a top run-getter for his outfit, blasting 11 fours and two sixes along the way.

There was thereafter a solid partnership between another Zimbabwean cricketer, Jeremiah Makanya, and Kelvin.

Kelvin got out when Aces Cricket Club only needed to finish the game by seeing to it the cricketers stay on the wicket.

After the Ankit Baghel and Makanya partnership, there was seemingly pressure on the team with five wickets down.

Makanya made his way back after posting 20 runs leaving Aces Cricket Club with 131 runs after 26 overs.

Vice-captain Salum Jumbe and Chibanda however rattled Caravans Cricket Club's bowling unit, recording 30 runs not out and 60 runs not out.

The tie was eventually over in the 34.5 over, and it was an impressive performance by the whole Aces Cricket Club.

Rajeevan, Anil, Dileep, and Nassoro ended with one wicket each for Caravans Cricket Club in the club's unsuccessful attempt to keep Aces Cricket Club in check

Simba SC claims first scalp while Yanga shares the spoils

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

FOLLOWING their distinctly nightmarish start to the 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group Stage campaign, Simba SC were again in action last Saturday when they took on their hosts, Vipers SC in Uganda.

Thankfully, matters would unfold according to the script for Simba SC as the Msimbazi Street side was able to pip Vipers SC to a morale-boosting 1-0 triumph.

Indeed, while the hard-earned victory is a welcome development for Simba SC, the Tanzanian football juggernauts still face a monumental task to advance to the quarterfinals of continental football's foremost championship.

Nevertheless, the victory has undeniably lifted the spirits of the massive Simba SC faithful, who must have been wringing their hands over the club's shoddy form in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

Meanwhile, as Simba SC were feeling well-pleased with their exertions last weekend, Yanga was left rueing a squandered opportunity to gain maximum points in their CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage showdown against their hosts AS Real Bamako in Mali.

In what was a tough tussle between the two sides, Yan-



Tanzania's Yanga winger, Tuisila Kisinda (L), negotiates his way past Mali's AS Real Bamako right-back, Souleymane Coulibaly, during the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup Group D tie which took place at Stade du 26 Mars in Bamako, Mali on Sunday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

ga drew first blood when they seized the lead in the 60th minute through Fiston Mayele's goal.

Discouragingly though, Yanga would ultimately suffer bitter heartbreak in injury time as AS Real Bamako leveled matters to earn a share of the spoils.

Granted, although Yanga had set their sights on gaining a victory, they should at least feel contented with the fact that they avoided a defeat, which would have amounted to a disappointing setback.

Let us now mull over that gargantuan quadrennial festival of top-notch sports known as the Olympic Games.

It may astonish you, Dear

Reader, to learn that the next Olympic Games are not a long way off but are just around the corner.

Indeed, come next year, the perennially riveting Olympic Games are set to be held in the romantic capital of the globe, Paris.

With that in mind, the million-dollar question confronting us here in Tanzania is: are we sufficiently prepared for the unfailingly scintillating Olympic Games?

And, if we are not, what should be our next course of action? Well, the obvious answer is that we urgently need to roll up our sleeves and begin the important

work of adequately readying ourselves for the biggest sporting championship in the world.

At this juncture, it should be noted that our medal-winning showings at last year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games demonstrate the immense value of intensive preparations for sporting competitions.

Thus, it is hoped that our sports administrators can swing into action and begin diligently preparing our finest crop of athletes for the Paris Games next year.

Speaking of an extraordinary bunch of sportsmen, it is a truism that the premier basketball league in the world, the NBA of America, is chock-full of basketball players par excellence.

It should also interest you, Dear Reader, to know that a few sons of the continent are bowling American fans over in the NBA League in the present day.

Two of those stars are Giannis Antetokounmpo, who has a dual citizenry of Nigeria and Greece, while the other basketball luminary is the Cameroonian center Joel Embiid.

Interestingly, both stars are firmly in the running to claim the NBA League regular season's Most Valuable Player (MVP) award which is very much up for grabs.

Thus, whenever, Dear Reader, you need thrilling, first-rate sporting entertainment, you could do worse than watch the Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid.

Dar youths urged to value adventure, creativity

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MOHAMED Raza, an entrepreneur born and raised in Dar es Salaam, says that youths in Tanzania must look into different areas to explore something new that can help them achieve success.

