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## JK: Focus on quality in curriculum review

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

FORMER president Jakaya Kikwete (pictured) has advised stakeholders that changes being worked upon in education delivery ought to focus on quality delivery to ensure school and college leavers acceptable in the market.

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) fund chairman made the remarks at an open session with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to review the 2014 draft education and technical training policy being updated for issue later this year.

He urged the ministry to make sure the suggested amendments satisfy the global sustainable development goals in providing quality education to all as well as ensuring the quality of graduates in all fields.

Underlining the importance of envisaged



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changes, he emphasized the need for adherence to quality, and in implementing the policy, assuring the broad public and the educated sections in particular of the benefits of the changes at present and in the future.

He pledged the fund's intent to work together with the ministry on availability of resources for implementing the process of transformation, along with various stakeholders.

Prof. Adolph Mkenya, the minister, expressed satisfaction with the safeguards demanded by the former president, on the new direction of education of curriculum formulation.

"When we begin implementation, especially in relation to the practical side, we shall start with observing quality, and that is why we very much need stakeholders' collaboration," he stated.

The ministry is fully mobilised to implement in phases the set policy goals after initial endorsement of the draft as recommended in policy review schedules, he added.

# TanRoads, Chinese firms sign up for BRT phase IV

By Guardian Reporter



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and First Lady Mariam Mwinyi pictured on Thursday being shown around one of the pavilions at an exhibition featuring scores of firms. It was shortly after the opening of the Third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo at the Changsha International Convention and Exhibition Centre in central China's Hunan Province. The event is widely seen as a further boost to China-Africa economic and trade cooperation. Photo: Zanzibar State House

THE government yesterday signed four agreements for the implementation of BRT project phase four, from the city centre to Tegeta and upwards to the outskirts of Bagamoyo.

Godfrey Kasekenya, the Works and Transport deputy minister, said in a briefing at the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam that the projects will be implemented on the value for money principle.

One aspect of the fourth phase is the revamping of BRT phase I infrastructure along Morogoro Road, to expand the five kilometer stretch from Ubungo to Kimara to four lanes on each side instead of three, he said.

The cost of the projects is set at 500.7bn/-, with the stretch to the Bagamoyo suburbs of Vikawe, Pangani and Mapinga taking up 17.86bn/-, he said, noting that the BRT phase IV takes 29.13 kms from the city centre to Tegeta plus the Mwenge to Ubungo stretch.

In the Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Project (DUTP) to which this phase belongs, pedestrian pathways and service roads will be built, along with improving road junctions via pedestrians crossing and loop roads adjacent to busy highways, he stated.

The agreements involve tarmac level revamping of the 13km TAMCO-Vikawe



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to Mapinga via Pangani along Bagamoyo Road, part of a 22 km long connecting the Dar es Salaam to Bagamoyo and Dar es Salaam to Morogoro highways.

Mohamed Besta, the TanRoads chief executive officer, said tenders for the four BRT projects were transparently floated in September last year and opened in December.

A total of 29 applications were received and evaluated, he affirmed, noting that China Geo-Engineering Corporation have the 13.5km stretch from the central library at Upanga to Mwenge. At its end it will be directed westwards to add the Sam Nujoma Road stretch from Mwenge to Ubungo, at a cost of 174.3bn/-, he said.

The contract involves the widening of the Selander Bridge, building two BRT bus stations, 20 ordinary bus stands and 10 feeder stands, the whole project taking 18 months from the moment of signing, he said.

Another BRT project is the 15.63km Mwenge to Tegeta road, with Shandong Luqiao Group Co Ltd picked to do the job, costing 193.8bn/-, while a third agreement relates to the construction of two depots and one main bus stand. China Communications Construction Co. will do the job at a cost of 60.9bn/- with a completion schedule of 18 months, the CEO noted.

The fourth agreement signed is the revamping of road infrastructure, widening the Ubungo to Kimara road from three to four lanes on each side.

Sichuan Road & Bridge (Group) Corporation Ltd won the tender, billed at 71.4bn/- and similarly taking 18 months to completion, he added.

## Experts light up snags in extractive sector taxation

By Henry Mwangonde

TAXING extractive industry is often subject to specific taxation regimes arising from domestic policy while cross-border transactions are governed by continuously evolving and complex international tax rules, an expert has declared.

Dr Amos Ibrahim, a senior lecturer with the Institute of Tax Administration (ITA) at Mikocheini in Dar es Salaam, said at a workshop on extractive industry taxation that the country must cling to principles of taxation anchored in certainty, convenience, effectiveness, fairness, flexibility and equity.

Underlining the need to harness natural resources to attain development



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objectives, he said the objective of the workshop was to discuss the efficiency of the extractive specific tax administration.

Participants need to have a better understanding of the policy options and tools available to design an efficient tax system in the extractive sector, the don explained.

The workshop was aimed at equipping stakeholders with specific levels of familiarity with key tax concepts and principles thereof, and an understanding of the impact of taxes on the decision-making process regarding extractives, he stated.

He said Tanzania's informal sector remains the largest and most attractive in East Africa, bigger than Burundi in GDP ratio, despite that Tanzania is the second

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## PSSSF donates medical equipment to six centres

By Guardian Reporter, Butiama

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has handed over medical equipment to six health centres across the country in appreciation of contributions of public servants to social welfare.

Hosea Kashimba (pictured), the PSSSF director general, said the centres receiving the donations are Dimbani and Mkunguni, both in Kizimkazi area in Zanzibar South District, Ilembo in Mpanda District of



Katavi Region, and Ikombe on the outskirts of Mtwara municipality.

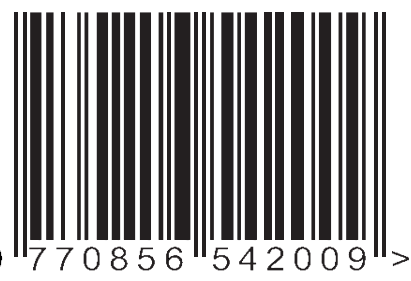
Others are Mji health centre in Lindi municipality and Kirumi health centre in Butiama District, Mara Region.

At the handing over ceremony at Kirumi, he said the fund decided to celebrate the public service week by providing medical equipment to the listed health facilities to boost the quality of service provision.

Accompanied by Lake Zone manager Rajab Kinande, public relations and members' education manager James Mlowe and Mara regional manager Nyaswi Elias, he praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for efforts to transform the health sector.

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largest economy within the six-member East African Community (EAC).

The average revenue collection for sub-Saharan African countries stands at 15.1 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), compared to developed countries which collect 40 percent of GDP, he stated.

Tanzania's revenue collection is still below the Sub-Saharan average but the trend shows that the country has an opportunity to expand its tax base to meet the standard set in the region as a whole, he elaborated.

Participants noted that Tanzania can design an efficient and equitable tax system for the extractive sector to widen the tax base and maximize its contribution to GDP.

Dr Cornel Joseph, a lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), said at the REPOA and Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), a research organisation affiliated with NRG UK, in Britain, told a stakeholders' workshop that

Tanzania needs to design ways to harness natural resources for the realization of development goals.

Various stakeholders said there is need to strengthen administration and monitoring of extractive sector taxes and royalties to control rampant evasion.

The challenges facing the country in administering tax in the extractive sector can be addressed by policy change, the don noted, explaining that the country's economy is largely informal and subsistence in its agriculture and mining sectors.

First we need to formalize this vast informal sector and then design policies that are friendly to business and attract investment in order to balance investment thrust and voluntary tax compliance in the extractive sector, he explained.

The workshop was designed to enhance familiarity with challenges facing the government in designing, administering, enforcing and monitoring extractive specific taxes, royalties and other fiscal instruments, he specified.

## SA's exhibition helps in fighting destruction of African wildlife

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICA'S fauna is at the heart of Roger Ballen's latest exhibition. The artist explores through installations and multimedia works the troubled relationship between humans and nature.

The exhibition titled: "End of The Game" has drawn crowds to Johannesburg's Inside Out Centre for the Arts since March 28.

"There are a lot of people who grew up in the cities in Africa and other places in the world who have no relationship to nature. They spend their lives in a city. They don't hardly know what a tree looks like anymore. Their whole life is virtual," the artist argues.

"...they have no relationship to nature itself. This exhibition also wanted to also make people familiar that there is a natural world out there and there is a crisis going on."

From the killing of elephants in the 18th century that began the ivory trade to the decimation of the rhino population from animal hunting, Ballen argues through his provocative art installations and multimedia artworks that humans remain at the forefront of the destruction of African wildlife.

The 73-year-old American-born photographer used artefacts collected from metal scrap yards, hunting farms, pawn shops and roadsides during his local and international travels over a career of more than 40 years.

"What you find here are artistic installations, and artistic installations are, in a way, putting things together in such a way that they were never seen that way before."

"So, you create a greater impact because it's not just putting things together in a way that everybody knows they should go together. It's putting things together in an imaginative, creative way that still has an impact and challenges the viewer in all sorts of ways..."

One of the centerpiece of the exhibition is the documentary section, which includes objects, texts, photographs and books documenting early years of hunting expeditions in Africa.

The section deals with the initial destruction of African wildlife around 1890, 1900 and 1910, says Ballen.

A curated display with early versions of weapons and ammunition used to kill bigger animals leads into the "Hunter's Room" a staged installation depicting archival photographs and items in a staged safari setting.

A hunter figure made from wax is the main character in the room, surrounded by his hunting memorabilia and collectibles.

Publicized hunting expeditions Some of the photographs include archive pictures of former U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt's much publicized hunting expeditions in Kenya and Winston Churchill's east African safari, both in the early 1900s.

Hunters can be seen on films towering victoriously over their trophies, mostly dead giraffes, elephants and rhino.

Others depict Africans having conquered elephants, lions and leopards.

Items on display include animal skins, rusted metal and steel beds, thick halyards and dilapidated wooden furniture.

The exhibit will remain on display indefinitely.

A typical Saturday morning at the gallery is a hive of activity as visitors come in to see what some have described as a "thought-provoking" body of work.

"I think people will walk away from here thinking about their relationship with animals and how they feel about conservation and hunting and things like that," says Shelley Drynan, a visitor to the gallery.

Sarah Wilding, another visitor who says she was familiar with Ballen's earlier works, says she is stirred by the exhibition's varied depiction of African wildlife and its destruction over many years.

"To just be here and feel the melancholy and the mystery, there are just so many emotions swelling, it is truly a fantastic experience to be here," she says.



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PSSSF director general Hosea Kashimba (L) pictured at Kirumi in Butiama District, Mara Region, yesterday presenting mattresses as part of a consignment of supplies and equipment donated by the fund to the Kirumi health centre. Second right (foreground) is Mara regional administrative secretary Msalika Makungu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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development of health infrastructure across the country," he said, intoning that it is an obligation as a public institution "to support this great achievement."

He recalled that the President's Office (Public Service and Good Governance) issued directives to relevant institutions to mark the week this year by meeting with public servants in remote areas to take stock of the challenges they face.

"Health care is a key requirements for individual welfare, thus

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improving healthcare strengthens community health and protects the workforce," he stated.

He urged public servants to show commitment to the tasks ahead of them, to ensure that people everywhere access quality

health services, aside from PSSSF members specifically.

PSSSF is aware of resource shortfalls, he said, hinting at efforts by the fund in joining hands with other institutions seeking to make a significant difference in facilitating

improvement of service delivery.

Msalika Makungu, the regional administrative secretary, hailed PSSSF for the support/ It is the duty of the citizenry to protect the donated materials from vandal actions of a few people, he added.



Snake dancers "co-opt" Saidi Yakubu (C), Permanent Secretary in the Culture, Arts and Sports ministry, in entertainment that is his business by having him curiously hold a giant python yesterday. This was at the ministry's pavilion at the ongoing 47th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Correspondent Eleuteri Mangi

## S.Africa's graft watchdog clears Ramaphosa in farm cash scandal

PRETORIA

South Africa's corruption watchdog yesterday absolved President Cyril Ramaphosa of allegations that he breached executive ethics in a farm cash scandal that spawned into one of the biggest storms of his career.

The scandal erupted in June last year when the country's former spy boss filed a complaint with the police alleging that Ramaphosa had concealed the 2020 theft of a huge haul of foreign currency from his

Phala Phala farm.

An investigation by the ombudswoman, also known as the public protector, found that Ramaphosa's handling of the case was not in violation of the constitution.

"Aggregated against the standard imposed by the executive ethics code it is found that there is no basis upon which to conclude that the president contravened" the relevant clauses of the law, "including the period following the alleged theft of US dollars", interim

ombudswoman, Kholeka Gcaleka told a news conference in Pretoria.

The public protector's office is an independent state institution provided for in the constitution and reports on misconduct or malfeasance within the government. But it has no powers to prosecute.

The police are carrying out their own investigation in the farm heist case which raised accusations of money-laundering and corruption by the 70-year-old president.

Ramaphosa has always denied any wrongdoing.

He said the cash -- more than half a million dollars stashed beneath sofa cushions -- was payment for buffaloes bought by a Sudanese businessman.

A parliament-sanctioned independent panel said last year that he "may have committed" serious violations and misconduct.

Parliament later decided not to initiate impeachment proceedings that could have forced him out of office.

Ramaphosa, a former union boss who became a business tycoon after apartheid, stepped into the president's job in February 2018.

He came into office promising a "new dawn" after the scandal-rocked tenure of former president Jacob Zuma.

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Dar es Salaam-based conservationist Pangu Iswalala (L) pictured yesterday pointing to boats and canoes he said were being used in illegal fishing in the Kivukoni Front segment of the city's Indian Ocean waters but have since been seized by Marine Police officers. He is with, among others, Marine Park manager immaculate Semesi (2nd-L) and the Marine Police Commander Moshi Sokoro. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

# ZFDA destroys 25 tonnes of expired drugs in Pemba

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TWENTY-FIVE tonnes of drugs has been destroyed in Pemba following a crackdown. The drugs were unfit for human consumption. Nassir Salum, a senior officer from Zanzibar Food and Drugs Agency (ZFDA) said on Wednesday the drugs were seized following a crackdown on private pharmacies, adding that many seized drugs had

their shelf lives expired. He called on owners of pharmacies to abide by the laws and guidelines and other procedures issued by ZFDA. For his part, Said Mbaruk, Pemba Environment Officer said the destruction of expired drugs was conducted for two days at Kwale, in Pujini District. He said all health precautions were taken during the exercise

# Come and invest in Africa, Mwinyi appeals to Chinese

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has welcomed many firms from China to invest in the African continent, saying it has adequate land. Huge labour force and is all ready to do businesses.

relations between China and Africa. Chakwera said China and Africa no longer have time to make the relations deteriorate and called on the people from Africa to implement by deeds all that they have learnt from their relations with China.

President Mwinyi made the remarks at the opening of the 3rd Joint China-Africa Trade Meeting in Changsha, Hunan Province, China.

He also called on the African people to utilise the period to advertise their various goods.

Dr Mwinyi commended the 60 years China-Tanzania relations and expressed hopes that the ties will grow stronger.

In addition, the Malawi President called on China to think about forgiving its loans to African countries, the move, he said will make the continent make great development strides

He said during the last two years Africa has witnessed the great relations with China with trade increasing to USD 74 billion.

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He said he was happy to see big investors attending the meeting saying it is a great opportunity for Africa to evaluate itself and welcome more Chinese investors.

Earlier, when opening the meeting on behalf of Africa, Malawi President Lazaro Chakwera called for robust strategies to prevent any attempts at reducing the pace of

# Mwadui Mine expected to resume business mid-July

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

WILLIAMSON Diamond Mines in Mwadui, Kishapu District, Shinyanga Region expects to start mineral production on July 15, this year.

Mining operations at the mine was suspended soon after its dam for storing mud broke its banks on November 2 last year creating mud spills in people's settlements even

though there was no death. Dotto Biteko, the minister for Minerals disclosed this yesterday during his visit at the Mine to inspect the construction of the new dam in order to allow for mining activities to resume.

He said from the report given on the dam's construction that much work has already been done, he directed for mining activities to begin July 15 this year.

Meanwhile, Biteko directed the Mine to finalise the issue of

compensation to five people who are yet to be paid, in order to do away with complaints from any person who was affected by the mud spills.

For his part, Kishapu Member of Parliament, Boniphace Butondo commended the government and Mwadui Mines for steps being taken since the dam disaster, including compensating the victims.


He said resuming mining operations on July 15 is good

news to Kishapu residents and the district Council in regard to revenue earning.


Mwadui Mines General manager, Ayoub Mwenda said the construction of the new dam at the Mine has been completed at 97 per cent and is ready for use, they were only waiting for permission.

He said in regard to compensation, they have finalised the exercise at 96 per cent, including 61 people who were dissatisfied with the payments, and only five are yet to be compensated.

He further said the construction of 47 people's houses who lost their residences during the dam disaster will begin July while other compensation on farms and loss of property have been finalised.



**JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA**  
**WIZARA YA KILIMO**  
**MAMLAKA YA UDHIBITI WA MBOLEA TANZANIA**



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**TAARIFA KWA UMMA**

**BEI ELEKEZI YA MBOLEA KWA MSIMU WA KILIMO 2023/2024 (Toleo la 22)**

**1.0 UTANGULIZI**  
Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania (Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority - TFRA) kwa niaba ya Wizara ya Kilimo ina jukumu la kutoa bei elekezi ya mbolea kwa wafanyabiashara wa mbolea nchini ambapo mbolea zinatakiwa kuuzwa kwa bei elekezi au chini yake. Hii ni kwa mujibu wa kifungu cha 4(1)(u) cha Sheria ya Mbolea ya Mwaka 2009 na Kanuni ya 56 ya Kanuni za Mbolea za mwaka 2011 kama zilivyofanywa marekebisho mwaka 2017.

Katika kutekeleza jukumu lake la kisheria, TFRA imefanya mapitio ya bei elekezi kwa mbolea aina tisa (9); tano (5) zinazolingwa kutoka nje (DAP, UREA, CAN, SA na NPKs) na nne (4) zinazozalishwa na viwanda vya mbolea vya Itracom (Fomi Otesha na Fomi Kuzia) na Minjingu (Nafaka Plus na Top Dressing).

Bei hizi zitaanza kutumika kuanzia tarehe **01 Julai, 2023 hadi tarehe 15 Agosti, 2023 (Bei zinapatikana kwenye tovuti ya Wizara ya Kilimo; www.kilimo.go.tz, Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania (TFRA); www.tfra.go.tz na Ofisi za Makatibu Tawala wa Mikoa yote Tanzania Bara)**. Lengo la kufanya hivyo ni kuhakikisha kuwa mbolea inauzwa kwa kuzingatia Sheria, Kanuni na Taratibu zinazosimamia tasnia ya mbolea.

**2.0 MJENGEKO WA BEI ELEKEZI**  
Kwa kuwa mbolea za **DAP, UREA, CAN, SA, NPK YARA Cereal** na **YARA Otesha** ni mbolea zinazolingwa kutoka nje ya nchi, bei elekezi imezingatia gharama za manunuzi, usafirishaji, uingizaji, ufungashaji, usambazaji pamoja na faida ya mfunyabiashara. Aidha kwa mbolea zinazozalishwa nchini (Fomi Otesha, Fomi Kuzia, Fomi Nenepeha, Nafaka Plus, Top Dressing) bei elekezi imezingatia gharama za upatikanaji wa malighafi, uzalishaji, vifungashio, kufungasha, usimamizi na faida ya mzalishaji na muuzaji wa rejareja kusambaza hadi kumfikia mkulima.

**3.0 BEI ZA MBOLEA YA RUZUKU KWA WAKULIMA**  
Serikali imeelekeza aina moja ya mbolea kuuzwa kwa bei inayofanana kwa wakulima nchini kote (pan territorial pricing). Aidha, hakuna mfunyabiashara atakeyeruhusiwa kuza mbolea nje ya mpango wa ruzuku. Hivyo, tofauti kati ya bei elekezi kwa kila eneo na bei ya mkulima italipwa na Serikali kama ruzuku kwa mkulima kwa lengo la kumpunguzia makali ya bei. Aidha, vifungashio vya ujazo wa kilo tano (5) vitauzwa kwa bei elekezi ya soko.

**4.0 USIMAMIZI WA BEI ELEKEZI**  
Kwa kuwa mbolea zote zinauzwa katika mpango wa ruzuku, Serikali kupitia TFRA imesajili waingizaji na wazalishaji wa mbolea pamoja na mawakala wanaosambaza na kuza mbolea kwa wakulima na kuwapa namba maalumu za utambulisho. Hata hivyo, ili azma ya Serikali itimie ni muhimu kwa Mamlaka zote husika katika ngazi za Mkoa, Wilaya na Halmashauri

kuhakikisha kuwa kila duka la pembejeo linabandika namba ya uwakala na bei elekezi sehemu zinazoonekana kwa urahisi kwa wanunuzi. Pia ni vema Mamlaka hizo zikasimamia kwa karibu utekelezaji wa mpango wa ruzuku ikiwa ni pamoja na kutoa taarifa kuhusu uzingatiaji wa bei za mbolea ya ruzuku na upatikanaji wa mbolea kwa wakulima katika maeneo husika. Aidha, endapo bei hizi hazitaakisi uhalisia wa kijiografia na miundombinu ya eneo husika, nitoe rai kwa Kamati za Pembejeo za Mikoa na Wilaya kupitia na kufanya maboresho kadiri watakavyoona inafaa.

**5.0 UDHIBITI WA UTOROSHWAJI WA MBOLEA NJE YA NCHI**  
Pamoja na kwamba mpango wa ruzuku wa mbolea unalenga kuwapunguzia makali ya bei wakulima; wafanyabiashara wachache wasio waaminifu wanaweza kutumia fursa hiyo kuwalaghai wakulima na kununua mbolea kwa majina yao na baada ya hapo kutorosha mbolea hiyo kwenda nchi jirani. Hali hii itahatarisha utoshelevu wa mbolea kwa wakulima wetu na pia kuingizia hasara Serikali katika fedha inazotoa kama ruzuku kwa lengo la kumnufaisha mkulima na kuongeza uzalishaji nchini. Pamoja na uelimishaji ambao Serikali inaendelea kuifanya ni vyema Mamlaka zote za Serikali zikashirikiana na wadau wote hususan katika mikoa ya mipakani kama Songwe, Rukwa, Katavi, Kigoma, Kagera, Kilimanjaro, Arusha na mikoa mingine kuhakikisha mbolea ya ruzuku haitoroshwi kwenda nchi jirani.

