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NEC team sees rallies as useful on agging issues ^{By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza}

CCM members need to use public meetings when they start as an opportunity to respond to various nagging issues by setting out achievements attained by the government, carrying out CCM policies.

Dr Angeline Mabula (pictured), the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister who is also a member of the party's national executive committee issued this appeal at the CCM regional offices here yesterday.

Addressing delegates at a reception for the recently elected NEC members following the party's tenth national congress, she said that CCM Members should stop squabbling internally and focus on defending the work of the government and ruling party.

They should concentrate on the sluggish implementation of the party manifesto, using CCM branches, cells and political committees at all levels, she stated.

VP stops tree cutting permits for charcoal



By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has instructed the Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) to review procedures for issuing licences for cutting down trees for making charcoal.

Dr Mpango issued this directive here yesterday at a tree planting event at Msalato Primary School, saying that the aim is to protect water sources as a series of such sources are in danger of drying up.

The event coordinated by the Union Affairs and Environment portfolio in the VPO was part of celebrations to mark 59 years of the Zanzibar Revolution.

Cutting down trees for charcoal has been on the rise, he said, noting that the situation threatens the safety of existing water sources.

"It is time to review procedures for issuing licences to cut down trees for making charcoal as the situation is pathetic," he said, pointing out that at Mzakwe, the main water source for the city of Dodoma, the mountain people are still cutting down trees for charcoal.

"Everywhere I pass along the road I come across vehicles moving charcoal in sacks,

What is needed is to go back to party members to mobilise their engagement while



When party leaders at all levels conduct effective oversight on local government activities, the opposition will be denied issues they can effectively raise

inspecting the implementation of the party manifesto to cut on criticism levelled at the government and the ruling party, she said.

She was fulsome in her enthusiasm for the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, saying she is one person who Tanzanians will always remember, citing the president's wisdom, enabling the current administration to "become a good link with past administrations."

What CCM members need to do is to increase efforts to oversee the work of the government and thus be ready to respond to some nagging issues raised by the people in such rallies, she said.

They will give responses by looking at whether what has been directed by the party was being put to action, and how eventual problems are being solved, she said.

Ellen Makungu Bogoje, one among the NEC members, said that CCM was exercising oversight over the government in the different localities, with CCM leaders at every level needing to check if local government officials in the area are doing what the party has

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured on the side of the Ihumwa (Dodoma Urban District) section of the Dodoma-Morogoro highway yesterday planting a tree in marking the climax of the 59th Zanzibar Revolution anniversary celebrations. Photo: VPO

SGR materials thefts: Police, TRC on edge

By Guardian Correspondent, Simiyu

THE police force, working with railways department police in Simiyu, Shinyanga and Mwanza regions have seized various items believed to have been stolen from worksites for the Mwanza-Isaka section of the standard gauge railway (SGR).

Sebastian Mbutta, the railways police unit commander, said here yesterday that the seized items include 700 litres of diesel, 20 motorcycles, eight bicycles and several other items which were abandoned in a bush by thugs, along with 120 empty jerry cans and 22 oil pumps.

The items were stolen at different times during the past month and early this month, where on Monday January 9th at around ten minutes to three in the

By Guardian Correspondent, Simanjiro

LOOPHOLES might be existing in the control system at the walked tanzanite mine zone, facilitating smuggling of the unique gemstone, a key stakeholder has asserted.

Sammy Mollel (pictured), the chairman of the Tanzania Mineral Dealers Association (TAMIDA) told a press conference here yesterday that worries abound if loopholes are enabling smuggling in the secluded area in Simanjiro District of Manyara Region. Unchecked reports have it that With improved security we are now witnessing a decreasing trend of theft incidents. People are also becoming aware of the importance of the project afternoon at Seke area, police arrested a youth, Abel Luekila (22) a resident of Ngudu-Kwimba, with 180 litres of diesel. Rising theft is noticed in the project as from January to November 2021 the police seized 5,820 litres of diesel priced at over 18m/-, while during the same period last year 13,922 litres of diesel contraband worth 43.6m/- was seized, he said.

Safeguarding construction materials in the SGR project, remains a key priority of the police in the zone, he said, noting that 21 individuals were arrested and taken to court last year after investigations into theft of various construction items.

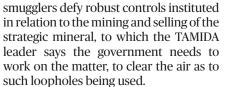
Regional police chiefs in the zone covered by the Mwanza-Isaka section of the SGR, namely Wilbroad Mutafungwa (Mwanza), Janet Magomi (Shinyanga) and Blasius Chatanda (Simiyu) set up camp at Malampaka in Maswa District of Simiyu Region to liaise in conducting those investigations, he said.

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"Without plants there will be no life, and thus in planting trees we should work together with experts so that when we want to plant trees at water sources, they should tell us which types of trees are fit to plant in these areas," he stressed.

VPO state minister Dr Selemani Jafo said the ministry shall work on the directives issued by the Vice President to ensure that the environment is protected for the interest of the present and future generations.



He made the remarks when visiting the tanzanite mining area to check how the

and if we continue with the practice it will reach a time when trees will disappear," signaling a crisis in water supply, he said.

The relevant authorities need to make sure they oversee existing regulations to protect the environment by taking steps against those violating the laws, he said.

Regional and district commissioners along with district executive directors need to abide by and supervise directives contained in the CCM election manifesto for every

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district to plant 1.5m trees, he emphasised.

"They should also make sure that the trees planted should be taken care of, and stern measures should be taken against all those introducing livestock in areas with new trees, I had already instructed the National Service to arrest such invaders and fine them heavily," he specified.

Planting trees is a matter of necessity and is not optional, hence everyone should implement the government's directives, he said, underlining that all this is part of efforts to stem the effects of climate change.

Mizengo Pinda, retired premier during the fourth phase government, said at the event that planting trees is essential for the nation because the lives of human beings depend on clean air.

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control systems work, from mining the mineral to the point of selling.

After the visit, where he was accompanied by mining experts and other officials, he said it is not enough for officials to say that reports of Tanzanite smuggling are simply misleading.

It would be better to make a keen follow up thereon and take stern measures against those involved, as such practices mar the tanzanite market outlook and earnings, he said.

As stakeholders in the sector, TAMIDA was worried by the reports of smuggling reports, urging those involved in mining and the public in general to cooperate by reporting any such incidents so that those involved in smuggling rackets can face the law.

"The erection of a fence around the mining area in 2017 along with monitoring movements by CCTV cameras has to a great extent helped in diminishing tanzanite smuggling, he said.

"One can easily see that it is not easy for the minerals to be smuggled out of the mining area due to its robust controls," he asserted, urging the relevant authorities not to continue closing their eyes on these misleading reports.

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the area, as well as the trust put on investors in the mining area, he stated.

surveillance system is The overseen by officials and experts from seven institutions all of who seek to make sure no tanzanite smuggling is carried out, he said. "It is not our intention to refute the allegations but what we want is the truth," he declared.

Menard Msengi, the resident mining officer, said the government has in place adequate security from the mining activity to the market, hence to conduct smuggling is virtually impossible.

Jeremia Kituyo, chairman of the Small Minerals Buyers Association (CHAMATA), also expressed being preoccupied by the tanzanite smuggling reports, saying the reports negatively impact on their business.

They dent the trust placed on them, he said, urging the relevant authorities to follow up the reports, to see if any weaknesses are being seen after the government rectified the situation, after decades of freehold tanzanite mining in the Mirerani area.

The government decided to erect a wall around and install electronic surveillance equipment to reinforce security, instituting procedures to identify big and small miners and That would be the same as the daily disposal of their output, he

Tanzanian farmers advised to use solar-powered irrigation systems **By Beatrice Philemon**

TANZANIAN farmers have been advised to use solar- powered irrigation systems to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission that is now immensely contributing to

climate change. Frank Marwa, agronomist for Horigreen Agriculture Group based in Morogoro Region said this yesterday while briefing forum on Climate Change (FORUMCC)'s staff who were in Morogoro, Dodoma and Singida Regions to conduct a documentary of local success stories that reduce greenhouse emissions, reduce energy gas consumption, reduce waste and support environmental conservation and job creation.

The main goal was just to see the climatic conditions they have in their localities, identify which activities can be conducted within their localities for environmental conservation and combat with climate change, identify the main challenges they have in their activities and see if they have been affected with climate change or not.

"The discussions has bare fruits in all areas where we have a discussions with farmers because we got a best report that is very suitable for farmers and the government as well that can be scale-up in other regions to help Tanzania reduce greenhouse gas emissions, combat climate change and allow them to obtain employment and earn cash to improve their livelihood," he said.



Constitution and Legal Affairs minister Dr Damas Ndumbaro has an audience in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday with African Court of Human and Peoples' Rights president Lady Justice Imani Daud Aboud. Photo: Correspondent Lusajo Mwakabuku

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They explored ways to enhance security in the SGR project area, agreeing on steps to be taken to curb thefts of construction materials of the vital railway project.

The contractor–China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and officials from the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) attended the meeting, with RPC Mutafungwa saying later that the police will be conducting patrols to arrest anyone involved in thefts.

The police need cooperation from the contractor and people residing near the project are who may at times view such material being moved to incorrect places, he said.

Dishonest employees conspiring with thieves in sabotaging the

railway construction project should that all those who sabotage the resources officer for TRC and be on their guard, he cautioned, noting that SGR was a big project where the police need to put up joint efforts to enhance security in the project area. "Your cooperation is important in facilitating our work," he further remarked, in the direction of residents in the area.

Police officers will be conducting an awareness exercise on the importance of the project, a programme that will be carried out at the district level, so that there is less cooperation between residents and criminals sabotaging the project, he said.

RPC Magomi said the patrols will be continuous, involving regular police officers and those from the railways department, to see to it

project are arrested.

RPC Chatanda expressed optimism that through collaboration, all those indulging in the theft of construction materials will be apprehended. The police in Simiyu Region had recently seized a lorry packed with construction materials stolen from the SGR project, he said.

"Stealing construction materials affects implementation of the project since it will adds to costs and results in delays. We will not turn a blind eye on anyone involved in the theft of these items as it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of the contractor's equipment," the commander declared. Cornell Kyai, a senior human SGR legal officer Akida Majenga, security manager Wilbert Sichonge and deputy project manager Wang Chao, expressed satisfaction with on-going police efforts to curb thefts at the project site.

"With improved security we are now witnessing a decreasing trend of theft incidents. People are also becoming aware of the importance of the project," the leading TRC official noted.

The contracting firm expects to open more camps and warehouses for imported equipment, the project manager affirmed, urging the police to enhance security especially at warehouses located in the bush.



"We advise farmers to use solarpowered systems and replace fossil fuels as energy sources for irrigation farming activities because it is a clean energy, you don't need fossil fuel when operating your farming activities in farms," he said.

It also reduces energy costs for irrigation, reduces dependence on foreign fossil fuels and farmers can grow crops in a small area of land and obtain high yield.

According to him, irrigation schemes can be conducted everywhere provided that there is water, so it's time for farmers to engage in this farming.

"Solar powered machines reduce carbon emissions that affect environmental sustainability," he said, noting that using fossil fuels increases gas emissions that harm the environment and humans as well. "We also advised farmers to utilize organic pesticides which do not contain gas emissions to protect our environment that we depend on to obtain food, water, air and other issues.'

He also advised the government to reduce tariff charged on imported solar panels and solar water pumping machine equipment to allow more farmers to use it.

Msololo Onditi, FORUMCC's programme officer noted that while in Dodoma, Singida and Morogoro Regions, they get a chance to meet with different farmers engaged in beekeeping industry, vegetable farming and fish culture and have face-to-face discussions with them.

Inabidtodistributethisinformation to more people, so far FORUMCC has been able to disseminate this information to researchers from different institutions, Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG), Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Organisation (TIRDO), Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREA), Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT), Tanzania and Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) and Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH).

The main goal was to show them what is going on there and later on to assist people in areas where they operate to use technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create employment for them, support environmental conservation and combat climate change.

Bettie Luwuge, Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG)'s communication officer called on the forum to disseminate this documentary in regions where they carry out a documentary to allow smallholder farmers, women, youth, village governments and other stakeholders to see what has been done to combat climate change.

"If we will not take collaborative initiatives, it will cost us a lot of funds to combat climate change, so it's a time for us to create more awareness to local communities about what is climate change, the effects it has for them, show them best technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in their localities," she said.

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development projects in their areas. When party leaders at all levels

conduct effective oversight on local government activities, the set out especially in the different opposition will be denied issues they can effectively raise," she added.

Simanjiro district commissioner Dr Suleiman Serera (3rd-L) pictured on Tuesday assisting Khalid Juma, a special needs pupil at Songambele Primary school in Mirerani ward, in writing on the blackboard with chalk. The DC was making a follow-up on the attendance of newly enrolled primary and secondary students. Photo: Cori

Mkinga MP condemns slow pace by Chinese contractors

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Mkinga

MKINGA Member of Parliament Dastan Kitandula (CCM) has expressed dismay over the slow pace of Chinese contractors working on projects to connect electricity to 79 villages in three districts within Tanga Region under the Rural Electrification Agency (REA).

The companies are Ton Tan Project Technology Company Limited and Group Six International Limited who signed an agreement to connect the villages with electricity within 18 months.

They are required to contract 54 villages in Korogwe, 23 villages in Mkinga and 2 villages in Pangani

8 percent while according to the contract the projects were supposed to be completed by 60 per cent.

Kitandula was speaking at a special meeting convened in Mkinga that involved contractors, Districts Commissioners and legislators from all the three districts as well as REA director general.

said the government Не disbursed funds for the project to be completed before 2025, but contractors have implemented the project by 8 per cent within 12 months. "We have summoned the contractor because we want to know when the project will be fully completed. District officials have been writing letters to remind them

the contracts, but nothing has been done," he said.

REA director general Hassan Saidy said they have given the contractor another one month to connect the villages and a 2 kilometres length power connection line.

"This is a 22bn/- project, we have already paid 3bn/- to the contractor. We are thinking of possibilities to terminate the signed contracts and offer tender to another contractor," said Saidy, noting they are planning to meet the contractor two times a month as part of ways to ensure close monitoring of the projects.

Managing director, TonTan Project Technology Limited and pointed out factors for delayed

districts. The projects have so far to honour agreements signed in project implementation as the ongoing rains and shipping costs for some equipment that have to be purchased from China.

He linked the increased shipping costs to the Russia-Ukraine war.

Mkinga district commissioner, Maulid Surumbu and his Korogwe counterpart Basila Mwanukuzi called upon the residents to be patient and continue trusting their government as it works to ensure they are connected to electricity services.

On March 2nd 2020, during his eight-day official tour to the district, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa promised the villagers that the project would be completed by 2025.

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Ruvuma regional commissioner Col Laban Thomas addresses teachers and students of Nyasa District's Limbu Secondary School, chiefly in the wake of the poor flow of students reporting for Form One classes since most schools across Tanzania reopened on Monday for the 2023 academic year. Photo:

Religious leaders urged to end conflicts within their churches

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtera

RELIGIOUS leaders have been urged to avoid giving the government a burden to resolve various conflicts within their churches in the country.

Pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Association Mission Tanzania (PHAM T) - Mtera Aswile Mwandambo made the call here when speaking to journalists on various disputes facing many churches in the country.

The Priest said religious leaders are required to pray for the government and the nation's peace and stop sending cases of conflicts that happen within the churches where most of them are caused by bishops and pastors.

He said that apart from the religious institutions working closely with the government in various things, there are some issues that should be sent to the government to resolve them but is for the church's leaders to seek help from God by praying.

"The government has a lot to do for the nation; we should not then be a burden for them instead of supporting it through prayer so as to achieve the intended goals, we are the one who should kneel before

God to pray the country's peace and not sending cases of conflicts to the government," he said.

He said that some religious leaders have forgotten their role of praying for peace and are now prioritising material things in their life, something which is not right.

"We are the ones required to pray for the country's economic growth, changing people's behaviours and improving spiritual belief among followers and many others, it not right for us to continue fighting and leaving the burden to the government to resolve the disputes," he explained.

In addition, Pastor Mwandambo wanted church followers to work hard and engage more in economic activities so as to increase income.

"Drought has affected our nation, we are witnessing the situation at Mtera dam, there is not enough water, fish are decreasing, this is our responsibility to speak to God for him to have mercy with us and bring his blessing including rains," he added.

He wanted citizens to utilise well the ongoing rains well by planting enough crops in farms so as to enable the country to get sufficient food and keep more for surplus.

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

crackdown THE ongoing Police Force in operation by Songwe Region arrested three more servants of Mbozi District council accused of stealing 991 bags of subsidised fertiliser.

The arrest of the three servants makes a total of the detained servants in the council to be seven who are accused of stealing a total of 2,917 bags of fertiliser.

police Acting regional commander, Rashid Ngonyani revealed this yesterday in a telephone interview with this

Police in Songwe Region arrest servants accused of stealing 991 bags of fertiliser

paper naming the three suspects as Elizabeth Temba, extension officer for Hasamba ward in Mbozi who is suspected to take 311 bags of fertiliser and Mwile Mwashiuya, headteacher at Itete Primary School who is accused of selling the fertiliser at high price of 85,000/instead of 70,000/-.

Another suspect is Alphonse Nanyanga, district system technician who was found with 680 of the fertiliser

He said that the operation will continue to ensure that all people who are behind the dirty game are arrested and appear in court. Early this week, acting RPC

Ngonyani announced the arrest of four servants of Mbozi district council over theft allegations of 1,980 of the subsidized fertiliser.

He named the suspects as Aloyce Madaraka, senior officer at the district agriculture Unit who lied that he has a 30-acres farm so as to get 71 bags of fertiliser.

Another suspect is Anton Buyongera, agriculture officer at Ivula ward who has taken 855 bags, Rehema Mwandulusya, Ilolo ward agriculture officer who took 600 bags and James Ngunda who got 400 bags of fertiliser after lying that he owns a 200-acres farm. Ngonyani said that after the

preliminary interrogations with the

Experts call for provision of enough awareness to general public on Universal Health Coverage

Correspondent regulation to be enacted", Prof. Makubi. Valentine Oforo. Dodoma workers within all regions across the

may stand a better side to join with the He directed health leaders and scheme," he insisted.

The proposed bill for the endorsement



suspects, all of them admitted that they engaged in benefiting from the fertiliser. The arrest of the servants came a few days after the minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, announced that Songwe Region was the leading area in sabotaging the subsidized fertiliser.

HEALTH experts have called for provision of enough awareness to the general public on the Universal Health Coverage as the government works on final processes to table regulations for the much awaited health scheme.

By

The Universal Health Insurance fund regulation, whose bill is projected to be tabled in the National Assembly later this year, is in line with Tanzania's 2007 Health Policy which requires all Tanzanians to contribute towards their health expenses whenever they need them.

Permanent Secretary in the ministry of health, Prof. Abel Makubi observed here yesterday that it was important for public health institutions to partner with others in the private sector to help disseminate to the public key information on the advantages of joining the scheme.

"We have even prepared a special participatory program, one to help involve all leaders in ministries, public institutions levels with a specific mission to increase awareness and enthusiasm among the citizens regarding the important things that will be implemented after the proposed law on universal health scheme insurance

country to cooperate with offices of regional commissioners and district commissioners in their respective regions to educate the public over the health benefits of taking part in the coming health fund scheme. "It is important to reach out and educate all groups within communities, including elders, youth, businessmen, civil servants, workers in private sector, farmers, religious leaders, bodaboda and many others so that they

of the universal health insurance scheme was for the first time tabled in the parliament in September last year by Health minister Ummy Mwalimu.

According to minister Mwalimu, a study conducted by the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) established that 73 percent of Tanzanians who were involved in the study expressed their willingness to contribute to the universal health insurance fund.



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TCRA to reinforce service quality regulation in 2023

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is set on enhancing the quality of electronic communication services across the country with adoption of new technologies in support of the targeted inclusive economy through the communication subsector.

Speaking at the capacity building workshop for TCRA's employees held on Wednesday at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School (MJNLS) in Coast region, TCRA director general Dr Jabiri Bakari, said the authority is also targeting to strengthen efficiency in delivery of regulated services.