Raza, whose parents are Indian immigrants, was a speaker in the Shaper talk, which had attendants sharing their ideas with the community, highlighting actionable ideas of innovation.

The talk's topic was titled 'How can youths deliver value by embracing the essential skills, research, and development tools needed in the digital economy?'

Raza says he always asked the question 'why not?', adding the simple practice led him to expand upon his curiosities and constantly seek new challenges.

Soon after being awarded his Bachelor's degree in Business Management, he joined his family business and simultaneously co-founded an accessories brand known as 'Shona Tanzania'.

Raza reveals he has always been inspired by Tanzania's vibrant culture and the unique skill sets of its people.

According to him, his main focus is to celebrate the continent's creativity by creating meaningful accessories that would give a sense of identity to people who use it and a source of income for those involved in its making.

In his views, Raza focused on what changes have taken place around and what more needs to be done to ensure the health and well-being of future generations.

Raza says he realized that Africa, and Tanzania in particular, has immense opportunities for growth, learning, and self-develop-



Waluguru Original Music Band's artists perform during the troupe's recent show, which took place in Morogoro. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

ment.

"We live in places that are sometimes not completely urban hence allowing opportunities to go outside. However, some people have credible stories," he says.

He states since people have been practicing a certain culture for several decades, the youths need to take the opportunity to go out and meet anyone they find interesting.

Citing Tanzania, he says some people have amazing stories, adding if one hardly sits down and speaks to them, he/she will not learn much of what he/she can do in the world today.

Raza notes: "Culture is something that is moving, evolving, and growing. Therefore, we have to make sure that we are moving with culture."

"Unless we don't do that we will be left behind, and the culture we have inherited from our father, cannot accurately be passed to the next generation," he

reveals.

"The next generation that is already challenged by globalization and many technological advances we see today, are bringing global culture but at the same time isolating everyone from his culture" he adds.

He notes that it is important for youths in Tanzania to look into different areas so they can explore something they like to find that is new and will lead to their development.

"Many times, we are very comfortable in our living spaces, places like Dar es Salaam growing so rapidly and becoming technologically advanced, sometimes forgetting other places," he explains.

Raza notes that rural Tanzania is still developing quite rapidly but developing in a way that the area's residents do not feel convention and because of that when developing outside of the criteria some either mis-

judge or interpret.

The self-made entrepreneur cautions that youths need to go outside, step out of the office and schools, and go into villages to meet people they had never met and areas they have hardly stepped into before making decisions.

"At the moment I'm a businessman, I'm trying to learn as much as I can about Tanzania's culture, how it is roaming, how it accepts influence, and how it is set to grow in the future," he said.

He adds: "I work with different artisan groups to create a source of income for them and also portray the broad vision of celebrating African culture daily."

"I hope one day I will create a steady set of people and grow with them in a way that they will grow their talent and grow as youths of Tanzania," he added.

"You should not shy away from anyone you see, we don't put a barrier, they have a high

chance of replying positively so that you can be able to engage them."

Raza moreover says globalization has led to the increase of moral decay among most of the youths in Tanzania and the decline of the supremacy of the local languages due to the high values offered to the international languages.

Tanzania is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world. From the tall graceful Maasai warriors, the ancient ways of the Hadza bushmen, the resourceful agricultural practices of the Wameru, and the artistic talents of the Makonde to the Chaga farmers and traders.

It is a culturally eclectic and largely homogeneous society that is extremely rich in age-old cultures and traditions.

The local population is well known for being friendly and polite to visitors, and there is a strong sense of national pride that reverberates throughout the country.

Wounded Barca face Madrid in Copa Clasico semi at critical moment

MADRID

A WOUNDED Barcelona face Real Madrid in the Copa del Rey semi-final first leg on Thursday hunting for a Clasico win to make coach Xavi Hernandez's gamble at a critical moment of the season pay off.

Despite missing injured duo Pedri and Ousmane Dembele, Xavi rested other important players in the 1-0 defeat by Almeria on Sunday, prioritising the Clasico cup clash and spurning the chance to stretch their league lead to 10 points on Madrid.

Adding to Barca's unease ahead of the Clasico, top scorer Robert Lewandowski has suffered a hamstring strain and is set to miss out, although Ansu Fati is poised to return.

Delivering what Xavi described as the "worst performance of the season" at Almeria, Barcelona suffered their second consecutive defeat after they were knocked out of the Europa League by Manchester United at Old Trafford.