Vilevile, natoa onyo kali kwa wafanyabiashara wachache wenye tabia hizo au mpango wa kutorosha mbolea ya ruzuku kwenda nchi jirani kutothubutu kufanya hivyo kwani hatua kali za kisheria zitachukuliwa dhidi yao pindi itakapothibitika. Aidha, endapo kutakuwa na haja ya wafanyabiashara kuza mbolea nje ya nchi, basi wafanye hivyo kwa kuzingatia taratibu na sheria za nchi na sio kutorosha mbolea ya ruzuku.

**6.0 HITIMISHO**  
Ni matumaini ya Serikali kuwa, mpango wa ruzuku wa mbolea utawezesha wakulima kutumia mbolea zaidi na hivyo kuongeza uzalishaji na tija kwa ajili ya utoshelevu wa chakula na kuzalisha malighafi ili kuimarisha uchumi wa viwanda. Hivyo, niwakumbushe wataalamu na wadau wa kilimo kuendelea kutoa ushirikiano wa dhati katika kuwaelimisha wakulima juu ya matumizi sahihi ya mbolea na pembejeo nyingine za kilimo pamoja na kuzingatia kanuni bora za kilimo. Aidha, natoa wito kwa Mamlaka zote katika ngazi za Mikoa, Wilaya na Halmashauri kutoa ushirikiano katika usimamizi wa mbolea ya ruzuku ili Serikali ifikie azma yake na pia mkulima aweze kutumia fursa hii kubadilisha maisha yake kupitia kilimo.

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**BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**

**Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below goods/service package at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine**

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 45km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast, and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south.

**BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.**

No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-06-07	<b>SUPPLY AND INSTALL INLINE LEACH REACTOR ILR4000BA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Contractor specialized in design, supply, installation and must have a proven experience in tumbling leach reactor.</li> <li>ii. Experience working with similar works in the last 5 years</li> <li>iii. Competence in tumbling leach reactor and fully conversant with the risks and control measures of working in Mining Industry.</li> <li>iv. Team with multi-discipline members (Mainly - Supervisors / Safety officer / QA&amp;QC officer / E&amp;I Engineer/Multi-skilled) should have sound Knowledge of Mine Health &amp; Safety acts. QA/QC officer should be NACE certified or equivalent.</li> <li>v. List of equipment's - Resource list - specifying quantities - List of all tools and tackles (with detailed specifications of important equipment).</li> </ul>

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 If your company qualifies 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, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work
- Time frame to complete the project. (including site mobilization stage)
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner
- BRELA detailed search certificate i.e 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.

Kindly send your response by email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com) by latest 1800hrs on the **08<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

Any responses received after this date shall not be considered.

Please quote the above Reference number and description on your Expression of interest submission.

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

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

For and on behalf of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**



## CoET students, lecturers make electric car without an engine

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

STUDENTS of the College of Engineering and Technology (CoET) of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) in collaboration with their lecturers have made an electric car that does not have an engine.

The car has become an attraction at the ongoing 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair at the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Grounds.

Speaking to the people who visited the UDSM pavilion to witness the car, the Head of the College's Communications and Marketing Division, Dr. Dotto Kuhenga said the car has cost them 30m/-.

"That 30m/- includes the costs of design, craftsmanship, expertise and everything until its completion, but if someone wants us to fix it now, the costs will drop to 10m/-," he said.

He said that although they have sent various UDSM services to the exhibition, the electric vehicle has become a major attraction and will be used to carry leaders who have trouble traveling long distances on foot to this year's exhibition.

"We have brought this car here to show the creativity of our young students who are studying engineering and technology at UDSM and it will be used to transport leaders who have the challenge of walking to various pavilions," he said, adding: "All over the world, big cars are not allowed to enter exhibition grounds, but our car is small and special, which can take visitors to many places without causing inconvenience to people."

Dr. Kuhenga said the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), was impressed by the innovation and asked UDSM to send the car to the exhibitions in order to transport various guests to witness the exhibition easily.

"This car is here for two things, one is to

show the creativity of our students of the Engineering and Technology Department UDSM and also to drive the famous leaders who will arrive in this exhibitions," said Dr. Kuhenga.

He said UDSM also has entered into a contract with the Geita Gold Mine Company (GGM), who were in need of such a vehicle for services in their mines.

He said that the car uses very little electricity and that for ordinary citizens who will need the car, it will be made for 10m/-.

He said the first car cost 30m/- due to preparation and various previous processes but now for anybody who need the car will get it only for 10m/-.

"It is a very easy car for the common people for example, if you buy electricity of 3,000/-, you can travel up to more than 30 kilometers and it is an innovation that will help us stop using petrol and save our environment," said Dr. Kuhenga.

He said that after seeing the quality and efficiency of the car, TanTrade have asked for other cars to be made in order to carry out the work of transporting the officials every season of the exhibitions in the grounds.

"We will talk with Tantrade about how to add more cars for them and we invite other people to come if they want this type of car, we will make it for them only for 10m/-," said Dr. Kuhenga.

UDSM's Public Relation Officer, Isdory Jackson, said they have already started getting requests for such a car from hotel owners and people who play in golf courses.

"Tantrade has ordered five cars, there are hotels and golf grounds owners we will make other car for them and the engineering will be the same, but the car boards may vary according to the customer's needs," said Isdory.

## Female candidates beat males in NBAA exams

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

WOMEN have surpassed men in just released Certified Public Accountant examinations (CPA) results.

Chairman of the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA), Prof. Sylvia Temu said while announcing the results that out of the 394 students who passed the examinations, 199 are women (50.5percent) and 195 are men (49.5percent).

She said the number makes the total number of candidates who passed the CPA exams to be 12,547 since the exams started in 1975.

She said that the exams were held in 12 centers in Tanzania Mainland and in Zanzibar and that the exams involved candidates in the first and second stages of the accounting certificate level.

She mentioned the steps as ATEC I and ATEC II with four subjects of one and professional level.

She said that among the 394 candidates

who qualified and were awarded (CPA T), most of them came from various colleges where she said 89 candidates came from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).

Prof Temu said 68 candidates came from the Institute of Financial Management (IFM), 66 came from Mzumbe University, 50 candidates are from Tanzania Institute of Accountancy and 18 candidates came from the University of Dodoma.

She congratulated all those who passed their exams well and asked those who have not qualified not to give up but to work harder in their studies so that they can do better in the upcoming board exams.

She advised them to make good use of the books prepared by the board in preparing for their exams and to read other additional books to increase their understanding in their studies, noting that NBAA is in the process of improving its study curricula which will be implemented from the November 2024 exam semester.



Sarah Gordon-Gibson (R), the UN-World Food Programme Director and Resident Representative in Tanzania, presents a photocopy machine to the Home Affairs ministry's Director of Refugee Services, Sudi Mwakibasi, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Faustine Feliciane

## 16 Chief Justices from SADC to meet in Arusha in October

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

CHIEF Justices from 16 SADC countries are expected to meet in Tanzania in October, this year to discuss various issues of timely justice dispensation aimed to remove trade barriers in the bloc.

Ignas Katusi, Judge of Tanzania Court of Appeal told SADC Chief Justices Forum sitting here yesterday that Tanzania will

host the meeting that will be held from October 23 to 28 this year.

"We hope that we shall find common ground on many issues regarding the dispensation of justice in time to enable traders conduct their activities," he said.

He explained many topics during the meeting will aim at finding solutions to trade conflicts in SADC countries.

He added that apart from collaborating in experiences they will also get the

chance to visit national parks and other tourist attractions in order to support Tanzania government efforts to open up the country since the launch of the Royal Tour documentary.

He said the meeting will be graced by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

For his part, Head of SASDC secretariat, Nyimbiri Sangwani said that basically the aim of yesterday's meeting is to inspect preparations of the October meeting, and added that all the preparations were going on well.

The meeting will be the 20th since the establishment of SADC in 2003 and is convened annually, while Mozambique was its host last year.



Water minister Jumaa Aweso (L) shares a light moment with Ulanga constituency legislator Salim Alaudin Hasham, who paid him a visit in his office in Dodoma city yesterday. They then exchanged ideas on the state of the water sector in the country. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

ADVISORS of students from universities, colleges and technical schools and government officials have been urged to prepare strategies for protecting the youth against moral decay in the country.

Dr James Mrema, the director of Tanzania Institute of accountancy (TIA), Singida Campus made the remarks yesterday on behalf TIA Chief Executive Officer when opening a training seminar for the advisors organized by Tanzania Counselling and Guidance Association (TACOGA 1984).

Dr Mrema said moral decay in youth is now a big challenge in Tanzania society and retards national development, hence, he added, it is essential for the training to aim on how to come up with strategies to protect the youth.

## Advisors told to chart strategies to guide youths on moral values

For his part, the Chairman of TACOGA 1984, Sophia Nchimbi said the main task is to provide counselling to students and workers, educating students' governments as well as in secondary schools on various issues.

She said the association was officially established in 1984 and 39 colleges from both sides of the Union participated at the training seminar.

Apart from counselling, she mentioned other tasks they do is conducting researches and whenever they meet they exchange experiences.

She said the training provided aim to curb students' conflicts in their learning

institutions, students' leadership and supervision of changes, reduce female genital mutilation (FGM) at colleges and students' health in general.

She mentioned others as including HIV/Aids issues and students' financial management.

She said apart from the good work they do, there are still various challenges including small participation from their stakeholders and learning institutions.

She said whenever they want to talk to them, they always say they have to first seek for permission from the Ministry of Education.



### TANGAZO LA MNADA WA HADHARA WA VIFAA CHAKAVU

- Wananchi wote mnatangaziwa kwamba Mfuko wa Maendeleo ya Jamii (TASAF) utaoondosha kwa njia ya mnada wa hadhara mali mbalimbali chakavu zilizokuwa zinatumika kwenye maeneo ya Utekelezaji wa Mpango.
- Mali zitakazouwa ni vifaa mbalimbali vya ofisi chakavu.
- Mnada huo utafanyika katika mikoa mbalimbali kama inavyoonyeshwa kwenye jedwali hapo chini:

Na	Mkoa na Mali zitakazouwa	Tarehe	Mahali
1	Dar es salaam	8 <sup>th</sup> Julai 2023	Ofisi za TASAF Tawi la Dar Es Salaam
2	Mwanza, Dodoma, Iringa Kigoma na Mbeya	11 Julai 2023	Ofisi ya Katibu Tawala
3	Pwani Tanga Manyara Kagera Tabora	12 Julai 2023	Ofisi ya Katibu Tawala
4	Rukwa, Arusha Njombe Mtwara Simiyu Ruvuma	13 Julai 2023	Ofisi ya Katibu Tawala
5	Morogoro Lindi Katavi Shinyanga Geita	14 Julai 2023	Ofisi ya Katibu Tawala
6	Songwe, Pemba, Killimanjaro, Mara Singida	18 Julai 2023	Ofisi ya Katibu Tawala

#### MASHARTI YA MNADA

- kifaa kitauzwa kama kilivyo mahali kilipo.
- Mnunuzi atalazimika kulipa asilimia mia moja (100%) ya thamani yote na kuondoa kifaa/vifaa atakavyonunua siku ya mnada.
- Ruhusa ya kuangalia vifaa itatolewa siku mbili (2) kabla ya terehe ya mnada.
- Mnada utanza saa nne (4:00) Asubuhi katika kila kituo.

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Dr Naomi Katunzi (seated, R), Chairperson of the Institute of Adult Education's Governing Council, graces the institute's 60th graduation ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday as chief guest. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

## Economist: Zimbabwe maize exports could see rise

JOHANNESBURG

ZIMBABWE'S maize imports in 2023/24 will likely reach the highest levels in seven years.

Unlike in 2016, the country might not struggle to secure supplies from neighbouring South Africa and Zambia.

A shortfall in Zimbabwe's maize production is attributed to a dry spell that affected the crop in the southern and western areas of the country in December.

Zimbabwe's fortunes worsened when the country was hit by Cyclone Freddy in late January 2023, leading to crop damage.

Its 2022/23 maize production could reach 1.5 million tonnes, almost half of the ample harvest of 2.7 million tonnes in the 2020/21

production season, according to the latest estimates by the Pretoria Office of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Wandile Sihlobo, chief economist at the Agricultural Business Chamber (Agbiz), said the expected harvest is a mild improvement from the 2021/22 production season's harvest of 1.4 million tonnes but 32 percent lower than the annual maize needs of 2.2 million tonnes.

"At face value, Zimbabwe might have to import about half a million tonnes to fulfil the yearly maize needs in the marketing year 2023/24," Sihlobo said.

"Zimbabwe's 2023/24 maize imports will likely reach levels that we last saw in 2016, but this time around, it may not be a struggle to secure supplies from South Africa

and even Zambia."

The Zimbabwe Grain Marketing Board (GMB) is mandated to maintain a minimum of 500 000 tonnes of strategic maize reserves in physical stocks.

Therefore, Zimbabwe will likely require 1 million tonnes of imports in the 2023/24 marketing year.

Sihlobo said given the poor economic conditions in Zimbabwe, it is unclear at this stage if GMB will procure the 500 000 tonnes strategic reserve in full within the 2023/24 marketing year.

"We will closely monitor the country's maize import pace in the coming months, as it would lead to a substantial increase in regional maize demand," he said.

South Africa's 2023/24 marketing year maize surplus of over 3 million

tonnes is projected to help meet the potential rise in imports in Zimbabwe.

While Zimbabwe could import a particular share of maize from Zambia, to the north, the country will likely rely more on its southern neighbor, South Africa.

In the previous season, when Zimbabwe was not prominent in South Africa's maize markets, the country had decent stocks from the last good harvests and only required maize imports of about 220 000 tonnes in the 2022/23 marketing year.

Unlike East African country Kenya, which prohibits the importation of genetically modified maize, Zimbabwe allows imports, which further opens room for South African grain exporters.

## UDSM Vice Chancellor urges students to have interests in development studies as subject

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

UNIVERSITY of Dar es Salaam Vice-Chancellor, Prof William Anangisyé, has urged students in higher learning institutions to develop interests in development studies to be able to assess and solve economic and social problems that affect everyday life.

Speaking yesterday during an event to celebrate 50 years of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) Prof Anangisyé said that development studies play an important role in meeting the basic needs of the world's growing population hence the need to make solutions available.

He said if students understand the subject well they will be in the position to well analyze past, present and future trends and become aware of the differences between developed and underdeveloped countries.

According to Prof Anangisyé one of the biggest benefits of studying development studies at university are the valuable transferable skills you learn because these can be applied to numerous professions and are skills that if you want to be employed future employers will find them attractive.

He said some of the transferrable skills you will learn during your development studies degree are communication, problem solving, decision making, research, reporting project management, data analysis is vital for personal and country economic development.

At the celebration of UDSM 60yrs Anniversary last year the IDS to ensure that its development oriented research findings reach members of the society and policy makers to match with the theme of its golden Jubilee, he noted

"We at UDSM(IDS) included generate research based knowledge on the basis of our values of wisdom is freedom, and ever since its inception in 1973 IDS has been

a reliable guardian of our values as reflected in the "Tanzania Journal of development studies "because the knowledge produced not only draw from evidence but also from integrity and openness as well as lifelong learning", noted Prof Anangisyé.

IDS Director Dr Colman Msoka said that "one of the things that is certain is that we will continue strengthening the skills and capabilities of those already working within the development sector as well as nurture a new generation of development through policy and practice.

He further noted that cutting edge research, knowledge and mutual learning are crucial in shaping the transformation needed to reduce inequalities, accelerate sustainability and build a more inclusive and secure society.

"We already know what happened to development studies as a field of studies during the past 50 years of our existence, thus we can no longer claim that we are still learning rather draw lessons from our past in order to cope with the future taking in account that the next 50 years will be dynamically unpredictable", he noted.

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## Young CSIR scientists drive smart innovation

JOHANNESBURG

THE Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is using artificial intelligence (AI) to develop cutting-edge technologies to improve the country's rural health systems.

Young CSIR researchers this week displayed groundbreaking Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) innovations aimed at enhancing South Africa's healthcare system in remote regions.

To address the issue of limited diagnostic resources in rural areas, the CSIR is developing a machine learning-powered diagnostics system.

The technology combines machine learning algorithms to independently help medical professionals diagnose diseases with better accuracy and speed.

"Machine learning is a branch of AI technologies that aims to mitigate the potential errors made by newly appointed medical professionals. Additionally, it seeks to expedite the diagnosis of diseases, which is often delayed because traditional

treatment approaches are reliant on human involvement," according to a statement.

By delivering precise and swift disease diagnoses, machine learning has the potential to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

PhD candidate Nkgaphe Tsebebe said the technology could be used in busy medical centres that handle many patient samples each day.

"With this technology, the diagnostic process can be accelerated, reducing patients' waiting time. It can diagnose thousands or even millions of samples in just a few seconds, which is particularly helpful in preventing the spread of viral and infectious diseases," Tsebebe explained.

Meanwhile, another PhD candidate, Sipho Chauke, has developed an optical-based biosensor technology for the detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB).

It is a miniaturised point-of-care device that utilises light to detect TB bacteria in samples containing

nucleic acid.

Its primary objective is to assist healthcare systems in remote areas by facilitating the diagnosis of TB and streamlining the initiation and administration of treatment for patients.

"The technology also aims to significantly reduce the diagnostic time required for TB cases, make TB diagnostic affordable and offer large-scale diagnostics of various diseases."

This innovation, according to the CSIR, enables the diagnosis of TB at little to no hassle to ordinary South Africans or the end user.

"By making TB diagnosis available to all through this technology, the aim of the 'End TB Strategy' can be achieved through the early detection of TB, which will result in early treatment."

Another invention is a CSIR-developed Localised Surface Plasmon Resonance system, which uses optical biosensors to analyse biological elements such as nucleic acids, proteins, antibodies and cells without interfering with the molecules in the solution.



Jacqueline Jairo, a Form Four student at Kerezange Secondary School in Dar es Salaam, contributes to debate in a "People's Parliament" session the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme organised yesterday in the city's Kivule suburb. The subject was the extent to which the just-endorsed government Budget for financial year 2023/2024 was gender-sensitive. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Introduction				
Dear Shareholders,				
We hereby present the audited annual results of Tanga Cement Public Limited Company ("Tanga Cement" or the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2022.				
Due to intensifying competitive landscape in the industry, significant increases in fuel prices and logistics costs which lead to an increase in raw material prices and frequent electrical power cuts and unstable electricity supply which necessitated increased fuel consumption for own direct generators and increased maintenance costs, the Company's performance has been impacted in comparison to the previous year. The negative impact of these market and operational challenges on the Company's financial performance is indicated in the Financial and Operational Overview section below.				
We affirm our commitment to all stakeholders through our high-quality cement and clinker, and our contribution towards the sustainable and development of Tanzania, a demonstration of our belief in "Strength Within".				
The Company has deployed the highest standards of health and safety protocols across all its operations and continues to enforce safety in the workplace to protect our employees and contractors.				
Macro-economic Overview				
The Group's growth outlook continues to be anchored in the growth in cement demand of the Tanzanian construction industry. In order to remain sustainable through the global geopolitical tensions and the high fuel prices currently affecting the local economy, the Board has decided to continue committing available current cash generated to the operational commitments. The Board will evaluate the financial performance throughout the 2023 financial year when considering the dividend declaration.				
Prepared acquisition by Scancon International DA				
Shareholders are referred to the announcement regarding the proposed acquisition by Scancon International DA of 68.33% of the shares in Tanga Cement P.L.C. from Afrimaur Investments Holdings Limited on 27 October 2022 and the recent updates on the transaction issued by the Company on 19 January 2023 and 11 April 2023.				
Conclusion				
Tanga Cement remains grateful to its staff for their passion and dedication to the company, and to its customers for their belief in the Simba Cement brand, as the company works to achieve its short- and long-term growth strategy.				
With Tanzania remaining a significant player in the East African construction market, cement output is anticipated to increase and Tanga Cement is well-positioned to take advantage of the growth opportunities in the regional market.				
For and on behalf of the Board				
Patrick Rutabanzibwa Chairman of the Board				
Consolidated and separate statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022				
	Group 2022 TZS'000	Group 2021 TZS'000	Company 2022 TZS'000	Company 2021 TZS'000
Revenue from contracts with customers	209,196,629	230,781,686	209,196,629	230,781,686
Cost of sales	(172,743,261)	(168,119,713)	(172,743,261)	(168,119,713)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>36,453,368</b>	<b>61,661,973</b>	<b>36,453,368</b>	<b>61,661,973</b>
Other income	1,057,984	207,789	631,897	164,609
Other expenses	(444,354)	(4,803,075)	(444,354)	(4,803,075)
Selling expenses	(1,200,840)	(3,276,423)	(1,200,840)	(3,276,423)
Administration expenses	(29,303,218)	(19,222,025)	(19,409,739)	(19,592,482)
Depreciation charge	(19,076,037)	(19,238,837)	(19,118,509)	(19,261,948)
Impairment and other charges	(127,805)	-	(299,374)	-
Decrease (increase) in expected credit losses	(1,648,159)	129,359	(2,201,762)	241,297
<b>Operating (Loss)/ Profit</b>	<b>(7,175,718)</b>	<b>14,958,742</b>	<b>(7,545,319)</b>	<b>15,133,931</b>
Interest expense	(17,699,539)	(12,196,229)	(17,618,995)	(12,201,543)
Finance income	1,190	1,221	1,190	1,221
Foreign exchange and fair value losses	5,353,442	1,003,681	5,353,442	996,331
<b>Profit/(Loss) before tax</b>	<b>(19,431,425)</b>	<b>3,767,415</b>	<b>(19,825,589)</b>	<b>3,929,960</b>
Income tax charge/(credit)	(2,590,507)	(224,442)	(2,587,242)	(219,889)
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>(22,021,932)</b>	<b>3,542,973</b>	<b>(22,411,543)</b>	<b>3,710,071</b>
Other comprehensive income				
Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax)				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(151,215)	(9,522)	-	-
Other comprehensive income net of tax	(151,215)	(9,522)	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>(22,173,147)</b>	<b>3,533,451</b>	<b>(22,411,543)</b>	<b>3,710,071</b>
Loss for the year attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	(22,021,932)	3,542,973	(22,411,543)	3,710,071
Non-controlling interests	(22,021,932)	3,542,973	(22,411,543)	3,710,071
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	<b>(22,173,147)</b>	<b>3,533,451</b>	-	-
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share				
	2022 TZS/share	2021 TZS/share		
	(335)	55		
Consolidated and separate statements of financial position AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022				
	Group 2022 TZS'000	Group 2021 TZS'000	Company 2022 TZS'000	Company 2021 TZS'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	287,736,356	300,619,541	286,976,855	299,810,366
Right-of-use assets	5,008,975	4,772,307	4,891,745	4,710,543
Investment property	515,028	537,756	-	-
Investment in subsidiary	7,492,379	1,023,611	7,492,379	1,023,611
Financial asset - Interest rate cap	-	-	-	-
<b>306,752,738</b>	<b>306,953,215</b>	<b>299,781,974</b>	<b>306,097,084</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>				
Due from employees' share trust	81,189,517	63,712,282	81,189,517	63,712,282
Inventories	11,509,723	15,718,554	11,273,877	15,096,678
Trade and other receivables	6,020,003	6,891,761	6,511,528	6,883,224
Current income tax recoverable	4,729,172	12,189,543	4,699,852	12,124,442
<b>106,448,215</b>	<b>98,517,040</b>	<b>106,424,040</b>	<b>98,695,092</b>	
Non-current assets held-for-sale	3,870,000	3,870,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>407,204,823</b>	<b>405,474,125</b>	<b>406,206,014</b>	<b>404,792,176</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Issued capital	1,273,421	1,273,421	1,273,421	1,273,421
Translation reserve	(218,705)	(67,490)	-	-
Treasury shares	(73,466)	(73,466)	-	-
Retained earnings	116,971,815	138,689,514	114,881,252	137,293,299
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the parent</b>	<b>116,873,065</b>	<b>139,121,979</b>	<b>116,154,673</b>	<b>138,566,720</b>
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>116,873,065</b>	<b>139,121,979</b>	<b>116,154,673</b>	<b>138,566,720</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Lease liabilities	4,350,040	4,993,751	4,249,513	4,317,371
Provision for site restoration	29,637	30,014	29,637	29,637
Term borrowings - Non-current portion	208,960,479	192,886,904	208,960,479	192,886,904
Deferred tax liability	950,783	950,783	950,783	950,783
<b>214,331,316</b>	<b>198,461,075</b>	<b>214,210,789</b>	<b>198,184,695</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Lease liabilities	650,006	391,407	635,500	443,443
Trade and other payables	48,591,174	41,240,772	48,066,634	41,477,981
Provision for employee benefits	7,522,296	6,658,577	7,882,452	7,219,022
Current income tax	5,265,295	18,938,315	5,265,295	18,938,315
Bank overdrafts	78,000,452	47,491,021	75,846,523	68,940,251
<b>200,331,758</b>	<b>206,352,146</b>	<b>200,051,341</b>	<b>206,255,456</b>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>200,331,758</b>	<b>206,352,146</b>	<b>200,051,341</b>	<b>206,255,456</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>407,204,823</b>	<b>405,474,125</b>	<b>406,206,014</b>	<b>404,792,176</b>