Dr Bakari urged the employees to observe the authority's strategic plans which includes making sure that the telecommunications, postal, and broadcasting services providers are well regulated.

"After completing this seminar, we want you to continue to work hard to ensure that the regulated sector thrives in accordance with predetermined goals. Let's work hard to achieve more and make the sector even better," he said.

He asserted that the authority shall deactivate all active sim cards that have not been registered under communication spectrum.

the National ID numbers.

MINLS principal Prof Marcellina Mvula Chijoriga commended TCRA for regulating communication services, hoping that the workshop will result in the achievement of the desired outcome.

"I always tell my students, you cannot experience growth in this contemporary world that changes so rapidly if you don't learn further on new things and reflect on what you already know," she said.

Samson, one of the workshop participants, thanked TCRA for the training on technical knowhow and competence. "I thank TCRA for organising the workshop and enhancing our technical skills of sector-related issues, this is indeed beneficial," he said.

He said TCRA will ensure that Internet service providers (ISPs), telecommunications companies (telcom), broadcasting, and the entire communication sector meet the required standards.

On top of ensuring service quality, the authority is working on the local sector to make sure that it complies with the International Telecommunication Union regulations. The authority is also working to enhance the



Vivo Energy vice president George Roberts (L), CEO Stan Mittelman (2nd-L), and sales manager (Tanzania) Shaaban Kayungilo (3rd-L), pictured with Dough Works Ltd managing director Vikram Desai (2nd-R), Dough Works director Shaffin Jamal (3rd-R) and Vivo Energy Tanzania MD Khady Sene moments after the launch of a cafè at a filling station at Masaki in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Energy firm praises President Samia for creating conditions attracting investors

By Getrude Mbago

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VIVO Energy Tanzania has hailed the efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in creating an investorfriendly environment that allows businesses to expand consequently thus growing the employment ecosystem in the country.

Khady Sene, firm's managing director made the appreciation in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday evening during the launch of a new BAO Café at the Engen Masaki service station.

Sene said the favourable business environment created by the government will continue attracting more investors from various parts to put their focus in Tanzania and contribute to the economic and social development of the country.

"We have partnered with Dough Works Limited to open the 5th café at the Engen Masaki service station, the launch of this restaurant is aimed to respond to the growing consumer demand for restaurant offerings. We thank the government through President Samia for the major reforms in the country's business and investment areas," she said. She said the endeavours have created over 35 employment opportunities for the local community: another success story of how international and national economic actors can collaborate to benefit Tanzanians. "We understand that customers visit our stations for more than just fuel. Therefore we offer them a wide range of services such as convenience stores, restaurants, car washes, pharmacies and ATMs," she said. Vikram Desai, managing director for Dough Works Limited highlighted the vision for the BAO Brand, a Tanzanian grown brand with the potential for exponential growth focusing on a unique food, beverage and convenience experience at the highest standards of hygiene, service and quality. "The BAO brand is driven by people; the people that serve: our employees, the people that we serve: our customers, and all those who contribute to the success of this brand in between. With BAO, we hope to create more employment and growth opportunities for women and men in Tanzania, working with and sourcing from local vendors and suppliers, alongside developing exceptional service experiences for our customers. We are excited to have partnered with Vivo Energy, an agile, fast-growing brand in Tanzania, in our journey towards Café & Convenience innovation and excellence. We welcome the community in the surrounding areas to visit their new local BAO Café and experience first-hand all that it has to offer." Stan Mittelman, Vivo Energy chief executive officer said that the company's intention is about making a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities in which it operates. "For us, this is beyond doing business. Our role is to do things the right way, realising the full potential of our people and business partners, and creating a benchmark for quality, excellence, safety and responsibility in Africa, along with our ESG and sustainability activities. And this can be achieved when we collaborate with local businesses and become a partner of choice to enable growth and opportunities for everyone. We currently work with over 500 brands across the continent that we selectively choose to maintain high standards of hygiene, health and safety and quality." George Roberts, Vivo Energy's executive vice President of Maghreb and Indian Ocean echoed Mittelman saying: "The growth agenda is in our DNA, this is another partnership of the many more to come. We are looking forward to creating opportunities for the vibrant youth of this exciting continent."

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PLUMBING INSTALLATION SYSTEM, SUPPLY AND **INSTALLATION OF PHOTONS AND SOLAR WATER HEATERS & SOLAR PANELS**

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991 and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa.

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania invites qualified contracts to bid for the Plumbing installation systems' renovation service for its seven houses and supply & installations of photons solar water heaters and solar panel at Ngaramtoni Urban within Arusha District Council as per the specifications/Bill of Quantities (BOQ), shown on Table No. 1 below:

Table No. 1: Detailed Specifications/Bill of Quantities (BOQ),

ITEM	DESCRIPTIONS	QTY	UNIT	 A period of the regulated entries economic and commercial period nance as well as their compliance to terms and conditions stipulated in their licenses and power purchase agreements from an economic perspective. Develop and maintain financial models for the sector and end-users and establish a database necessary to
A	DEMOLITION			periodically update the models.
A1	Hacking of block wall and removal of all leakage plumbing system materials	1	Lump sum	 Prepare financial and commercial performance reports for the electricity sector on a quarterly and annual basis. Develop and maintain Zanzibar's electricity demand/supply forecasts for the short, medium, and long term. Support ZURA to comply with its roles during preparation of Zanzibar's Integrated Resource Plan including
A2	The plumbing installation system of seven (7) houses	7	No	 reviewing and approving relevant assumptions and deliverables. 8. Analyze and advise on the investment requirements for Zanzibar's electricity sector and quantify their impact or the tariff path in the short, medium and long term.
В	TOWER TANK			9. Establish the appropriate economic regulation framework for promoting renewable energy development in Zanzibar
B1	Masonry block 230x460x150mm thick	23	No	10. Support ZURA to work closely with the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals and provide input int determination of an appropriate market structure, and policy and regulatory frameworks to promote privat
B2	12mm diameter reinforcement	17	Pc	sector investment in Zanzibar's electricity sector.
B3	8mm diameter reinforcement	3	Pc	11. Undertake regulatory research and policy analysis for the electricity sector by among others coordinating preparation of cost-of-service studies, generation of data, statistics and information on the electricity sector are set of the sector and the sector are set.
B4	SIMTANK 2000ltr	1	No	coordinating development of policies and strategies to increase electricity access in Zanzibar.
С	SOLAR WATER HEATER			12. Undertake research in new technologies capable of playing a critical enabling role for renewable energy an energy efficiency integration and facilitate adoption of digital technologies and grid modernization to improv
C1	Supply and Installation of Photons solar water heater of 300ltr including its tank 300ltr,2collector panel, frames and its connector	16	No	 performance, efficiency and flexibility. 13. Prepare terms of reference for engaging consultants to undertake studies, monitor implementation of consultancy contracts including review and approval of deliverables. 14. Represent ZURA in designated industry fora at national, regional, and international levels, including activities of the regional energy regulatory associations. 15. Provide bande on training to ZURA steff during execution of the above teaks and recommend to ZURA.
C2	Solar Panel including all necessary utensils 5W	8	No	15. Provide hands-on training to ZURA staff during execution of the above tasks and recommend to ZUR Management relevant training opportunities offered by national, regional and international institutions that ar
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REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF WATER ENERGY AND MINERALS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC REGULATION EXPERT -**INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA ZANZIBAR ENERGY SECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND ACCESS PROJECT.

CREDIT NUMBER: 68970-TZ CTF LOAN NUMBER: TF0B5747-TZ CTF GRANT NUMBER: TF0B5660-TZ

Assignment Title: Economic Regulation Expert Reference No. TZ-MOWEM-319364-CS-INDV

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), through the United Republic of Tanzania, has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Objective

The Economic Regulation Expert will be required to establish a comprehensive economic regulation framework that will facilitate sustainable development of the electricity sector and enable achievement of Zanzibar's power sector goals. He/She will support ZURA to establish systems, procedures, and standards based on industry best practices to facilitate effective economic regulation of the power sector. This will include, among others, determining appropriate tariff setting mechanisms and applicable charges for various users who are connected or are connecting to the system.

Scope of assignment

The Economic Regulation Expert will be embedded within ZURA for three years duration and be required to provide direct support to the Authority to perform the following duties:

- 1. Establish a robust economic regulation framework for Zanzibar's electricity sector, including principles, systems, procedures, and standards required for effective economic regulation and facilitate its implementation.
- 2. Establish a systematic process for determining and reviewing electricity tariffs (revenue requirements of regulated entities) and tariff structures for the sector, including terms for purchasing both domestically generated and imported power.
- 3. Monitor the regulated entities' economic and commercial performance as well as their compliance to terms and

Mwadui Mine waste water dam burst victims to begin getting compensation soon

By Guardian Correspondent, Kishapu

Guardian

NG'WANHOLO and Nyenze villagers in Mwadui-Lohumbo Ward who are victims of mud from Mwadui Diamond Mine dam that stores waste water will start receiving their compensation after the verification exercise was completed on Wednesday.

This was disclosed here on Wednesday by Mwadui Diamond Mines Public Relations Officer Bernard Mihayo at the meeting for final assessment of the property affected by the mud from the mine, by filling up Form No 3 that will show actual property that will be compensated for.

Mihayo said the assessment exercise has been completed by filling the form and that now "they are going to Form No 4 that will show the amount of money every victim will be paid, after which payment procedures will start via bank accounts."

He added: "Verification exercise has now come to the end and all complaints have been addressed and there are now no more complaints, everything is alright, we shall start effecting payment as soon as possible."

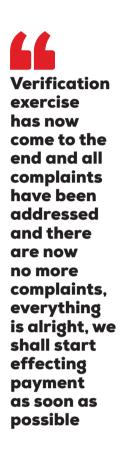
He also advised them to use the money well for their economic activities and not use the money frivolously.

Meanwhile, Richard Sabini, the Chief Assessing Officer said those who will be paid compensation according to the law are those who own land and houses, and not tenants who will only be paid for the property lost, saying that a total of `180 people will be paid.

Earlier, Mwadui Mine's Chief Engineers, Shagembe Mipawa said that the mine has already done refurbishment to the dam's banks that had been broken as well as placing ridges to prevent mud from encroaching people's settlements. In the same vein, the victims of the mud appealed to the mine to

hasten compensation payment. One of them, Rashidi Athumani said their lives have now changed, they have become dependents as they live in a rented house whose rent including food is paid by Mwadui mine hence he pleaded for early payment of compensation so that they can fend for themselves.

November last year the banks of the Mwadui Mine dam to store waste water broke down and the mud encroached nearby settlements that covered some of the houses and water wells, but there were no fatalities reported.





Police commander (Railways) Sebastian Mbutta makes a briefing earlier this week on an assortment of items, including petroleum products and motorcycles, believed to have been stolen by criminals in areas under the Mwanza-Isaka stretch of the Standard Gauge Railway project and impounded by police. Photo: Correspondent Idda Mushi

Timber sales cess imposed by district councils enrages forestry stakeholders

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

DELEGATES to a ministerial public private sectors consultation meeting which ended here yesterday have expressed, in a resolution, deep disappointment over continued five percent cess on timber imposed by district councils contrary to central government's declared cess of three percent.

In a strongly worded resolution the meeting called on the government "to inform in writing all district council the changes made by central government to that effect; further councils should stop charging 200 shillings on each piece of timber irrespective of size while the owner of the same timber has paid 3 percent in royalty and 3 percent paid to the Tanzania Forest Fund."

The meeting, called and coordinated by the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), also called for review of GN 59 in order to reduce costs (royalty) of buying trees and streamline costs currently enforced. The meeting

said the TFS increased the cost of a tree based on Diameter at Breast Height.

The meeting also emphasised on upholding of business morals on the part of the private sector, saying the self-regulatory initiative in doing business should be respected and applied.

Another resolution called for the ministry of natural resources and tourism to look for and unearth local and foreign markets in order to make forestry products business competitive. Part of the money held by the Tanzania Forest Fund, a resolution reads, should be used to start a special bank to promote investment and business in forestry products.

The stakeholders also called for the establishment of industrial parks in each district councils in order to promote and increase engineered wood products.

The meeting supported the idea of establishing an annual week fair on forestry products. The first proposed 7-day fair will be held in Dodoma capital later this year.











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No.	Reference no.	Description of work/goods to be procured		Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-22-12-01	Process Plant	i.	Telecommunication ICT/Security System Contractor
		Surveillance		with minimum Class 3 CRB registration.
		System Upgrade	ii.	Evidence of holding similar contract in the last 2 years.
			iii.	Past experience working in the mining environment – minimum 3 years.
			iv.	Team with multi discipline members should have sound
				Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts.
			v.	Certified in Security System and surveillance System
				(Babylon/Dallmeier/Semsy).
			vi.	Technical capability on providing similar Services.

The above Services/goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead referencing the work package reference number should your company qualify as per the **pre-qualification** criteria together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- · Full company profile;
- · Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.;
- BRELA Register of Companies detailed information certificate
- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner

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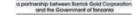
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No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-22-12- 02	Corrosion Protection Service.	 i. Contractor specialised in corrosion protection services, must have proven experience with application of different coating systems. ii. Experience working with similar works in last 3 years iii. Competence in corrosion protection of chemicals corrosive nature and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining industry iv. Team with multi discipline members (Mainly – Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&QC officer / Multi skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health & Safety acts.

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With the service road passing by the entrance to Dar es Salaam's strategic Buguruni mixed-goods market in bad shape, the light rains falling in the city have led to the formation of ponds of stinking stagnant water that is endangering public health and making the facility especially hard to move around in. Correspondent Jumanne Juma captured this scene yesterday.

Another weighing bridge planned for Igawa along TANZAM Highway

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Region Road Fund has instructed TANROADS in the region to install a weighing bridge at Igawa area along the Tanzania-Zambia Highway (TANZAM) to save Igawa-Songwe International airport stretch in order to prevent the ongoing destruction on the highway.

The Fund's chairman, who is the Mbeya regional commissioner, Juma Homera gave the directive

of the Road Fund saying there is a big road destruction along the road stretch threatening the safety of vehicles and passengers.

"There is the need for installing the weighing bridge beginning at Igawa in Mbarali District to Songwe airport to prevent more road destruction,' he pointed out.

Mbeya Region TANROADS manager Eng Matari Masige said that they know the problem behind

on Tuesday this week at a meeting they have started a project to build the weighing bridge to prevent road destruction.

> He said currently there is a weighing bridge at Uyole along the road to Kasumulu but this one will be built as fast as possible.

> "There is also another one at Songwe ya Mpemba area that saves for similar purposes," he added.

Some members of the Road Fund including Chunya Member destruction of the road and that of Parliament, Masache Kasaka,

said the road stretch from Igawa to Songwe Airport is not friendly to both vehicles and passengers.

The MP supported the idea for the weighing bridge in order to protect the highway that is largely depended upon for economic activities for the SADC countries.

For his part, the traditional chief for Safwa clan in Mbeya Region, Rocket Mwashinga said the country's economy so much depends on the highway for transporting goods from Tanzania to neighbouring countries and vice versa.

Hence, he added, destruction on the road can contribute to great loss of the country's revenues due to lack of both exports and imports.

Govt floats 100bn/for construction of state vocational training colleges

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanga

THE government is implementing a 100bn/- project for construction of vocational training colleges across the country with more than 50 contractors applying for the job.

Speaking about the projects in Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro, Minister for Education, Science and Technology minister, Prof Adolph Mkenda, called upon construction companies to grab the floated tenders.

"The government's determination is to construct vocational training colleges in every region and district in the country. In the 2022/2023 financial year, we have allocated that particular amount of money to start implementing the projects in 63 districts," said the Minister, saying the selected districts had no such colleges.

December 21st, last year, Prof Mkenda directed the management of the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) to make sure construction of the colleges commences at the end of January this year.

"Mwanga is among the 63 Districts included in the plan to construct vocational training colleges this financial year 2022/2023," he remarked.

Prof Mkenda commended Mwanga Member of Parliament, Joseph Tadayo for his great efforts in acquiring a land parcel and its title deed to ensure the project is implemented accordingly.

"Mwanga District Executive Director and officials from the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development have worked tirelessly to acquire the 50 acres land in Kisangiro town, where the college will be built," he said

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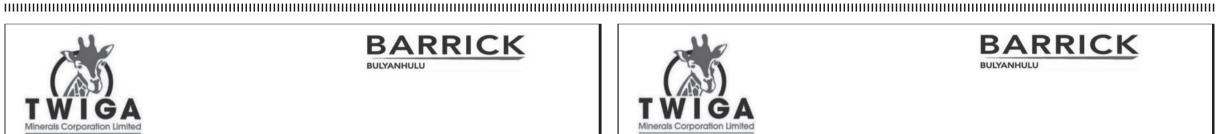
Earlier, Mwanga legislator, Joseph Tadayo said decisions to construct the colleges will be a solution to employment challenges facing most of the young people.

He said youth completing primary and secondary education can join the colleges to learn various skills, thus being able to employ themselves.

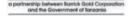
Mwanga District Commissioner Abdallah Mwaipaya, said that the land plot has been registered with number 161502 and has a title deed number 67119 which lasts for 99 vears.

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Key documents:

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

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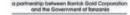
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- 126 X C-Pox ST 180 Resin Red Aluminum, Size10, Part No. 7N181-7802-10, Class 3, HS Codes 3209.90, UOM Each.
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- A written statement indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018;
- · Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required;
- · Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgement of submission from the Mining Commissioner

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wrecking apparently being examined by experts in the Treasury at the moment, and even at higher government levels, on the basis of rather cultivated remarks by Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba at a tax-compliance symposium. In short the minister was rooting for the private sector in view of fairly low ratios the country is showing, or how far the tax component is high in relation to the gross domestic product as a whole. The minister's remarks were sobering to those used to hearing utmost praises for rapidly rising levels of tax collection, to hear that Tanzania is below average in tax to GDP rations even for...sub-Saharan Africa

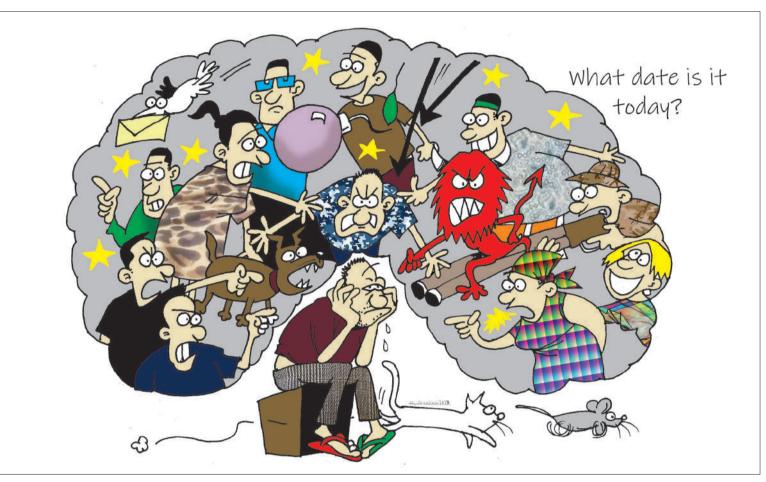
What followed from this observation was an administrative and policy reaction woven into one, with the portion on tax administration taking the wider portion of the substance of his remarks to the platform. It was a keen defence of intensity in revenue collection, especially when it comes to asking for receipts on the part of buyers in shops, given in particular the use of electronic fiscal devices which are routinely used in filling stations and supermarkets, without fail, and elsewhere it is not as certain. The minister reiterated in unusually strong terms, the responsibility of buyers to seek for receipts, castigating sellers, a portion of them, for issuing pretended receipts below the real value.