A third defeat at the Santiago Bernabeu could send the team into a spiral, with their seven-point La Liga lead strong but not unassailable.

The Catalans visit the Santiago Bernabeu a day after Osasuna welcome Athletic Bilbao to El Sadar in the other Copa del Rey semi-final first leg.

"We have to change our mindset if we want to win the league and the cup," warned Xavi after El Bilal Toure's goal inflicted only their second Liga defeat of the season.

"We have no excuse, we didn't show the desire to play, intensity, that is what worries me the most.

"You can slip up, but you have to show passion and desire and in the first half we lacked that."

Anything other than a good result in the capital will raise further questions about the coach's decision to rest Ronald Araujo, Jules Kounde, Raphinha and Alejandro Balde against Almeria.

- Instant results -

Xavi has said if his team win La Liga but not the Copa del Rey it would still count as a good season, with the Spanish Super Cup already in the bag.

However, losing this double-header against their arch-rivals would allow further doubts about the project to creep in, fuelling Xavi's detractors after spending big last summer.

Barcelona brought in several players, including striker Robert Lewandowski from Bayern Munich as well as Kounde and Raphinha, and the outlay they made and the financial manoeuvring they did to get the transfers through demands instant results.

Real Madrid saw their disappointing derby draw against Atletico on Saturday transformed into a better result by Barcelona's stumble.

With one foot in the Champions League quarter-finals after an emphatic 5-2 win over Liverpool at Anfield, Carlo Ancelotti's side can turn their attention to getting revenge after their Spanish Super Cup humbling.

Barcelona ran out emphatic 3-1 winners in Saudi Arabia in January as they won the first trophy of the Xavi era.

On that day, the Catalans, desperate to end their silverware drought, seemed far more up for the fight than Madrid but the Copa del Rey is a different story.

The last time Madrid lifted the trophy was a 3-1 win over Barcelona in the 2014 final at Mestalla, when Gareth Bale scored a magnificent solo goal.

Los Blancos are without injured trio David Alaba, Rodrygo and Ferland Mendy.

"Now the Cup is the most important thing because it's the next game and we are very close to a title," said Carlo Ancelotti after Madrid's derby draw.

"We're 270 minutes away from winning a title."

Meanwhile, Robert Lewandowski is a doubt for Barcelona's Clasico Copa del Rey semi-final first leg clash with Real Madrid after the club confirmed he had a hamstring strain on Monday.

"Lewandowski has a strain in his left hamstring," said Barcelona in a statement, without specifying the length of his expected absence.

Barcelona face Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu on Thursday in the first leg of the cup tie, already without injured duo Pedri and Ousmane Dembele.

Polish striker Lewandowski, 34, is the team's top scorer with 25 goals across all competitions this season after joining from Bayern Munich last summer.

Spanish news outlet Relevo report Lewandowski is set to miss around two weeks and return before Barcelona face Real Madrid in La Liga on March 19, although other outlets say he may heal quicker.

The second leg of the Copa del Rey clash does not take place until April 5, by when the Catalans expect all their injured players to have recovered.

Barcelona were eliminated from the Europa League by Manchester United last week and suffered a second consecutive defeat on Sunday, against Almeria in La Liga, where it is suspected Lewandowski sustained his hamstring strain.

Xavi Hernandez's side are seven points clear of Real Madrid at the top of the table.

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Does Man United's success mean the Glazers will stay?