**Information to Members**  
The company secretary would like to inform the members that dividends can be directly transferred to their bank.

Members can contact The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange on +255 (0)22 2123983 or on +255 (0)22 212852 for information on how to have the dividends deposited directly into their bank.

**Patrick Rutabanzibwa**  
Chairman  
30 JUNE 2023

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## Over 10,000 farmers in Mara Region set to benefit from modern laboratory

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadonga

OVER 10,000 farmers in Mara Region are set to benefit from OCP school laboratory which was launched recently in the Lake Zone region.

The modern lab aims at offering interactive training on good agricultural practices, adapted to specific crops in the beneficiary regions.

The launch of the lab was held at Musoma town where farmers experienced how the modern facility operate and also interacted with experts and on his, Saidi Mtanda who is Mara Regional Commissioner(RC) said Agriculture is the backbone of the country economy hence the need for farmers to embrace new technology.

He said Agriculture has employed over 65% of Tanzanians national wide, and throughout the years assured food security for 100% as well as raw materials for our industries.

However, he said the ratio of Tanzanians doing agriculture is irrelevant to the total population of Tanzania and this is due to less productivity of agricultural products country wide, saying operation of this project will create impact in improving agricultural productivity.

"This is a good initiative and we really thank OCP as this will help in improving farming in our region and the country as a whole. Let me assure you (OCP)that the government is committed to seeing that farming is improving in the country," he said.

In his remarks Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute(TARI)Soil Scientists Fredrick Mlowe said effects of the lab will reach more than 40,000 famers from 400 villages in Mara, Mwanza, Simiyu and Kagera regions as it has multiplying effects.

"We believe that those who will benefit from this initiative will have concise knowledge of their

surrounding soil and will be advised on proper usage measures at zero cost to them, hence we argue the farmers to seize this opportunity which is of a direct benefit to them" he said.

In his remarks Hillary Pato who is OCP Country Manager said they are working together with the government to improve farming in the country saying together they have created a regional drive to measure soil quality of the land of farmers in over 100 village in Mara region.

He said the aim is to support the farmers with the knowledge about the quality of soil of their land at no cost to the villagers.

"The results will be shared with them together with free advice on what needs to be done so as to gain optimum yield from their land. In each village, over 100 farmers will be educated and empowered on best practice for their produce farming, be it maize, cassava or cotton so as to increase their production of crops per acreage. Thus we expect a minimum of 10,000 farmers from Mara region to benefit from this initiative".



**This is a good initiative and we really thank OCP as this will help in improving farming in our region and the country as a whole. Let me assure you (OCP)that the government is committed to seeing that farming is improving in the country**

## Smart African cities make a mark on global stage

CAPE TOWN

THE progress in smart city development highlights the immense potential for African cities to become global leaders in urban innovation.

This is according to an industry executive following the inclusion of Algiers (Algeria), Cairo (Egypt), Cape Town (South Africa), Rabat (Morocco) and the Tunisian capital, Tunis, in the 2023 edition of the IMD Smart City Index.

"They're putting Africa on the global map of smart city innovation," said Marcel Bruyns, Sales Manager for Africa at Axis Communications.

The IMD Smart City Index ranks 141 smart cities according to economic, technological and humane dimensions, such as quality of life, the physical environment, and overall inclusiveness.

It uses a combination of hard data and survey responses to gauge how people experience cities around the world.

"Amid all the headlines about weakening currencies, rising inflation and political instability, it's easy to get caught up in the negatives, but there's a lot to celebrate on our continent," Bruyns said.

"As we come to the end of Africa Month in May and we approach the African Smart Cities Summit in June, it's a great time to recognise the remarkable advancements in Africa's top-performing smart cities."

With the help of expert service providers, Bruyns imagined where today's cities could be in the years to come.

"The future holds endless possibilities for African cities as they continue to embrace

smart technologies and create sustainable, efficient and inclusive urban environments," he said.

Cairo is the highest-ranked smart city in the abovementioned index, at 108. Algiers sits at 123, followed by Cape Town at 125.

Rabat sits at 126 and Tunis is ranked 137th.

"African capitals are making their mark on the global stage, showcasing the continent's progress and prowess in building smart cities," Bruyns said.

He noted the five cities were leading the way with their innovative approaches to urban development and efficient use of technology.

"By leveraging the expertise of service providers and fostering collaboration, African cities can continue their transformative journeys and redefine what is possible in the realm of urban living," Bruyns stated.



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Doweicare Technology Limited marketing officer Geoffrey Duma (2nd-L) pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presenting to Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule 84 cartons of sanitary towels for free distribution to students in various schools across the region. Looking on are Dodoma regional academic officer Jane Mangowi (R) and regional health officer Nelson Rumbeli. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Dodoma RC receives 84 cartons of sanitary towels from manufacturer

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule has received 84 cartons of sanitary towels from the Doweicare Technology Limited worth 2.6m/- that are to be distributed to students in various schools across the region.

Doweicare Technology Limited is the manufacturers and distributors of sanitary towels.

Receiving the donation, RC Senyamule thanked the company for the help of the towels which are going to help girls cover up and enable them to attend classes without any obstacle.

"I am very grateful to you for caring about groups in need, it is a great contribution to the Dodoma Region, especially for parents who do not have the ability to facilitate the purchase of female towels. We will make sure that

we give it to the beneficiaries who are the most needy and vulnerable," Senyamule stressed.

He said he will emphasize the students who benefit from the towels to study hard so that the work done by the company distributing the towels will be useful and show that the main basis is for them to get an education.

Dodoma regional academic officer, Jane Mangowi has said

that the towels will also help students with special groups to achieve the expected goals while giving an opinion to other stakeholders to come forward more to help as there are still many needs.

Doweicare marketing officer Geoffrey Duma has said that they are ready to cooperate with the Dodoma Regional Commissioner's Office and donate more sanitary towels.



Dr Abdulrahman Mwanga (2nd-R), Commissioner for Minerals in the Minerals ministry pictured yesterday making during a visit to the Geita Gold Mining Ltd pavilion at the ongoing 47th edition of the annual Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

## Govt invites local, foreign investors to invest in the mining value chain

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Commissioner of Minerals, Dr Abdulrahman Mwanga yesterday invites local and foreign investors to invest in the country's mining value chain.

Dr Mwanga said this in Dar es Salaam when he visited the Minerals Ministry's pavilion at the 47th Dar

es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

He said that Tanzania is doing well on investments, especially in the area of research and mining, although in processing them and being ready for sale.

"We have done very well in investment, especially in mining and research. The mining sector is important and contributes 50 percent to the country's foreign

exchange, so there are investment opportunities, we welcome local and foreign investors," said Dr Mwanga.

He said that every Tanzanian should be excited about the investment opportunity through the sector, including in small mining industries as there is demand for different services such as food, accommodation and education.

The Co-Director of the

TanzaKwanza company, Francis Mlacha said in collaboration with the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), they have prepared a center to display products related to minerals.

"The goal of having one center in the Mining Pavilion is to provide relief to visitors to these exhibitions, to get the services of this sector at this center. Also want to ensure that these exhibitions do not end with showing but there is a business platform for minerals," he said.

"The hope is to bring together local businessmen and the foreign market, to increase opportunities for businessmen in this sector," said Mlacha.



# Mobile sunflower irrigation in the pipeline - AMDT

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

Sunflower seeds producers will soon start enjoying mobile irrigation services, thanks to new initiatives taken by the government in collaboration with the private sector.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam recently, the executive director of Agriculture Markets Development Trust (AMDT) Charles Ogutu, said that soon his organisation would start to sensitise mobile irrigation services.

"We will not drill trenches or streams but we want to sensitise farmers and other people on mobile irrigation", he said

He said the exercise would start before the end of this year whereas a total of 250m/- will be invested initially.

According to him, the main aim is to help seed producers in the fight against climate change.

"Some areas have witnessed little rainfall which affect production, we hope mobile irrigation would help boost output," he said

He also urged the community, particularly farmers to create a habit of planting trees.

"People have been cutting down trees for farming this might disrupt production because there would be no rainfall in the near future hence afforestation is needed", he said

Meanwhile, sunflower farmers in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region have been assured of the market of all their produce this year thanks to the initiative taken by the government.

Speaking, the chairman of Izaku Amcos, Omary Miyati, said already the cereals and other produce board (CPB) has agreed to buy all 12 million kilograms of sunflower from producers this year

He said they signed an agreement with the officials of CPB recently whereas the farmers and the amcos would benefit.

He said they have formed agricultural marketing cooperative society (AMCOS) last year whereas a total of 3,000 sunflowers have joined.

According to him the AMCOS is made up of three villages namely Izava, Kimeji and Umojae where there are over 10, 000 sunflower farmers.

He said under the contract a total of 25/- for every kilogram purchased would go to the AMCOS, 30/- to the chamwino district and 35/- for transportation.

A farmer would sell one kilogram of sunflower at 1,110/- to the CPB.

Miyati said the Izaku amcos is expected to collect 3bn/- which would be spent to construct godown and buy edible oil processing plant.

Speaking in Dodoma city a sunflower processor identified Hawa Abdi Ali, thanked Agricultural Development Denmark Asia (ADDA Tanzania) and agricultural markets development Trust for their support.

She said the two organisations have supported her and other processors to attend training and provided edible oil processing plants.

She said the plant can process up to 300,000 kilograms of sunflower. Before support I used to process only 180,000 kilograms per annum

"I have also increased amount of sunflower purchased, number of customers and support other women in this business", she said

Another sunflower oil processor identified as Eva Thomson at Kibaigwa area asked the power utility company (Tanesco) not to cut electricity randomly

"Power cuts affect our business because we can not produce as intended and many times it causes damages in some parts of our processing machines," she said.

Last year AMDT signed a contract to facilitate ADDA in implementing a sunflower value chain development initiative that will cover Dodoma Region.

The USD 200,000 grant will involve collaborations with private sector actors and public sector institutions in improving several market systems in the sunflower agricultural subsector.

The project will, among other things facilitate the access and distribution of quality sunflower seeds, enhance pro-poor contractual agreements in production, support Women and Youth sunflower processors

It will improve the provision of rural advisory services to smallholder farmers as well as facilitate farmers' access to finance.

ADDA's head and project leader Bjarne Christensen was quoted as calling for more and close collaboration between both parties for the benefit of the targeted last mile beneficiaries. "We need to work together, to support each other in technical areas and to always be on the same page. This will ensure good results for the project".

# Cooperation with China brings opportunities, not risks - envoy

CHANGSHA

SOUTH Africa doesn't buy the "de-risking" rhetoric about China, but sees a lot of opportunities in cooperation with the world's second-largest economy, a South African envoy has said.

"Among the new fields we need to enhance our cooperation in digital economy and e-commerce," said South African Ambassador to China Siyabonga Cyprian Cwele.

Students from many African countries are coming to China to learn knowledge and experience about e-commerce and online trade, which are developing fast in China, said the ambassador, who travelled to Changsha in central China's Hunan Province, which boasts strong cooperative links with Africa, to attend the third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo held here from Thursday to Sunday.

The expanding scope of cooperation is a testament to the longstanding and flourishing economic ties between the two countries, said Cwele, who conducted a live-streamed sales event to promote African specialties among local citizens before talking with Xinhua here on Wednesday.

Data released by the Chinese government showed that from January to December 2022, the trade volume between China and

South Africa amounted to 378.8 billion RMB (52.2 billion U.S. dollars), representing a year-on-year growth of 8.5 percent.

China has also maintained its position as South Africa's largest trading partner for 14 consecutive years, while South Africa has been China's largest trading partner in Africa for 13 consecutive years.

"We see the booming trade as a win-win situation which keeps growing," Cwele said. "And the massive growth in bilateral trade has been translated into direct benefits to our people."

As an important participant in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), South Africa, the ambassador said, has seen positive results since it joined the initiative in 2015.

"More Chinese companies are coming to South Africa to invest heavily in fields like infrastructure," he said, adding that the construction of roads and bridges by China is not only facilitated connections of different regions and transportation of goods within the country, but also strengthened the economic links among different countries of the whole continent.

South Africa welcomes more Chinese companies to participate in the African country's development and cooperate with local companies in critical sectors including digital technologies and 5G, said Cwele.



Asia Ally, a resident of Amani in Dar es Salaam's Kipunguni suburb, airs her views on sexual corruption at an open meeting organised by local CSO Sauti ya Jamii Kipunguni on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

# USAID and AfDB bolster efforts to fight energy poverty, climate change in Africa

ABIDJAN

THE United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the Power Africa Presidential Initiative, and the African Development Bank (AfDB), have signed an extension and expansion of their existing Regional Development Objectives Agreement (RDOAG) on the margins of the Africa Energy Forum in Nairobi.

The move deepens the strategic partnership and expands the basis for cooperation in developing innovative and sustainable solutions to combat energy poverty, climate change, and strengthen energy systems in sub-Saharan Africa.

Specifically, the agreement, targets ending energy poverty by 2030; accelerating the Just Energy Transition in Africa; and strengthening the enabling environment for clean energy.

The five-year extension, running through September 2028, paves the way for up to \$500 million in future contributions from the United States to further RDOAG's objectives. To date, about \$388 million has been channeled through the RDOAG, including direct support for the African Development Bank-managed Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) and the Bank's Desert to Power initiative.

The agreement will also enable the partners to provide financial, technical, and operational support

to public, private, civil society and other stakeholders, including grants, equity and debt investments, and risk mitigation measures.

During the signing at the Africa Energy Forum, Power Africa's Acting Coordinator David Thompson highlighted the role of partnerships in accelerating and sustaining the just energy transition. He said: "The importance of our partnership with the AfDB, as evidenced through this agreement, in achieving our shared ambition of universal access to energy cannot be overemphasized. We effectively leverage one another's strengths to accomplish much more jointly than either institution could do on its own."

Dr. Daniel Schroth, African

Development Bank Director of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, who signed the extension on behalf of the Bank's Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, echoed the importance of partnerships. "Power Africa is a long-standing and key partner of the African Development Bank, and a central pillar of our collaboration focuses on mobilizing increased private sector investments, which are quintessential to achieving our joint objectives of universal access to energy and a just energy transition in Africa," Schroth said.

Activities executed under the expanded agreement will align with the Power Africa Strategic Framework, the Bank Group's New Deal on Energy for Africa, and Sustainable Development Goal 7, all aiming to secure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.



Emigidius Kasunzu (R), who had been serving as acting Muheza District executive director, hands over the office to the incoming executive director, Dr Jumaa Mhina, on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

# Burkina Faso suspends French news channel over insurgency reporting

OUAGADOUGOU

BURKINA Faso's military government has suspended a French television news channel for a report on a jihadist insurgency which it said lacked objectivity and credibility, the latest escalation in a crackdown on foreign media.

Relations between Burkina Faso and its former coloniser France have soured since frustrations over worsening insecurity spurred two military takeovers last year.

French television channel La Chaîne Info (LCI), of private

broadcaster TFI, was suspended for three months from June 23 over a report aired at the end of April, according to a statement by the national media regulator published on Thursday.

The media regulator said the report overplayed the scale of the insurgency and "seditiously" exposed "unverified" failures in Burkina Faso's military response to the crisis.

A TFI spokesperson declined to comment.

The ruling junta has already suspended French-funded

broadcasters Radio France Internationale and France24 for allegedly giving voice to Islamist militants staging an insurgency across the Sahel region south of the Sahara.

In April, two French journalists working for newspapers Le Monde and Liberation were expelled from the country.

Burkina Faso is one of several West African countries grappling with an insurgency by groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State that took root in Mali in 2012. The violence has killed

thousands of civilians and displaced more than six million people as militants have gained ground, according to the United Nations.

Burkina Faso's army said militants had attacked a military unit in the western province of Mouhoun on Tuesday, killing eight soldiers, and an army auxiliary camp in the northern province of Sanmatenga on Monday, leaving 33 auxiliaries dead.

The army did not identify the attackers in either case or say if the incidents were linked.



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## Parliamentarians can help address the climate crisis

PARLIAMENTS and parliamentary organisations played an active role throughout the negotiations on the post-2015 development framework, advocating strongly, for instance, for the inclusion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to democratic governance. Goal 13 of the Sustainable Development Goals is dedicated to taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Climate action begins at home. Parliaments and those who work in them can take concrete steps to reduce their carbon footprint, both as institutions and individuals. By adopting greener policies and embracing a culture of sustainability, parliaments and parliamentarians can help address the climate crisis and pave the way for stronger climate action.

Climate change is killing people and destroying lives, development, peace and security all over the world. The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) helps parliaments make progress on the Paris Agreement as well as other climate treaties, accelerate decarbonisation and reduce the carbon footprint within parliaments themselves through its research, tools and meetings. As a first step, they can decarbonise their place of work by putting in place the IPU's 10 actions for greener parliaments (and those who work in them).

Parliaments and parliamentarians must lead by example before preaching to the people. These actions cover three categories: institutionalising the greening of parliament, greening the way parliaments and their members work, and leading and fostering

a culture of sustainable change. Climate action begins at home.

The International Day of Parliamentarism is celebrated every year on 30 June, the date in 1889 on which the IPU was founded. The Day was established in 2018 through a United Nations General Assembly Resolution.

Instituting an international day for parliaments is particularly important at this critical time for parliamentary democracy, when people are losing trust in political institutions and democracy itself is facing challenges from populist and nationalist movements. If democracy is to thrive, then parliaments, as the cornerstone of functioning democracies, need to be strong, transparent, accountable and representative.

The International Day of Parliamentarism is a time to review the progress that parliaments have made in achieving some key goals to be more representative and move with the times, including carrying out self-assessments, working to include more women and young MPs, and adapting to new technologies. The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution, recognised the role of parliaments in national plans and strategies and in ensuring greater transparency and accountability at national and global levels.

The first parliaments date back to the Middle Ages. In 930, the first assembly was convened in Iceland, becoming the earliest version of a formalised parliamentary system. It was a combination of national assembly, court of justice and yearly celebration, where the most powerful leaders, met to decide on legislation and dispense justice, with the whole community in attendance.

## Cooperatives help to move forward UN 2030 Agenda and make SDGs a reality

ON 1 July, the cooperative movement will celebrate the 2023 International Day of Cooperatives. United by the slogan 'Cooperatives for sustainable development', will show how the cooperative way of working, inspired by the cooperative values and principles, has the accomplishment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In September 2023, the international community will mark the mid-point in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and seek ways to accelerate progress in the SDGs. It is thus a real key moment to demonstrate the contribution of cooperatives in advancing the achievement of the SDGs.