The policy aspect in his remarks was the need to build a strong private sector as it is vital to expand the tax base and address unemployment, where the issue of tax collection rates in the gross domestic product wasn't, so to speak, acutely relevant. Job creation and gross revenue

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In other words a buyer is an unreliable agent when his or her personal interest is not at issue, as one can't predictably be a private buyer or customer on the one hand and an agent of the public authorities on the other hand. When the buyer is not required to show receipts to some other person with the requisite authority, chances of remembering o ask are low, and if he or she remembers shyness can take over. It appears to be a bit rude to demand receipts, and in a country where people say 'may you please give me soap' to follow that up with 'please give me receipt' isn't easy.

But the real problem is whether this micro-taxation parameter, efficiency of receipt demand where EFDs use is optional or unexpected, is actually the right way to solve the tax to GDP ratio, as the minister may implicitly have suggested. If that is the case, it is fair to say that Treasury experts are looking for administrative solutions to the extent to which the tax component in GDP will rise, whereas the proper formulation is lowering taxes and then raising the revenue to GDP ratio. What is less palatable to officialdom is that it will demand extensive privatisation so that scores of big firms which present dividends to the government but don't pay taxes add to real public revenue.



By Hakeem Baba-Ahmed

T will be unfair to the 18 candidates jostling to succeed President Muhammadu Buhari if one were to say they have not assessed the burden they are asking to be placed on their heads. Majority of them have impressive credentials in leadership and experience.

They have released volumes of ideas, strategies and plans around the most challenging issues the nation faces, many of which are likely to get worse before they get better, if they do. A few among the candidates have policy and strategy teams designing hit-the-groundrunning ideas. They are also battling the ogres that surface every three years to feed on ego: greed, money that cannot stand probe, treachery and suspicion of the entire electoral system.

At this stage, most are aware that

Just who will be Muhammadu Buhari's successor in Nigeria?



Reducing school congestion is key to education improvement

ITH diminished marking of the diminished 59 years of the Zanzibar Revolution. where parades were skipped for inspecting development projects and interacting with various groups involved in those projects, top national leaders had occasion to reflect on policy efforts relating to the projects being inaugurated,. etc. President Samia Suluhu Hassan was inspecting projects in Zanzibar where she laid stress on access to education and improving the learning envirobment. The president was affirmative that the Union and Zanzibar governments will make sure that the right to education is accessible to all school going children, and accessing secondary school if they have obtained passes.

The breadth of the problem is made clearer by results of last year's census where the total population had reached 61.7m people and obviously that isn't a fixed figure. When it comes to the resources we have for improving the quality in that sphere, it is hard to be overly optimistic. Last year there was plenty of cash arising from the Covid-18 global recovery facility decided by the board of governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the local initiative of money transfer charges which was leading to a measure of dispute. We don't have that avenue this year and ought to rely on dividends from several years of investment flows, or fresh money pursuing new projects, etc.

Yet judging by what is regularly reported from the regions and even in the capital, the level of congestion is still intense, and ability to employ more teachers, along with putting up more buildings, remains relatively modest. The degree to which education is hurt by congestion is noticed in the surprising situation where pupils finish Std VII with limited ability to read, write or do simple math. It's the system that is at issue and we give it a pass mark yearly.

This situation is troubling for policy makers as it leaves too many school leavers on the margin without usable skills, compelled to start a new learning phase for technical skills in particular, literary from scratch. The minimum policy makers can do is to boost school facilities to match the rising number of enrolment in primary schools, and that is precisely what the president was promising, that both governments intend to do. Needless to add, it won't be easy.

From a situation where up to 100 pupils congest a classroom to an environment where not more than 45 pupils sit in one class roughly means doubling the number of facilities compared to the past decade, meanwhile as the number of pupils more or less doubles each decade. It is a tall order, but if it isn't done teachers will not be able to exercise personal attention on pupils to ensure that they are coping with lessons. And as the president remarked, it isn't just a matter of having a huge education uplift plan in mind but allocating enough funds for rapid community uplifting.

It is evident the president will be paying attention to results of the Zanzibar task force on education to advise the government on essential changes in the education system. That is unavoidable in a world of science and technology in the third decade of the 21st century. The task force will open the way for others to evaluate their current methods. less than one per cent of Nigerians would have read what they plan to do with power. We are at that stage when huge crowds are purchased for rallies and town halls, thugs are being primed for the more physical elements of the campaign and a few foreign trips are being considered for, mainly for their impacts here at home. "Endorsements" are being assessed for their values. Deeply-divisive strategies

that do maximum damage, particularly ethnicity and faith, are being sharpened. I have read a few manifestos and blueprints. Obviously some candidates have given some thought to issues that represent key matters needing major policy reforms and legislation, and in some instances out rightly radical plans that are meant to fatten the campaign document.

We can quickly dispense with gaps around what a new president will do about the possibilities of having weak support in legislature, governors who will immediately commence amassing wealth and power and pocketing state legislatures, weak and corrupt public institutions that will resist change, a deeply compromised judiciary and a dangerously delicate union which the elections themselves would have fueled. All the candidates will tell you to give them the power first, and all else will be solved.

Re-securing the nation leads in all plans. There is near-universal idea that the next president will explore all avenues to defeat insecurity, rehabilitate communities, address underlying causes such as poverty, injustice and poor governance. Obviously, the country cannot regain lost ground in securing the citizen with the resources at its disposal. It has to make massive improvements in its defense and security assets.

There is also the problem that

some of the threats to our security will be difficult to speak to. Boko Haram/ ISWA have dug into enclaves around communities, and 'peace' will mean little to it. What can we offer it? Should you speak with Nnamdi Kanu, other factions and muscles and guns that are factions of IPOB about the Biafran cause? What can you offer them to walk away and sin no more? Will the identity of the next president make a difference to the disposition of those championing secessionist ideas?

How do you sit with dozens of bandit leaders and convince them that there is a better life outside the forests and crimes? How do vou reward those who negotiate and submit to peace, against those who insist on making our lives more insecure? The real challenge is whether the next president can re-secure Nigerians using strategies, resources, experiences and insights that will reduce our exposure to organised violence within the shortage period practicable. Is he thinking over who can help him do these?

Candidates realise the relationship between our levels of insecurity and an economy that continuously impoverishes us. There are major decisions that need to be made which will address the basic structure of our economy, but they will require deep understanding of the economy, uncommon courage, leadership skills that are rare and unimpeachable personal integrity.

If the next president is unable to create an environment that allows for implementation of tough decisions in the first two years of his term, it will be difficult to see how a nation as endowed as we are can be fixed to work for any Nigerian under 30. Time management will be the most pressing challenge for the next president. The outcome of an election which is already being poisoned by politicians who want power at all cost will very likely cause some stress in intercommunity relations.

An outgoing president who cannot wait to hand over the baton is not exactly what a country that may undergo post-election crisis needs, but that will be what it will live with from March to May. The next president will have to do a lot of work to lay the outlines of healing a nation, designing reintegration policies, consulting on the values of creating some form of sincere conversation on inclusiveness, restructuring, redressing frustrations, buying support from diverse sources and promising a lot. He has to move the global community exasperated and worried by Nigeria, to one that needs to be a helpful partner with a bright future as a democracy. Above all, he must involve younger Nigerians in visible, useful positions in designing a future that is theirs. The next president will have the dubious distinction of being the president with the lowest bar to raise, no thanks to President Buhari's record. But then he will also face a challenge no president since 1999 has faced: literally outperforming all his predecessors.

He has to deal with fall outs from the elections, assemble and motivate multiple think tanks on the economy, security, integration, governance, fighting corruption, dispensing patronage and stabilising a nation capable of either going under or re-floating. If the next president is Abubakar Atiku, he has to do a lot more than being content with achieving a lifetime ambition. His health, disposition to weaknesses of the economy and public corruption will have to show results within the shortest period in office.

Bola Tinubu as president will be closely watched to see if his health will indeed become another liability for a distressed nation, or he will re-invent his legendary skills of assembling performers to run the nation for him. Obi will have the huge task of converting faith and hope into real assets for all Nigerians.

Kwankwaso will need to demonstrate political acumen beyond any precedent to impress a nation into submitting to radical ideas. Abiola will have to prove that younger Nigerians can take charge of their future with great ideas and bold policies. Prince Adebayo will need to convince the nation that there are benefits in trying new directions in a country tired of people who will not retire.

Our next president needs to cultivate a healthy balance between expecting a tough battle that will literally spill a lot of blood, and keeping an eye on the goal: retrieving the country from the edge. Whoever will be our next president will have to be the best politician: recognising obstacles and negotiating his ways around them..The biggest obstacle he must overcome will be one that helps the nation survive an election without bringing the entire house down.

FEATURES

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US storms bring mudslides, evacuations to California with more rain forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.

HE latest Pacific storm unleashed torrential downpours and damaging winds in California on Tuesday, knocking out power and turning city streets into rivers as mudslides cut off highways and entire communities faced evacuation orders.

More than 33 million Californians were threatened by severe weather throughout the day as "heavy to excessive" rainfall was expected across the state, especially in southern California, as wind gusts were clocked at more than 40 miles (64 km) an hour in many places, the National Weather Service (NWS) said.

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homes and businesses as of midday Tuesday, according to data from Pow-

eroutage.us. The storms have killed at least 17 people since the start of the year, California Governor Gavin Newsom said.

"This storm was different from the standpoint that it was here much longer. It was more intense because of the prior storm, the ground was much more saturated, which led to a lot more flooding and a lot more rescues because of the ground saturation," said Barry Parker, division chief of the Ventura County Fire Department.

Experts say the growing frequency and intensity of such storms, interspersed with extreme heat and dry spells, are symptoms of climate change. Though the rain and snow will help replenish reservoirs and aquifers, a mere two weeks of precipitation will not solve two decades

of drought.



Meanwhile, terrain denuded by past wildfires has created an increased risk of flash floods and mudslides. The torrential rains,

along with heavy snow in mountain areas, follow

defires yet another "atmospheric river" of dense moisture ased funneled into California and from the tropical Pacific. Six atmospheric rivers ains, have hit California in the past 17 days, dumping as

much as 30 inches (76 cm)

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of rain in some areas, said Zack Taylor, a meteorologist with NWS's Weather Prediction Center. At least two more were coming, starting Wednesday morning, Taylor said. "We're in the middle

of a three-year mega drought in the entire west coast of the United States ... And now here we are talking about historic floods and atmospheric rivers. Now stacking six with three more on the

way," Newsom told The Weather Channel in an interview.

"If you don't believe in climate change, come to California. We're living it," Newsom said.

Much of the damage has been concentrated around the city of Santa Barbara, about 100 miles (160 km) northwest of Los Angeles, where the steep foothills slope toward the Pacific Ocean.

In the Rancho Oso area of the Santa Ynez Mountains above Santa Barbara, mud and debris across the roadway isolated about 400 people and 70 horses, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department said on Twitter, posting a photo of a vehicle stuck in the mud.

Near the coast, the California Highway Patrol closed US 101, the main highway connecting northern and southern California, with no estimated time on reopening. "Please stay home and do not drive today if at all possible," the highway patrol advised on Twitter, posting pictures of mudslides and fallen rock that blocked the highway. Many communities

Many communities were flooded including Goleta, where a man rode his paddleboard through the streets.

On Monday, officials ordered the evacuation of some 25,000 people, including the entire affluent enclave of Montecito near Santa Barbara, due to heightened flood and mudslide risks. But evacuation orders throughout Santa Barbara County were lifted on Tuesday afternoon, the county sheriff's department announced.

Further south in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Chatsworth, two vehicles fell into a sinkhole that opened beneath a road.

Floodwaters invaded the train station in downtown Los Angeles, submerging a pedestrian walkway.

UK, Japan defence pact to allow two-way military deployments in midst of concerns over China

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HE UK and Japan will allow military forces to be deployed to one another's nations, as Tokyo expands bilateral cooperation with other US allies amid concerns about China's rise.

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will sign a major defense agreement durChina has accused the US and its allies by increasing the risk of conflict by attempting to knit together an Asian version of the North Atlantic Trea-

ty Organization. The Reciprocal Access Agreement with Japan will also help deepen UK ties in Asia-Pacific.

Sunak's government is in the process of updating its approach to security,

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ing a meeting Wednesday in London with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida. The pact - the most significant deal of its type between the two countries in more than a century - will allow planning and delivery of larger, more complex military exercises, according to a UK government statement.

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The UK becomes the first European country to have such an agreement with Japan, which has a similar deal with Australia.

Japan's cabinet recently approved the country's biggest increase in defense spending since the end of World War II in 1945, updating its national security policy and describing China as an "unprecedented strategic threat."

The shift by Japan, which has been constitutionally pacifist since the aftermath of the war, has been accelerated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.



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The agreement "is hugely significant for both our nations - it cements our commitment to the Indo-Pacific and underlines our joint efforts to bolster economic security, accelerate our defense cooperation and drive innovation that creates highly skilled jobs," Sunak said in the statement. It comes weeks after Britain and Italy agreed to merge plans for a next-genera-

plans for a next-generation warplane with a parallel project in Japan, in a bid to bring a new fighter into service by 2035.

In November 2020, Japan announced a similar reciprocal security access agreement with Australia, allowing each nation to deploy military forces to the other for training and humanitarian missions, if necessary. In October, Kishida and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese met in Australia to sign a new security deal that strengthened ties.

The UK and Australia separately joined a widereaching security agreement with the US known as "AUKUS" in September 2021, facilitating the sharing of technology and expertise to help Canberra build and deploy a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines by 2040. The US, which has sta-

tioned troops in Japan since the war, last year denied speculation that it had asked Tokyo to join AUKUS.

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	Processing fee	negotiable	25
	Insurance for personal loans	1.50%	1.50%
	Legal fees	0.5% minimum of TZS 300,000	0.5% minimum of TZS 300,000
3	TEMPORARY OVERDAFT (TODs)		
	Processing fee	2%	2%
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1	Guarantees		Guarantees
	Facility Commission	2% p.a (0.5% per qtr). Min USD 250 per qrt.	2% p.a (0.5% per qtr). Min USD 250 per qtr.
	Arrangement fees	2%	2%
	Cash Covered	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr
	Amendment	USD 100.00 flat	USD 100,00 flat
	Extension to next quarter	0.5% per qtr (Or % of the agreed rate)	0.5% per qtr (Or % of the agreed rate)
	Amount increase Letters of Credit - Imports	0.5% /qtr on the diff (Or % of the agreed rate)	0.5% /qtr on the diff (Or % of the agreed rate) Letters of Credit - Imports
	Issuance commision	0.5% per quarter. Mn USD 250.	0.5% per quarter. Min USD 250.
	Handling Fees		USD 100 flat
	Swift charge		USD 50 flat
	Amendment		USD 100.00 flat
3	Letters of Credit - Exports		Letters of Credit - Exports
	LC Advising Commission	USD 200 flat	USD 200 flat
	Amendment advising commision	USD 100 Flat	USD 100 Flat
	Correspondences Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat
	Documents handling and examination fee	0.5% of invoice amount ,min usd 200	0.5% of invoice amount ,min usd 200
	Courier charge	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat
	LC confirmation charges	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)
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	Interest on refinance	100.20.84	LOD TO JUL
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	Documentary Collection - Export		
	Handling charge	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat
	Courier charge	USD 100	USD 100
	Corespondence commission	USD 50 Per tracer	USD 50 Per tracer
	Documentary Collection - Import		
	Handling Commission	0.25%, Min USD 100	0.25%. Min USD 100
	correspondence Swift charge	USD 50	USD 50
9	Outward Bills for Collection (clean collections & TCs)		
	Handling Commision	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent
	Dhi charges	usd 75 flat claimed charges + locally un re-covered charges	usd 75 flat
10	Returned foreign cheques Inward Bills for Collection	clamed charges + locally un re-covered charges	claimed charges + locally un re-covered charges
10	Handling Commission	USD 50 flat per collection	USD 50 flat per collection
	Swift charged	USD 40 flat per collection	USD 40 flat per collection
11	Local Currency Transactions		Local Currency Transactions
	Outward remittances (TISS)	TZS10,000 PER TRANSACTION	TZS10,000 PER TRANSACTION
	Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers		
	by customer or by bank	NIL	NL
	Inward Swift Transfers (TISS)	NIL	NL
	Foreign Currency Transactions		Foreign Currency Transactions USD 50 FLAT (SHA), USD 90 (OURS)
	Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers	USD 50 FLAT (SHA), USD 90 (OURS)	USD 50 FLAT (SHA), USD 90 (UDHS)
	by customer or by bank	USD 10 FLAT	USD 10 FLAT
	Inward Swift Transfers	USD 5 FLAT	USD 10 FLAT
	International Money Order (IMO)	USD 30 per IMO	USD 30 per IMO
	Foreign cheques for collection	0.25% of value. USD 75 min; USD 250 max;	0.25% of value. USD 75 min; USD 250 max;
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Six fallacies and truths about China's epidemic control-II

BEIJING

ife is returning to normal and mobility is rebounding as China's COVID-19 prevention and control has entered a new stage -- a boon for world economy.

However, some Western media ignore the facts, choosing instead to apply double standard and even spread misinformation, while making unwarranted accusations against China's epidemic fight, confusing the public and misleading the world as a consequence. However, in the face of facts and data, these lies are evident and untenable.

FALLACY 4: "PATIENTS GOING SHORT OF MEDICINE AND TREATMENT"

The truth is: Chinese medical institutions at all levels are taking all the necessary measures to increase resources and personnel. The reality is that they are busy but functioning smoothly.

The First Affiliated Hospital of Harbin Medical University in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, has received over 140 critically ill COVID-19 patients in recent days.

"Many doctors continued working and caring for patients while they themselves were ill, and we are going all out to save every severe patient," said Yu Kaijiang, president of the hospital.

The hospital has increased the number of intensive care beds from 132 to 143, and has actively sought ventilators from various channels, with a group of 60 nurses working shifts to cope with the surge in COVID-19 patients.

As of Dec. 25, 2022, the number of fever clinics in second-grade hospitals and above had reached 16,000 in China, and the number of such clinics in grassroots medical institutions totaled 41,000.

China is one of the largest producers of fever medicines, and its total production capacity is sufficient to meet demand.

The daily output of ibuprofen and acetaminophen, two key antipyretic analgesics, had reached 202 million tablets and 190 million tablets, respectively, by the end of 2022, said Wang Jiangping, vice minister of industry and information technology.

"We quickly adjusted the variety of drugs we produce, increased the output, and went all out to ensure the market demand of antipyretic and analgesic drugs such as ibuprofen and aspirin," said Kou Zuxing, deputy general manager of Shandong Xinhua Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., based in the city of Zibo, Shandong Province.

As the world's leading producer of ibuprofen materials, the company's tablet capacity has been raised threefold, while its ibuprofen production has climbed to more than 10,000 tablets a minute.



Staff members pack medicines at a pharmaceutical company in central China's Hunan Province, Dec. 19, 2022. (Xinhua/ Chen Sihan)

"Overall, China has adequate medical resources, including beds and equipment, to meet the demand of patients in critical condition," said Jiao Yahui, head of the Bureau of Medical Administration under the National Health Commission (NHC).

China will put more effort into tracking the spread of the epidemic, strengthen coordination between cities and regions, and upgrade and expand relevant resources to meet people's medical demands, Jiao said.

FALLACY 5: "DARK COVID WIN-TER' FOR VILLAGERS"

The truth is: China has made rural areas a focal point in the country's current COVID response, boosting medical capacities and providing timely support.

The country's 23,000 county-level medical institutions, 35,000 township hospitals and 599,000 village clinics have formed a closely collaborative

and efficient health protection system so that rural patients can enjoy tiered, timely and convenient medical services.

Rural doctors visit local households to provide medical support in Jiwei Town of Huayuan County, central China's Hunan Province, Dec. 29, 2022. (Photo by Jian Biao/Xinhua)

"At present, medicines for fever and cough relief have been prepared, which can meet the needs of the whole village for two months," said Fu Xiangpeng, a doctor from the mountainous Liguanying Village in Zhenxiong County, southwest China's Yunnan



Province. "People with mild symptoms can go to village clinics to get drugs, and medicine will be sent to the elderly people with difficulties."