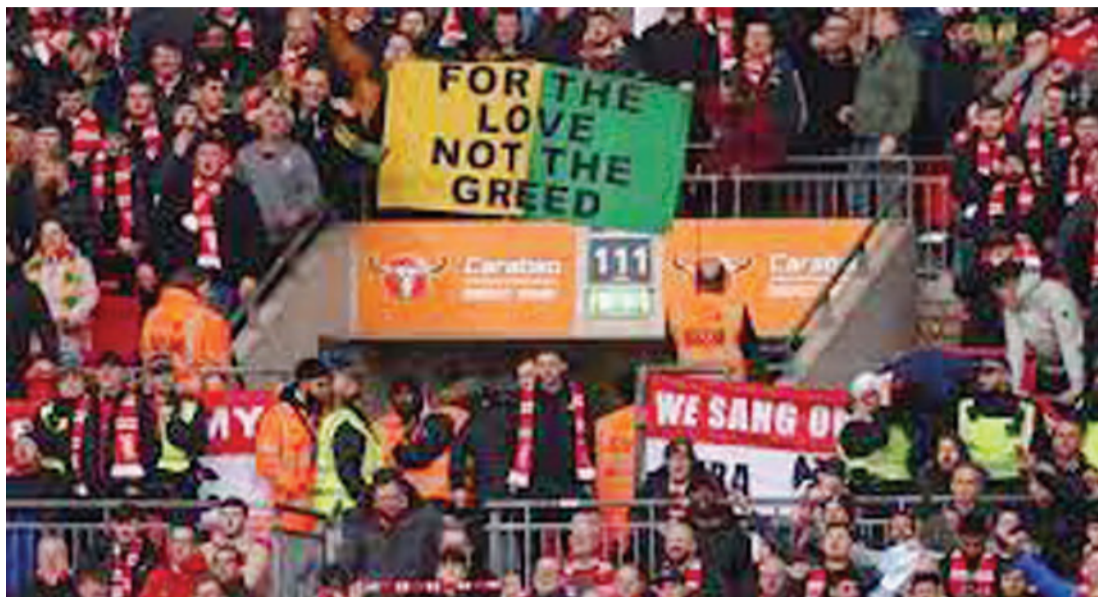
By JAMES DUCKER

NINETEEN minutes of Sunday's Carabao Cup final against Newcastle United at Wembley had elapsed when the first cries of "We want Glazers out" rolled off the terraces but, for the solitary member of the family sat in the posh seats with Sir Alex Ferguson, they may not even have registered.

Observing Avram Glazer, the Manchester United co-chairman, on a rare visit to watch the club he has owned with his five siblings for the past 18 years, and listening to the chants aimed their way, the mind was briefly catapulted back to last summer and something Richard Arnold said to a group of fans who had come to demonstrate outside his home.

"You know what it was like in 2005, the pressure put on the owners not to buy the club," the United chief executive told the supporters in a secretly recorded conversation they subsequently shared on social media. "They bought the club anyway. If you want to think about them that way, they're hard - rock hard. [To say they] don't care is the wrong word... they're not frightened of people."

For almost two decades now, the Glazers have absorbed all manner of angry protests



Manchester United fans protest against the Glazer family ownership during the Carabao Cup Final match between Manchester United and Newcastle United - Does Manchester United's success mean the Glazers will stay? (Agencies)

and fan fury to carry on doing things their way and, in that respect, it is hard to believe they will suddenly get jumpy about the inevitable backlash if they did decide against selling their great cash cow.

That decision will ultimately come down to money and, as things stand, the indications are that the bidders who have publicly declared their hand - Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani and Jim Ratcliffe's Ineos Group - will have to increase their initial offers to convince the Glazers to sell.

It certainly would be no surprise if a high stakes game of poker ensued over the coming weeks. More may become known about the Glazers specific demands and intentions as the days unfold but their purported £5 billion-plus asking price - while far above the club's actual enterprise value - is reflective of the rare opportunity to buy one of the most prized assets in world sport.

And the Americans are banking on someone being prepared to pay a premium for this most precious of commodities.

It is a calculated risk to try to drive the price as high as possible, and potentially scare off a small posse of suitors, for two reasons: firstly, the Glazers would need to be confident they could raise substantial capital investment at an affordable cost that would still allow them to retain control of the club. Without it, there can be no new stadium, no new training ground and the club risks treading water at precisely the time manager Erik ten Hag is threatening to build something lasting. And anything that risks undermining Ten Hag's rebuild could play out very badly, particularly as optimism has never been higher among the fanbase in the post-Ferguson era.

Secondly, and perhaps as significant as anything, are the family politics at play. Around

the time Arnold was doing his best to quell that aggrieved mob of fans, Avram and brother Joel, his fellow United co-chairman, were looking at ways to raise funds to buy out their four siblings - Edward, Kevin, Bryan and Darcie Glazer, all of whom would have cashed out long before now had they had things all their own way. That is what led Joel and Avram to hold talks with Apollo and other private equity firms but the costs were eye-watering - they would have needed close to \$1bn last summer to acquire those four shareholdings - and nothing came of the situation.

It does provide some important context to the current process, though. If Joel, who appears the most invested of the family in United, and Avram - who was happy to join in the Carabao Cup triumph celebrations - were left to their own devices, raising capital and holding on to the club might be the most likely outcome. But, with

four other voices all pitching in, the situation becomes more complicated.