Being one of the world's oldest and largest business networks, the cooperative movement was the first group of enterprises worldwide to endorse the SDGs and be recognised as a partner in achieving these goals.

Co-operatives have been acknowledged as associations and enterprises through which citizens can effectively improve their lives while contributing to the economic, social, cultural and political advancement of their community and nation. The co-operative movement has been also recognised as a distinct and major stakeholder in both national and international affairs.

Co-operatives' open membership model affords access to wealth creation and poverty elimination. This results from the co-operative principle of members' economic participation: 'Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-operative.' Because co-operatives are people-centred, not capital-centred, they do not perpetuate, nor accelerate capital concentration and they distribute wealth in a more

fair way.

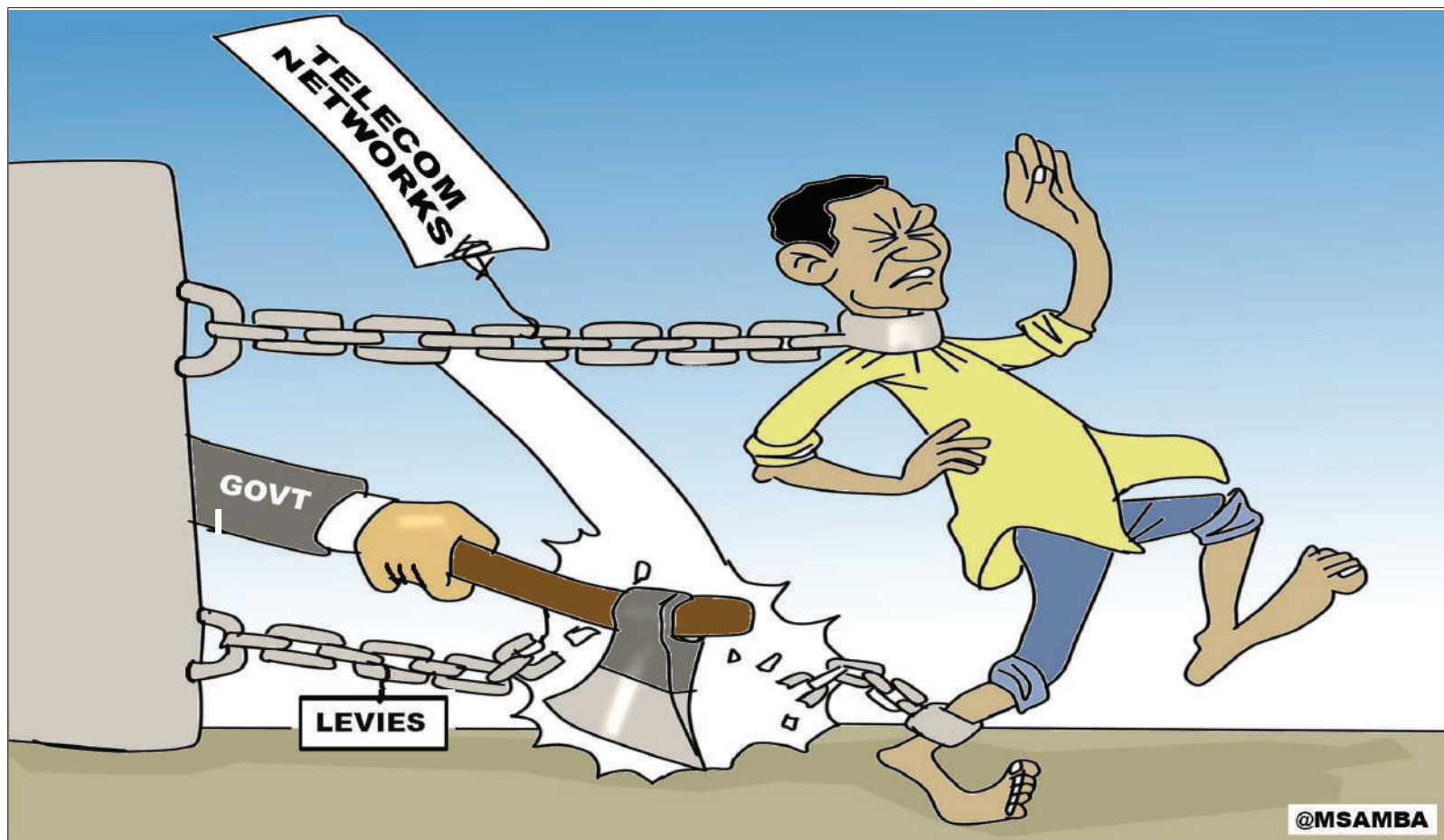
Co-operatives also foster external equality. As they are community-based, they are committed to the sustainable development of their communities - environmentally, socially and economically. This commitment can be seen in their support for community activities, local sourcing of supplies to benefit the local economy, and in decision-making that considers the impact on their communities.

Despite their local community focus, co-operatives also aspire to bring the benefits of their economic and social model to all people in the world. Globalisation should be governed by a set of values such as those of the co-operative movement; otherwise, it creates more inequality and excesses that render it unsustainable.

The cooperative movement is highly democratic, locally autonomous, but internationally integrated, and a form of organization of associations and enterprises whereby citizens themselves rely on self-help and their own responsibility to meet goals that include not only economic, but also social and environmental objectives, such as overcoming poverty, securing productive employment and encouraging social integration. At least 12 per cent of people on earth is a cooperator of any of the 3 million cooperatives on earth.

The 300 largest cooperatives or mutuals generate 2,146 billion USD in turnover while providing the services and infrastructure society needs to thrive; Cooperatives contribute to the sustainable economic growth and stable, quality employment, providing jobs or work opportunities to 280 million people across the globe, in other words, 10 per cent of the world's employed population.

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By Prince Botwe

## Ghana's education system badly needs facility management as an integral part

and related fields.

Furthermore, integrating facility management into the curriculum will equip students with practical skills and knowledge that align with the demands of the modern workforce. They will learn about preventive maintenance, sustainable practices, space utilization, and safety protocols. Armed with these skills, graduates will be well-prepared to contribute to the efficient management of facilities, making them valuable assets to organizations across sectors.

Incorporating facility management education will also foster a culture of sustainability and responsible resource utilization. Students will understand the importance of energy efficiency, waste management, and environmental stewardship within the context of facility management. This knowledge will empower them to adopt sustainable practices and contribute to Ghana's sustainable development goals.

The state of facility management in Ghana presents both challenges and opportunities. By incorporating facility management into our educational curriculum, we can bridge the knowledge gap, raise awareness, equip students with practical skills, and foster a culture of sustainability. Doing so will not only prepare the next generation for successful careers but also drive economic growth, enhance infrastructure, and position Ghana as a leader in effective facility management practices. The time has come to embrace facility management as a cornerstone of our educational system

and pave the way for a brighter future.

In light of the significance of facility management, it is crucial for the Ghanaian government to recognize it as a fundamental TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) course that contributes to the country's overall growth. By incorporating facility management into the TVET curriculum, the government can address the growing demand for skilled professionals in this field, enhance employability, and drive economic progress.

Including facility management as a TVET course aligns with the government's vision of promoting technical and vocational education to bridge the skills gap. Facilities play a vital role in various sectors, including healthcare, transportation, hospitality, and manufacturing. By offering facility management as a TVET course, the government can equip students with practical skills and knowledge that directly meet the needs of the job market.

Moreover, recognizing facility management as a TVET course elevates its status as a viable career option and encourages more students to pursue it. The government's support and allocation of resources to facility management education nurture a skilled workforce that meets industry demands. This, in turn, reduces dependency on foreign expertise, boosts economic growth, and enhances the country's reputation in effective facility management practices.

Incorporating facility management into the TVET curriculum also

allows the government to establish a standardized framework for training and certification. By setting benchmarks and quality standards, the government ensures that graduates possess the necessary skills and competencies required by employers. This standardized approach enhances the professionalism and reputation of the field while enabling organizations to identify qualified facility management professionals.

Furthermore, facility management encompasses a wide range of practical skills, including maintenance, space planning, procurement, sustainability, and safety management. By including facility management in the TVET curriculum, the government fosters a holistic approach to vocational education. This comprehensive training equips students with the diverse skills needed to optimize facilities, reduce costs, and deliver high-quality services in line with industry requirements. In conclusion, the government's recognition of facility management as an important TVET course is vital for the growth and development of the country. By incorporating facility management into the TVET curriculum, the government bridges the skills gap, enhances employability, standardizes training, and contributes to Ghana's economic progress. Embracing facility management as a fundamental vocational education pathway benefits individuals seeking rewarding careers while advancing the nation's infrastructure, competitiveness, and overall development.

## Buhari's battle against Boko Haram and the path forward for Nigeria

By Adam Zongo

UPON assuming the mantle of Nigerian leadership in May 2015, President Muhammadu Buhari (2015-2023) found himself immediately immersed in the country's tempestuous recent past. Nigeria was under the scourge of one of the most formidable national security challenges it had ever experienced - the expansion of the infamous terrorist group Boko Haram, as well as its offshoot. The Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) is a militant group and administrative division of the Islamic State, a Salafi jihadist militant group and unrecognised proto-state. ISWAP is primarily active in the Chad Basin, and fights an extensive insurgency against the states of Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger.

Furthermore, regional agitators such as Nnamdi Kanu's Indigenous People of Biafra is a nationalist separatist group in Nigeria that aims to restore the Republic of Biafra, a country which seceded from Nigeria prior to the Nigerian Civil War and later rejoined Nigeria after its defeat by

the Nigerian military (IPOB), Eastern Security Network in the East, farmers versus herders' conflicts, kidnapping and Niger Delta militants, particularly the Niger Delta Avengers who were known for their persistent attacks on the nation's crucial infrastructure, further heightened the intricate and volatile situation.

Boko Haram, at the apex of its control, seized a territorial expanse nearly as large as Belgium. In a flagrant act of defiance, the terrorists raised their banner and declared the occupied region their independent state.

This brazen manoeuvre instigated a mass exodus of residents, inciting a dire humanitarian predicament. Thousands of innocents perished while millions were forced into internal displacement. Amidst the chaos, Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, was ensnared in a crisis.

Buhari, a retired major general and a veteran of the civil war, took the decisive step of reclaiming the nation's sovereignty from Boko Haram, thereby reestablishing Nigeria's control over its terrain. This monumental action epitomised the highest form of patriotism any leader could manifest.

Among Buhari's standout accomplishments was the successful overhaul of the Nigerian military. He tirelessly endeavoured to supply the troops with necessary weaponry and sought robust international technical collaborations with various countries.

Buhari's multifaceted strategy sought to eradicate the threat of Boko Haram by regarding terrorism as a significant menace to national peace and security. In fulfilling his promise, his administration dismantled Boko Haram's operational capacities, thereby recapturing towns and villages once under the group's dominion.

However, Buhari's strategy wasn't merely centred on military campaigns. He recognised the imperative need to confront the root causes of the insurgency. To this end, he initiated significant economic palliatives aimed at combating the pervasive poverty and illiteracy that were catalysts for the insurgency.

Under Buhari's leadership, the process of resettlement for internally displaced persons (IDPs) commenced, marking a considerable milestone. His administration established the North East Development Commission

(NEDC) to coordinate immediate relief efforts and facilitate long-term development and peacebuilding in the region. Concurrently, the recharging of Lake Chad to stimulate economic prosperity was prioritised, with collaboration from the Lake Chad Commission member countries.

Under the current presidency of Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Nigeria finds itself at a crucial juncture, entrusted with consolidating the progress achieved and stimulating further advancement. It is critical that Tinubu builds on the robust foundation laid by Buhari to ensure that Nigeria maintains a stable trajectory towards prosperity and peace. A critical priority for President Tinubu should be the recharging of Lake Chad among others. This initiative is about more than just water management; it is about national development, regional stability, and creating sustainable livelihoods.

The lake, which has significantly shrunk over the years, serves as a vital source of fresh water, and its recharging can play a crucial role in invigorating local economies, thereby contributing to the nation's prosperity and development.



# Upcountry night travels: What to do to avoid accidents as of 1990s

By Telesphor Magobe

**L**AST week, we briefly looked at noise pollution we are all exposed to virtually every day whether we live in rural or urban areas. The Environmental Management (Standards for the Control of Noise and Vibrations Pollution), 2015 in section 7(1) provides for general prohibitions of noise. It states that "No person shall make or cause to be made any loud, unreasonable, unnecessary or unusual noise that annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others and that of the environment."

Yet, we often or sometimes find ourselves in noisy situations. We concluded that the noise pollution issue resurfaces time and time again due to lack of workable law enforcement machinery and that it is up to us to take action.

Today, I invite you to briefly look at a tripartite principle to reduce road accidents. While adjourning the 11th session of the 12th parliamentary sitting in Dodoma recently until August this year, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the government had lifted a ban on upcountry buses to travel at night. He said bus owners were free to reschedule their timetables and that the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Works and Transport would cooperate to see how better that could be implemented.

One of the reasons for imposing the ban since the 1990s was to address the frequency of road accidents



that involved upcountry buses caused by reckless driving. As a result, many people have lost their loved ones in road accidents and some of the survivors have severely been disabled and reduced to the level of dependants for the rest of their lives.

Moreover, public or private property has been damaged and many people as well as the government have incurred huge financial losses. The main cause of all this is reckless driving (speeding, dangerous overtaking, unauthorised driving namely driving a vehicle without licence), driving a defective vehicle or driving under the influence of intoxicant). That is to say most road accidents are preventable if all road users abide by road safety regulations.

Compliance with road safety regulations can be explained better by this tripartite principle which states that "drive or use public road only when it is safe, legal and convenient for you" or before you drive or use a public road, ask yourself these three questions: Is it safe? Is it legal? Is it convenient? If for each question the answer is "Yes", then drive or use a public road. If for any of the three questions the answer is "No", then wait until it is "Yes."

But what does the law say when a person is injured in a road accident? In the Republic v Gaudens Filoteus Matembo (Criminal Revision Case No 6 of 2020 originating from Traffic Case No 28 of 2019 of Tunduru District

Court), Gaudens Filoteus (Matembo) was accused of a criminal offence. It was causing bodily injury through careless driving of a motor vehicle on a public road contrary to sections 41(1) and 63(2)(b) of the Road Traffic Act Chapter 168 of 2002. He pleaded guilty of the offence and was convicted of the offence and sentenced to pay a fine of 20,000/- or serve a six-month jail term. He paid the fine.

The requirement to cancel the driving licence of the accused person under section 27(1)(a) of the Act was not complied with. This prompted the High Court of Tanzania to order the accused person's file for revision to see the propriety, regularity and correctness of the charge against the accused person and the trial court's decision.

After going through the case, the court discovered that although the accused person was charged with bodily injury through careless driving of a motor vehicle on public road contrary to sections 41(1) and 63(2)(b), the charge sheet showed he was charged with causing accident through careless driving of a motor vehicle on public road contrary to sections 41(1) and 63(2)(b).

The court found that there was nowhere in the record of the trial court which showed that the charge sheet had been amended to read otherwise. It also discovered that there was neither section 41(1) in the Act used to charge the accused person with the offence of causing accident through careless driving

of a motor vehicle on public road nor the offence of causing accident through careless driving of a motor vehicle on public road provided in any provisions of the Act.

Furthermore, the court found that section 41 of the Act has no subsection and section 41 reads: "Any person who causes bodily injury to or the death of any person by careless driving using a motor vehicle or trailer shall be guilty of an offence."

But the charge sheet reads: "Statement of offence: Causing accident through careless driving of a motor vehicle on public road c/s 41(1) and 63(2)(b) of the Road Traffic Act, Cap 168 R.E. 2002."

With this discrepancy, the court found that it was not only that the accused person was charged under the non-existent provision of the law, but also that the offence of causing an accident through careless driving of a motor vehicle on a public road was not provided for in any provision of the Act. Thus, the court said the accused person was charged with and pleaded guilty to a non-existent offence. The court cited the case of R v Karim Taibale [1985] in which the accused person also pleaded guilty to a wrong and non-existent provision of law and the court on that case said: "The charge sheet was so fundamentally defective that the accused could as well have been admitting different offences in the same court and his plea cannot be taken to have been un-

equivocal."

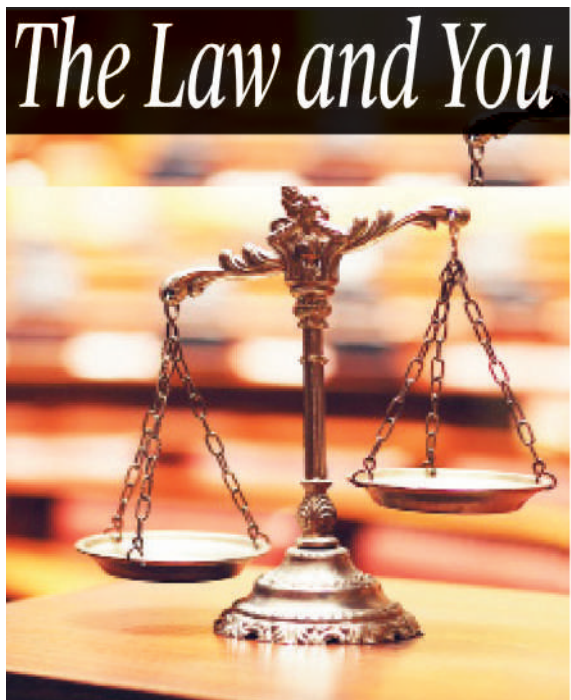
The court said as facts stood the accused person was charged under the law and offence which did not exist and so it couldn't be said that the accused person was fairly convicted on his own plea of guilty of the offence he was charged with. The court cited another case of Joseph Mahona v R (Criminal Appeal No 541 in Tabora, unreported) in which the Court of Appeal said: "any lawful sentence must be preceded by a proper conviction."

So, the High Court of Tanzania said the conviction and the sentence against the accused person could not be left unaltered. In light of this, trial court proceedings, the conviction and the sentence (a fine of 20,000/-) were set aside. Furthermore, the court ordered a fine refund.

It suffices to say, the government's decision to lift the ban on upcountry buses is welcome and it is possible to travel safely by bus at night. What is needed is just to comply with road safety regulations. Applying a tripartite principle (as explained above) can help us reduce road safety risks and we can start it right away.

**Today's proverb: "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."**

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## Here are six types of fear that can stand between you and success (4)

By Luther Mugosha

**O**UR previous article dwelt on two symptoms namely over-caution and procrastination that one has to look for in his or her character when conducting personality self-analysis. The piece also hinted on how and why money talks.

Today, I welcome you to look at the fear of criticism which is preceded by a few issues left in the 'money talks' area. To hammer the message, allow me to illustrate this with the image of a man in the city.

He gazes into a shop windows and takes a glance at luxuries which are not for him and feels inferior and gives way to people who stop to take an active window shopping or buying things.

This man wanders into the bus stations and puts himself down in the library to ease his legs and soak up a little heat but that wasn't looking for a job, so he gets going again.

He may not know it but his aimlessness would give him away even if the very lines of his figure did not. He may be well dressed in the clothes left over from the days when he had a steady job, but the clothes cannot disguise the droop.

The man sees thousands of other people, book keepers or clerks, chemists and so many others, busy at their work and envies them from the bottom of his soul. They have their independence, their self-respect and dignity and he simply can't convince himself that he is a good man too, though he argues it out and arrives at a favourable verdict hour after hour.

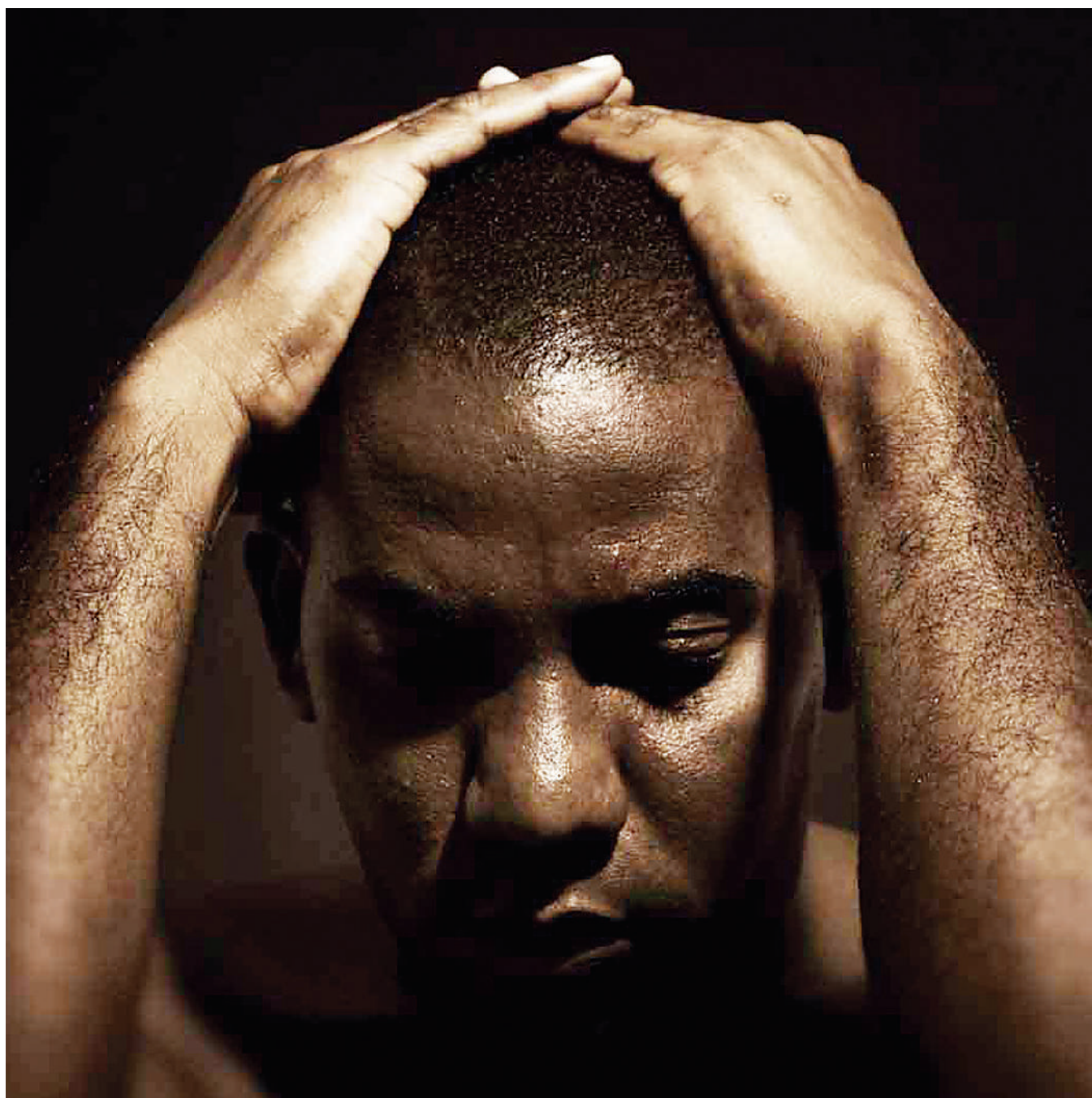
The truth is it is just money which makes this difference between him and these strangers he envies. Lack of money, or poverty, humbles even the former world champion of bravery. Yes, I said the former purposely.