Jiao Yahui, the NHC official, said that drug supply must be ensured in rural areas and cover the Spring Festival travel rush period or even longer. More importantly, severe cases should be transferred to at least county-level hospitals.

Jiao said that counties and towns had been ordered to prepare standby vehicles to transport severe patients as quickly as possible. Internet hospitals and roving medical teams have also ramped up rural medical capacity.

FALLACY 6: "OFFICIAL COVID DEATH TOLL UNRELIABLE"

The fact is: China has always published information on COV-ID-19 deaths and severe cases in the spirit of openness and transparency.

The global criteria for judging COVID deaths are divided into two categories. Some countries count only cases of people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died of respiratory failure induced by the virus. Other countries count all the deaths as COVID deaths as long as the deceased had tested positive for the virus in the past 28 days.

Since 2020, China has been adopting the first criterion, counting a death from respiratory failure caused by the novel coronavirus after a positive COVID-19 test as a COVID death.

China has also published cases in which the patients were infected by novel coronavirus but the direct causes of the death were underlying diseases. In such cases, the causes of the death were attributed to underlying diseases.

China canceled mass nucleic acid tests following the adjustments to its COVID response policy, making it very difficult to obtain accurate data on the infection caseload in the first place. This is the normal de facto situation in other countries.

Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist of the China CDC, pointed out that there is a calculation method called "excess death" in the field of public health, which can evaluate possible underestimation. Regarding the "excess death" that may be caused by this wave of epidemic, the team is already doing the relevant work and will release the results later. China's war against COVID-19 is still underway, and victory shall come for the 1.4 billion Chinese people. The fallacies and their fabricators will prove to be wrong.

The total number of beds in second-grade medical institutions and above in China is 5.616 million, and the utilization rate of beds has fluctuated around 60 percent recently. The total number of intensive care beds in China has reached 150,000, meaning there are 10.6 beds per 100,000 people. The country has a reserve of 70,000 adaptable intensive care units (ICU).

As for the equipment used to treat COVID-19 patients, there were 151,100 hemodialysis units,

Staff members pack medicines at a pharmaceutical company in central China's Hunan Province, Dec. 19, 2022. (Xinhua/ Chen Sihan)

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	(r) Interbank transfer Retail i) Inward telegraphic transfers	0.3% of value min USD 12,max USD 100	0.3% of value min USD 12,max USD 1
	 ii) Outward telegraphic transfers-beneficiary/applicant iii) Foreign bank draft iv) Inward transfers (Local) 	0.3% of value min USD 55,max USD 200 0.3% of value min USD 40,max USD 265 Free	0.3% of value min USD 55,max USD 2 0.3% of value min USD 40,max USD 2 Fr
	 v) Outward transfers (TISS) SME / Commercial (Foreign Transfers) 	Equivalent TZ5 11800	USD equivalent TZS 11,8
	i) Inward telegraphic transfers ii) Outward telegraphic transfers		USD 12; GBP 6; EUR 12; KES:1200 ZAR:18 \$60 flat fee for value up to \$10,000, else 0.25% of valu min \$60 min; \$280 max ; GBP, EUR equivaler
	SME / Commercial (Local Transfers) iv) Inward transfers v) Outward transfers (TISS)	Free TZS 11,800	Fre USD∕EUR/GBP equivalent of TZS 11,80
	(s) Bill payments through ATM (t) Deposit fee (Counter) Retail	Free 0.3% of value for any amount above TZS, 100M, max TZS 100,000	Free 10% of value the deposit val USD/EUR/GBP (small denomination
		max 172 T00'000	030/LON/duP (Sinaii denominator
0	Savings Accounts (Disclose for product specific types)		
	(a) Required minimum opening balance i) Personal Banking ii) Prestige / Bonus Saving iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	TZS 10,000 TZS 20,000 TZS 100,000	USD/GBP/EUR USD/GBP/EUR 1 £30,00
	(b) Monthly service fee i) Personal Banking ii) Prestige / Bonus Saving iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	7,000 for monthly average balance below TZS. 300k, else fr 7,500 for monthly average balance below TZS. 5m, else fre Free if Relationship Balance is greater than TZS 80m, else	ree USD/GBP/EUR 5 or KES 550/ZAR 10 9 USD/GBP/EUR
	(c) Interim statement (d) Account closure	TZS 2,500 TZS 30,000	else equivalent to TZS 50,0 USD/GBP/EUR USD/EUR/GBP/ZAR/KES equivalent to TZS 30,00
)	Electronic Banking (a) Internet banking monthly fee		
	Retail SME	Annual Fee TZS 3,000 Free	
	Commercial (b) Internet transfers	Free TZS 22,000	
	Retail	Account to Account Transfer within Absa = Free to TZS 1,5 Account to Account Transfer to other banks (EFT) = TZS 5, Bank to Wallet Transfer (B2W) = TZS 2,000 to TZS 8,500	000
	SME / Commercial (c) SMS Banking	Free on-us accounts TZS 1,500 / Off us (EFT) TZS 2,500 Free TZS 2 000	Fr
		TZS 2,000	
)	(d) Wallet to bank transfer Foreign Exchange Transaction		

Corporate Banking

Call Account Foreign Currency Account (Fixed/Call) Type of Account	Min Operating Bal. TZS 10000 Min Operating Bal. TZS 10000 USD 10000 OR
Business current account Transactional and service fees (per month)	Opening Bal. TZS 2500000;Min Bal 1000 TZS 800 Per Item.Min 26 TZS 14100 oper m
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Transactional and service fees (per month) Penalty for balances below limit Penalty for overdrawn account	USD/EUR 0.80 PER ITEM;GBP 0.5 PER ITEM; MIN USD/EUR 26;GB USD/EUR 14;G USD Interest @ 25%;GBP Interest @ 20%;EUR
Cash withdrawal from CFC Transfer From TZS to CFC / CFC to TZS	1% UP TO USD/EUR/GBP 10000;2% Above that amount,MIN USD/EUR 25;GB
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Outward remittance (TISS/RTGS) Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by Inward Transfers (TISS/RTGS)	
Investigation fees for non receipt of funds (T/T) where funds have been received Foreign Currency Transactions Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers	0.25% OF VAL,MIN USD 60 MAX USD
Swift message retrieval after 3 months	GBP/EUR EQV, PLUS USD 30 Intemediary charge option is USD 3.00 per mes
Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by Foreign Cheques deposits (Only TZS from Kenya) Inward Foreign Bank Draft	y bank 178 OF VAL TRANSACTION, MAX USD 113, USD 25, MAX USD 1%MIN USD 35, MAX USD USD 35 PER
Foreign Bank Draft Inward Swift Transfers	0.25% OF VAL,USD 90MIN,USD MAX 295;GBP/EUR USD/GBP/EUR 11.8,725
Returned foreign cheques Investigation fees for non receipt of funds (T/T, Swift) where funds have been received Standing Order	Lack of funds USD 130, Other reaso
Standing order set-up Standing order Standing order	TZS 12000;USD/EUR 12;G Within Absa TZS 6000;USD 7, GBP 5, EUR 5 Per Other Banks;TZS 25000;USD 25;GBP 15, EUR 15 Per
Amend / Stop standing Order Unpaid standing order	Utter Banks; 122 25000;532 25;68 25; EUR 25 Per TZS 60000;USD 60;68P 30, EUR 30 Per TZS 60000;USD 60;68P 30, EUR 30 Per
Absa Integrator - Internet Banking Onboarding/Set Up Salary processing/Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)	TZS 2500;USD/EUR/GBP EQV Per
SWIFT Payment/ Cross border Direct Debit (within Absa Tanzania)	USD 65 OR EQV, PLUS USD 30 Intermediary charge if c
Book Transfer (Own Accounts) TISS/RTGS Integrator Monthly Fee	TZS 11 TZS 20000;EUR/USD/GBP EQV AND TZS 50,000 EUR/USD/GBP EQV For view
Host to Host Set Up Fee Token Replacement/Extra Token fee Per token (3 tokens free) Bank Direct	Quotation available on rec Token Replacement/Extra Token fee Per token (3 tokens free), TZS 200,000 for I
Bank Direct Cash - Cash Intransit Bank Direct Mail - Courier Service	Quotation available on rec Quotation available on rec
Mobile Bulk Disbursement Transfer to M-Pesa; TigoPesa; Airtel Money; EzyPesa, Halopesa Other Service Charges	TZS 2
Manual processing of salaries Closure of Account	Within Absa TZ;TZS 6,000 PER ITEM;With other Banks TZS 6,000;GBP/EUR/USD
Within 6 months of account opening After 6 months of account opening	TZS 36000;USD 36;GBP 24;EUR TZS 25000;USD 25;GBP 13;EUR TZS 25000;USD 25;GBP 13;EUR
Dormant Account Reactivation Cheque Stop payment instructions	TZS 7000;USD/GBP 7;EUR LEAF LOST:TZS 30000;USD 30;GBP 25 PER NOTICE;800K LOST:TZS 60 USD/GBP 60 PER BOOK;\Lack of funds/Aany reason:TZS 35400;USD41;GBf
Statements - Monthly statement - Interim statement	
- Duplicate statement (up to 3 months) per month - Duplicate statement (over 3 months) per month	TZS 3500;USD/GBP 3.5;EUR TZS 8500;USD/GBP 8;EUR
Cheque images, per cheque MT/900/910/920/940/941/942/950 Statements MT 101 Messages	725 26000,USD 20;GBP14;EUR USD 13 PER MSG,MIN 70 USD,MAX 410 SWIFT USD 60;RTGS TZS 11800 OR USD E00;EFT TZS 2200 OR USD
Issuance of Manager's cheque Managers Cheque cancellation charges	TZS 26000;USD 20 PER ITEM;GBP/EUR TZS 14200;USD 14;GBP 8;EUR
Reply to Audit Letters/Audit Report Confirmation/Audit/ Certificate of Balances Registration of Foreign Loan at BOT	TZS 130000;USD 132;GBP 66;EUR TZS 35000;USD 35;GBP 30 Per customer req USD 470 Once off processing/Registartion Fee;USD 710 Annual fees-Loan administra
Special Clearance Unpaid/Returned Cheques Insufficient Eurods (Rofer to drawer)	TZS 53000;USD 66;GB
Uncollected cheque book (after 3 months) Cheque Books	1% OF VAL MIN TZS 100,000;USD/GBP/EUR TZS 14000;USD/GBP 14;EUR
- 25 Leaf - 50 Leaf - 100 Leaf	TZS 15,000;VSD/GBP/EUR TZS 20,000;USD/GBP/EUR TZS 40,000;USD/GBP/EUR
- 200 Leaf Search fee for documents (2-6 months) Search fee for documents (6 months and above)	TZ5 80,000;USD/GBP/EUR TZ5 8300;USD/GBP 8;EUR -TZ5 2000;USD 20;GBP 14;EUR
Lending and Deposit Rates Prime Rate	Quotation available on rec
Deposit Rates Trade Finance Guarantees	Quotation available on rec
Facility Handling Fee	3.33%pa,min USD 590pq& 0.85 USD 65
Cash Covered Amendmen Extension to next quarter	3.33%p.a, min U55 USD 118 0.85% per qu
Cancellation Amount Increase Letters of Credit - Imports	USD 118 0.85% per quarter on the differ
Risk Margin Handling Fees	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per qu USD115
Swift charge Examination Extension to next quarter	USD115 USD115 0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per qu
Risk Margin on acceptance Cancellation Letters of Credit - Exports	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590per qu USD118
Advising Commission Swift charge	USD 415 (all inclu USD 64
Documents examination fee Courier charge Risk Margin on acceptance	USD USD 115 0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per qu
Confirmation Letters of Credit Refinancing	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per qu 0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per qu
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Chasing commission Documentary Collection - Import	Inclusive in a
Commission Swift charge Valising charges	USD 413 Flat inclusi Inclusive in a
Outward Bills for Collection (Clean collections & TCs)	
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Chasing charges Unpaid charge	

We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.

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NEWS FEATURES

Abu Dhabi uses drones to plant one million mangrove seeds as part of climate pledge

By Jennifer Bell

BU Dhabi's Environment Agency (EAD) has used drones to plant one million mangrove seeds across the emirate.

The mangroves - planted at different locations across the Al Dhafra region - is part of the first phase of a drone mangrove plantation project supporting the Abu Dhabi Mangrove Initiative, state news agency WAM reported Thursday.

The process involves using drones to scan the topography of the area to create a 3D map. Then the most efficient planting pattern for that area is calculated using algorithms. Drones are then loaded with germinated seeds and dropped from the sky.

The process is faster and cheaper than handplanting as it removes the need for intense labour and sapling transportation. It is also cost-effective as it reduces the overall price of mangrove planting, eliminates the need for mangrove nurseries and associated costs, and facilitates reaching remote and difficult areas.

The Abu Dhabi Mangrove Initiative was first announced in February 2021 during Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge's visit to the UAE, where he met with Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed, Member of Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive



Office, at Jubail Mangrove Park. The initiative supports Abu Dhabi's plans to establish the emirate as a global hub for research and innovation in support of the conservation of mangroves and focuses on the

importance of mangroves for carbon sequestration to combat climate change.

It also aids the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment's target, announced during COP26 in

Glasgow in 2021, which unveiled a nationwide plan to plant 100 million mangroves by 2030.

Dr Shaikha Salem al-Dhaheri, Secretary-General of EAD, said that the UAE began mangrove plantation in

the 1970s under the guidance of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founder of the UAE, and also known as the country's first environmentalist.

He commenced mangrove plantation along the coasts of the islands and mainland of the emirate of Abu Dhabi. The Eastern Mangrove plantation was the inception of the first mangrove plantation programme in Abu Dhabi.

She said: "Even though the world's mangroves are declining due to natural and human challenges they are facing, Abu Dhabi has a different story to tell as the plantation of mangroves has continued in the UAE at large and in Abu Dhabi in particular, in a slow but steady manner."

"A prime example is our latest project of planting one million mangrove seeds via innovative drone technology. This project is one of several programmes run by the Abu Dhabi Mangrove Initiative to support the UAE's pledge to plant 100 million mangroves in 2030."

WB report paints dire picture of global economic outlook because recession looms

BY TALA MICHEL ISSA

LOBAL economic growth erage of 3.8 percent. is slowing sharply due to

compared to the preceding decade's av-As the global economy continues to



elevated inflation, higher interest rates, reduced investment and disruptions caused by the Russia-Ukraine war, a new World Bank report showed.

The report, published on Tuesday, has painted a dire picture of the global economy, with the prospect of a recession looming on the horizon.

The report warned that if any new adverse developments happen, including an unexpected spike in inflation, an abrupt increase in interest rates, a resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic, or escalating geopolitical tensions, the global economy could face another recession. If this happens, it would mark a historical first in more than 80 years, as it would be the first time that two global recessions have occurred within the same decade.

Global economy faces tougher year in 2023, IMF's Georgieva warns

The global economy is projected to grow by 1.7 percent in 2023 and 2.7 percent next year. The global economic landscape is predicted to experience a pervasive decline, with projections for 2023 revised to a downward trajectory for nearly all advanced economies, and a significant majority of emerging and developing economies.

The crisis facing development is intensifying as the global growth outlook deteriorates," World Bank Group President David Malpass (pictured) said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Emerging and developing countries are facing a multi-year period of slow growth driven by heavy debt burdens and weak investment as global capital is absorbed by advanced economies faced with extremely high government debt levels and rising interest rates. Weakness in growth and business investment will compound the already-devastating reversals in education, health, poverty, and infrastructure and the increasing demands from climate change," Malpass added.

The outlook for per-capita income expansion in emerging and developing economies is expected to be less favorable over the next two years, with estimates averaging at 2.8 percent. This navigate the challenges posed by the ongoing economic crisis, certain regions are expected to be disproportionately affected. Sub-Saharan Africa, which constitutes 60 percent of the world's extreme poor, is projected to witness a starkly slow growth in per-capita income over the period of 2023-24. The estimated average of 1.2 percent has the potential to exacerbate poverty rates in the region rather than alleviate them, serving as a reminder of the pressing need to focus on inclusive and equitable economic policies in order to promote sustainable development and reduce poverty.

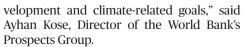
The outlook for advanced economies is fraught with uncertainty, as projections indicate a significant decline in growth, from 2.5 percent in 2022 to a mere 0.5 percent in 2023. This slowdown is a historical precursor of global recession, the World Bank warned.

The US is forecast to witness a decline in growth to 0.5 percent this year - a staggering 1.9 percentage points lower than prior estimates, marking the weakest performance since 1970, outside of official recessions.

Similarly, the euro-area growth forecast has been revised downwards to zero percent - a 1.9 percentage point reduction. Even China is now predicted to experience growth of 4.3 percent in 2023 - a 0.9 percentage point reduction from previous forecasts.

Excluding China, World Bank projections suggest that growth in emerging markets and developing economies will experience a slowdown, from a rate of 3.8 percent in 2022 to 2.7 percent in 2023. This reflects a confluence of factors, including a marked decline in external demand, compounded by the challenging economic conditions of high inflation, currency depreciation, constrained access to financing and other domestic headwinds.

"Subdued investment is a serious concern because it is associated with weak productivity and trade and dampens overall economic prospects. Without strong and sustained investment growth, it is simply impossible to make meaningful progress in achieving broader de-



"National policies to boost investment growth need to be tailored to country circumstances but they always start with establishing sound fiscal and monetary policy frameworks and undertaking comprehensive reforms in the investment climate."

As the world continues to grapple with the economic aftermath of the pandemic, the World Bank's new data forecasts a bleak reality for emerging and developing economies. By the end of 2024, their GDP is expected to

be roughly 6 percent lower than what was previously anticipated before the pandemic's onset. Although global inflation is expected to moderate, it will remain above pre-pandemic levels.

The report offers a comprehensive assessment of the medium-term investment growth prospects for emerging and developing economies. The research predicts that over the 2022-2024 period, gross investment in these economies will likely grow at an average rate of 3.5 percent - a significant decline when compared to the preceding two decades.

The World Bank also suggested a range of

policy options that could help to bolster investment and drive economic recovery in the affected economies.

Policymakers in small states can improve long-term growth prospects by fostering effective economic diversification and enhancing government efficiency.

The report called on the international community to provide sustained support through official assistance, particularly in the areas of climate change adaptation and debt sustainability, to assist these small states in weathering the economic challenges.



WATUMISHI HOUSING INVESTMENT IPO **OVERSUBSCRIBED BY 173 PC**

By Guardian Reporter

atumishi Housing Investment (WHI) Faida Fund Initial Public Offer (IPO) has been oversubscribed by 173 percent after raising 12.95bn/-

more than targeted 7bn/. Announcing the IPO results yesterday, WHI Chief Executive Officer Dr Fred Msemwa (pictured) said the proceed will be invested in debt instrument (60 percent), especially on primary markets of 20 ad 25 years Treasury bonds, while the remaining 40 percent invested on money markets.

"The purpose of the IPO was to invite Tanzanians to invest Faida Fund, the collective investment scheme targeting 7bn/as an initial investment," said. "This is the highest achievement in the history of financial market, particularly the previous collective investment scheme."

for the fund was 10,000/and subsequent investment of 5,000/-. However, there was no limit on the maximum amount to be invested.

The IPO of the open ended scheme was opened on November 1 last year and closed on 31st December, 2022

He said the oversubscription explains the high level of public trust on WHI. A total of 3,800 people have been enrolled on the fund of which 872 have so far invested through mobile

phones. According to the IPO results, more than 90 percent of investors were individuals and the remaining share was minors and institutional investors.

"We take this trust by ensuring that we meet the expectations of our investors, capital markets regulator and the government," he said.

He said the use of digital technology through Government e-Payment Gate-The initial investment way (GEPG) has helped

such achievements be- Prime Minister Kassim cause of smooth transaction with no transaction charges and investors are recognized soon after purchasing units.

Tanzanians are continuing to invest as at January 11 this year, the amount has so far reached 13.5bn," he said.

The unit price of the fund during the IPO was 100/-, but Dr Msemwa asserted that the value has increased to 100.54/- as at expertise of managing January 11, this year. "We want to reach

more Tanzanians to participate in financial markets through digital technology, mainly mobile phones," he said.