In terms of an individual or entity taking a minority stake in United, such investors have two things to weigh up: the potential reputational damage that could come with being seen to be getting into bed with such deeply unpopular owners. And the quirks of a dual share structure which means, when sold on the New York Stock Exchange, the so-called "Class B" shares are automatically converted into "Class A" shares, which hold only one tenth of the voting rights of the B shares the Glazers own in their entirety. All things considered, as minority investments go, there are more attractive options out there.

Perhaps only a whopping offer will be enough to draw a consensus among all family members. Ratcliffe surely has a ceiling price and, even at half the Glazers' £5bn valuation, it would be a massive deal to pull off. The indications are his bid for the Glazers' majority shareholding would not load any additional debt on to the club whereas Qatari Sheikh Jassim is offering a complete, debt free takeover. If anyone would appear to have some wiggle room on price, it is him.

The prospect of pulling off a financial transaction of this size without any form of leverage seems unthinkable for almost any enterprise without access to a sovereign wealth fund, like that of Qatar, but sources close to the former Qatari Prime Minister's son insist any deal would be privately funded.

Many United fans are already busy contemplating the post Glazer era but it is not a certainty yet.

THE TELEGRAPH

Can Man U really win a quadruple of trophies?

MANCHESTER, England

IN just 12 months, Manchester United has gone from jeers to cheers.

Sunday's League Cup final celebrations at Wembley came a year to the day since a chorus of boos rang around Old Trafford after a goalless draw with lowly Watford.

The 20-time English champions went on to record their worst season in the Premier League and finished 35 points below title-winning Manchester City.

Few could have expected such a rapid turnaround when new manager Erik ten Hag was hired last summer. But the man who led Ajax to three Dutch titles in four seasons has already got United back to winning ways, ending a six-year trophy drought and keeping the club fighting on three more fronts going into the final months of the campaign.

As improbable as a quadruple might be, United is still in contention in all domestic competitions and advanced to the round of 16 in the Europa League after last week's memorable win against Spanish league leader Barcelona.

And with confetti still scattered on the field at Wembley, Ten Hag set out his mission to deliver more silverware.

"It is one cup in February but it shows the right direction. This has to be

the inspiration," he said. "If you work very hard, if you stick together then things are possible."

THE FA CUP

United hosts West Ham in the fifth round on Wednesday with a place in the quarter-finals at stake.

The competition has already opened up after a host of Premier League clubs went out in the early rounds, including league leader Arsenal, Cup holder Liverpool and big-spending Chelsea.

With Fulham taking on Leeds, it means another top-flight team will make way before the next round, along with the loser between United and West Ham.

Should United advance, then City remains the biggest threat, along with fourth-place Tottenham.

Both of those teams face second-division opposition, with City traveling to Bristol City on Tuesday and Spurs playing away at Sheffield United on Wednesday.

THE EUROPA LEAGUE

The win against a Barcelona team that is seven points ahead of Champions League holder Real Madrid in Spain has seen United installed as the favorite to lift the trophy.

But there are a number of big names left in the competition, including Arsenal, Juventus

and Roma.

United faces another Spanish team in Real Betis in the round of 16 and should be confident after overcoming Barca in the playoffs. Yet, even if the Europa League is considered European soccer's second-tier competition, there are plenty of tests to come if Ten Hag's team advances again.

The scheduling of the competition has also been an issue for teams in the past, given that games are played on Thursday nights, which can impact preparations for domestic matches at the weekend.

THE PREMIER LEAGUE

While a prolonged title challenge could be too big of an ask for a team that is still early in its development, third-place United is currently in

contention at the top, sitting eight points behind Arsenal.

And having already played both Arsenal and City twice this season, there is the chance to close the gap when the leading pair face each other again in April.

Ten Hag will be encouraged by the fact that his team is improving as the season progresses, while Arsenal has shown signs of wobbling in recent weeks and City is yet to fully convince.

The depth of United's squad could be the biggest obstacle, with Christian Eriksen's ankle injury ruling him out for the majority of the rest of the season and Anthony Martial struggling to stay fit.

It has left Ten Hag more reliant on January loan signings Wout Weghorst and Marcel Sabitzer than he might

have wanted. Both have contributed, but cannot offer the same quality as Eriksen and Martial.

Casemiro's recent suspension saw the team struggle to cope in his absence, while Marcus Rashford is the primary source of goals.