The fear of criticism

It's a known fact that a thief will criticize a person from whom he steals. It is the same as when politicians seek office not by displaying their own virtues and qualifications, but by attempting to overcome their opponents. Manufacturers of clothes have not been slow to capitalize this basic fear of criticism with which all mankind is prone to.

Who comes up with the styles in the first place? Certainly, it is not the purchasers of clothes but the manufacturers. If that is the case, then why do they change the styles so often? The answer is obvious. They change the styles so that they sell more clothes.

For the same reason, manufacturers of automobiles change the styles of models every now and then. This is because they know that no man or woman with disposable cash wants to drive an automobile which is not of the latest style.



Now, let us examine human behaviour when this fear affects people in connection with the more important events of human relationship. Take for example practically any person who has reached the age of mental maturity from 35 to 40 years of age as a general average and if you could read the secret thought of their mind, you could find a very decided disbelief in most of the fable taught by

majority of their teachers a few decades back

Why does the average person even in this day of enlightenment, shy away from denying his or her belief fables? The most correct answer is because of the fear of criticism. People just want to fit in not to satisfy themselves but others,

Men and women have failed to dare express their disbelief in different things.

No wonder, we have inherited a consciousness which makes us fear criticism and is historical background to this. Before the enlightenment-the great age of reason- criticism carried severe punishments. It still does in some countries.

The fear of criticism robs men and women of their initiatives, destroys their power of imagination, limits their individuality, takes away their self-

reliance and does them damage in a hundred other ways.

Parents often cause their children irreparable and unforgettable injuries by criticism that go along with severe punishment. The mother of one of my boyhood friends used to punish her son with a disc almost daily, always completing the punishment with a statement: "You will land in the biggest disaster before you are 20." After a few years the boy was sent to a reformatory centre at the age of 17.

Criticism is a one form of bad service which everyone has too much of. Everyone has a stock of it which is handed out free of charge whether called for or not. One's nearest relatives often are the worst offenders.

It should be recognized as a crime (in reality it is a crime of the worst nature) for any parent to build inferiority complexes in the mind of a child through unnecessary and destructive criticism. This is the complete opposite of constructive criticism.

Employers who understand human nature get the best there is in their staff, not by criticism, but constructive suggestion. Parents may accomplish the same results with their children. Criticism will plant fear in the human heart or resentment, but it will not build love or affection.

Symptoms of the fear of criticism This fear is almost as universal as the fear of poverty and its effects as fatal to personal achievement, mainly because this fear destroys initiatives and discourages the use of imagination.

The major symptoms of the fear are first, self-consciousness which is generally expressed through nervousness, timidity in conversation and in meeting strangers, awkward movement of hands and limbs and shifting of eyes.

**(To be continued)**

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# Gender-based violence: Why victims do not leave their abusers



In almost every conversation I've had about gender-based violence (GBV), the question "why don't they leave?" inevitably comes up. IPS

By Esther Nantana

**I**n almost every conversation I've had about gender-based violence (GBV), the question "why don't they leave?" inevitably comes up.

After many years of working in this space, I have learned that the answer is not as simple as we think. The nature of GBV is quite complex. Numerous layers and factors affect individuals both internally and externally.

These can include the nature of the relationship, the sense of responsibility, the sporadic nature of violence, fears and uncertainty.

A significant part of the complexity of GBV lies in the fact that it is committed by someone with whom the victim is in a relationship and thus someone they deeply love and care about.

Trying to reconcile how someone you love can hurt you in that way is usually only the initial shock. But it keeps victims trying to figure out what went wrong in the relationship.



### Blame-shifting

Victims have been known to take on a sense of responsibility for the violence they face. Some tend to believe they provoked or caused the problem.

This is usually a result of blame-shifting by the abuser. Society also contributes to this when they subject victims to questions like "what did you do to aggravate him?"

This engenders a sense of guilt and an accompanying sense of responsibility to prevent further violence.

This is wrongfully placed on victims when the abusers are at fault. Also, no level of "instigation" warrants physical aggression or abuse. Physical violence is unacceptable even when it only occurs once in a relationship. And in most cases, when it happens once, it is often likely to reoccur. It may not even happen frequently, but it will.

And those moments when it's not happening pull the victim back into the relationship - thinking the last time it happened was the last time it would happen.

Assumptions

When we try and picture an abusive relationship, we tend to assume it's

violent all the time. This is not always the case.

Abusive relationships are usually filled with other moments. Even happy moments. The abuser who gets upset and violent is the same person making grand gestures and declaring their love daily.

Abusers beg and cry, showing remorse and regret, just to try prove they are still "good people". They tend to play on the emotions of the victims because of the close nature of intimate relationships. This eventually makes it easy for the abuse to reoccur in cycles.

It takes the victim quite a few times before they can confidently say they want to break out of the cycle. Regrettably, even after deciding to leave, issues of safety are paramount.

Statistics show the most dangerous time is when victims attempt to leave the relationship. In some cases, it can end fatally.

As abusive partners try to maintain power and control, they can become more violent, threatening to end the lives of their partners and even threatening the lives of other loved ones involved.

### Challenges

Victims wanting to leave abusive relationships face enormous challenges. Where do they get adequate support? Do they know where to go? How do they survive economically? Where will they live?

Then there are fears of not being believed or supported. Or having their reports and accounts invalidated. They are also pressured by family and friends to remain in relationships for the sake of the children and to main-

tain the facade of a good family image.

These are only some of the issues involved with trying to leave. It's difficult, and it is challenging, and it cannot happen overnight.

So next time you hear about a person who stayed in an abusive relationship, treat them and the situation with grace and understanding. It takes a lot of courage to report abuse the first time and even more courage to keep reporting it and trying to get out.

Our loved ones in these situations need empathy, support, and love. This gives them the strength to leave eventually.

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# Myanmar: Military junta gets a free pass

By Andrew Firmin

**T**he violence keeps coming in Myanmar, under military rule since February 2021. The junta stands accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity, with evidence of systematic use of killings, rape, torture and other gross human rights violations in its attempt to suppress forces demanding a return to democracy.

Even humanitarian aid is restricted. Recently the junta refused to allow in aid organisations trying to provide food, water and medicines to people left in desperate need by a devastating cyclone. It's far from the first time it's blocked aid.

Crises like this demand an international response. But largely standing on the sidelines while this happens is the regional intergovernmental body, the Association of Southeast Asian

Nations (ASEAN). Its recent summit, held in Indonesia in May, failed to produce any progress.

### ASEAN's inaction

ASEAN's response to the coup was to issue a text, the Five-Point Consensus (5PC), in April 2021. This called for the immediate cessation of violence and constructive dialogue between all parties. ASEAN agreed to provide humanitarian help, appoint a special envoy and visit Myanmar to meet with all parties.

Civil society criticised this agreement because it recognised the role of the junta and failed to make any mention of the need to restore democracy. And the unmitigated violence and human rights violations are the clearest possible sign that the 5PC isn't working - but ASEAN sticks to it. At its May summit, ASEAN states reiterated their support for the plan.

A major challenge is that most

ASEAN states have no interest in democracy. All 10 have heavily restricted civic space. As well as Myanmar, civic space is closed in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

It wouldn't suit such states to have a thriving democracy on their doorstep, which could only bring greater domestic and international pressure to follow suit. States that repress human rights at home typically carry the same approach into international organisations, working to limit their ability to uphold human rights commitments and scrutinise violations.

Continuing emphasis on the 5PC hasn't masked divisions among ASEAN states. Some appear to think they can engage with the junta and at least persuade it to moderate its violence - although reality makes this increasingly untenable. But others, particularly Cambodia - a one-party state led by the same prime minister since 1998

- seem intent on legitimising the junta.

Variable pressure has come from ASEAN's chair, which rotates annually and appoints the special envoy. Under the last two, Brunei Darussalam - a sultanate that last held an election in 1965 - and Cambodia, little happened. Brunei never visited the country after being refused permission to meet with democratic leaders, while Cambodia's prime minister, Hun Sen, visited Myanmar last year. The first post-coup visit to Myanmar by a head of government, this could only be construed as conferring legitimacy.

Indonesia, the current chair, hasn't appointed a special envoy, instead setting up an office headed by the foreign minister. So far it appears to be taking a soft approach of quiet diplomacy rather than public action. Thailand, currently led by a pro-military government, is also

evidently happy to engage with the junta. While junta representatives remain banned from ASEAN summits, Thailand has broken ranks and invited ASEAN foreign ministers, including from Myanmar, to hold talks about reintegrating the junta's leaders. A government that it itself came to power through a coup but should now step aside after an election where it was thoroughly defeated looks to be attempting to bolster the legitimacy of military rule.

ASEAN states seem unable to move beyond the 5PC even as they undermine it. But the fact that they're formally sticking with it enables the wider international community to stand back, on the basis of respecting regional leadership and the 5PC.

The UN Security Council finally adopted a resolution on Myanmar in December 2022. This called for an immediate end to the violence, the release

of all political prisoners and unhindered humanitarian access. But its language didn't go far enough in condemning systematic human rights violations and continued to emphasise the 5PC. It failed to impose sanctions such as an arms embargo or to refer Myanmar to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Civil society in Myanmar and the region is urging ASEAN to go further. Many have joined together to develop a five-point agenda that goes beyond the 5PC. It calls for a strategy to end military violence through sanctions, an arms embargo and a referral of Myanmar to the ICC. It demands ASEAN engages beyond the junta, and particularly with democratic forces including the National Unity Government - the democratic government in exile. It urges a strengthening of the special envoy role and a pivoting of hu-

manitarian aid to local responders rather than the junta. ASEAN needs to take this on board.

ASEAN's current plan is a recipe for continuing military violence, increasingly legitimised by its neighbours' acceptance. Ceremonial elections could offer further fuel for this.

The junta once promised to hold elections by August, but in February, on the coup's second anniversary, it extended the state of emergency for another six months. If and when those elections finally happen, there's no hope of them being free or fair. In March, the junta dissolved some 40 political parties, including the ousted ruling party, the National League for Democracy.

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## Human wildlife conflict threatens tourism sector

By Obert Siamilandu, Kariba

COMPETITION for space between humans and wildlife has become a threat to both animals and forests which are the backbone of the tourism industry, a top conservationist has said.

Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (Zimparks) Director General Fulton Mangwanya said this problem needed to be urgently addressed.

"Today, due to the ever growing population in Africa and the whole world, we have noted with concern the competition for space between humans and wildlife," Mangwanya said.

"As a result, landscapes are increasingly fragmented hence disrupting free movement of wildlife leading to more frequent human wildlife conflicts," he said.

Mangwanya was addressing delegates and stakeholders at the Mid-Zambezi Region Chiefs' Biodiversity Conservation Indaba in Kariba on Friday.

He said conflict between humans

and animals had been exacerbated by destructive actions such as the cutting down of forests, unplanned and uncontrolled veld fires which badly affected wildlife's habitat.

"Our tourism is wildlife based hence the need to guard jealously our heritage for the present and future generations. The traditional leaders and Local Authorities are the planners and drivers for rural development through Community Based Natural Resources Programmes (CB-NRM).

"As a country, Zimbabwe is endowed with rich biological diversity and is one of the world's torch bearers when it comes to conservation of wildlife and other natural resources. This, of course, is strongly supported by the socio-economic benefits which are closely linked to our philosophy of sustainable conservation," Mangwanya said.

Chief Negande, Nkawuso Mpfu, said chiefs were the custodians of natural resources and heritage, hence they were expected to benefit through wildlife.

"We are the custodians of the wildlife as traditional leaders hence we



Elephant destroys fence

expect to benefit from them," said the traditional leader.

The indaba, organised with support from the

African Wildlife Foundation, was called to share experiences on the status quo of human and wildlife conflicts, explore challenges faced in re-

sources protection as well as sharing information on emerging issues in biodiversity conservation.

## AfDB adopts country strategy paper for 2023-2028 covering Mozambique

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THE Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has endorsed the Bank's 2023-2028 Country Strategy Paper for Mozambique on 13 June 2023. The new strategy aims to promote the country's structural transformation by improving fiscal stability, creating decent jobs and generating inclusive growth.

The strategy has two priority areas: fostering improved economic governance and the business environment to facilitate private sector investment and mobilize resources

and transforming agricultural value chains by strengthening infrastructure sustainably.

This strategy is the culmination of efforts by the government, development partners, civil society, the private sector and technical experts on the country's most critical economic reforms to implement in the coming years.

The African Development Bank is working to support the Mozambican Government in consolidating the results of previous and ongoing reforms in economic governance and the business environment. The government is also adopting new regulations and bolstering various

administrative processes to improve the country's fiscal position and stimulate private sector inflows.

"The African Development Bank has been a critical partner in financing the development of our economy. With this new strategy, the Government of Mozambique reaffirms its commitment to work towards strengthening our cooperation considering the objectives we jointly defined for Mozambique," said Minister of Economy and Finance Max Tabela.

Cesar Augusto Mba Abogo, African Development Bank Country Manager, said, "The approved strategy effectively addresses the

challenges and opportunities for fostering inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Mozambique. The extensive consultations conducted with stakeholders, including the private sector, development partners, and civil society, have been commendable. Furthermore, the remarkable co-leadership exhibited by the Government of Mozambique throughout the process has been instrumental in shaping the strategy."

Implementation of the strategy is expected to lead to (i) greater private sector involvement to boost international trade; (ii) improved investment flows, and (iii) job crea-

tion—especially for women and young people. This is expected to have a knock-on effect of raising foreign direct investment to 30% of GDP from 22.7%.

With support from the Bank, Mozambique will stimulate the green economy and transform agriculture to increase the number of competitive industries capable of creating jobs and reducing poverty and inequality.

The Bank's engagement will also help improve livelihoods through investments in the agricultural sector based on a holistic, cross-sectoral approach and the development and modernization of Mozam-

bique's energy system.

The 2023-2028 Country Strategy Paper for Mozambique envisages establishment of a productive special agro-industrial processing zone by 2028 through the creation of 50 new companies and 200 new cooperatives or groups of external producers. It also projects that new investments will total \$100 million. Mozambique's electricity exports to southern Africa are expected to equal over five gigawatt-hours.

As of 28 February 2023, the African Development Bank Group's active portfolio in Mozambique comprised 38 operations with a total commitment of \$1.21 billion.

## TikTok shakes-up SA social media 'Big Five'

By Akani Chauke

CHINESE social media platform - TikTok has shaken up the South African market as it leaps past Instagram into second position.

According to findings of the South African Social Media Landscape 2023 study by brand intelligence consultancy Ornico and market research house World Wide Worx, TikTok is also threatening to dislodge Facebook, another powerful social network.

World Wide Worx chief executive officer, Arthur Goldstuck, said Facebook, which commands a 56.7% penetration of South Africans aged 15 and over, mainly who live in cities and towns, continues to dominate the social media scene.

However, TikTok has seen explosive growth, and surpassed Instagram to claim second position at 30.6%. Notably, TikTok's appeal extends beyond its under-15 target audience, making significant inroads into the 15+ market. The study delves into this phenomenon further, examining the platform's impact on different age groups.

Instagram remains a popular choice among South African social media users, boasting 27.6% penetration, while Twitter retains a significant following despite its troubled takeover by Elon Musk, standing at 22.5%. LinkedIn is far behind, but its 14.7% penetration is healthy for a professional networking platform that does not hold youth appeal.

The data is based on Ask Afrika's Target Group Index (TGI), which surveyed 24,744 respondents. Data is weighted to the population and represents 28.1-million South Africans. Ornico and World Wide Worx also conduct a survey of social media usage by South Africa's biggest brands, and integrate the findings with several additional data sources, into one of the country's most anticipated research reports of the year. The report is made available to the market at no cost.

"The youth audience is key to social media in South Africa," says Arthur Goldstuck, CEO of World Wide Worx. "When a platform like TikTok, which has deep reach among those aged under 15, breaks through to this extent in the older youth market, as well as among young adults, we can see the landscape undergoing a significant shift."

The study highlights the correlation between social media platforms' popularity and the proportion of highly active users. Facebook emerges as the leader, with nearly 8 out of 10 users being highly active. TikTok and Instagram exhibit similar levels of user engagement, while LinkedIn has a relatively small proportion of highly active users. This distinction implies that platforms like Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram are deeply integrated



into users' lifestyles, whereas LinkedIn is more closely associated with their "workstyles", says Goldstuck.

Another significant insight from the study is the impact of privilege on social media usage. Across most platforms, there is a strong correlation between race, socio-economic level (SEL), and general usage, as well as highly active usage.

"This observation serves as a reminder to South Africans on social media to acknowledge their privilege and serves as a key theme throughout the report's analysis of individual platforms," says Goldstuck. "For example, TikTok's one weakness is the extent to which its penetration is correlated with socio-economic level (SEL)."

At the highest level, SEL 1, TikTok has massive penetration, at 57% of this population segment. It drops off steadily to 28% at SEL 8, and then almost vanishes, with the

two lowest SELs seeing below 8% penetration.

"This partly tells us that TikTok and privilege go hand in hand, across all population groups."

Meanwhile, the industry survey conducted as part of study, among more than 100 of the country's biggest brands, revealed that Twitter experienced a significant decline in the percentage of major brands using it as a marketing platform, dropping from 69% to 63%, compared to a high of 88% in 2019.

Says Oresti Patricios, CEO of Ornico: "One of the big shifts measured in the survey was in the proportion of companies at the highest spend category and those at the lowest. Almost the exact percentage of decline in those spending more than R50,000 a month, a 9% drop from 22% down to 13%, was applied to the increase in the lowest category.

"The survey saw a 10% rise from 54% to 64%, in the percentage of those spending less than R10,000 a month. Interestingly, this coincided with a similar rise in the proportion of companies using social media as a means to lower the cost of communications, from 20% to 27%."

On the question of whether social media brought brand returns, the positive response remains rock-steady at 65%, says Patricios.

"When asked to specify returns, one stood out above all others: Brand awareness. While it did lead the way last year, at 60%, it thoroughly dominated, with 91% citing this benefit."

The industry survey offers valuable insights into the changing dynamics of social media in South Africa. As brands navigate the evolving digital landscape, understanding these trends is crucial for developing

effective marketing strategies and maximizing their online presence.

Patricios warns in the introduction to the South African Social Media Landscape 2023 report that artificial intelligence (AI) holds the potential to hand control of social media to bots.

"As we witness the increasing integration of AI-based technologies into every facet of our online existence, we are inadvertently surrendering the right to our internet freedom to unconscious algorithms," he says. "Once a space where the human touch prevailed, social media now veers toward a future where we engage with bots, moderated by bots, and our very opinions are shaped by bots."









The troubled Urafiki Textile Mill

## Report reveals how structural adjustments affected growth of Africa industrialisation

By Guardian Correspondent

THE implementation of Structural Adjusted Programmes (SAP) during 1990s is being mentioned as the major reason that led to low level of industrialization in Africa continent.

According to the white paper published last month by the LSE's research center Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa SAPs encouraged African countries to abandon the levers of industrial policy and allow liberalized markets to capitalize on their comparative advantages.

This has therefore favored the rise of capital-intensive mining and oil extraction over the development of labor-intensive manufacturing industries.

In Africa, however, the structural transformation of economies, which has in most cases, resulted from a transfer of resources

from the primary to the secondary and then to the tertiary sectors, tends to bypass the industrialization sequence.

The white paper has suggested that Africa needs to create its own model, instead of copying others, to ensure sustainable industrialization in a time when there is an increased digitization of global industrial processes and growing awareness of ecological urgency.

"While industrialization remains one of the best answers to the urgent need to create 12 million jobs a year to absorb new entrants to the labor market, the continent will no longer be able to copy the models that have already proved successful, including that of Southeast Asia," it says.

The continent can do so by banking on the digitization of production methods, the deployment of green technologies, and the

exploitation of the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Zone.

African countries now face greater competition in the manufacturing sector, on both international and domestic markets, than other countries did when they embarked on the road to industrialization.

On the other hand, global value chains are no longer the same as they were in the 20th century, as the rules of world trade have

changed, moving towards more restrictions and regulations.

The paper does, however, point out that Africa has several advantages that will enable it to industrialize differently and more sustainably.

The first of these is to take advantage of the global awareness of ecological urgency to adopt clean industrial production methods and green technologies.

That way, Africa will capitalize

on its abundant renewable energy resources and maximize the added value of the metals needed for the energy transition, such as copper, cobalt, and lithium, the report says.

According to the white paper, the continent can also capitalize on the digitization of production processes to increase the value of all its raw materials, including oil, gas, wood, and agricultural products.

The development of regional value chains can also accelerate

the industrial transformation of African countries.

"The African Continental Free Trade Area, which will establish a vast common market of 1.3 billion consumers, offers a unique opportunity to promote these regional value chains," it says.

"Indeed, Africa is fast becoming the world's leading consumer market, with its population set to rise from 1.2 billion presently to 2.5 billion in 2050."

The industrial sector's share of total employment on the continent fell to 11.8 percent in 2004 from 12.3 percent in 1991, before rising slightly to 13.6 percent by 2021. According to the report, in North Africa, industrial employment accounted for 26 percent of overall jobs in 2021, close to the threshold for industrial take-off.