Dr Msemwa said the fund will also operate on growth mode to enable investors to grow their invested fund in long term to purchase more units.

Following the announcement of the IPO results, the official launch of the fund will be held on Saturday this week by

Majaliwa. The opening of repurchase operation will be held on April 1st this vear.

Speaking during the "As we speak now more IPO results announcement, official from CRDB Bank Plc, the custodian bank of Faida Fund Hemed Masumae said this is the seventh collective investment scheme to be managed by the bank in Tanzania.

"We have high level collective investment scheme with efficient systems for such schemes," he said.

"Our obligation was to offer public awareness and facilitation of the investment through our 255 branches and 25,000 agents spread across the country."

He said CRDB bank will by using their dividends manage all Faida Fund investment transactions as well as conduct payment to the fund's investors as well as provide advisory services.



Global mining boom set to accelerate in 2023

LONDON

energy companies As worldwide expand their renewable energy portfolios, in a bid to ensure their longevity in the global green



the pressure to decrease reliance expected to delay the anticipated on certain world powers, such as Russia, for the supply of highdemand metals and minerals.

the US.'s Inflation Reduction from 7.1 percent in 2021 to 17.6 Act, the U.K.'s Critical Minerals percent in 2026. Strategy, and several Lithium triangle agreements between Argentina, Bolivia, and Chile. Many countries are establishing roadmaps to ensure the development of strong supply chains, as some metals and minerals remain scarce and can only be mined in specific regions

deficit until 2026. Nickel is a vital component in batteries, and the demand for nickel for use in Some of these policies include batteries is expected to increase

World Bank to expand access to affordable housing in Diibouti

DJIBOUTI

The World Bank has approved a \$15 million in credit from the International Development Association (IDA), its programme for the poorest countries, to help expand access to affordable housing in Djibouti where rapid population growth and urbanization have made it harder to own a home.

The project aims to expand the mortgage market to low-income households by widening the scope of an existing partial credit guarantee fund to mortgage loans, supporting housing microfinance and by converting rent-to-own contracts into mortgage loans.

It will introduce innovative financing solutions to enable poorer households to build their own homes, while also supporting policy reforms to lower construction costs.

Self-constructed homes will have to meet certain building standards to ensure resilience against climateinduced floods and fires.

"The lack of available finance has been a major bottleneck for lower income families who want to own their own home. This new credit, along with financing from private banks, will help people to build better lives for their families and communities," said Boubacar-Sid Barry, World Bank Resident Representative in Djibouti. "Not only does a home offer security, it also provides collateral that can be leveraged to build other economic opportunities, which in turn lead to a rise in income," he added. Since the 1960s, Djibouti's population grew around 4.2 percent each year and this rapid growth led to greater urbanization, with more than 78 percent of Djibouti's population currently living in urban areas. This trend put increased pressure on the housing market, with low-income households largely shut out of the mortgage and home-building sector. "What's important about this project is that solutions for the housing crisis are coming largely from the private sector. which is more sustainable in the long run and eases pressure on public funding," said Caroline Cerruti, World Bank Senior Financial Sector Specialist. The partial credit guarantee portion of the project (US\$7 million) is expected to mobilize around US\$70 million in private capital from banks to finance mortgages for homes, and about 2,000 lowto-middle income households are expected to benefit from affordable mortgage loans partially guaranteed by the guarantee fund. Some 450 poor households are expected to have access to finance to build homes themselves, and the project will also try to bridge the gender gap for mortgage finance and self-constructed homes. The new credit complements other World Bank Group projects that are already addressing affordable housing issues in Djibouti. Another project, the Djibouti Integrated Slum Upgrading Project, works on land titling and other supply issues

an increasing transition, number of firms are investing heavily in metals and minerals to support their green energy output.

More extensive mining for metals and minerals is vital for an eventual shift away from fossil fuels to renewable alternatives; with the demand for lithium, zinc, and other resources growing rapidly as electric batteries and renewable energy technologies become more commonplace.

The industry grew in many parts of the world in 2022, and this trend is just beginning, with several major mining developments planned around the globe for 2023.

While the metals and minerals industry experienced growth in 2022, it was also hindered by price swings, high production costs, and ongoing supply chain disruptions.

An end-of-year report from Fitch Solutions suggests that the mining and metals industry will be more stable in 2023 as these challenges settle.

Ukraine conflict will likely cause longer-term energy insecurity, which will affect inflation levels worldwide.

The ongoing global financial crisis means that metal prices could be slightly lower in 2023. but the commodities market is expected to achieve greater price stability. The metals and minerals market is expected to grow steadily over the next decade, as demand continues to rise in line with the adoption of renewable power and related technologies.

Disruptions to mining caused by the pandemic are gradually being overcome and activities are expected to pick up across several global locations over the next decade. The Surface mining market is expected to achieve a value of \$39.7 billion by 2030,

Although the ongoing Russian- with a CAGR of around 3.20 percent.

> China continues to be the world's biggest consumer and producer of most minerals and metals. Its 'zero-Covid' policy, which has only recently been lifted, had a detrimental effect on the supply and demand of these resources in 2022, with greater stability expected for the coming year.

Demand in China is expected to pick up in line with the re-opening of several key industries, although this could be challenged should another break-out of Covid take place.

Several countries are developing new policies around mining and the security of their metals and minerals markets. This is largely in response to the greater nationalization of these resources, as seen in Mexico, and

of the world. An analysis from S&P Global foresees supply constraints across critical commodities

as early as 2024, due to the anticipated sharp uptake of electric vehicles (EVs), the shift to renewable energy technologies, and related transmission and distribution requirements.

Due to concerns about the scarcity of metals and minerals needed to support a green transition, governments worldwide are likely to offer greater funding and incentives for new mining developments, to ensure the necessary supply to meet the growing global demand.

In the case of nickel, Indonesia is increasing its supply to meet the rising demand, which is

The S&P analysis also demonstrates how the global demand for lithium and cobalt will likely outstrip supply by as early as 2025 or 2026.

While the supply of iron ore and zinc is expected to remain stronger than demand. However, copper demand is expected to rise more rapidly than new mining projects become operational.

Discussions around mining for a green transition being at odds with the environmental degradation and destruction of ecosystems associated with this mining will continue in 2023 as new projects emerge.

Worldwide efforts to decarbonize will see the demand for metals and minerals increase sharply over the next decade, as governments and energy firms accelerate plans for renewable energy operations. In addition, ESG will likely be a major consideration in the development of new projects, paying greater attention to the effect of mining on the local environment.

Dubai real estate market records AED1.8bn

DUBAI

Wednesday's property deals included 461 sales transactions worth AED1.43 billion, 89 mortgage deals of AED350.12 million and 15 gift deals amounting to AED55.11 million, data by Dubai's Land Department (DLD) showed.

The sales included 424 villas and apartments worth AED1.14 billion and 37 land plots worth AED292.67 million.

The mortgages included 64

AED229.73 million and 25 land houses. plots valued at AED120.39 million

The Dubai real estate market has been on a bull run for the last several months, with transactions recording a jump of 61 percent since 2021, exceeding AED240 billion in 2022, according to a recent real estate agency report.

The growth is attributed to a maturing market and intention for people to stay in Dubai for longer as well as an increase villas and apartments worth in demand for villas and town-

The report said investors were being offered a wider range of options as increased demand is projected to outperform supply in the coming vear.

The Dubai Land Department recently announced a new strategic plan for further development of the sector, in line with the national agenda to build a better economy while ensuring consistency with current and future global developments and practices.





NEW YORK SUPER-PRIME REAL ESTATE HITS A WALL

NEW YORK

n the last half of 2022 the market for homes priced at \$10 million and more fell precipitously in New York and South Florida, according to a new report from the brokerage Serhant.

"The second half of the year was more affected at the superprime level than most people initially believed," says Garrett Derderian, Serhant's director of market intelligence.

"The big takeaway is that this year the market is going to slow considerably, and it could be one of the slowest years in the superprime market in the last decade."

The report analyzed \$10 million-plus sales and signed contracts in Palm Beach, Miami, New York and the Hamptons. While it was already clear that last year's market success was largely a holdover from 2021's banner year, the Serhant report emphasizes just how far, and how fast, demand has fallen for superluxury properties in some of the wealthiest parts of the country.

Judging by sales numbers, 2022 was even better than 2021 for super-prime sales. But contracts signed are often considered more representative of a market's strength than sales, which can carry over from previous years.

(Once a contract is signed, it can take months to close, particularly in a new development.) "On a high level, when you look at sales figures, they're very strong," says Derderian. "But when you look at contract activity you start to see a drop-off."

In fact, in the first half of 2022, signed contracts for condos and co-ops in New York City priced at \$10 million or more were down a modest 15% from the previous vear; in the second half they plummeted 68%. Townhouses in the city were similarly affected, with contracts falling 41% year over year in the first half and 58% in the second.

Miami's decline was nearly as precipitous. There, signed contracts fell 27% year over year in the first half of 2022 and 60% in the second half. In the Hamptons, where inventory has remained tight, contracts declined 23% in the first half of the year and then accelerated their slide, dropping 39% in the second.

Only Palm Beach was comparatively steady, with signed contracts down 6% year over year from January to June and then 28% from July to December. "In South Florida there's the belief that prices are peaking, so there's a pullback in sales," Derderian says. "Still, there's limited inven-

tory, so well-priced homes, particularly ones that are turnkey and ready to move in. are selling." Indeed, sales prices in the \$10

million-plus tier have remained resilient, according to the report, particularly in South Florida, where the median sales price increased 3% year over year in Palm Beach and 2% in Miami. The Hamptons saw even better median sales growth-8% year over year, according to the report.

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But in New York, even accounting for 2021 contracts that closed in 2022, the median price for condos at the \$10 million-plus level declined 2%; for co-ops it fell by 15%, from just over \$14 million to

just over \$12 million. The condos sold, which represented the bulk of New York transactions in this highest-price tier, got smallerthe average size fell to just over 4,000 square feet, down from more than 4,500 square feet the year before. But that's not the cause of the price slide: Price per square foot fell, too.

"Pricing has certainly come down, which differentiates New York City from other markets,' Derderian says. "When buyers at this level smell blood, especially during uncertain times, they tend to strike. So super-prime is usually one of the last tiers to collapse but the first to recover."

Nigeria roads in tertiary educational institutions

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The Federal Government is constructing no fewer than 83 internal road projects across the nation's tertiary educational institutions.

Minister of Works and Babatunde Housing, Fashola, stated this yesterday while handing over 1.8km internal roads at the Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State.

Fashola said the ministry had intervened and handed over 64 road projects in various tertiary federal institutions as at March 2022, 18 projects ready to be

and unskilled labourers were employed in the process, contributing to the job creation initiative of the Federal Government."

Represented by the Federal Controller of Works, Kebbi State office, James Bugu, the minister hopes that the school will ensure the

asset is used properly and not abused. The Vice Chancellor, Federal University

Birnin Kebbi, Prof. Muhammad Zaiyan-Umar, thanked the Federal Government for its support to the university Hospital and Uhuru Primary School through with series of interventions through Ministhe initiative.

Dodoma

SELEMANI Jafo, the minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), yesterday joined the Exim Bank and media stakeholders on a tree planting exercise in Dodoma in efforts to make the capital city green, as part of the celebrations for the Zanzibar Revolution.

By Guardian Reporter,

The trees which look at combating challenges of climate change were planted at the now popular Dodoma's Machinga Complex.

The tree planting initiative at the complex was fully sponsored by Exim Bank and coordinated by Habari Development Association as part of the association's plan to plant 6,000 trees in different areas of the Capital city, including the infamous Mirembe

Stakeholders mark Zanzibar Revolution by planting trees to make Dodoma city green



Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment), Selemani Jafo (R) looking on as Exim Bank's Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

handed over, while attending to 19 roads in similar institutions across the country.

According to him, this is consistent with their progressive ideal of improving the human condition as well as critical intervention to support education.

His words: "The gap of our infrastructure needs is steadily being bridged by a gradual process of repairs, renewal and construction on major highways and it has reached the schools.

"During the construction, about 33 skilled

tries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), National Universities Com-

mission (NUC) and Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Zaiyan-Umar thanked President Muhammadu Buhari for timely release of funds for all project interventions to the university. He pointed out that the road would beautify the environment, ease movement to the new senate building, faculties, sports complex and

others.

Speaking immediately after planting trees at the busy Machinga Complex, Jafo said that his ministry in collaboration with other stakeholders was well also planned to use the 59 years anniversary of the Zanzibar Revolution to

areas of the country. "As we are serious in our commitment, we are delighted to see that our friends from Exim Bank have decided to compliment student hostels among the government's efforts, and on behalf of the government I

Shani Kinswaga (2nd R), the bank's Marketing and Communications Manager Stanley Kafu (C) and the Executive Secretary of Habari Development Association Executive Bernard Mwanawile (L) planting trees at the Machinga Complex market in Dodoma yesterday as part of the celebrations for the Zanzibar Revolution. The tree planting initiative at the complex was fully sponsored by Exim Bank and coordinated by Habari Development **Association. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**

wish to express my sincere appreciation to the bank...keep it up!" he mentioned

According to the minister, the country was going plant trees in different through different challenges including climate change thus causing scarcity of rains that have eventually caused food shortage in the country, water services and reliable electricity, something that has derailed the country's economy.

He however insisted that the government was implementing different development projects seeking to avert impacts of climate change including reducing production of charcoal, drilling small and major dams, apart from the ongoing Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP). Shani Kinswaga, Exim Bank's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) said that his bank was always supporting the government's efforts in looking for measures to averts all effects of the climate change by coming up with different strategies including its popular

programme dubbed: 'Exim Go Green Initiative' by intensifying awareness tree planting campaigns via all branches from across the country.

"This is the third time our bank has been running this exercise within three years and our target is to plant 20,000 trees in different areas of the region," he noted.

Bernard Mwanawile, Habari Association Development Executive Secretary said that his association was determined to plant 1 million trees in Dodoma as he paid tribute to different institutions that were supporting efforts by his association including Exim Bank Tanzania.

Mwanawile said already, Exim Bank had supported the exercise and that so far 16,000 trees had been planted via the support of the bank only.

Veronica Tarimo, Machinga Complex Manager pledged to ensure that all business persons and other stakeholders operating at the market were protecting the planted trees.

Alliance One hands over health, computer items to Morogoro hospital



Morogoro DC Albert Msando (L) hands over an orthopaedic set donated by Alliance one to Morogoro Regional Medical Officer Dr Daniel Nkungu (R) as the company's Human Resource Director Blasius Lupenza (2L) and company's Chief Spokesperson John Magoti (R) looks on.

By Staff Reporter, Morogoro

Morogoro district commissioner Albert Msando has received three modern computers and health facilities from Alliance One Tobacco valued 8.8mn/- to support the Morogoro regional referral hospital to conduct orthopedic operations.

Speaking during the facilities handing over ceremony, Msando thanked the company for accepting the request to cut down the challenges and of shortages of health equipment at the hospital, which caused the region to depend such services from other hospitals including the Muhimbili National Hospital.

"For example, I was told that the hospital had 98 patients whom depended on such services and only 56 were referred to Muhimbili National Hospital and the remaining didn't access such services, so they had

no other option, but using traditional and alternative medicines," he said,.

He said after being informed by the hospital management on over the shortages, he wrote to Alliance Tobacco to request for the support, which they promptly accepted.

He said on top of the requested health facilities, the company also donated three computers and two printers for use by the police department in Morogoro district.

In other development, Msando urged the hospital management and the Police force to have the better use of the donated items.

On his part, the Alliance One Human Resources Director Blasius Lupenza said the donated facilities to the community was part of the company's corporate social responsibility policy targeting water, health and educa-

tion in its areas of operations.

Citing examples he explained that during the Covid 19 pandemic, the company donated various facilities to the government departments to protect them against the pandemic.

He said the company also conducted maintenance of police vehicles including buying new tires and other mechanical works.

On his part advocate John Magoti the company chief spokesperson said the company as a good corporate citizen is implementing its social responsibility support to the sixth phase government led by Samia Suluhu Hassan to ensure that people are cordially accessing better social services.

The Morogoro Regional Medical Officer Dr Daniel Nkungu thanked Alliance One Tobacco for the support, saying the facility would greatly to reduce the

dependence of such services to other hospitals.

Dr Nkungu said before receiving such facilities, many patients have had to wait for three days to one week for operation and sometimes they had to borrow facilities from Dodoma Region referral hospital to operate patients.

On his account, the Police Officer the district of Morogoro, SSP Samson Cornel called for bodaboda riders to religiously observe road safety signs and requirements and thereby to reduce unnecessary accidents.

"Kindly observe health and safety rules and while riding that motor vehicle of yours, otherwise your lives are in jeopardy immediately as soon as you jump on it," he observed.

Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania is one of the leading tobacco merchant and processor in Tanzania.

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DAR STRUGGLING AT THE REGION'S TEA EXPORT MARKET

By Francis Kajubi

ANZANIA has traded the least amount of tea packages at this month's East African Tea Export Auctions compared to last year's traded amount.

According to the market results of the auction held on January 3rd and 4th this year, Tanzania offered 820 packages of tea which is equivalent 39,096 kilograms down from 1,260 packages which is equivalent to 65,980 kilograms it offered in January 2022.

Results show that of the 820 packages it offered at the market, 400 packages were successfully sold which is equivalent to 17,120 kilograms. Last year's auction Tanzania offered 540 packages which was equivalent to 26,664 kilograms.

The first sale of this year opened with fair demand at irregular levels for the total of 220,070 packages which is equivalent to 14,708,900 kilograms in the market with 25.53 percent of it being neglected.

The first auction saw a total of 161,168 packages sold during the two auction days which is equivalent to 11,079, 287 kilograms.

According to the results, Kenya led the list of the East African countries by offering a larger quantity of tea. Kenya offered 175,160 packages which is equivalent to 12,015,526 kilograms. Of the offered packages, Kenya sold 124,058 packages which is equivalent to 8,826, 572 kilograms.



Uganda came second in the list where it offered 33,620 packages which is equivalent to 1,952,182 kilograms. Of the offered packages, 28,720 packages were successfully sold, an equivalent of 1,676,555 kilograms.

Rwanda took the third position with an offer of 9,030 packages, an equivalent of 613,704 kilograms. Rwanda successfully sold a bunch of 7,310 packages, an equivalent of 497,620 kilograms. Burundi was ahead of Tanzania by offering 1,440 packages, an equivalent of 88,392 kilograms.

The auction results further show that of the total 220,070 packages offered,

there were 118,240 packages that went unsold.

There were 75,440 packages of dust grades that ended up unsold. This is equivalent to 5,617,237 kilograms and 31.76 percent of the total unsold tea. On secondary grades, 26,390 packages which is equivalent to 1,320,728 kilo-

grams went unsold. This forms 11.14 percent of the total unsold.

The auction results stated that on buyers' appetite, Egyptian Packers showed more support with Pakistan Packers, Bazaar, Afghanistan, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries active but at lower levels.

Kazakhstan and other CIS states lent selective activity to the UK while Russia maintained participation at the auction. Sudan showed reduced enquiry while Iran was quiet. Local Packers were less active while Somalia maintained interest at the lower end of the market.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) highlights on the national accounts performance for the third quarter 2022, crop production grew at a slower rate of 2.7 compared to 6.8 percent in the corresponding quarter in 2021.

The slow in growth was due to unfavorable rainfall received in areas of the production during the period of July to September 2022. However, Tea is not among the major crops that contributed to this growth. Major crops that contributed to the growth were Banana, Cassava, sweet potatoes, beans and pulses.

The Central Bank's Monthly Economic Review for December states that traditional goods exports increased to \$760.9 million from \$628.8 million at the end of November in 2021. The growth was mainly supported by the rise in exports of cotton, cashew nuts, sisal and tobacco.

Programme to addressing South Africa's critical housing shortage

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's first and only multisector residential investment and development conference and exhibition has been launched in response to the country's massive housing shortage and high urbanisation rate, according to the organisers.