Should anything happen to the England forward, it would potentially derail United's season.

United's lack of title experience is another factor, which is why serial winners like Casemiro and Raphael Varane could be crucial in the closing stages of the campaign. Lisandro Martinez and Antony also have experience of winning league titles under Ten Hag at Ajax.

CAN IT BE DONE?

Under iconic former manager Alex Ferguson, United became the first and only English soccer

team to win the league title, Champions League and FA Cup in one season in 1999.

City won a treble of domestic trophies - the league, FA Cup and League Cup - in 2019. Pep Guardiola's team is also still in contention to emulate United's 99 treble this season.

Liverpool looked on course for an unprecedented quadruple last season, but ended up with just the FA Cup and League Cup after finishing runner-up in the league and losing to Madrid in the Champions League final.

After securing one trophy, a second of any description, along with a top-four Champions League-qualifying spot would be considered a major success for Ten Hag.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Does Man United's success mean the Glazers will stay?

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All set for Open Junior Athletics Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has said so far Arusha and Morogoro are the regions that have conducted trials for athletes eyeing selection for the national junior team which will represent the country in this year's edition of the East and Central Africa Region (EAAR) Junior Championships.

The EAAR Junior Championships will be held in Dar es Salaam from March 10-11 and the selection of Tanzania's squad will take place this weekend.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT acting secretary-general, said all is set for this weekend's open trials which will be used to select athletes for the national U-18 and U-20 teams.

"As I'm speaking now, Arusha and Morogoro have conducted trials and selected athletes who will represent the regions in the open national team selection which is slated for Friday to Saturday in Dar es Salaam," he said.

He said this weekend's event is open but it will project credibility if athletes battling it out in it were selected through proper district and regional trials.

In the past interview, Ndaweka said athletes selected for the national team will enter camp straight away but yesterday he could not issue more details.

According to Ndaweka, AT will this weekend hold its ordinary executive meeting, adding among others, the meeting is set to come up with details on the national junior team's camp and the team's coach's name.

This is the second time in a row that AT is hosting the regional track and field championships and Ndaweka described the showdown as an opportunity for the country's junior athletes.

Initially, Rwanda was the EAAR Junior Championships host, but the country did not meet some of the conditions.

Tanzania, having hosted the regional junior championships in the past, was, therefore, awarded the opportunity to host the showdown this year.

The championships will be used as qualification for Africa Junior Athletics Championships which will be held in Zambia in April.

This will be the third time in recent years that Tanzania is hosting the EAAR Junior Championships, it previously hosted it in 2017 and last year. The World Athletics (WA) is the main sponsor of the event.

Simba SC head coach admits scoring drought, seeks to work on it



Simba SC head coach Roberto Oliveira.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach Roberto Oliveira has admitted he is struggling to ensure his players convert chances into goals in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

Oliveira thinks that the club lately garners hard-fought wins.

The Brazilian gaffer disclosed that he realizes there is still a problem in his squad's attacking line, and that is why he continues to work on solving the problem.

The weakness now bothers the Msimbazi Street side's technical bench and the supporters.

He said despite experiencing weakness in

finishing, his team has shown improvement day by day.

According to the gaffer, he was, as a result, able to have his side come out with good results in the premier continental club tournament's tie held in an away stadium.

Simba SC came up against Uganda's Vipers SC in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League's Group C clash at St. Mary's Stadium-Kitende in Kampala on Saturday,

cruising to a valuable 1-0 victory.

Oliveira revealed: "Despite garnering the away win, we have a problem in the final third. Some of the opportunities we create are lost, that hurts everyone among us and we keep working on it even though we already know where we are starting from."

Despite struggling to score goals in the ongoing CAF Champions League, Simba SC boasts the highest scoring record in the

2022/23 NBC Premier League.

The Brazilian noted: "In all tournaments, in which we are taking part, we need goals, especially in the CAF tournament, we need to score more because it may come to a point where goal difference will decide the fate of our group, something we want to avoid being eliminated that way."

"So we have to work on that, we have explained the benefits of scoring goals to all players and finally we will go to the training ground to put it into practice," Oliveira added.

The 62-year-old coach has so far led Simba SC in six games, three in the NBC Premier League and three in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League, with the club recording a total of six goals, which is an average of one goal per game.