This is followed by Southern Africa (17 percent), West Africa (13 percent), Central Africa (11 percent), and East Africa (10 percent).

From the late 18th century onwards, the UK, France, Germany, and a host of other European countries began to industrialize their economies.

The second wave of industrialization involved Japan and the United States, followed by other countries such as Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, and China.

The final group of emerging countries on the path to industrialization includes Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, India, Brazil, Chile, and Costa Rica.

## BoT issues guidelines on interest-based monetary policy

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has published the operational guidelines for interest rate-based monetary policy framework, which will start to be implemented with effective in January next year.

According to the public notice issued by the central bank governor on Wednesday, the guidelines, published on Thursday, ensure smooth and effective implementation of the new

monetary policy framework.

The governor said the BoT will shift from conducting monetary policy based on the current monetary targeting framework, which targets money supply, to an interest rate-based monetary policy framework that focusing on interest rate.

The overall objective of the guidelines, the governor said, is to enable the BoT to conduct interest rate-based monetary policy effectively and efficiently, and assist stakeholders to un-

derstand the policy intention, processes and procedures involved.

Specific objectives will include providing clarity on the manner in which the monetary policy is formulated and implemented, assisting stakeholders to plan for their operations and enhancing transparency and accountability in the conduct of monetary policy.

"These guidelines aim at providing necessary information to stakeholders to understand

the monetary policy objectives, processes and procedures involved," the governor notice said.

"The Bank of Tanzania will continue to engage stakeholders to foster a deeper understanding of the new monetary policy framework with ultimate goal of achieving price stability and supporting sustainable growth of the economy," the governor said.

According to the guidelines publication available on the cen-

tral bank website, the BoT shall assess economic conditions and determine the policy rate required to achieve the inflation objective, in consideration of the output growth.

The Central Bank policy rate (CBR) shall be approved by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the board of directors and communicated to the general public, the guidelines read.

The CBR will be used as a reference for determination of short-term interest rates and

banks will be free to set their interest rates anchored to the CBR.

The policy rate will therefore help to anchor market expectations and stabilize interest rates consistent with monetary policy stance.

Also, the BoT shall undertake day-to-day monetary policy operations aimed at fine-tuning supply of shilling liquidity and stabilizing the interbank cash market interest rate along the central bank policy rate.

The guidelines also indicate that the BoT shall undertake main monetary policy operations on every Thursday and/or reschedule the operations to either a day before or after, if Thursday falls on a public holiday, under the full-allotment system at applicable Central Bank policy rate.

The interest rate-based framework started to be used by countries in 1990 and currently it is used by 45 central banks around the world.

## Chinese regulators stepping up yuan surveys as selloff worsens

BEIJING

CHINESE regulators are stepping up scrutiny of currency trading and cross-border capital flows, according to people familiar with the matter, as the yuan slides to the weakest level in seven months.

The People's Bank of China and the foreign-exchange regulator have asked exporters, importers and banks about money flows and hedging demand, while seeking views on the yuan and trading sentiment, said the people who asked not to be identified discussing private information.

The State Administration of Foreign Exchange had also asked for suggestions to stabilize the currency, with a submis-

sion deadline of just a few days, one of the people said.

China has signaled discomfort with the yuan's pace of decline as it fell to the lowest level since November against the dollar. The PBOC pledged to curb speculation last month and used its daily reference rate to push back this week, though a dovish monetary policy that contrasts with rising global interest rates and weaker-than-expected growth are fueling pressure on the currency.

"From our surveys, the nation's foreign-exchange market expectation is stable overall," SAFE said in a reply to Bloomberg's query. Trading activities have remained reasonable, while major participants including banks and corporates are

gradually adapting to two-way fluctuations in exchange rates, it said.

The number of surveys, which accelerated in the past two months, is in excess of prior years, the people said. It's unclear if the increased frequency reflects growing concern over the yuan's slide or is due to a broader push from Beijing earlier this year for government agencies to conduct more research to aid in policy formulation.

The yuan has fallen almost 5 percent against the dollar this year, making it the third worst performer in Asia. The currency fell on Thursday to a fresh 2023 low of 7.2769 per dollar in offshore trading after strong US economic data bolstered the



People's Bank of China

case for two additional quarter-point Fed hikes by the end of the year.

Foreign funds cut their holdings of China's sovereign bonds for the first four months of 2023, and there are also signs that Chinese investors are shifting more money into overseas assets, according to data compiled by Bloom-

erg.

"The current environment is not friendly to the yuan," said He Wei, China economist at research institute Gavekal Dragonomics based in Beijing. "Now is the period with the lowest confidence during weak economic growth in the second quarter."

The surveys were conducted through face-to-face meetings, via phone calls and emails, said the people. The authorities asked for details on cross-border payments and financing, as well as plans by companies to hold dollars, the people said.

Back in May, the PBOC and SAFE said they will strengthen market guidance and act against one-way currency bets, spurring a temporary bounce in the yuan. The central bank set a stronger-than-expected reference rate for a third time this week on Thursday, and state-owned banks have been seen selling dollars to support the yuan.

While China has other tools – such as lowering reserve requirement ratio for foreign currency deposits – to bolster the currency, it has yet to use them.

The expectations from participants are that the foreign exchange market will be supported with the implementation of government policies, and an improvement in the economy, SAFE also said.

## Oil heads for fourth straight quarterly decline

LONDON

OIL prices rose towards \$75 a barrel on Friday but were on course for a fourth consecutive quarter of losses amid concerns over sluggish global economic activity and fuel demand.

Benchmark Brent crude futures for September delivery rose 53 cents or 0.7 percent to stand at \$75.04 as of 0827 GMT. The less-traded front-month contract, which expires on Friday, was up 52 cents at \$74.86.

The contract was on track for a 6.5 percent decline in the three months to the end of June, marking a fourth straight quarterly decline. Prices are at their lowest in 2 years.

US West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) rose 45 cents or 0.6 percent to \$70.13. The contract is down more than 7 percent on a quarterly basis, its second consecutive quarterly drop.

Inflationary pressure and rising interest rates in key economies and a slower than expected recovery in Chinese manufacturing and consumption have weighed on markets in recent months.

But signs of strengthening US economic activity and sharp declines in U.S. oil in-

ventories offered support.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) said crude inventories fell by 9.6 million barrels in the week ended June 23, far exceeding the 1.8-million-barrel draw analysts had forecast in a Reuters poll.

Meanwhile, US gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter was revised up to a 2.0 percent annualised rate from the 1.3 percent pace reported previously.

"A significant upward revision adds to the list of positive economic surprises in the U.S. lately, with economic resilience aiding to calm some nerves around recession concerns, at least for now," Yeap Jun Rong, market analyst at IG, said in a note to clients.

The strong US economic data and oil stock drawdown comes as Saudi Arabia is planning to further cut output by 1 million barrels per day in July. That's in addition to a broader OPEC+ deal to limit supply into 2024.

In the US, the Federal Reserve is likely to resume its rate-rise campaign after a break earlier in the month. Fed Chair Jerome Powell signaled on Thursday after a fresh slew of stronger-than-expected economic data.

US oil rig count data, an indicator of future supply, will be released later on Friday.



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## Study suggests ways of protecting biodiversity

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

HUMAN activity outside protected areas can significantly impact tropical mammals living within the designated areas, a study conducted by ecologist, Dr. Emanuel Martin from the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM), Mweka and collaborators has said.

The findings of the survey which will potentially help to reshape biodiversity policy and conservation efforts worldwide, especially as nations strive to achieve the 30 by 30 initiative, was released by the Principal Public Relations Officer of the CAWM-

Mweka, Ernest Emmanuel.

It shows that, the 30 by 30 initiative, supported by over 100 countries, aims to designate 30 percent of land and ocean ecosystems as protected areas by 2030. These protected areas are crucial in safeguarding biodiversity and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

However, the study sheds light on the previously overlooked human influence on wildlife residing within these protected boundaries.

The research, published on the 26th of June 2023 in Nature Ecology and Evolution, utilized the largest long-term camera-trap wildlife survey to date. It examined 159



Dr. Emanuel Martin, Senior Lecturer at the College of African Wildlife Management-Mweka

mammal species across 16 protected areas in three biogeographic regions.

The study revealed how anthropogenic stressors,

including human population density and habitat fragmentation, affect the wildlife within these areas.

To gather data for the study, millions of images were collected over several years from over 1,000 camera-trap sites. The re-

search stations involved in this data collection initiative implemented a consistent data-collection protocol, thanks to a partnership between Conservation International, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Martin emphasized the importance of the collaborative effort. "Gathering such kind of data locally and globally based on the established protocols required not only concerted efforts by scientists, but also conducive research environments set by the college and the government," he said.

The study highlighted that specialist species, which occupy specific habitats exclusively, are more vulnerable to the negative impacts of human activities such as hunting and land use compared to generalist species that can adapt to diverse habitats.

Understanding these species-specific responses to anthropogenic stressors enables conservationists to prioritize their efforts and guide protected area management both locally and globally.

Dr. Martin emphasized the criticality of spatial requirements when establishing new protected areas or managing existing ones. "For Tanzania, the need to protect wildlife corridors and associated animal dispersal areas is crucial for wildlife conservation in Tanzania and beyond," he stressed.

The research was supported by the Research Council of Norway (NFR301075) and the National Science Foundation (2213568), with the research permit for Tanzanian data issued by COSTECH and logistic support from CAWM and MUSE, Italy.

The findings of this study serve as a wake-up call for policymakers and conservationists globally, urging them to consider the impact of human activity beyond protected area boundaries. It presents an opportunity to shape biodiversity policymaking decisions, ensuring a sustainable future for wildlife and the planet.

## DSE's net foreign investor net outflows lean in Q2, 2023

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors in equity markets have maintained positive confidence on the state of Tanzanian economic recovery, after recording the lowest net outflows of 13mn/- at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) during the second quarter of this year ended yesterday, compared with 2.1bn/- recorded during

similar quarter of last year.

In the first quarter of this year, foreign investors recorded a net outflows amounted to 3.1bn/-, in a time when many money markets' investors were exiting from the emerging markets, targeting "attractive" fixed income assets in the US market, due to higher interest rate.

US central bankers are likely to resume their rate hike cam-

aign after a break earlier last month, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled on Thursday, as a fresh slew of stronger-than-expected US economic data underscored why more monetary tightening is likely needed.

The market report for Wednesday, June 28, 2023, one trading day remained before the end of the quarter shows foreign investors inject-

ed 16.9bn/- during the second quarter of this year, compared with 25bn/- injected during similar quarter of last year, and higher than 3.48bn/- injected during the first quarter of this year.

The amount was 59.68 percent of total value of the turnover from bought shares while local investors' participation accounted for 40 percent of total buying value.

The report shows foreign investors injected a total of 17.09bn/- through selling shares, of which were bought by both foreign and local investors, which was 60.14 percent of total value of shares bought, against 39.86 percent by local investors.

However, the selling amount was less than 27.1bn/- or 67.49 percent of total value recorded during similar quar-

ter of last year and higher than 6.5bn/- or 32.21 percent recorded during the first quarter of this year.

Market analysts expect the increased involvement of foreign investors in Tanzania's equities market, targeting listed companies related to banking, manufacturing and services sectors.

Top mover during the ended quarter was CRDB Bank,

which attracted investors from both local and foreign sources.

However, the DSE total market capitalization slowed by nearly 600bn/- during the reviewed period due to slow-down of share prices, specifically cross listed companies, while domestic market capitalization increased by nearly 500bn/- to 10.82trn/- from 10.38trn/-.

## US dollar drought haunts most frontier economies

NAIROBI/LONDON

As Pakistan spiralled into crisis this year, Wilson Muthaura pressed its government to put the tea Kenya's KTDA co-operative produces 3,400 miles away on a list of essentials that would grant importers access to precious US dollars.

His urgent lobbying reflects anxiety about a scarcity of dollars - the lifeblood of global trade - across emerging market and developing economies (EMDEs) that is impeding commerce and piling pressure on local currencies and sovereign debtors.

The World Bank estimates that one in four EMDEs have effectively lost access to international bond markets, a key source of hard currency needed to pay for oil and commodities like food.

It has halved growth forecasts for some economies hurt by the credit squeeze, the product of a global flight to safety as interest rates rose to combat inflation that surged last year when economies reopened after COVID and Russia invaded Ukraine.

Affected countries are also likely to see foreign direct investment be-

ing curbed, said Charlie Robertson, head of macro strategy at FIM Partners in London.

Without dollars from KTDA's customers in Pakistan, its biggest market, the co-op that produces 60% of Kenya's tea, would have struggled to pay its own bills.

"We were actually hit," Muthaura said, explaining that KTDA had to rent extra warehouse space after sales slumped. Kenyan shipments of tea - its major export - have fallen by a fifth over the last year, according to the local regulator.

While customers usually pay up front and in dollars, "we had to resort to letters of credit with those buyers from Pakistan", said Muthaura.

His efforts in Islamabad paid off, but KTDA is seeing similar strains emerging in Egypt, its second-biggest market, where three steep currency devaluations have raised worries about Cairo's ability to service dollar debt.

The spike in global interest rates has already tipped Sri Lanka and Ghana into defaulting. Tunisia is teetering. Nigeria could soon be spending half or more of government revenues on interest pay-



ments. Even Kenya itself is seen at risk.

"Frontier economies are suffering from surging import bills exacerbated by a tightening of global financial conditions and a general flight to safety," said David Willacy, a foreign exchange trader at StoneX in London.

### BLACK MARKET

Although the dollar's share as a global reserve currency has dropped to 59% from 70% over a decade, it continues to dominate global trade.

And because it is widely accepted and broadly holds its value, it remains strongly favoured among ordinary citizens in developing coun-

tries. The emergence of parallel exchange rates or an unofficial market to buy dollars and other major currencies is often an early sign a country is running into problems.

"If I want dollars, I have to buy on the black market, which is expensive," said Arouluwa Ojo, a student in Nigeria's capital Lagos taking online lessons with a British university.

Africa's biggest economy is a major oil exporter that sells its crude in dollars. But because it lacks refinery capacity, it has to import fuels, so hard currency is tight.

Nigeria has long had a web of multiple exchange rates which it is now trying to untangle,

having also devalued its naira currency again last week.

Argentina's recurring crises mean it has had parallel exchange rates for years, while in Cuba and Venezuela a mix of deep economic problems and U.S. sanctions mean dollars or euros are often needed to buy goods from medicines to meat.

With Cuba's big foreign exchange earner, tourism, still recovering after the pandemic, a widening gap between those with and without access to hard currency is helping drive a record exodus of migrants from the island to the United States.

## Kenya's sectors yet to regain jobs lost to Covid

NAIROBI

THE number of jobs in nearly half of the private sector in Kenya have not recovered from Covid-induced shocks, an analysis of employment data shows, dimming the hopes of millions of skilled youth joining the labour market.

The latest official sectoral distribution of wage employment for private firms suggests that jobs in eight out of 18 key sectors are yet to return to pre-Covid levels, with employers warning of further pressure as a result of a rise in labour costs.

Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) has cited stubbornly high inflation, a weakening shilling and new taxation measures to raise business operation costs and slow creation

of decent job opportunities in the post-Covid period.

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics data suggests that it took the private sector two years to broadly recover the 205,200 formal jobs it shed in the pandemic year following a spate of layoffs, pay cuts, and unpaid leave policies.

This was after formal private sector jobs hit nearly 2.08 million last year, surpassing 2.06 million workers in 2019 for the first time.

However, the data suggests not all sectors have realised a full rebound in workers to pre-pandemic levels.

"Kenya has continued to witness a rise in inflation, which has ultimately increased the cost of doing business, led to the high cost of living and an



Transport and storage sector are yet to recover the largest share of jobs lost during the pandemic, followed by accommodation and food service

increase in interest rates." FKE executive director Jacqueline Mugo recently told the Business Daily, explaining the slow recovery in formal employment.

"This [price growth] pressure is driven by a combination of local, regional and global factors such as climate change, prolonged drought food insecurity, high energy costs and

adverse global geopolitical actions that continue to adversely affect the economic activity in our country."

Firms operating in the transport and storage sector are yet to recover the largest share of jobs lost during the pandemic, followed by accommodation and food service, mining and quarrying as well as electricity, gas and air conditioning supply services.

The jobs in the transport sector are 10.96 percent, or 8,100 workers, short of their 73,900 levels in 2019, the data shows, implying the sector is yet to fully recover from debilitating travel restrictions in the pandemic year.

It is followed by the accommodation and food service sector—the hardest hit by the clo-

sure of restaurants and hotels at the height of the pandemic infections - which supported 75,900 formal workers in 2022, 6.53 percent less than 81,200 in 2019.

Firms in mining and quarrying activities had 5.92 percent less workers than 15,200 in 2019, while the payroll for electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply services was trailing the 2019 levels by 3.77 percent.

Large sectors whose jobs were yet to fully go back to 2019 levels include wholesale and retail trade, which was short of 267,700 employees in the pre-Covid era by 0.75 percent, or 2,000 employees, and private education facilities which had 1,400, or 0.61 percent, less workers than 228,700 workers

before the pandemic struck.

"The increase in business operating costs, has led to a shrink in the formal wage employment opportunities," said Mugo.

"Many retail stores have closed down including the small businesses; we have many empty retail business spaces; the drought has brought our agriculture sector to its knees; the weak shilling and high costs of imports of raw materials have adversely affected our manufacturing."

The sectors which supported a full rebound in private sector jobs, on the other hand, include information and communication, financial services, construction, water supply and waste management as well as professional services.







## WORLD

## UK Premier dealt blow as court rules Rwanda deportation plan unlawful

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said the government would appeal to the UK's top court after its plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda was deemed unlawful, a major blow to his pledge to stop asylum seekers arriving in small boats.

Under an initial 140 million pound (\$177 million) deal struck last year, Britain planned to send tens of thousands of asylum seekers who arrive on its shores a distance of more than 6,400 km to the East African country.

The government argues the plan would smash the business model of human traffickers but critics say the policy is inhumane and will not work. On Thursday the Court of Appeal concluded by a majority of two to one that Rwanda could not be treated as a safe third country.

"While I respect the court I fundamentally disagree with their conclusions," Sunak said in a statement, adding the government would seek to overturn the decision in the UK Supreme Court.

"The policy of this government is very simple, it is this country - and your government - who should decide who comes here, not criminal gangs," he added.

ed. "And I will do whatever is necessary to make that happen."

The ruling comes as a huge blow for Sunak as he grapples with high inflation, rising interest rates and declining public support amid growing pressure from his party and the public to tackle rising numbers of asylum seekers costing 3 billion pounds a year to accommodate.

Sunak has made "stop the boats" one of his five top priorities, and hopes a fall in arrivals might help his Conservative Party, trailing by about 20 points in opinion polls, pull off an unexpected win at the next national election.

The first planned Rwanda deportation flight was blocked a year ago in a last-minute ruling by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), which imposed an injunction preventing any deportations until the conclusion of legal action in Britain.

In December, the High Court ruled the policy was lawful, but that decision was challenged by asylum seekers from several countries such as Syria, Iraq and Iran, along with human rights organizations.

**'Inhumane treatment'**

The appeal court ruled deficiencies in Rwanda's asylum system meant there



People thought to be migrants who undertook the crossing from France in small boats and were picked up in the Channel, wait to be disembarked from a British border force vessel, in Dover, south east England, on June 17, 2022. AP

were substantial grounds for believing that those sent there would be returned to their home nations where they face "persecution or other inhumane treatment".

"The result is that the High Court's decision that Rwanda was a safe third country is reversed and that unless and until the deficiencies in its asylum processes are corrected removal of asylum-seekers to Rwanda will be unlawful," Lord Chief Justice Ian Burnett said.

Burnett himself disagreed with the other two judges, a fact highlighted by Sunak. However, even if the government were to be successful with an appeal to the UK's top court, deportation flights are very unlikely to begin this year.

The interior minister Suella Braverman, responding to the ruling in parliament, said: "Today is a bad day for the British people, today is a good day for the people smugglers".

**'Unworkable, unethical'**

Political opponents said the government had no plan on how to deal with the migrant issue, saying Sunak should now scrap the policy which they dismissed as a gimmick.

"The Rwanda scheme is unworkable, unethical and extortionate," said Yvette Cooper,

the home affairs spokesperson for the main opposition Labour Party.

Sending each asylum seeker to Rwanda would cost on average 169,000 pounds, the government said this week.

Opponents also say the government's policies were about driving political support and would not solve underlying issues.

They argue there are currently no legal routes for most asylum seekers fleeing war or persecution to apply for refugee status to enter Britain, so many see the dangerous small boat crossings as their only option.

Last year, a record 45,755 people came to Britain in small boats across the Channel, mainly from France. More than 11,000 have arrived this year, a rate similar to the first half of 2022.

Meanwhile, the Rwandan government said that while the matter was one for the British courts, it took exception to the judges' conclusions.

"Rwanda is one of the safest countries in the world and we have been recognised by the UNHCR and other international institutions for our exemplary treatment of refugees," said government spokesperson Yolande Makolo.

Agencies

NEW YORK

## 'Yet another wasted opportunity'

TERMING the UN General Assembly's decision to roll over the Inter-Governmental Negotiations on Security Council reform to its next session as "yet another wasted opportunity," India on Thursday (local time) said that the state of affairs is clearly in the interest of those who seek a status quo to keep this process frozen in repetitive cycles.

India's permanent representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly said that the rollover decision of the intergovernmental negotiations simply cannot be reduced to a mindless technical exercise.

The UN General Assembly on

Thursday adopted a draft oral decision to continue the intergovernmental negotiations on Security Council reform at the 78th session of the UN General Assembly that will commence in September.

The rollover decision marked the end of the IGN for the current 77th session.

"We have been consistent in our position that the rollover decision of the intergovernmental negotiations simply cannot be reduced to a mindless technical exercise... We were therefore encouraged by your efforts to introduce in the decision a small reflection of this evolution based on your wide-ranging con-

sultations and the recommendation of the Co-chairs with regard to Web-casting and the beginning of a digital repository. I must say, though, that even with these so-called changes there has been no breakthrough whatsoever that may be described as progress," Kamboj said.