Hosted by SmartXchange (a division of Commerce Edge South Africa), this event will bring together the vast quantity of accommodation needed to alleviate the shortages.

The inaugural Residential Investment & Development Conference will see government agencies, asset managers, operating entities, investors, brokers, banks, consultants, and service providers come together to unpack new opportunities in the social and affordable housing, student, retirement, co-living and multi-family residential spaces.

The event will feature practical



the entire residential value chain to share knowledge, collaborate and do business. Expanding on the pressing need for this gathering, SmartXchange chairperson and CEO Debbie Tagg says: "South Africa has a massive housing shortage and one of the highest urbanisation rates among emerging economies across the world. 63% of South Africans are already living in urban areas and this will rise to 71% by 2030. By 2050, eight in 10 people will be living in urban areas. There are currently more than 3 300 informal settlements in South Africa," Tagg states.

The Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA) which administers the government's social housing program is targeting the delivery of 18,000 social housing units by 2024. Social housing is effectively the rental equivalent of gap housing and directly addresses the accommodation needs of the "missing middle" who are unable to access mortgage facilities through the government assisted FLISP programme.

Marius Muller, managing director of specialist social housing company SoHo Properties, is quoted as saying that the provision of social housing has become a critical element in alleviating the housing needs of the country and transitioning a large portion of the population from rental accommodation towards home ownership.

"On the student accommodation front, there is currently a conservatively estimated capacity gap of 500 000 beds," Tagg notes. "In the last two years (2020, 2021), NSFAS spent an average R11,9 billion per annum on student accommodation funding. At least 420 000 students each year are in university and TVET accommodation. Out of this, approximately 43% was for institutional residences and 57% was for private accommodation.

Tagg stresses that there is a growing imperative to galvanise social and affordable housing in order to produce case studies, roundtable discussions and keynote presentations from global and local experts and thought leaders. Tagg says that the conference will benefit all levels of audience.

She explains that the event's key objectives are to enable private role players to achieve "housing for all'; to slash the development cost in the South African economy; to boost the state's capacity to fasttrack project approvals and policy implementation; to formalise the industry value chain and eco system; to unlock equity and debt funding; and to mitigate risk by unpacking and examining risk and pricing models.

The first Residential Investment & Development Conference will take place on 12 and 13 July 2023 at Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Current event partners include SoHo Properties, iKhaya Future House, Enza Construction, Triple 3 Group, Take Shape Property Management, Venator, EnPointe Properties, Property Wheel, SAACPP, GreenStuff, SA Building Review, SA Business Integrator and SA Profile.

"Enza Construction is proud to be a partner to this prestigious event. Our commitment is to deliver the best in housing so that all people are able to live in decent places that they call home," says Enza Construction's CEO Rowan Crowie. Enza has been a key player in the housing space for over two decades, building affordable social housing throughout South Africa.

"This locally driven event representing the challenges and opportunities of the entire residential value chain is one that should not be missed by anyone involved in any aspect of residential investment and development. It offers an invaluable opportunity for cross learning between stakeholders, and a critical platform for government and private sector stakeholders to engage and collaborate in order to overcome key challenges," Tagg concludes. LG Electronics Global CEO William Cho makes remarks during the 2023 LG World Premier press conference held on the sidelines of CES 2023. He shared LG's vision for Innovation Designed to Make Customers' Lives Better. The company's 2023 and beyond strategy features a strong offering of customercentred innovations to build a better life for all and care for the environment. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

LG unveils 2030 sustainability blueprint strategy

NAIROBI

LG Electronics has rolled out its 2023 blueprint aimed at creating innovation for a better life and ensuring a sustainable future for all.

Running under the slogan Life's Good, the blueprint was made public by LG electronics Global CEO William Cho during the LG World Premier press conference held on the sidelines of the ongoing CES 2023 exhibition.

It features a strong offering of customer-centered innovations to build a better life for all, and care for the environment which is anchored on its 2030 ESG blueprint dubbed better life plan, and its Better Plan blueprint that seeks to build accessibility, and easy use of LG's products and services by the disabled and elderly.

Speaking while rolling out the company's vision, William Cho affirmed the company's commitment to take on new challenges in 2023 and beyond despite any uncertainties, noting that, "LG has known and truly believed that the answer is always with the customer. The start and end of all innovation are our customers, and it is with these innovations that we aim to put a smile on their faces". To provide new value to its

customers, Cho highlighted upcoming ground-breaking customer-centered innovations in its home electronics and appliances such as the LG OLED, which has changed customers' viewing experience completely. He noted that the company is actively working with partners to introduce various new interactive services through LG TVs, including the online educational platform Master-Class, workout app MaxPro and metaverse service Sansar that will expand the customer experience and enable TV users to redefine the viewing experience. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, LG OLED continues to set the industry standard for picture quality and unprecedented customer experiences.

Cho also spoke about LG ThinQ UP, a new category of 'evolving' home appliances offering unique upgradeability and personalization options. The premium lineup includes revolutionary products like the

LG refrigerator with MoodUP[™], which can change color to suit users' tastes, mood, or kitchen décor.

While emphasizing the company's focus to create a better future for all, Cho reiterated LGs commitment as a responsible corporate citizen to realize a sustainable future. He mentioned the company's promise to increase the accessibility and easy use of LG's products and services by the disabled and elderly. This, as guided by feedback from LG's 'Disabled Advisory Group' - in operation since 2021 and comprised of members with varying abilities and accessibility experts - the company is continuously introducing barrier-free products that can be conveniently used by all.

"Our goal is to eliminate barriers at every stage of the customer experience. This will include developing product manuals that incorporate audio and sign language guides, distributing braille stickers for appliances, and operating sign language counseling centers among others," said Cho. To complement this, LG

currently runs the Global

IT Challenge for Youth with Disabilities (GITC) which, since 2011, has empowered more than 4,000 youth to build skills in technology to eliminate the digital divide for persons with disabilities.

To make a positive impact on people's lives and the planet, LG electronics revealed its plan to put people and the planet first which is at the heart of the new Better Life Plan 2030, LGs global framework for Environmental Social and Governance that defines core ESG tasks and ESG led management. On the environment agenda, LG aims to use 600,000 tons of recycled plastic by 2030 in its production process, an act that signifies its commitment to lead the way in environmental sustainability and climate action. Over the next 7 years, LG plans to collect and recycle another 4.5 million tons of e-waste. In the same breadth, LG expects to reduce carbon emissions by 20 percent in its 7 major product categories through energy efficiency, even as it aims to complete its transition to renewable energy by 2050.



Prince Harry hits out at press over reports of Afghan killings

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prince Harry has hit back at "hurtful" responses to his record-selling memoir, saying he was particularly upset by the "lie" he had boasted that he had killed 25 people in Afghanistan when serving as a military helicopter pilot.

In his book "Spare", King Charles's younger son recounts his two tours of Afghanistan, first as a forward air controller in 2007/08 and again in 2012, when he was a co-pilot gunner in Apache attack helicopters, and the

number of people he had killed.

British newspapers, heavily criticized in the book, and some senior former British military figures have attacked his decision to make public the figure of those he had killed, saying it could put him and others at risk of reprisals.

Speaking to US chat show host Stephen Colbert on "The Late Show", he said the press had spun his words to take his disclosure out of context, and that he had included the material to reduce the number of suicides by military veterans.



Pedestrians pass a display in the window of a book shop in London on **Tuesday. AP**

"Without doubt the most dangerous lie that they have told is that I somehow boasted about the number of people that I killed in Afghanistan," he said.

"I made a choice to share it because having spent nearly two decades working with veterans all around the world, I think the most important thing is to be honest and be able to give space to others to be able to share their experiences without any shame." On Tuesday, the publisher of Harry's book said it had become the UK's fastest

selling non-fiction book ever and its intimate personal revelations about his life and other royals, and his accusations about how they had worked with a hostile press, have dominated the British media for days.

The English language edition of "Spare" sold more than 1.43 million units in all formats and editions in the United States, Canada and the UK on the first day of its publication.

"I'm not going to lie the last few days have been hurtful and challenging," Harry said.

International companies confident in China's innovation vitality

LOS ANGELES

AT the recently concluded 2023 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, many multinational companies showed great interest in China's innovative products and solutions and expressed optimism about China's innovation vitality.

The world's premier tech show, which concluded over the weekend with more than 3,200 exhibitors from over 170 countries and regions, drew hundreds of Chinese companies, including well-known brands like TCL, Lenovo and Hisense, as well as startups. Oliver Zipse, chairman of the Board of Management of BMW AG, said the German auto giant would continue to deepen cooperation with its Chinese partners due to China's market and strong innovation ca-

has already been the largest market for BMW; the other is innovation since BMW's development strategy could only be realized with inspiration and innovation from China.

"A lot of things happening in the tech world are starting in China and then are being extended to the world," Zipse said, citing BMW's i7 Series, the latest electric luxury sedan launched in China in December, as the best example. "The future of the BMW Group is very clear: digital, electric and circular.

The future of the BMW Group also lies in the growth and the further development of our footprint in China. Because China is the frontrunner in all three strategic areas," he said.

"I'm glad to see our strategic directions perfectly match involving R&D, digitaliza- icymakers." The C-V2X techthe national policies of China." More and more multinationfields. als consider China one of the important production bases, sales markets and research and development (R&D) centers According to Zipse, BMW has established the largest



People visit the 2023 Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, the United States, Jan. 8, 2023. (Photo by Zeng Hui/Xinhua)

R&D and innovation team out- leading the world in C-V2X side of Germany, with centers in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenyang, and Nanjing. Currently, BMW has about 3,200 employees in China that engage in innovation-related work China when we talk to U.S. poltion, electrification and other nology holds the potential

vehicle-to-every-(cellular thing) technology development, mainly due to its government support and mature policies. "We always point to

R&D investment and technology upgrades.

IRest, a massage equipment company based in China's southeastern Zhejiang Province, showcased different types of massage chairs, attracting a long line of visitors.

Liu Shijian, iRest's manager of the exhibition department, told Xinhua the company is committed to technology innovation and has introduced artificial intelligence in its 3D intelligent manipulator, which is the core technology of its massage chairs and can better assist programming and offer a personalized experience for consumers.

China's machinery and electronics industry has strong resilience, relatively complete industry chains and efficient supply chains, Shi Yonghong, vice president of the China Chamber of Commerce for

Uganda declares end of Ebola outbreak

KAMPALA

UGANDA on Wednesday said the Ebola Sudan Virus outbreak in the country has ended after no new case was reported over a period of 42 days.

The World Health Organization (WHO) requires that for a country to be declared Ebola-free, it should spend 42 days (two 21-day incubation cycles of the virus) without any new cases reported.

Minister of Health Ruth Aceng made the announcement in the Central Region district of Mubende, which was the epicenter of the outbreak that was first reported on Sept. 20.2022

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in a joint statement congratulated Uganda and its partners for the robust and comprehensive response to combat and defeat the virus.

"Uganda has shown that Ebola can be defeated when the whole system works together, from having an alert system in place, to finding and caring for people affected and their contacts, to gaining the full participation of affected communities in the response," said Ghebreyesus.

WHO Regional Director for Africa Matshidiso Moeti said Uganda's long experience in responding to epidemics allowed the country to rapidly strengthen critical areas of the response.

"With no vaccines and therapeutics, this was one of the most challenging Ebola outbreaks in the past five years, but Uganda stayed the course and continuously fine-tuned its response," said Moeti.

According to the WHO, this Ebola outbreak was caused by the Sudan Ebola virus, one of six species of the Ebola virus, against which no therapeutics and vaccines have been approved yet.

In efforts to stop the possible spread, Uganda worked with the WHO and other partners, including vaccine developers, to identify candidate therapeutics and vaccines for inclusion in trials. Three candidate vaccines were identified and over 5,000 doses of these arrived in the country, according to the WHO.

"While these candidate vaccines were not used during this outbreak, they remain the contribution of Uganda and partners to the fight against Ebola," said WHO Representative in Uganda Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam.

"The next time the Sudan ebolavirus strikes, we can reignite the robust cooperation between developers, donors and health authorities, and dispatch the candidate vaccines.'

The WHO said although the outbreak in Uganda has been declared over, health authorities are maintaining surveillance and are ready to respond quickly to any flare-ups.

Neighbouring countries remain on alert and are encouraged to continue strengthening their capacities to detect and respond to infectious disease outbreaks, the WHO added.

Saudi Arabia plans to use domestic uranium for nuclear fuel

RIYADH

SAUDI Arabia plans to use domestically-sourced uranium to build up its nuclear power industry, energy minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman (pictured) said on Wednesday.



He added that recent exploration had shown a diverse

pability.

In an interview with Xinhua and several other Chinese news outlets during the CES, Zipse said BMW is motivated to cooperate with its Chinese partners for two reasons.

One is the market, as China

Jim Misener, senior director of product management for U.S. tech giant Qualcomm Technologies, also expressed his optimism about China's electric car innovation. Misener said that China is

to deliver transformational benefits in road safety and enhance environmental sustainability. At the 2023 CES, Chinese companies impressed global exhibitors with innovative products and solutions, illustrating their emphasis on

Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products, told Xinhua.

Shi added that China has been the world's largest exporter of mechanical and electrical products since 2009. Xinhua

and constructive" role to help

end the conflict and establish

peace in the European coun-

Putin, for his part, described

as "very useful" the enhance-

ment of all-out economic

cooperation between Russia

and Iran, adding expanding

the two sides' capacities and

cooperation in different fields,

including the areas of trans-

portation and energy, will be

in the interests of the econo-

He welcomed Iran's initia-

tive to help secure peace in

Ukraine, calling for further

coordination to resolve Syria's

problems within the frame-

work of the Astana process.

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portfolio of uranium in the Gulf Arab state, the world's top oil exporter.

Saudi Arabia has a nascent nuclear program that it wants to expand to eventually include uranium enrichment, a sensitive area given its role in nuclear weapons. Riyadh has said it wants to use nuclear power to diversify its energy mix.

It is unclear where its ambitions end, since Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in 2018 that the kingdom would develop nuclear weapons if regional rival Iran did.

"The kingdom intends to utilize its national uranium resources, including in joint ventures with willing partners in accordance with international commitments and transparency standards," Abdulaziz bin Salman said.

He told a mining industry conference in Riyadh that this would involve "the entire nuclear fuel cycle which involves the production of yellowcake, low enriched uranium and the manufacturing of nuclear fuel both for our national use and of course for export".

Fellow Gulf state the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has the Arab world's first multi-unit operating nuclear energy plant. The UAE has committed not to enrich uranium itself and not to reprocess spent fuel.

Atomic reactors need uranium enriched to around 5 percent purity, but the same technology in this process can also be used to enrich the heavy metal to higher, weapons-grade levels.

This issue has been at the heart of Western and regional concerns about Iran's nuclear program, and led to the 2015 deal between Tehran and global powers that capped enrichment at 3.67 percent.

The pact unraveled after then-president Donald Trump exited the deal in 2018, and efforts to salvage the agreement have stalled since September.

Iranian, Russian presidents discuss expanding economic cooperation

TEHRAN

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Wednesday discussed the expansion of economic cooperation, particularly in the energy and transportation sectors.

In a phone call on Wednesday evening, Raisi said the constant expansion of economic cooperation between Tehran and Moscow, especially in the transportation and energy sectors, will help establish useful relations between the two nations and regional countries, according to the website of the Iranian

president's office.

The two sides also exchanged views on enhancing political cooperation as well as regional and international issues of common interest.

He said Iran has always stressed the necessity of promoting regional convergence, noting that only through cooperation and coordination, regional problems, such as those in the Caucasus region and Syria, can be resolved.

The Iranian president also highlighted efforts to solve Syria's problems within the framework of the Astana process -- launched in 2017 at the initiative of Iran, Russia and Turkey, noting that Tehran



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi (L) and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin

has always warned against the detrimental presence of foreign powers in the region.

Shifting to the war in Ukraine, Raisi voiced Iran's readiness to play an "active

> nings for bilateral relations with tangible cooperation outcomes.

> The two sides should deepen cooperation on law enforcement, security and biosecurity, and jointly crack down on the three forces of terrorism, separatism and extremism, to build strong security shields for the development of both countries.

> The two sides also need to increase exchanges in various fields and at all levels, advance people-to-people cooperation, and strengthen the emotional bond between their peoples, so as to consolidate the popular and social foundation for the sustained and sound development of bilateral ties.

These efforts are conducive to the two coun-

China endeavours to promote high-level development of its relations with Central Asian countries

CHINESE President Xi Jinping held talks with Turkmen President Serdar Berdimuhamedov at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing recently during the latter's state visit to China.

The two heads of state announced the elevation of the China-Turkmenistan relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership, reached important consensus on advancing the building of a China-Turkmenistan community with a shared future, and witnessed the signing of agreements on cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and cooperation in other fields.

This marks China's success in establishing a comprehensive strategic partnership, advancing the building of a community with a shared future for mankind at the bilateral level, and

signing BRI cooperation documents with all five Central Asian countries.

With similar visions and goals as well as intertwined interests, China and Turkmenistan have achieved fruitful results in exchanges and cooperation in multiple fields and at all levels, and seen their bilateral friendly ties grow from strength to strength under the strategic guidance of the two countries' heads of state.

The two countries' decisions to establish a comprehensive strategic partnership, continuously deepen bilateral cooperation across the board, and build a China-Turkmenistan community with a shared future is expected to push forward the development of their bilateral relations at a higher level.

Building a China-Turkmenistan community

with a shared future is an endeavor that enables the two sides to further deepen mutually beneficial cooperation, better accommodate each other's concerns, and reinforce their everlasting friendship on the basis of mutual respect, candor, mutual trust, and mutual benefit.

The two sides should support each other on issues concerning their core interests and respect each other's pursuit of a development path suited to their own national conditions.

It is important for the two countries to synergize their development strategies at a faster pace, make full use of such mechanisms as the China-Turkmenistan Cooperation Committee, and continue to expand the breadth and depth of cooperation, in order to create underpintries' national development and rejuvenation and can help improve the well-being of their people.

The further elevation of the China-Turkmenistan relationship mirrors the high-level development of the relations between China and Central Asian countries.

Thirty-one years ago, China took the lead in establishing diplomatic ties with Central Asian countries, opening the door to bilateral exchanges and cooperation. Over the past 31 years, China and Central Asian countries have blazed a new trail of good-neighborly friendship and win-win cooperation, and set a good example of fostering a new type of international relations.

Five keywords of China's COVID response

BEIJING

THREE years into its arduous fight against COVID-19, China is making headway toward restoring vitality to the lives of over 1.4 billion people.

People across the country are preparing for the annual travel rush and reunion with their loved ones, restaurants and eateries are reopening, and business representatives are booking charter flights to Europe and beyond in search of new business opportunities.

With China now entering a new phase of COVID response, the normalcy of hustle and bustle is trickling back to the world's second-largest economy.

Under the leadership of Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, China has achieved economic and social development over the past three years, while protecting the lives and health of the Chinese people to the greatest extent.

The miracle can be decoded into five keywords: "fight," "prevention," "coordination," "optimization" -- with the goal of returning to "normalcy."

Behind those five words is the CPC's people-centered philosophy, which has led the Chinese to the light of hope and will continue to guide the country through future challenges.

FIGHT: THE SPIRIT OF RE-SOLVE AND COURAGE

A typical morning in Wuhan always starts with a bowl of hot dry noodles.

"It is the taste of home," said Zhao Lei, a 27-year-old Wuhan resident who often enjoys the noodles at a street stand or an outdoor restau-

rant.

For Zhao and many others in the central Chinese city, these moments of peace are like the rainbow after a storm. They would not have had the pleasure of enjoying this traditional noodle dish in such a leisurely fashion, had an uphill battle not been won against the fast-spreading novel coronavirus.