Simba SC is currently preparing for this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) Round of 16's tie against African

Sports of Tanga, which will be played in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

After the fixture, Simba SC will have the task of fighting for qualification for the CAF Champions League quarterfinals, entertaining Vipers SC at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on March 7.

The Msimbazi Street side will later travel to Morogoro to take on Mtibwa Sugar in an NBC Premier League match that will take place at Manungu Stadium on March 11.

Simba SC will, after the top-flight clash, start preparations for the round five game of CAF Champions League Group C, pitting the club against Guinea's Horoya Athletic Club in Dar es Salaam on March 18.

The previous tie bringing together the clubs, which took place at the General Lansana Conte Stadium in Conakry on February 11, ended with Simba SC conceding a 1-0 loss to Horoya Athletic Club.

Mehta stars as Aga Khan SC defeats Strikers in 2023 DC 50 Overs League

By Guardian Reporter

AGA Khan SC has expressed its plan to embark on an impressive run in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Over League, hammering Strikers by four wickets in a tie played at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) oval last weekend.

It was the second successive victory earned by Aga Khan SC in the showdown's Group B, given the club had, in the opening fixture, garnered a comprehensive 107-run win over Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC).

Aga Khan SC, for that matter, leads the rest of the pack in Group B having won the opening two ties to collect four points. The club has notched 518 runs and given away 470 runs.

In the last weekend's duel, Strikers had the opportunity to start batting, posting 200/10 in 43.2 overs.

The batting outfit struggled to wade off an attack launched by Aga Khan SC, losing the openers and a top-order batsman within a few overs.

Opening batsmen Shafi Muhammad and Mausif Khan were dismissed within the first three overs, as the former managed to notch six runs and his fellow opener made his way back with no run.

Athumani Siwa, slotted in at number three, was the other victim of Aga Khan SC's early onslaught, exiting the crease with mere two runs.

Experienced all-rounder, Issa Kikasi, did all he could to steady the ship for Strikers with his 17 runs,



Aga Khan SC's Laksh Snehal (R) receives the Kiwingu Man of the Match prize from umpire Salum Jumbe upon completion of the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs League tie pitting the outfit against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

nailling four fours along the way.

His efforts were then curtailed by Aga Khan SC's Arsalan Premji that caught the former from pacer Vipin Abraham's bowling.

With Kikasi having left Strikers with 37 runs in the sixth over, the onus was on the outfit's skipper Jatini Darji to give his club an edge and he did his best given the cricketer went on to record 40 runs.

There was, thereafter, a late onslaught showcased by Hassan Rahim, Mukul Pathak, and Abdulrazak Mo-

hamed that chipped in with good scores and saw to it that their outfit wrap the innings with a good total.

Rahim posted unbeaten 32 runs which consisted of four fours, Pathak scored 28 runs whilst cracking four fours, and Mohamed ended with 27 runs.

Nyenje Hashim was also one of the Strikers' cricketers with a two-digit figure in the batting spell, notching 16 runs.

Strikers were somewhat boosted by 26 extras that Aga Khan SC cricketers

conceded during their bowling spell. Abraham had an impressive bowling spell for Aga Khan SC having commanded a five-wicket haul, giving away 25 runs in 10 overs.

The pacer was efficiently assisted by youthful bowler Laksh Snehal, as the latter chipped in with two wickets, and the 4.50 economy rate.

Chasing 201 runs to come out victoriously, Aga Khan SC made the most of their batting prowess, much as the side was, to some extent, put under pressure by the resolute Strikers.

Top-order batsman, Dhruvit Mehta, was the batsman with the most runs, with Aga Khan SC eventually grabbing 201/6 in 39.4 overs to secure victory.

The senior cricketer, Abhik Patwa, and youthful Jumanne Mohamed opened the chase solidly as the former recorded 21 runs and the latter ended with 17 runs.

Another senior cricketer, Riziki Kiseti, and Mehta had Aga Khan SC mounting a successful chase with solid knocks, as Kiseti posted 46 runs not out and his fellow batsman recorded 53 runs.

There was also a significant showing by Harsheed Chohan that had chipped in with 27 runs.

Chohan had Aga Khan SC recording 195 runs once the cricketer was dismissed in the 38th over, leaving Kiseti and Arsalan Premji catapulting the side to victory.

Abraham, in the end, received the Kiwingu Man of the Match prize thanks to his stellar bowling showing in which the performer ended with 5-25 in 10 overs.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