"This state of affairs is clearly in the interest of those who seek a status quo to keep this process frozen in repetitive cycles.

Thirdly, and finally, President, we see this technical rollover decision as yet another wasted opportunity to instil a breath of life into a process that has shown no signs of life or growth in over four decades," she

added.

Referring to the roll-over decision, Kamboj said that as the only formal General Assembly outcome that emerges from this process each year, it must also evolve and reflect the progress achieved during Member States' deliberations during the year.

She asserted that as a responsible and constructive member of the United Nations, India will continue to engage in this process alongside the reform-minded partners and persist with the efforts to move from repetitive speeches to text-based negotiations.

"However, for those of us who truly

wish to fulfil our leader's commitments towards an early and comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council. Looking beyond the IGN looks increasingly to us as the only viable pathway to a future UN security council that would better reflect the world of today," she added.

Meanwhile, in his remarks, Csaba Korosi, President of the 77th session of the General Assembly, noted that for the first time in the history of these negotiations, the first segments of the IGN meetings are now webcast and a dedicated website on Security Council reform has been established as a repository for the IGN process.

ANI

## UN officials warn of worsening humanitarian situation in Syria

UNITED NATIONS

UNITED Nations (UN) officials informed the Security Council on Thursday that Syrians are confronted with an escalating humanitarian crisis amid the enduring 12-year-long conflict.

In response, the General Assembly passed a resolution, paving the way for the establishment of a pioneering institution aimed at addressing the plight of some 100,000 individuals who remain missing in Syria.

"The violence and suffering of the Syrian people remind us of what is at stake as diplomatic efforts continue in Syria," said Najat

Rochdi, UN deputy special envoy for the country. "Ultimately, we need a nationwide ceasefire in line with Security Council Resolution 2254."

In her briefing on the current situation, she said recent reports have tracked deadly drone attacks, shelling, terrorist attacks, and a spate of pro-government airstrikes.

"Syrians face an ever-worsening humanitarian crisis," she said.

Against this backdrop, Syrians still face massive displacement, an acute economic crisis, and the tragedy of the detained, disappeared, and missing, she



An injured person is rushed to a hospital in Syria's northwestern province, on June 25, 2023. AFP

said.

"All of these factors show us why it is so important for renewed diplomacy to translate into real solutions to meet the immediate concerns of the Syrian people, build some trust and confidence among the parties, and move forward

towards a political solution," she said.

"Syrians' needs must be at the center of our approach, and humanitarian action must be depoliticized," she added.

UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths reiterated the call.

"Twelve years of conflict, economic collapse, and other factors have pushed 90 percent of the population below the poverty line," he said, adding that a recent visit to the Syrian capital of Damascus left him "with a greater sense of the profound humanitarian challenges but also the urgent opportunities facing Syria."

Amid the ongoing violence, sharply rising food prices, recovery from the devastating earthquakes in February, and a spreading cholera outbreak, he said the humanitarian community's "best chance" to improve the future of the Syrian people is further expanding early recovery activities.

Equally important is the Security Council's 12-month renewal of its resolution on cross-border operations, which will improve humanitarian conditions, he said.

## West should not worry, Russia always emerged stronger from all troubles - Lavrov

MOSCOW



THE West should not worry about Russia's national interests; the country has emerged stronger from all troubles, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at an online briefing yesterday.

"Thank you for your concern about our national interests, but you shouldn't feel worried," Lavrov said, responding to a question from Reuters. About the attempted mutiny in Russia Lavrov said that "Russia has always emerged stronger from any trouble."

"This will be the case this time," he stressed. "Moreover, we already feel that this process has begun." Lavrov added that the attempted mutiny in Russia brought to mind only one epithet - "much ado" - and could hardly be described in a different way.

Lavrov recalled how last Saturday some Western officials, in their comments on the internal political situation in Russia, said that "the facade of the Russian authorities has cracked" and that they were doing everything right with regard to Ukraine. Lavrov pointed out that in this way the Western officials acknowledged that it was they (and not Ukraine) who were at war with Russia.

Lavrov also recalled the European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell's statement that the West was doing the right thing by arming Ukraine and called for stepping up arms supplies to Kiev.

"This is an indirect, but very clear, explicit recognition of who is at war against whom," Lavrov pointed out. "So, thank you for your concern, but we can handle it ourselves," he concluded.

**Attempted military mutiny**

On the evening of June 23, Yevgeny Prigozhin, the founder of the PMC Wagner, said on his Telegram channel that his units had been attacked, and accused the military leadership of Russia. The Defense Ministry dismissed these allegations as false. PMC Wagner units who agreed to support Prigozhin headed for Rostov-on-Don and towards Moscow. The FSB opened a case over the call for armed mutiny.

President Vladimir Putin in a televised address described the PMC Wagner's actions as treason.

Later, by agreement with Putin, Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko held talks with Prigozhin. The PMC Wagner's convoys turned back and returned to the field camps. The Kremlin said that the authorities would not prosecute PMC Wagner personnel for taking part in the mutiny in light of their accomplishments on the frontline. The criminal proceedings over the attempted armed mutiny were terminated, the FSB said.

## Swedish prime minister calls for calm after Stockholm Quran burning

STOCKHOLM

SWEDISH Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson called for calm at a press conference yesterday following the storming of the Swedish embassy in Baghdad in response to the burning of the Quran at a demonstration in Stockholm.

"It is clear that it is completely unacceptable for people to illegally break into Swedish embassies in other countries," the TT news agency quoted Kristersson as saying. "I also think that we should be calmer here in Sweden. The security situation is serious and there is no reason to offend other people."

The burning of the Quran took place during a police-authorized demonstration on Stockholm's Medborgarplatsen Square on Wednesday. Salwan Momika, a 37-year-old Iraqi immigrant, tore pages from the Quran and set them on fire. On that day, Muslims around the world were celebrating Eid al-Adha, one of the two major religious holidays in Islam.

In Sweden, the demonstration's organizers are under preliminary investigation for inciting discord and violating the ban on setting fires. "The police have the right to investigate whether the burning [of the Quran] is a hate crime," Momika told the Expressen newspaper. "It's not a hate crime or incitement against any group; I usually address them as 'my beloved' Muslims."

He added that he was planning another such demonstration: "Within ten days, I will burn the Iraqi flag and the Quran in front of the Iraqi embassy in Stockholm."



When the hospital ship left Vanuatu, local residents sang songs and scattered flowers on the sea to express their gratitude.

In Kenya, when the Peace Ark slowly sailed away, a motorcycle convoy decorated with Chinese national flags was seen seeing off the ship, stretching a kilometer on the pier.

From the Pacific Ocean to the Indian Ocean, the Peace Ark has served the oceans with harmony and tranquility. It has launched maritime rescue operation drills, offered international humanitarian medical services, ensured distant-sea medical and logistics support, and attended joint military drills with foreign troops, **People's Daily**

ON the eve of International Children's Day this year, 12-year-old Bangladeshi girl Alifa Chin received an extraordinary gift, a reply letter from Chinese President Xi Jinping.

In this letter, Xi encouraged Chin to study hard, pursue her dream and carry forward the traditional friendship between China and Bangladesh.

Behind this letter is a heartwarming story.

When the girl was born in 2010, her mother suffered from a difficult delivery due to a severe heart problem. At that time, the visiting Chinese naval hospital ship Peace Ark received help and immediately sent military doctors to the local hospital to perform a cesarean section

## China's Peace Ark naval hospital ship an envoy of peace, friendship

on her mother. Today, Chin has grown up healthily.

The Peace Ark has witnessed many touching stories like this. Since it was commissioned into the Chinese Navy in 2008, the hospital ship has set sail on 10 overseas missions covering more than 260,000 nautical miles. Having visited 43 countries and regions, the ark has provided medical services to more than 250,000 patients.

The love-spreading voyage of the Peace Ark mirrors the Chinese military's boundless love of peace and respect for life, writing a chapter of peace in building a community with a shared future

for mankind.

Inside the Peace Ark, there is a wall where a number of metallic medals are hung. These medals were presented to the naval hospital ship by authorities in Sierra Leone, Antigua and Barbuda, Chile, among others.

"Every time we visited a country or a region, we were always awarded such medals by local government, military or civilians," said Deng Qiang, captain of the Peace Ark. These medals are a symbol of friendship that transcend borders, he said.

After the super typhoon Haiyan, also named Yolanda, swept the Philippines

in 2013 and brought severe disasters to the country, the Peace Ark rushed to the Philippines, which marked the first time

China sent a naval vessel to overseas disaster-hit areas for a humanitarian medical mission.

To shorten the voyage, the naval hospital ship sailed the ship directly through the windy and stormy area and arrived in the worst-hit region a day ahead of schedule.

"The region was severely devastated. We started working without taking any rest," recalled Cai Jinhui, head of the medical center of the Peace Ark.

The typhoon-hit area was troubled

by a series of challenges such as water

pollution and mosquito infestation, but they didn't scare off the Chinese soldiers and doctors on the Peace Ark. They provided medical services all day long for 16 days, treating 2,208 patients and carrying out 44 surgeries on the ship.

Many cured patients presented Sampaguita, the national flower of the Philippines that symbolizes noble sentiments and deep friendship, to Chinese medical workers onboard. After the mission was completed, the Peace Ark set sail in the aroma of Sampaguita.

The Peace Ark has been lauded by local people wherever it goes.



# US top court strikes down race-based admissions

WASHINGTON

US Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday (US local time) said the US Supreme Court's decision to end "affirmative action" in college admissions is "a denial of opportunity".

The US Supreme Court on Thursday struck down race-based admissions at the University of Harvard and the University of North Carolina. "The highest court in our land just made a decision today on affirmative action and I feel compelled to speak about it. It is in so very many ways a denial of opportunity," the US Vice President said.

Harris (pictured) further added that it is a complete misnomer that this is about being colour-blind. "It is being blind to history, blind to empirical evidence about disparities, and blind to the strength that diversity brings to classrooms, to boardrooms," she said.

The US Supreme Court on Thursday struck down race-based admission at the University of Harvard and the University of North Carolina, The Washington Post reported.

This comes amid reports of the university's policies discriminating against White and Asian applicants by giving preference to Black, Hispanic and Native American ones.

In a 6-3 judgement, the apex court gutted affirmative action in college admissions, that use race as a factor.

"The student must be treated based on his or her experiences as an individual, not on the basis of race," Chief Justice John G Roberts said in the ruling while writing for the majority.

Earlier, President Joe Biden also said that the US Supreme Court has "effectively ended affirmative action in college admissions," by striking down race-based admissions in colleges.

"The Court has effectively ended affirmative action in college admissions. And I strongly, strongly disagree with the Court's decision," Biden said.

He said today's decision rolls back decades of precedent and momentous progress.

He added that "I've always believed that the promise of America is big enough for everyone to succeed and that every generation of Americans, we have benefited by opening the doors of opportunity just a little bit wider to include those who have been left behind."

The US President said he believes colleges are stronger when they are racially diverse. "Our nation is stronger because we are tapping into the full range of talent in this nation," he said.

"I also believe that while talent, creativity, and hard work are everywhere across this country, not equal opportunity. It is not everywhere across this country," he added.

Biden said: "We cannot let this decision be the last word. I want to emphasize: We cannot let this decision be the last word."

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## Russians' level of trust in Putin exceeds 78%, poll shows

MOSCOW

THE Russian public's level of confidence in President Vladimir Putin fell by 0.3 percentage points to 78.6% on June 19-25, according to a poll released by the All-Russia Public Opinion Research Center yesterday.

The poll involved 1,600 adult respondents.

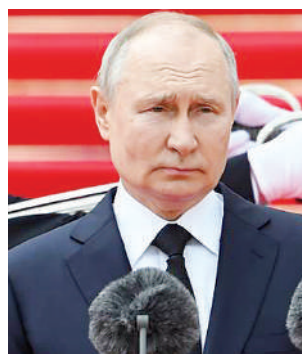
"When asked if they trusted Putin, 78.6% of the poll's participants said 'yes' (a 0.3 percentage point drop). Meanwhile, the share of people who approve of the way the president is handling his job fell by 1.3 percentage points to 74.8%," the pollster said.

A total of 50.1% of those polled said they approved of the Russian government's work (a 0.6 percentage point drop) and 51.7% approved of Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin's work (a 1.6 percentage point decline). As many as 60.9% of respondents said they trusted Mishustin (a 0.9 percentage point fall).

As for the leaders of the parliamentary parties, 31.3% of those surveyed trust leader of the Russian Communist Party Gennady Zyuganov (a 4.4 percentage point decline), 31.6% trust leader of the A Just Russia - For Truth party Sergey Mironov (a 1 percentage point drop), 16.4% of the poll's participants trust leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDPR) Leonid Slutsky (a 2 percentage point fall) and 7.6% said they trusted Chairman of the New People party Alexey Nechayev (a 1.3 percentage point drop).

The level of popular support for the United Russia party stood at 37.9% (a 1.4 percentage point drop). The level increased by 0.4 percentage points to 10.4% for the Russian Communist Party and by 0.6 percentage points to 9.2% for the Russian Liberal Democratic Party party.

The A Just Russia - For Truth party saw a 0.2 percentage point decline to 5.6%, while popular support for the New People party dropped by 0.1 percentage points to 4.3%.



# China, Africa in fast lane of high-quality cooperation

CHANGSHA

AS the sun sets over eastern Uganda, a newly constructed road is illuminated by two rows of white solar lampposts, warmly welcoming drivers, pedestrians and villagers on leisurely strolls.

The 73-km road linking Kapchorwa and Suam is undergoing an upgrade. Located at an average altitude of over 2,000 meters with complex geology, the project is described by local officials as one of the most difficult large-scale infrastructure projects in the history of Uganda.

To complete the project within this year, the Chinese contractor brought forth advanced machinery, extensive expertise in constructing roads in mountainous regions in China, and an inventory of 1,960 solar lights.

"When we first arrived, we saw the local areas did not have electricity, but boast plentiful sunlight. So we decided to erect the solar lights," said Lu Zhong, a project manager with the Chinese company. "Now the lights have made it safer for nearby residents to go out at night."

At the third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, which opened in central China's Hunan Province on Thursday, many such stories exemplify the evolving China-Africa cooperation, which is becoming increasingly smarter, greener and advanced, drawing strength from China's modernization drive.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the expo, Chinese Vice President Han Zheng said China is willing to provide new opportunities for Africa through Chinese modernization and high-quality development, and will make the pragmatic cooperation between the two sides deeper and more solid.

## FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO DIGITALIZATION

As Africa's largest trading partner and its fourth-biggest source of investment, China has prioritized high-quality development on its path toward modernization, which requires the country to cultivate new growth engines such as next-generation information technology, new energy and green industry, and promote high-standard opening up.

According to experts, this dedication to high-quality development has injected renewed vitality into the implementation of the nine programs announced in 2021 to strengthen China-Africa cooperation. These programs encompass a wide range of areas, such as digital innovation and green development.

Over the years, cooperation between the two sides has extended from trade and construction to emerging areas like digital infrastructure, green development, aviation, and space exploration, according to Vice Minister of Commerce Li Fei.

During the expo, Chinese firms that traditionally focused on hydropower facilities said they were working to deliver a more diversified portfolio of new energy projects to help Africa tackle the perennial power crunch.

China Energy Engineering Corporation Ltd. (CEEC), a power infrastructure heavyweight, said it has implemented 42 clean energy projects in Africa, including hydro, solar and wind power stations, with a total installed capacity of 14.11 gigawatts.

One such project under construction is the Bioevea biomass power plant in Cote d'Ivoire. Poised to become the largest biomass power plant in West Africa, it will utilize locally abundant



Visitors walk past the exhibition hall of the China-Africa Achievement Exhibition on High-Level Building of the Belt and Road Initiative during the third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo at the Changsha International Convention and Exhibition Center in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province, June 29, 2023. Xinhua

palm leaf residues as fuel to generate electricity for 1.7 million people.

The project will also increase the income of 12,000 palm growers by 20 percent and reduce 4.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually, said Zhu Honggang, CEO of CEEC Northwestern Africa Regional HQ.

Zhu added that China has developed a mature industrial chain in infrastructure and energy sectors, from project design to manufacturing of photovoltaic panels, allowing Chinese companies to bring new energy projects to Africa at a relatively low cost.

Digital infrastructure is another rising star in China-Africa cooperation, which is drawing strength from China's newly acquired forte in this area.

According to China General Technology (Group) Holding Co., Ltd (Genertec), it has increased participation in the construction of Africa's information and communication infrastructure in recent years.

In Ghana, the company is installing more than 2,000 communication towers to provide stable communication services for rural residents and support the West African nation's endeavor to bridge the digital divide.

"China-Africa cooperation is expanding from conventional infrastructure to digitalization, from visible roads to virtual networks," said Luo Di, a company representative who was present at the expo.

"We are leveraging China's experience in

urbanization to help accelerate Africa's development. It will no longer take decades, as it did in the past. We may see remarkable outcomes within just a few years," Luo said.

WELCOME, MADE IN AFRICA!

The import of African agricultural and food products is another focus at the expo, with traders marketing a myriad of specialty products ranging from South African wine to Nigerian dried ginger.

China has become the second-largest destination country for African agricultural exports. In the first five months of this year, China imported 16.15 billion yuan (about 2.24 billion U.S. dollars) of African agricultural and food products, up 26.5 percent year on year.

Behind the rapidly growing imports is a range of favorable policies and customs cooperation that have enabled an expanded variety of African farm products to reach the shelves of Chinese stores, including coffee from Ethiopia, cashew nuts from Tanzania, cocoa from Cote d'Ivoire and avocados from Kenya.

Days before the expo, Kenya flagged off the first consignment of anchovies destined for the Chinese market. Salim Mvurya, cabinet secretary for the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs, termed the inaugural shipment of anchovies to the Chinese market as "a historic moment for the country."

During the expo, a slew of measures on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) cooperation, including the establishment of a

liaison mechanism, were announced to facilitate African exports of agricultural and food products to China.

As a trailblazer in China-Africa cooperation, the province of Hunan has also promised heightened efforts to standardize the inspection and quarantine of African agricultural products that have entered into deals at the expo, helping them gain market access in China.

Chi Yuwen, the founder of Chebango EPZ Tea Company Ltd., attests to the positive impact generated by the deepening China-Africa cooperation on agricultural and food trade.

His Kenya-based factory imports Chinese tea-making equipment free of tariffs and their tea products enjoy duty-free entry into China.

"By combining the excellent quality of Kenyan tea and Chinese tea-making techniques, we are confident about gaining a foothold in China's vast and competitive tea market," Chi said.

Xinhua

# 3rd night of France riots after police shoot teen, officer charged

NANTERRE

FRANCE saw unrest spread to major cities in a third night of riots on Thursday as President Emmanuel Macron fought to contain a mounting crisis triggered by the deadly police shooting of a teenager of Algerian and Moroccan descent during a traffic stop.

Forty thousand police officers were deployed across France - nearly four times the numbers mobilized on Wednesday - but there were few signs that government appeals to de-escalate the violence would quell the widespread anger.

In Nanterre, the working-class town on the western outskirts of Paris where 17-year-old Nahel M. was shot dead on Tuesday, protesters torched cars, barricaded streets and hurled projectiles at police following a peaceful vigil.

Protesters scrawled "Vengeance for Nahel" across buildings and as night set a bank was lit on fire before firefighters put it out and an elite police unit deployed an armoured vehicle.

In central Paris, a Nike shoe store was broken into, and 14 people were arrested and 16 more were arrested with stolen objects after store windows were smashed along the rue de Rivoli shopping street, Paris police said.

National police said on Thursday night that officers faced new incidents in Marseille, Lyon, Pau, Toulouse and Lille, including fires and firework.

Videos on social media showed numerous fires across the country, including at a bus depot in a suburb north of Paris and a tram in the eastern city of Lyon.

In Marseille, France's second city, police fired tear gas grenades during clashes with youths in the tourist hot-spot of Le Vieux Port, the city's main paper La Provence reported.

The incident has fed longstanding complaints of police violence and systemic racism inside law enforcement agencies from rights groups and within the low-income, racially



Police stand amid firecrackers on the third night of protests sparked by the fatal police shooting of a 17-year-old driver in the Paris suburb of Nanterre, France, yesterday. AP

mixed suburbs around major cities in France.

The local prosecutor said the officer involved had been put under formal investigation over voluntary homicide and would be held in prison in preventive detention.

Under France's legal system, being placed under formal investigation is akin to being charged in Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions.

"The public prosecutor considers that the legal conditions for using the weapon have not been met," Pascal Prache, the prosecutor, told a news conference.

## Single bullet

The teenager was shot during Tuesday's morning rush hour. He initially failed to stop after the Mercedes AMG he was driving was spotted in a bus lane. Two police officers caught up with the car in a traffic jam.

When the car tried to get away, one

officer fired at close range through the driver's window. Nahel died from a single shot through his left arm and chest, Nanterre public prosecutor Pascal Prache said.

The officer has acknowledged firing a lethal shot, the prosecutor said, telling investigators he wanted to prevent a car chase, fearing he or another person would be hurt after the teenager allegedly committed several traffic violations.

The officer's lawyer, Laurent-Franck Lienard, said his client had asked for the victim's family to forgive him. He said the officer had aimed down towards the driver's leg but was bumped, causing him to shoot towards his chest.

"He had to be stopped, but obviously (the officer) didn't want to kill the driver," Lienard said on BFM TV, adding that his client's detention was being used to try to calm rioters.

Nahel was known to police for pre-

viously failing to comply with traffic stop orders, Prache said.

Macron on Wednesday said the shooting was unforgivable. As he convened his emergency meeting he also condemned the unrest.

## Vigil march

At a march in Nanterre in memory of Nahel, participants railed against what they perceived as a culture of police impunity and a failure to reform law enforcement in a country that has experienced waves of rioting and protests over police conduct.

Thousands thronged the streets. Riding atop a flatbed lorry, the teenager's mother waved to the crowd wearing a white T-shirt reading "Justice for Nahel" and the date of his death.