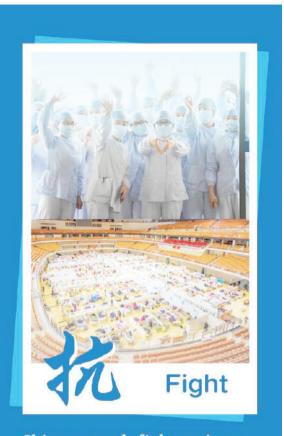
The Chinese phrase for "antiepidemic" contains the character "kang," meaning "fight" or "combat." In China, this word has been spoken to muster nationwide courage and solidarity to fight invaders, devastating floods or calamitous earthquakes.

It was used again when an epidemic erupted in Wuhan about three years ago. Initially identified as a pneumonia with an unknown cause, COVID-19 soon became, in Xi's words, the fastest spreading, most extensive and most challenging public health emergency the country had encountered since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.

Under the leadership of the CPC, China declared war against the virus to protect lives, with Xi stressing that people's lives are "heavier than Mount Tai" and must be protected "at any cost."

The CPC's approach to tackling the raging pandemic was resolute. Through dozens of meetings of the central Party leadership, the Party mobilized the entire country to support the battle in Wuhan and the province of Hubei.

Unprecedented and brave steps were taken in China. Wuhan suspended all outbound trains and flights to slow down virus transmission. Gyms and exhibition centers



Chinese people fight against COVID-19 with the spirit of resolve and courage.

were converted into temporary wards. Doctors and experts raced against time to improve the diagnosis and treatment of the previously unknown disease.

Strong central leadership ensured the orderly supply of water, electricity, heating, telecommunications and other essential materials and services for over 1.4 billion people, in the face of a fierce onslaught from the epidemic.

The nation's solidarity can be seen clearly in its anti-virus battle. Tens of thousands of medical workers rushed to the front line, postponing weddings, cutting short their time with their families, and even sacrificing their own

lives.

Among these medical workers was Zhang Dingyu, both a patient and a doctor. Zhang had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), yet he saved the lives of many patients as the head of the Wuhan Jinyintan Hospital, one of the major battlefields during the Wuhan epidemic.

"I tried to run faster to save time and more patients," said Zhang, who was often seen staggering between hospital wards.

The heroic medics were not fighting alone as the nation pulled together in its anti-virus drive. Tens of thousands of workers constructed the Leishenshan and Huoshenshan hospitals in just two weeks. Hundreds of millions of people answered the government's call to remain in their local areas during the Spring Festival over the past three years.

China was also not fighting alone in the battle against COVID-19. The Chinese people still remember the planes carrying aid materials from Russia, the decision by Pakistan to donate entire inventories of masks, and the 30,000 sheep sent by Mongolia as a token of support, among the many acts of friendship and solidarity from other countries.

As the world's largest developing country, China also extended helping hands to other countries, even when it was still reeling from the domestic outbreak. So far, China has sent teams of medical experts to 34 countries to fight the pandemic, and has offered over 120 nations and international organizations 2.2 billion doses of COV-ID-19 vaccines.

China's communication with the world has been timely and candid. On Jan. 9, 2020, one day after Chinese experts initially identified the novel coronavirus as the cause of the epidemic, China informed the World Health Organization (WHO) about the epidemic, sharing its initial progress in pathogen identification.

On Jan. 12, 2020, China submitted to the WHO the genome sequence of the novel coronavirus. China's plans for treatment, as well as epidemic control and prevention, were also published for other countries to review.

Placing lives above all, national unity, heroism, selflessness, respect for science and solidarity with the international community -- these values have all been etched into China's spirit in its fight against the pandemic, and will be a national psyche to inspire many future generations. To be continues

Extra non-oil and gas revenues help Russia in solving required issues, says Putin

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Guardian

EXTRA 200 bln rubles (\$3 bln) of non-oil and gas revenues of Russia enable the country to solve required issues, President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday at the first meeting with Cabinet members in this year.

"We know additional budget revenues, associated exactly with non-oil and gas revenues and not with oil or with gas ones, [stand] at 200 bln rubles provisionally. This provides us with an opportunity to solve all tasks we set for development and for matters being current yet very serious and important," the head of state said.

Sovereign development should be achieved contrary to any pressure from the outside, the Russian leader said. "We certainly need to achieve [resolution] of issues related exactly to sovereign, independent development in the near future, contrary to any external pressure and threats," Putin added.



India's most polluted city sees 3rd coldest wave in 23 years

NEW DELHI

INDIAN capital Delhi, which was deemed the country's most polluted city in 2022, witnessed the third worst cold spell in January in the past 23 years, according to government reports.

The report based on an analysis of Central Pollution Control Board data, which states that Delhi was India's most polluted city in 2022, was prepared by the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) Tracker, a joint project of Climate Trends and Re-



Russia's proposal to provide platform for talks between Baku and Yerevan stands - diplomat

MOSCOW

THE proposal of the Russian Federation to provide a platform for Armenia-Azerbaijan talks on a peace treaty remains in force, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a commentary issued yesterday.

"If Armenian partners are really interested in solving the outlined problems within the framework of the comprehensive implementation of trilateral agreements at the highest level, then instead of engaging in scholasticism, it is necessary to continue joint work. Russia's proposal to provide a platform for Armenian-Azerbaijani talks on a peace treaty stands," the diplomat said.

ence, the Armenian Prime Minister spoke both about the intention to sign a document based on Russian proposals and at the same time about the preference for some kind of 'comprehensive solution' to the conflict promoted by the West," she recalled.

According to Zakharova, Yerevan's agreement to base the peace treaty with Baku on the Alma-Ata Protocols of 1991, which was enshrined in the statement on the results of the summit in Prague in October 2022, radically changed the logic of the negotiation process.

spirer Living Sciences designed to track India's progress in achieving clean air targets.

"Based on an analysis of air quality monitoring data, the national capital of Delhi ranked the most polluted in 2022, with an annual average PM 2.5 concentration of 99.71 micrograms per cubic meter. However, Delhi's PM 2.5 levels improved by over 7 percent compared to 2019," India's Clean Air Tracker said.

However, it still remains way below the desired level.

The government's flagship NCAP targets to reduce pollution by 20-30 percent by 2024 as compared to 2017 levels.

The program for better air quality in 122 cities was launched in 2019.

"Most cities in the top 10 most polluted list of 2022 are from the Indo-Gangetic Plain, demonstrating that real and long-term solutions lie in an airshed approach to addressing the need for better Air Pollution management in the region beyond Delhi," the tracker said.

The analysis was released on

Commuters ride past an anti-smog gun spraying water to curb air pollution amid heavy smog conditions in New Delhi on Nov 4, 2022. AFP

Tuesday to mark four years of the launch of the NCAP.

Meanwhile, RK Jenamani, who is also the India head of the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre, warned of a second cold spell in the Indian capital city beginning on Jan 14.

"Delhi experienced a cold wave from the night of Jan 3 till the morning of Jan 9. During these five days, the average temperature hovered around 2-4 Degrees Celsius. This was the third coldest spell in the Indian capital in the past 23 years," Jenamani told Xinhua.

"Earlier, in 2006 we had the lowest tempera-

ture of 1.9 Degrees Celsius for four days, and then in 2013 we had a similar cold wave for seven days.²

Delhi has been witnessing intense cold conditions for over two weeks as the temperature dipped to as low as below 1 degree Celsius in some areas around the capital city, according to local media reports.

People can be seen shivering in the cold outdoors and sitting around bonfires to protect themselves from the cold. Over 50 coldrelated deaths have been reported in Kanpur city in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

Zakharova (pictured) recalled that a meeting of Armenian and Azerbaijani top diplomats s on the peace treaty was scheduled for December 23, 2022 in Moscow, and the two leaders agreed to it.

"Everything was prepared for it. But it was the Armenian leadership who at the last moment cancelled the arrival of its Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan.

This hindered the discussion not only of the peace agreement, but also of other pressing issues of Armenian-Azerbaijani normalization, including the situation around the Lachin corridor," the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said.

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at a January 10 press conference that Yerevan was ready to sign a document on the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict within the framework of Russia's proposals.

Commenting on this statement, Zakharova noted that it was difficult to assess the Armenian side's position when official Yerevan's statements on the same issue differed significantly.

"The Alma-Ata Protocols confirmed the inviolability of the borders that existed between the republics of the Soviet Union. At that time, the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region was part of the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic.

Of course, this fact is very difficult to ignore in the peace process between Baku and Yerevan," the diplomat summarized.



"During the aforementioned press confer-

Chinese enterprises give helping hand to Nigeria in developing digital economy

A REPORT recently released by the GSMA, ment has taken a series of measan international association of mobile opera- ures to advance digitalization. tors, indicated that by the end of 2021, more than 500 million people had subscribed to government rolled out the Namobile services in Sub-Saharan Africa, repre- tional e-Government Master senting 46 percent of the population.

There will be 613 million total subscribers by Nigeria Digital Governance Foun-2025, representing 50 percent of the region's dation Building Project 2020population, according to the report titled "The 2026. Two months later, Nigeria's Mobile Economy Sub-Saharan Africa 2022." Ministry of Communications Nigeria, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of got a new name - the Ministry the Congo, Tanzania, and Kenya will account of Communications and Digital for more than half of the new subscribers, the Economy. This change showed report said.

With a total population of more than 210 sified efforts to promote the digimillion, Nigeria is the most populous country tal economy. in Africa. The country has a young population and the median age is around 18 years, boast-veiled the National Broadband ing enormous potential for consumption. Re- Plan (2020-2025), putting relegarding digitalization as an important tool for vant telecom infrastructure proboosting the economy, the Nigerian govern- jects on the list of the nation's key

In August 2019, the Nigerian Plan, starting to implement the that Nigeria started to take inten-

In March 2020, Nigeria un-

infrastructure projects. In June 2022, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari inaugurated the Presidential Council on Digital Economy and E-government, pledging to improve the ability of the government to develop, apply, and deploy digital technologies, improve efficiency and transparency of the government and promote business facilitation.

High costs and poor accessibility to broadband Internet services and mobile Internet devices used to hinder the development of Nigeria's digital economy. In recent years, many Chinese smartphone brands with competitive prices and quality started to enter the Nigerian market,

local digital economy.

According to government data, smartphone shipments in Nigeria reached about 8 million in 2022, with Chinese brands among the top-ranked brands in terms of market share. Transsion Holdings, a China-based smartphone manufacturer, accounted for about 60 percent of the market share of Nigeria in 2022, and other Chinese smartphone brands including Xiaomi, OPPO, and Vivo together accounted for about 20 percent of the market share.

Ikenna Emewu, a Nigerian media professional, introduced that as a vital part of the digital economy, smartphones account for

Internet connections in Africa.

Chinese enterprises have made smartphones affordable for more African citizens. Statisby June 2022, there were more than 150 million mobile Internet users in Nigeria, and the Internet penetration rate stood at around 70 percent.

In recent years, Chinese enbuild the "galaxy backbone network," which underpins the communications network that

driving the development of the more than 84 percent of the total has been basically established in Nigeria. The 5G network deployed by Huawei in Nigeria will further improve Nigeria's network infrastructure.

> Chinese enterprises have actively investtics from the Nigerian Communi- ed in Nigeria's Internet finance, shopping, cations Commission showed that movie, and music sectors, firmly supporting the development of the country's Internet industry.

> Stephen Oni, an Internet media entrepreneur in Nigeria, expressed that after entering Lagos, the economic hub of Nigeria, which is also known as Africa's "Silicon Valterprises have assisted Nigeria in ley," Chinese enterprises have helped the speeding up the construction of city become the most invested market for communication infrastructure. startups in Africa where many renowned Chinese telecom giant Huawei local Internet enterprises have emerged, has helped Nigeria design and helping Nigeria's digital economy move toward prosperity.



Aidan Nchimbi when the outfits took on each other in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel in Dar es Salaam last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

Big guns eye success as 2022/23 NBC Premier League resumes

FOOTBALL enthusiasts in Tanzania will, from this weekend, be in for a treat given this season's NBC Premier League is expected to be back in action after having been brought to a halt briefly.

Simba SC, one of the top-flight title challengers, made a trip to Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a weeklong camp ahead of the resumption of the showpiece, as well as Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) and CAF Champions League group stage.

The Msimbazi Street squad's decision to pitch camp in the UAE has proved the side is operating professionally.

Simba SC has gone outside the country for the third time this season to give its players chance to prepare adequately.

The club's new head coach Roberto Oliviera will have a good time pre-

surprised to see a rejuvenated Kibu Denis, who has lately been on the receiving end of the majority of Simba SC's followers' criticism, doing extremely well for the squad.

Goal-getter Habibu Kyombo may have also been criticized a lot by Simba SC fans and all the criticism aimed at the forward will equally be directed to his coach Mgunda, given the fanatics believe the gaffer did not know the right way to use him.

The rest of the Premier League outfits have equally resorted to valuing reinforcement ahead of the tournament resumption this weekend, which turns out to be the 20th round of the showdown.

With 10 games remaining before the season climaxes, every team is aware that not much time is spared for the particular squad, so collecting maximum points remains the order of the day

It had been a quiet period at all

Pugilist Karim Said 'Mandonga' props up boxing promotion in Tanzania - II

By Correspondent Ernest mwaja, Morogoro

was not until 'Mandonga' appeared in the scene that the scale immediately shifted in favour of boxing. It is so common today to hear people proudly taking 'Mandonga' as their nickname.

His branded punches and slogans have also added the number of vocabularies people use in their unofficial communication.

People's admiration to Mandonga' is so strong that it exhibits a sense of sustained attachment.

Strong enough to make people spare time and effort to constantly follow him in the media.

It is not surprising therefore that by the end of 2022 'Mandonga' was a boxer with the highest following in social media, particularly Instagram.

The volume of traffic in his accounts also seemed to surge with the timing of his fights.

For example, his official Instagram account had attracted some 142,000 followers a week prior to his fight against Mbelwa in Morogoro but on November 26 which was just a day after the fight, he had accumulated 151,000 followers.

This is a net increase of around 9,000 followings in a time space as short as one week.

And by the time 'Mandonga' was up against Tarimo in Arusha, his following had further grown to more 165,000, which is an increase of 14,000 following from his previous fight, only one month prior.

'Mandonga's impressive social media performance in the year can also be looked at the amount of content shared.



Tanzania's professional Middleweight boxer Karim Said, alias 'Mandonga'.

making this initiative a success.

Firstly, 'Mandonga' is the only

boxer to have competed in all

fights ever organized in these

regions, that is, Morogoro in

March, Ruvuma in July, Mtwara

in September, Morogoro in No-

vember, and finally Arusha in

December. No any other boxer

in the country has had such one-

Although 'Mandonga' never

had the chance to fight for a

main card in any of these events,

he was always slotted for the

bouts just preceding the main or

If anything, this justifies how

his fame successfully placed him

in positions far superior to most

'Mandonga' pulled huge

crowds whenever he went, hun-

dreds of people among them

women, children, and even the

elderly were seen at the at gates

of airports or making long lines

in the streets waiting for an op-

portunity to see him on close

As Minister Hussein Bashe

nicely summarized the feelings

of many, people's interest in box-

ing had a fresh spark from the

rise of 'Mandonga' in Tanzania's

boxing scene in 2022.

younger boxers in their prime.

co-main card bouts.

range.

hundred percent appearance.

number of posts that is nearly at par with prominent boxers who have already been active on Instagram for more than five to ten years

Although 'Mandonga' will not be picked a star for his boxing skills his performance in social media was way stronger than all other professional boxers in the country, from all weight divisions. This is indeed a remarkable achievement.

While 'Mandonga's span of fame is considerably short he has already shown a such strong commitment to philanthropic values.

He was in many occasions seen encouraging youths to continue chasing their dreams of becoming professional boxers in the future.

As a role model he would also offer tips for healthy, law-abiding and responsible living to his fans. As this was hardly enough he even went a step further to begin a process of opening up his own promotion company whose goal is to bring more opportunity to the youth living in the challenging environments.

There is no doubt that this ambition must have been inspired by his own life history. In 2022

Shaban Kaoneka, had rather left him with one option, to be an entertainer than a boxer.

But, they could hardly be more wrong. It soon turned out that the two defeats were nothing more than a learning opportunity.

This is a man who hardly finds excuses for his failures, like a true champion, he gets up from the knockdowns, dusts himself off and prepare to become stronger.

This attitude has helped him bounce back with two consecutive Knockout victories in his last two matches.

Even when measured on pure boxing skills 'Mandonga' is one of a few boxers who exhibited tremendous level of improvement in a short period of time.

When he defeated Mbelwa on November 25 in Morogoro, veteran boxer and the sport's analyst, Ibrahim Mgendera, admitted that 'Mandonga' has quickly changed to become a totally different boxer.

He is not just entertaining he also shows people what they deserve to see in the ring. He is well trained, he comes to the ring with a game plan and has an IQ to execute it.

He paces speed to his advantage, he knows when to attack and how to neutralize aggression of the opponent. It is worth watching him fight.

As I noted at the very beginning of my submission, development of sport that is as complex as boxing takes collective efforts of a number of players.

Boxing in Tanzania would hardly have come this far if there was no visionary leadership, financial commitment made by sponsors, skills and experience of organizers, and effort of the media houses.

It also equally relied heavily on the quality of trainers and training facilities, as well as dedication of individual athletes.

But while this is a collective effort there should always be that one individual who has done no-

paring his players in the approach he wants.

Although time is not enough, the coach will somewhat be in the right environment to seek stability in the outfit.

It is a new page for Simba players and the Brazilian coach. This trip happens immediately after his arrival. Before him, there was local coach Juma Mgunda who took over from Serbian coach Zoran Maki.

Under Maki's tutelage, Simba SC went to Egypt for a pre-season training camp and later went to Sudan where it was invited by the country's Premier League squad, Al Hilal, for international friendlies.

The players have already realized that traveling outside to pitch camp happens when foreign coaches are hired.

Such an approach proves that footballers are in a good position to excel when they are trained by foreign coaches

Many local soccer enthusiasts believe that foreign coaches are better than local coaches, but the truth is that the former is not the best.

Once foreign tacticians are hired by local clubs everything changes, starting from the training camp, equipment, payment of allowances, and salaries.

Footballers, as is the case for other people, like good life and, since players are accorded good treatment when the foreign coaches are brought to clubs, the footballers will continue to do well under the gaffers.

It is though different once the clubs are finding it difficult to operate, considering they are forced to be frugal and the situation hardly attracts high-profile local and foreign players to the clubs.

Foreign coaches are not ready to work if the players are not paid on time, and the tacticians do not want to see the challenges facing players not resolved by the clubs' leaders.

This is the method used to help foreign coaches do well. I will not be

venues across the country as the league was put on hold to pave way for the 2023 Mapinduzi Cup which will come to an end in Zanzibar today.

Tanzania Prisons, Mbeya City FC, Mtibwa Sugar, and Geita Gold FC are the ones that have so far suffered heavy losses in the top flight's 19 duels played.

Mbeya's Tanzania Prisons failed to impress when they suffered a humiliating 7-1 loss to Simba SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, making it the biggest defeat at this stage of the league.

For the Msimbazi Street side, the victory continued to make them superior in marksmanship, as they have overall netted 47 goals, a bigger number of goals scored in the top flight lately.

They are now 10 goals clear over their closest challengers, Yanga, who have scored 37 goals, while Azam FC takes third place with 33 goals in the bag.

Another Mbeya-based squad Mbeya City FC went down 6-1 to Azam FC at the Azam Complex Stadium in the city, it was the former's first major upset in league matches between the two sides.

Furthermore, Simba SC hammered Geita Gold FC 5-0 and thereafter notched a similar win over Mtibwa Sugar to continue with a record of scoring more goals, the Msimbazi Street side, as a result, turns out to be invincible when it comes to pumping in goals.

According to the available schedule, on January 13, Kagera Sugar will host KMC FC at Manungu Stadium in Morogoro with both teams having suffered a loss in their previous fixtures.

On January 14, Geita's Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium will be a venue for a duel between Geita Gold FC and Dodoma Jiji FC, whereas Namungo FC welcomes bottomplaced Polisi Tanzania at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi.

If we assume that he actively became present in social media only after his loss to Christopher Magambo in March, it is hard to believe 210 Instagram posts by November in the same year.

there was the biggest number of international boxing bouts that were organized in cities other than Dar es Salaam.

While this must first be accredthat had already shared over ited to the boxing promotion companies involved, it is still fair to say that 'Mandonga' has had By comparison this is the a considerable contribution in

Contrary to earlier perception of the majority, 'Mandonga's achievement inside the boxing ring was hardly something to be totally dismissed.

Many were convinced that his first two Technical Knockout defeats, one against Christopher Magambo and another from

ticeably more than the rest.

Given what he managed to do as a person, it is fair to finally say that 'Mandonga' truly deserves a nod of appreciation from responsible authorities for his exceptional dedication to the sport in the year 2022.

Salum should get comprehensive legal assistance, says Rage

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Simba SC Chairman Ismail Aden Rage has asked for more calmness and a proper way of reconciliation in the saga involving the contract issue of Yanga's midfielder Feisal Salum to protect the image of both parties.

The Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Legal and Players Status Committee stated on January 7 ruling the case in favour of Yanga stating that Salum is still the outfit's legal player.

The committee announced its decision after listening to the complaints submitted by Yanga leadership, accusing Salum of escaping from the team camp and requesting to terminate the contract without following procedures.

Rage said TFF should call Salum and ask him where he wants to play his football, after having been reported to have admitted that he no longer has love and dedication for Yanga.

He said that the midfielder is still young, and he should get comprehensive legal assistance, instead of facing punishment as the statement issued by the committee revealed.

The veteran football administrator noted: "Salum should er, but he was signed by Yanga be called and explain which as well, and what happened



Ismail Aden Rage

team he wants to play for. He is a young player and should be helped according to the principle of fair play.'

"I once encountered a saga like this during my days as the Chairman of Simba SC with a player, Mbuyi Twite," he pointed out.

"I completely signed the play-

was that Twite chose to play for Yanga, and we were paid our money."

"Yanga paid us and gave us compensation money, you cannot cling to a player who is not ready to serve you," Rage noted.

The TFF Legal and Players Status Committee started hearing Yanga's complaint against Salum on January 6, with each side being represented by lawyers.

On January 7, the committee stated that the federation is recognizing the midfielder as a legitimate Yanga footballer.

Salum is linked with a move to Azam FC although the Chamazibased side is silent on the matter as the club waits for the footballer to finish his legal issues with Yanga and possibly sign him as a free agent.

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Potter: Chelsea is football's 'hardest job' LONDON

GRAHAM Potter claims he has the hardest job in football as injury-ravaged Chelsea struggle to live up to expectations following Todd Boehly's takeover of the Premier League club.

Potter's side are languishing in 10th place in the top flight despite Boehly authorising a spending spree on new signings that has reached almost £350 million (\$425 million) since the end of last season.

Hired to replace the sacked Thomas Tuchel in September, former Brighton boss Potter is beginning to hear calls for his dismissal just four months later.

Blues fans added to the pressure on Potter during Sunday's woeful 4-0 FA Cup third round defeat at Manchester City when they sang the names of Tuchel and former owner Roman Abramovich.

Add an ever-growing injury list that has denied Potter the services of stars including N'Golo Kante. Ben Chilwell and Reece James and it is perhaps not surprising the Chelsea manager ranks his job as the toughest in the sport.

"I have the utmost respect for the previous ownership and what they achieved and what they did. It's fantastic," Potter told reporters ahead of Thursday's west London derby at Fulham.

"But, unfortunately, they're not here anymore. It's a new ownership, everything's changed pretty quickly.

"Lots of things went and you have to try to build it up again. But, in the meantime, you've still got Chelsea, you've still got the demands and the expectations

"I think this is probably the hardest job in football. Because of the leadership change and because of the expectations and, rightly, where people see Chelsea."

- 'Change is challenging' -

Potter was boosted by the signing of Portugal forward Joao Felix on loan from Atletico Madrid for the rest of the season.

But the 47-year-old understands the need for immediate results to stave off further sack talk, so he held a meeting with senior players Cesar Azpilicueta, Thiago Silva, Jorginho and Mateo Kovacic on Tuesday in an attempt to calm the crisis.

"They were honest, articulated their concerns well, their positivity, their responsibility. I think we are in a place where we can move forward," Potter said.

"The reality of where the club is in terms of establishing itself as a well-run football club, functioning well in a really competitive environment, maybe we're not quite there yet. AFP

Scandal-hit French FA boss Le Graet forced to step down

AP Interview: How Arsenal reconnected with its fans

LONDON

RSENAL, one of the most storied teams .in English soccer, has

endured some turbulent times since it last won the Premier League title 19 vears ago.

Now, sitting at the top of the table with a young and exciting team, it feels unrecognizable to the club that sparked such vocal criticism from its own fans over that period.

"In the 12 years I've been here it has never been as hard as it is to get a ticket," Arsenal chief executive Vinai Venkatesham told The Associated Press in an interview. "It has never been as loud at the stadium and we have never had as many seats full as we have at the stadium. And if you are trying to get a ticket at the moment they are like

gold dust," It wasn't so long Arsenal's ago that the mention of banners at Arsenal would have signalled the latest protest from lies ahead that is driving an increasingly divided the feel-good factor around the club. Some supporters even "This season for us

took to hiring planes is about progress, is to fly giant messages about moving the club that called for former forward. We want to get manager Arsene Wenger back in the Champions to be removed during League, competing in the the latter days of a 20biggest competition that year reign that delivered exists," 10 major trophies. said. "There is positivity On Wednesday, there around the club because was a totally different we feel we are heading in the right direction, but

feel as Arsenal presented eight new banners that we've got a long way to go will adorn the exterior to achieve what we want

is endured since it last called itself England's finest. On its way to its last

title in 2003-04 it became the first and only team in English soccer's modern era to go undefeated in a league campaign, earning it the nickname of the "Invincibles."

Since then, however, it has watched as Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City and Liverpool dominated the Premier League at various times.

As recently as last season their disillusion could be heard and seen inside the Emirates, with three straight league defeats at the start of the campaign prompting some to call for Arteta to be fired.

The most humbling of those was a 5-0 rout way and it was clear to by Man City on Aug. 28, 2021.

"I remember that date. It is seared in my memory. I know where I was, where I was sitting. It was a long journey Venkatesham home." said. "If you'd have asked me then what we felt, we wanted him to take we felt we were on the it to." right path. I know the

first three games of the

season we were under

intense pressure, but we

had great belief in Mikel,

we had great belief in

we had great belief in

what we were trying

to do in terms of our

recruitment strategy and

the types of players we

were going to bring in.

But can I say that sitting

here

having played

said.

clear that he was going

to develop the right type

of culture at the football

club, it was clear that

he could represent this

football club both on and

off the pitch in the right

our technical staff and to

Edu, whose opinion was

very important on this,

that Mikel had a fantastic

tactical brain and it felt

like he could be the type

of modern coach that

could take the club from

He says the connection between Arsenal and its fans is about more than just what is happening on the field.

The new banners (sporting director) Edu, are an example of how the club is reaching out to supporters, who were consulted over the design and content of the artwork led by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, artist Reuben Dangoor, and graphic designer David Rudnick.

The "Invincibles" are featured as well as the Champions League-winning Arsenal women's team.

There is a banner of Arsenal's former stadium Highbury, while fans and supporters' groups from around the world are also featured. Legendary players,

managers and their families were also consulted.

"For me, probably the thing I'm most proud about at the moment is the connection of the whole Arsenal family. Ex-players, staff, fans, club, management, it just feels like everybody really together," is Venkatesham said. "It is a good example of what the club is all about at the moment. That sense of community, all of us together and the bond, at least in the 12 years I've been at Arsenal, I can't think of a time when it has ever been stronger."

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Joao Felix brings buzz to Chelsea but underlines haphazard nature of ownership

By Jack Rathborn

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PARIS

FRENCH Football Federation president Noel Le for Graet has been forced to stand down just weeks after France's defeat in the World Cup final, following a series of controversies, the body said on Wednesday.

The decision was taken following an emergency meeting of the FFF in Paris.

"Noel Le Graet, in agreement with the FFF executive committee gathered today in Paris, has chosen to step down from his role as president until the completion of the audit performed by the sports ministry," the federation said.

Le Graet, whose mandate was due to run until 2024, had faced calls to resign after what he admitted were "clumsy remarks" about Zinedine Zidane's potential interest in coaching the French national team.

The 81-year-old, who has been president of the FFF since 2011, had said in an interview with radio station RMC on Sunday that he "wouldn't even have taken his call" when asked whether Zidane, a World Cup winner as a player and an all-time France great, had rung him to express an interest in taking over as coach from Didier Deschamps.

Deschamps, who led France to World Cup glory in 2018 and oversaw their run to last month's final which they lost on penalties to Argentina, last weekend signed a new contract to stay as France coach until 2026.

Speaking on Wednesday at an event in Nice, Deschamps admitted Le Graet's comments about Zidane had been "inappropriate".

That storm followed a series of accusations of mistreatment by employees at the FFF, which led to the French government launching an audit of the federation and Le Graet being summoned to attend a hearing.

Le Graet denied those accusations, but on Tuesday his behaviour again came under the spotlight with a female football agent making further accusations of unwanted sexual advances by the veteran administrator in an interview with sports daily L'Equipe.

France's sports minister, Amelie Oudea-Castera, made clear that she wanted action taken against Le Graet when she called on the FFF's executive committee to "take responsibility" when speaking to reporters on Monday.

With committee members taking the view that Le Graet's position had become untenable, he has been replaced on an interim basis by Philippe Diallo, a vice-president of the organisation. AFP

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Chelsea fans may be (£112.9m) outlay from 2019, yet that is precisely clouded by confusion at why such a precocious Felix's arrival though, a talent is even available. wonderful talent, yet not The allure of Felix somebody who will fill was clear weeks ago, as one of the gaping holes Manchester United and hindering immediate Arsenal, a neater fit for progress under Potter. his intrinsic control and Neither a physical No 9, who can operate as movement, pondered

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outlay for Felix, should a permanent move materialise, will surely prevent other more pressing issues being addressed.

Greater urgency to secure a deal for Felix may stem from Raheem Sterling and Christian Pulisic's immediate health after hobbling off against Manchester City.

Relishing a central role with a partner, even as split strikers, would suit Felix and, probably, Kai Havertz. Yet Potter would likely lose control in midfield with a traditional 4-4-2 shape, or rely heavily on Reece James to firstly stay fit and then inject a threat from wider areas if a back three is utilised.

Felix's temporary release from the shackles of Diego Simeone ought to provide joy to the neutral though.

Felix's stint on the bench earlier this season brought a run of nine substitute appearances in 10 games before the World Cup. It has been a common theme, with just 55 La Liga starts from a possible 130 games now, prompting 'Cholo' to deliver a public message to his player in October: "As soon as he returns to performing well in training, he works, he recovers his goalscoring, which That is why other teammates are minutes which ranks him 11th playing. It remains clear that every time he was good, he played."

A January departure has there- lix's potential to provide inspifore been a long time coming, even if temporarily, given chief executive Miguel Angel Gil Marin's comments last month: "The relationship between him and the míster [Simeone] is not good, nor is his motivation.'

Having idolised Kaka, you can see that same joy the Brazilian would often bring when gliding across the pitch in the red and black of AC Milan, even intermittently in the red and white stripes in La Liga. Now, under Potter, there is at least scope for a more expressive role.

Even if Mikel Arteta's more stable set-up might have suited Felix better, you could imagine a reluctance from the Spaniard to immediately disrupt a well-established pecking order at the Emirates. While the appeal of a glamorous Champions League tie for Chelsea against Borussia Dortmund may also have proved decisive.

Felix has produced just four goals and three assists this season, but dig a little deeper and Potter should be excited by his potential. He has

in LaLiga, according to FBref.

Furthermore, you can see Feration to a stuttering Chelsea attack that has provided just five goals in eight games. Felix's goal creating actions (passes, dribbles and drawing fouls) per 90 minutes sits at 0.69 this season, ranking him seventh.

With no option or obligation to buy, this is clearly a roll of the dice by Chelsea and Felix, who can use this opportunity to ensure more clamour for a permanent move this summer. Only Boehly and the co-owners at Clearlake Capital will know

how precious a top-four finish this season is. But a gap of 10 points to Manchester United and Newcastle, who have played a game more, with 21 matches remaining is not an insurmountable one.

So while Felix may well provide short-term respite for Potter and co, his mere presence highlights the haphazard nature that currently surrounds the club's strategy.

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Oliveira opens up on rewarding Kibu Denis



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By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi TO NIGHT @ 9:00

IMBA SC head coach,

Roberto Oliveira, has

explained the rea-

sons for handing a

gift to the club's striker Kibu

Denis after the outfit's recent

training in the United Arab

Denis has become part of

the players that have failed

to win the hearts of a host of

Simba SC members and fans

this season as the latter feel

that the attacker is hardly a

threat to opposing outfits'

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Kilimanjaro Premium Lager calls on runners to register for 2023 marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

MAIN sponsors of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon have called on participants to register in time as there is limited time left for the biggest athletics event that is slated for next month in Moshi.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager, Pamela Kikuli, made the call in Dar es Salaam while



Roberto Oliveira

The Brazilian gaffer said: "When we are in the camp, we always do intense training, so when a player does well, you should congratu-

gift, that's what I did." Oliveira revealed: "I have bought the prize as a coach, and my goal is to continue motivating all of my players late him by giving him a so that they commit themselves from training to the tered to play Bocco's posi-Games that will face us."

"I need to see us playing competitive football and every player has the motivation to do well every time I give him a chance," the gaffer added.

"I will continue to hand over gifts to the players so that they will increase their efforts in training and in competitive games to get good results," Oliveira stated.

The Brazilian gaffer moreover clarified his statement in which he revealed that he needs a strong, tall striker that can score goals, and some followers as a result started having doubts about Bocco's position.

He said he did not mean that Bocco is not capable of fighting for Simba SC, and many people may have understood the tactician differently, especially with the instructions he issued to the club leaders.

He said that the goalgetter has great potential and he has found that the footballer can fight for the team by making the most of his experience.

The coach pointed out he has though asked for another player to be regis-

tion to bring competition for a place in the first team.

"I have observed Bocco for these few days and I am convinced that he is one of the best players and has a lot of experience due to playing for a long time," the tactician stated.

Oliveira revealed: "But always to be the best you should have a competitor who will challenge you to fight hard, so I have asked the leaders to make improvements in that area by registering another player who will challenge Bocco."

Simba SC has camped in Dubai, preparing for the second phase of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League as well as the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage.

The Tanzanian side will play two friendly games against Dhafra FC of UAE and CSKA Moscow of Russia.

In Simba SC's friendlies, the side will start playing the first against Dhafra FC today at 5:00 pm EAT.

The Msimbazi Street squad is, on Sunday, expected to lock horns with CSKA Moscow, also shaping up in Dubai.

Annadil Burhani cricket outit thumps Upanga SC in Gymkhana Shield tourney

By Guardian Reporter

QURESH Karimjee and Mufaddal Seifuddin showcased their batting prowess as Annadil Burhani Club commanded a seven-wicket whitewash of Upanga Sports Club in this season's Cello|Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield tournament's match which took place in Dar es Salaam early this week.

Annadil Burhani has thus kept on pushing for a place in the showdown's knockout stage, with the club now sitting third in Group B after notching a victory in two outings and losing three ties. Upanga Sports Club ended with 77 runs all out in 19 overs once the club had an opportunity to take the crease first in the low-scoring duel.



reach with his 26 runs not out. The outfits battling it out in this season's showpiece have been placed in groups A and B.

Group A consists of Caravans Cricket Club, GP, Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLP-SC), Pak Stars, Union Sports Club, and Gymkhana Cricket Club.

Aruti Aces, Upanga Sports Club, Aga Khan SC, Annadil Burhani Club, Dar Cricket Club (DCC), and Lions Cricket Club have been put in Group B.

The ongoing edition is sponsored by Cello|Ruby's Magic

commenting on preparations for this year's event.

"We are calling on participants to register on time through Tigo Pesa by dialing *150*01# or through www.kilimanjaromarathon.com as entries are still open but the organizers will close as soon as they are full even before the February 6, 2023 deadline," she noted.

According to Pamela, early registration will give the organizers ample time to prepare in terms of the essentials like water on the route, security, and first aid.

She said Kilimanjaro Premium Lager is all set and has currently embarked on a campaign dubbed 'Tatu Zetu Kwa Gwara Yako', where one gets to buy three 375ml Kilimanjaro Premium Lager for only 5,000/-.

Kilimanjaro Premium Lager has been the main sponsor for the Kilimanjaro International Marathon since its inception in 2003. Other sponsors include Tigo- 21km Half Marathon, Grand Malt- 5 km Fun Run.

Water table sponsors include TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, Kilimaniaro Water, Total Energies, and official suppliers GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles.

Meanwhile, organizers of the prestigious event have announced that in line with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's directive last year, the event will now be known as the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager International Marathon.

This, according to the statement, will ensure more participants from outside the country who will also engage in tourism activities like scaling Mt Kilimanjaro and visiting the Serengeti and Ngorongoro national parks and the Zanzibar Islands.

Currently, according to the organizers, the event attracts participants from more than 55 countries worldwide.

The organizers said the event has met all the criteria of an international marathon among them is distance officially measured to World Athletics standards, electronic timekeeping, and dope testing of selected athletes on finishing.

Other criteria are athletics officials to monitor the event, police, and security en route, sufficient water, and liquids en route, medals and T-shirts, official photography and video production, televised throughout Africa and on Youtube, online pre-entry and payment, race number collection and running vest collection in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Moshi pre-event and liability insurance.

This year's event will be held on February 26, at the Moshi Cooperatives University (MoCU) Stadium.

There was not much to write home about during the outfit's innings, given the squad's cricketers could hardly last long at the crease.

Top-order batsman Hardik Patel, Arjan Rabadiya, skipper Kishen Kamania, Ashish Kamania, and Vikram Rathore were so far the cricketers with two-digit figures.

Patel and Rabadiya ended with 15 runs apiece, Kishen notched 14 runs, and fellow batsmen Ashish and Rathore made their way back with 11 runs apiece.

Opener Patel cracked three fours in his stint but his attempt to improve his side's

Annadil Burhani's cricketers pose for a picture before taking on Dar Cricket Club (DCC) in this season's Cello|Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield showdown tie held in Dar es Salaam last year. PHOTO: COURTESY OF **GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB**

score was foiled by Upanga Sports Club's bowler, Murtaza Shk Kaderbhai.

Fellow opener Kishen made his way back within the opening three overs, leaving the batting outfit with 16 runs after 3.3 overs.

They were again pegged back with an early dismissal of one of the key players, Rathore, whose dismissal left the squad with 43 runs after seven overs.

Kaderbhai had a field day with the ball for the fielding outfit, commanding a four-

six runs in four overs. His exploits ultimately won him the Player of the Match award. He was ably assisted by Firoz Hatim Dahodwala and Huzaifa Akberali in keeping Upanga Sports Club's batting unit in check.

Dahodwala had a threewicket haul, giving away eight runs in four overs, and Akberali ended his bowling stint with two wickets for 25 runs and an economy rate of 6.25.

With a modest target of 78 beyond Upanga Sports Club's during weekends.

wicket haul and conceding runs in their sight, Annadil whilst dropping three wick- year. ets.

> quest for victory with solid porters and stakeholders. batting.

and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). Other sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and Pepsi.

Cello|Ruby's Magic and Co has moreover sponsored a special cash prize to be handed over to batsmen scoring centuries and wicket-takers posting hat-tricks in the showdown

This season's edition of the Burhani's cricketers did not tournament was officially waste time, getting down to a launched at Dar es Salaam Gymsuccessful chase in 14.4 overs khana Club on November 6 last

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The showpiece's organizers Seifuddin, coming in as stated that exciting matchups the opening batsman, was made up of old and new rithe cricketer with the most valries are in store for cricket runs having posted 28 runs, followers in the city that will and Karimjee put the game watch the tournament's ties