"I have nothing against the police. I have something against one person, he who killed my son. He did not have to kill my son," Nahel's mother

told France 5 television after the march.

The unrest has revived memories of riots in 2005 that convulsed France for three weeks and forced then-president Jacques Chirac to declare a state of emergency.

That wave of violence erupted in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois and spread across the country following the death of two young people electrocuted in a power substation as they hid from police.

Two officers were acquitted in a trial 10 years later.

Tuesday's killing was the third fatal shooting during traffic stops in France so far in 2023, down from a record 13 last year, a spokesperson for the national police said.

There were three such killings in 2021 and two in 2020, according to a Reuters tally, which shows the majority of victims since 2017 were Black or of Arab origin.



# SPORT



Dar es Salaam's discus athletes are pictured engaging in training at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park in the city recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Aces cricket side seeks to bounce back next season

By Guardian Reporter

ALAF Aces Club has expressed determination to crawl back to success in next season's tournaments overseen by Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) following the team's exit in the knockout stage of this season's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament.

In the showdown's knockout stage termed Super4s, the Aces squad backed by e-Parking could not post a sufficient net run rate that could have won it a spot in the final.

The Super4s stage had witnessed e-Parking-backed Aces holding the third spot having secured one win, suffered two losses, and ended posting a -0.4589 net run rate.

An inferior net run rate witnessed failing to edge second-placed Azania Bank Upanga SC, which had recorded a -0.1155 net run rate, and make it to the showdown's final.

Azania Bank Upanga SC and Aurobindo Aga Khan SC (1.3047 net run rate) were the top two clubs in the Super4s and, as a result, stormed into the final which had Azania Bank Upanga SC garnering an 88-run victory.

e-Parking-backed Aces cricketers, nevertheless, exited the showdown with their heads held high, having defeated Flashnet Pak Stars by three wickets in the tournament's Super4 tie that took place at Annadil Burhani's oval on June 24.

Flashnet Pak Stars were bowled out for 120 runs in 19.4 overs, having been put in to bat first by e-Parking-backed Aces that had won the toss.

With a modest target of 121 runs in their sight, e-Parking-backed Aces' cricketers gallantly got down to a successful chase having posted 124/7 in 18.5 overs.

Aces' founder, Azim Thakur, disclosed: "From the inaugural Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, an event that every team awaits and gears up for every year, Aces has made its presence felt and dominated the event."

Thakur pointed out: "It (Aces) came close to winning the showdown in 2017 and 2021, and in 2019 and 2020 we won it back-to-back... last year we did not reach the knockout and, this year, we were close to being knocked out but we ended up knocking last year's champion (Alliance Caravans) out."

The senior cricketer stated: "Alliance Caravans, also the showdown's hosts, (were among competitors) who had invested heavily by bringing in some professional cricketers, but Aces decided the other way, we decided to stay with what we have given, for us, winning and losing is part of the sport."

The cricketer revealed this year had its moments but, unfortunately, e-Parking-backed Aces outfit fell short of the goal.

Thakur noted: "We have been disappointed for failing to go all the way to the final, we must hold our heads high and, to our loyal supporters, we are grateful for witnessing the fans backing us every step of the way."

"We say a big thank you to the team's owners, sponsors, tournament organizers, management, and fellow participants," the cricketer noted.

He stressed: "We are looking at our overall development and we are happy and proud of it."

e-Parking-backed Aces enjoyed an impressive spell in the round-robin stage of this season's Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup, leading the rest of the pack in Group A after notching 0.8848 net run rate from victory in three fixtures and loss in one tie to cruise to the Super4s.

Azania Bank Upanga SC, Alliance Caravans, JiuZhou Gymkhana, and All Season Lions took second, third, fourth, and fifth places respectively in the round-robin stage's Group A.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20-formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of the showdown. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, RAS Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

Others are Azania Bank, JiuZhou, All Season Hotel, General Petroleum, UMC International, Automark, Hisense, Oman Air, Ashton Media, Mo Assurance, Aucom & Harmonic, and Car & General.

Horizon Teleports, Aone Bottlers, Samsonite, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Euro Cables, VL Smart Solutions, Mobidoc, GI Logistics, Delta Africa, The Works, and Tanzindia Assurance wind up the sponsors' list.

Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.



Cricketers making e-Parking-backed Aces outfit celebrate a wicket the side grabbed during a 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament duel against Alliance Caravans which took place recently. The e-Parking Aces outfit defeated Alliance Caravans by six wickets. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

## SPORTS

# How Azam FC could line up in 2023/24 season with new signings

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC finished third in the just-ended NBC Premier League, 19 points behind champions Young Africans SC (Yanga) and 14 points shy of first runners-up Simba SC.

Chamazi-based Azam FC also reached this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final after edging out Simba SC in the semi-final but lost 1-0 to Yanga to end up trophyless for a third season.

Azam FC will soon be reporting back for pre-season as the club prepares to begin a new campaign. The club will be eager to right the wrongs of the last campaign.

Getting back to being a side with what it takes to not only battle for but also win titles requires Azam FC to add to the outfit's armoury, a process already started by the arrival of midfielder Feisal Salum from city rivals, Yanga, and Gambian winger Gibril Sillah from Moroccan giants Raja Club Athletic.

The squad rebuilding at Azam FC has already seen Bruce Kangwa, Ismail Aziz, Kenneth Muguna, Rodgers Kola, and Cleophace Mkandala depart.

The club also parted ways with assistant coaches, Kalimangonga Ongala and Aggrey Morris, Spanish goalkeeping coach Dani Cadena and fitness coach Madh Hiraoui as part of the technical bench restructuring.

Below, we take a speculative look at how Azam FC could be lining up by the time the new Premier League season begins in August based on the club's transfer business so far.

### GK: Idrissou Abdoulay

There is no disputing Idrissou Abdoulay will be starting between the sticks for Azam FC next season after cementing his spot in the first team, replacing Ali Ahmada in the second half of last season.

### RB: Lusajo Mwaikenda

The question surrounding Lusajo Mwaikenda is a difficult one. On the one hand, capable of being deployed effectively at either right-back or the right side of the center-back pairing makes him an invaluable squad member but questions regarding his ability to push the team forward are valid.

Still, Mwaikenda is likely to continue as the first choice ahead of the more natural full-back Nathaniel Chilambo, unless Azam FC plans to bring in a more experienced right full-back as an upgrade to the squad's current options.

### LB: Cheikh Sidibe

There is little doubt that Cheikh Sidibe would be starting in the left fullback position if Azam FC completes the deal for him.

He comes as a direct replacement for Kangwa who was the first-choice left fullback despite the emergence of Pascal Msindo who is still considered raw.

### CB: Daniel Amoah

Daniel Amoah that is into his eighth season at Azam FC is now the Mainland Tanzania Premier League longest-serving foreign player. The Ghanaian center-back joined Azam FC from Medeama FC of Ghana in 2016.

Amoah is an undisputed key figure in the Azam FC XI, a fact that was made clear with yet another contract renewal this week.



Players making Azam FC jubilate after defeating Polisi Tanzania in the just-concluded NBC Premier League duel that took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam early this month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

### CB: Malickou Ndoye

The Senegalese center-back was sidelined for much of last season. He was restricted to nine league appearances but it appears head coach Dabo who knows him very well considers him an integral part of his squad next season.

It is, for this reason, the defender has been rewarded with a contract extension that keeps him at Azam FC until 2025.

Despite the advantage of having worked with coach Dabo at Teungueth FC, Ndoye will face competition from Abdallah Kheri and Edward Charles.

### DM: Sospeter Bajana

Sospeter Bajana had another strong season in Azam FC's shirt, keeping out Nigerian import Isah Ndala as the preferred option in the midfield alongside Ghanaian James Akaminko.

Unsurprisingly he was linked with a move to Simba SC but ended up turning into one of the first of the stars of the last campaign to be tied down to a new contract in a show of his worth to the ice cream makers.

### DM: James Akaminko

The Ghanaian central midfielder took time to settle before establishing himself as an important member of Azam FC's first team.

He made 28 league appearances, scoring once and assisting five times.

His performances have been rewarded with a contract extension and is certainly looking forward to continuing to be a key figure in the squad next season.

### AM: Feisal Salum

One of Azam FC's primary reasons for chasing the player, alias 'Fei Toto', is his versatility.

The Zanzibar-born midfielder has played in a variety of different roles for the national team, Taifa Stars, and Yanga, therefore, Azam FC will be keen on testing him in the midfield as much as the club might do upfront.

### LW: Gibril Sillah

The Gambian international is almost guaranteed to be in the Azam FC starting 11 after his \$70,000 arrival from Raja Casablanca was confirmed. The 24-year-old can play as a right winger, left winger, attacking midfielder, or center-forward. The winger, who was on loan to another Moroccan club JS Soualem, ended the campaign with seven goals and four assists in the Botola Pro League last season.

### RW: Abdulhamis Suleiman

With Ayoub Lyanga, Iddy Selemani 'Nado', Kipre Junior, and Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' all available for selection as wide players, this one is a pleasant headache for coach Dabo.

Kipre's pace and dribbling skills make him a nightmare for defenders but his final decision-making is something that needs to improve and so 'Sopu' might play ahead of the Ivorian speed merchant courtesy of his work rate and better finishing.

### ST: Prince Dube

He started so well in his debut season, scoring goals for fun before a series of injuries he sustained set him back. The past two seasons have seen a dip in his clinical form in front of goal.

Dube has lost some of his clinical firepower in front of goal after struggling with a setback of injuries but he is still the out-and-out first-choice center forward for Azam FC. This can only change if Azam FC gets another prolific goal-scorer.

With a total of 12 goals to his name in the last two campaigns, it is understandable if the club is looking to purchase a forward of higher stature - but Dube's importance to Azam FC cannot be taken lightly.

## Namungo FC set for pre-season training camp in Zambia

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NAMUNGO FC has confirmed to pitch a pre-season training camp in Zambia ahead of the next season's Mainland Tanzania Premier League.

The club's secretary-general, Ally Suleiman, noted they intend to start preparations early and then get into the new season to battle for a ticket for either of the 2024/25 Africa inter-club tournaments via their preparations in Zambia.

After the Lindi-based outfit's maiden season in Premier League, the side secured qualification for the CAF Confederation Cup and booked a place in the tournament's Group Stage.

Namungo FC, since then, has not managed to finish in the top four positions in Premier League.

In the past four league seasons, Namungo FC has finished fourth once, and fifth twice (2021/22 and 2022/23), while in the 2020/21 season, the outfit finished ninth.

"We hope to start the camp early in preparation for the next season because the goal is to finish in the top positions to participate in CAF inter-club competitions," Suleiman noted.

Suleiman pointed out: "July 10 is the day we will all meet in Dar es Salaam where we will start camping for a while and then we will go to Zambia to set things right according to what we have aimed for next season."

Regarding squad reinforcement, he pointed out there will be no major changes because many players were left in the January transfer window whilst new footballers were signed.

He said that they will not either add more than five players or release more players while explaining that the signing of midfielder Erasto Nyoni was the coach's suggestion due to weaknesses in Namungo FC's midfield.

"Nyoni is a good addition, we have had massive goals with him for a long time because the team had a problem in the midfield area," the official noted.

"The coach advised if we could get an experienced player of his caliber and at the end of the day we managed to get him," he said.

He emphasized that the players to be offloaded by the club will be announced today so that they could have time to secure green pastures elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Singida Fountain Gate FC has revealed via the outfit's Information Officer, Hussein Masanza, the club's pre-season training camp will be in Tunisia, having been facilitated by the outfit's partner, US Monastir.

Next season, Singida Fountain Gate FC will feature in the CAF Confederation Cup alongside Azam FC while Yanga and Simba SC are the envoys in CAF Champions League.

"Preparations for the trip are complete, we are just waiting for the board to announce the official departing date," he said.

The official added: "Last season, we recruited good players who managed to push our team further and we are set to do the same."

"The registration committee is on the ground approaching players under the report submitted to it by our coach," the official noted.



## Messi and Busquets not moving to Miami for a holiday, says Martino

MIAMI

NEWLY appointed Inter Miami coach Gerardo Martino says there is no question of Lionel Messi and Sergio Busquets moving to South Florida to chill on South Beach.

Instead, says the Argentine who was appointed on Wednesday, the pair are coming to Miami to fight for titles.

Martino, former coach of Messi with Barcelona and Argentina, said he had spoken to the seven-times Ballon d'Or winner and former Spain midfielder Busquets about their impending move to the Major League Soccer club.

"Sometimes in our world you associate United States and Miami with holidays. And it's not that. They are coming to compete," he told a press conference on Thursday.

"They are coming from winning world titles, Spanish league titles. They are not going to relax. They will compete because it is in their blood," he said.

Martino takes over Miami with the club bottom of the Eastern Conference having lost their last seven games. They are ranked 27th out of the 29 clubs in MLS.

The former Mexico and Atlanta United coach said there was still the chance to salvage something from this season, however.

"One is to see if we can make the playoffs. Right now that seems like a stretch, but as long as we have the possibility we can't stop trying," he said.

"We are in a good place in the US

Open Cup, and now there's a new tournament, Leagues Cup, that we will aim for. After that, the goal is to build for 2024," added the coach known as 'Tata'.

Sporting Director Chris Henderson said the club would be making more changes to their squad in the coming weeks.

"Come late August we're going to have a different look. This will give the opportunity for Tata and his staff to work with the players in a new way.

"It feels like a new beginning for the club and we're going to do everything we can to rise up the table game by game," he added.

Martino won MLS Cup in 2018 with Atlanta United and said he was well aware of what awaited him in the North American league.

"I see a league that is always evolving, a league that has a lot of rules, but they are very clear," he said.

"It is very level for all the teams, the system of budgets and draft allows all teams at the start to have the same aspirations.

"I like the complexity of the cold of one place, rain of another, heat of another. All that makes you as a coach have to think about more than just managing what happens on the field," he said.

But Martino believes Messi will transform MLS.

"That the world's greatest player decides to play in this league, evidently it will open an even greater scenario of growth," he said.

AFP

## Man United agree £60m deal to sign Mason Mount from Chelsea

By Matt Law

MASON Mount will join Manchester United on a five-year contract, with the option of a further 12 months, after Chelsea finally accepted a deal worth up to £60million for the midfielder.

And Mount will pocket at least £7.8million in wages if he stays at Old Trafford for the full term of his deal, as he will be paid £250,000-a-week, plus bonuses that could earn him up to £300,000-a-week.

Having rejected three bids from United for Mount, Chelsea agreed a transfer that will see them receive a £55 million fixed fee, with the potential of £5 million in add-ons which are strongly dependent on appearances and success.

United believe £60 million would still represent good value for money for the 24-year-old, who had one year remaining on his Chelsea contract, because of the success required to pay the add-ons.

The two clubs finally found an agreement following further talks on Thursday after United's third bid of £50 million, plus £5 million in add-ons, had been rejected last Friday night. But United never walked away from the negotiations.

Mount was Erik ten Hag's No 1 target for a key midfield role with the United manager determined the club should wrap up a deal as quickly as possible.

Mount has been earmarked to play as a 'number eight' but his adaptability - and football intelligence - is also admired by Ten Hag who will be relieved an agreement has finally been reached as he continues to re-shape his team.

United had originally believed a fee of £50million would secure Mount but are delighted with the terms that have been agreed. If the add-ons are paid it means United will have achieved their on-field aims.

Chelsea had valued Mount at £70 million, but ideally wanted the situation resolved before head coach Mauricio Pochettino officially starts work on Monday, with the players due to start returning for pre-season training from Tuesday.

Mount will now undergo a medical and sign his United contract that will run for five years, with the option of a further 12 months, which could take him to the age of 30. Personal terms will not be an issue. The England international turned down the offer of a one-year exten-

sion to his Chelsea contract in February after talks over a longer-term deal to stay at Stamford Bridge had broken down.

United saw off interest from Arsenal and Liverpool in Mount.

Mount has been at Chelsea since he was six and scored 33 goals in 195 appearances, winning the Champions League - he provided the assist for Kai Havertz's winning goal - Uefa Super Cup and Club World Cup and twice, in consecutive seasons being named the club's player of the year.

Mount was also wanted by Arsenal and Liverpool but United quickly became favourites to sign him after talks.

Having secured the dynamic midfielder he wanted Ten Hag will turn his attention to resolving the situation with United's first-choice goalkeepers. Talks have begun with Inter Milan over signing Andre Onana - who played for Ten Hag at Ajax - in a deal that would cost a minimum of 50million euros (£43.1million).

A contract offer on vastly reduced terms for David De Gea, whose current deal expires at midnight on Friday, remains on the table but if Onana signs he will have to be his understudy.

Chelsea have sold Mount, Mateo Kovacic and Havertz for combined fees that could reach £155 million and banked almost £40 million more with the departures of Kalidou Koulibaly and Edouard Mendy to Saudi Arabia with Hakim Ziyech also in talks to make the move to the state's Pro-League while Ruben Loftus-Cheek is set to join AC Milan for £15million.

Chelsea will now step up their efforts to bring in midfielder Moises Caicedo from Brighton, with confirmation of the signing of forward Nicolas Jackson expected shortly.

Brighton value Caicedo at around £100 million, but Chelsea hope to set up a deal worth around £80 million with personal terms already thought to have been agreed and the Ecuadorian keen to make the switch.

United also held some interest in Caicedo, as well as Arsenal-bound Declan Rice, but will not pursue that deal now Mount has signed although, ideally, Ten Hag would like to sign another midfielder if the funds are available.

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## David de Gea staring at the end at Manchester United with no idea whether club will keep him

By Jason Burt

THIS is the curious case of a club legend, one of the best four goalkeepers in its storied history, whose future remains unresolved as he potentially goes into the final hours of his career at Manchester United; a career that stretched over 12 years.

This is about David de Gea. Will he stay or go? Even as his contract runs out at midnight on June 30 - officially making him a free agent - United do not know the answer to that. Not yet anyway.

But, with non-international players due to return for pre-season training on Monday, they surely need to soon. The fact they are talking to Inter Milan about signing Andre Onana confirms what is undeniable: De Gea is, at 33 later this year, closer to the end of his time at United than the start. And it may well already be over.

It could be that he signs and stays and stays as No 1 - but only if a deal for Onana is not agreed - or even accepts he is back-up to the Cameroonian. Or that he is No 1 and Dean Henderson, on loan to Nottingham Forest last season and still yet to recover from a thigh problem, is the back-up. Or Henderson is sold to part-finance the Onana transfer. Or Henderson accepts being No 2 to De Gea or Onana. Or, even, that Henderson is No 1 (which seems the least likely outcome).

All these scenarios are being played out by manager Erik ten Hag who is facing a key decision on who his goalkeeper will be as part of a huge multi-year re-build of the United squad.

What is interesting is that not so long ago Ten Hag did not feel that was going to be one of his major issues this summer. But the fact that talks are being held over Onana, with Inter demanding €50 million (£43 million) plus add-ons, and the fact he played under Ten Hag at Ajax, surely shows where United's preference lies. Sooner or later, within the next two years even if De Gea stays, United are likely to have a new No 1.

The priorities have been clear: at least one midfielder, with Mason



David de Gea is unsure over his future at Manchester United. Agencies

Mount the first-choice, and a centre-forward, with Harry Kane the manager's dream target. Could United also afford a top-class goalkeeper within a budget of around £120 million (plus whatever is brought by sales with up to 17 players either available for transfer or leaving) and, perhaps even more crucially, within Financial Fair Play constraints? Ten Hag is aware that he is working to a budget but it is also his prerogative to push United - who did not spend in January, relying on loan signings, having clearly spent more than they expected to last summer.

Negotiations over Mount have continued this week and if Chelsea compromise - as seems likely - a deal can be struck at £55 million. Personal terms are already agreed. Kane is far more complicated, and expensive, and United are considering other options such as Atlanta's Rasmus Hojlund although there are understandable reservations as to whether the 20-year-old Dane can make the step-up immediately to lead the line at United.

And De Gea? Certainly no-one at United wanted it to play out like this. The situation is not only complex but highly sensitive given the Spaniard's legendary status at United and the affection for him. He is undoubtedly in the pantheon of the club's greatest-ever goalkeepers - with record appearances (545) and record clean sheets (190) - along with Alex Stepney, Peter Schmeichel and Edwin van der Sar and naturally

needs to be accorded the utmost respect.

Even if De Gea does not stay this summer United want him to come back and receive the send-off he deserves and, if the relationship is ending, they want it to do so on the best terms possible.

On Wednesday evening De Gea fuelled the speculation over his future by posting a 'yawning' tweet which was interpreted as meaning he was growing tired of the lack of clarity over his future. Sources suggest otherwise and claim De Gea is actually bored with the speculation and, in particular, suggestions - strongly denied by United - that he had signed a contract which the club then reneged upon by not themselves signing it.

So what is the situation? Telegraph Sport has spoken to sources on all sides to piece together how it has reached this unsatisfactory point with De Gea.

What is certain is that it could have been resolved months ago. If United were happy with the terms of De Gea's existing contract - earning him a reputed £375,000-a-week - then they would have triggered a 12-month extension. Clearly they wanted to renegotiate.

Even so it is understood that a new contract was formally offered in March and could have been signed then. But De Gea delayed and with both him and United taking their time to reflect on what to do next. The club, according to sources close

to the player, eventually changed the terms of the offer, reducing its length and the financial package.

Importantly no new contract was ever issued, just the framework of a deal that was believed to be provisionally acceptable. But it remained unsigned, by both parties, and it is this offer that is still on the table if De Gea wants to take it up.

The questions for De Gea are clear. Does he want to sign on even more reduced terms? Does he have other offers (we know there is interest from Saudi Arabia but he does not want to go there)? And will he run the risk of signing only for United to bring in a new No 1?

What changed for United? There will be much debate over whether mistakes in high-profile games towards the end of the campaign have influenced Ten Hag's thinking. De Gea was at fault in the Premier League against West Ham United and, more importantly, in the Europa League quarter-final away to Sevilla and the FA Cup final against Manchester City.

But possibly too much has been made of this. Ten Hag was always considering a new goalkeeper as part of his rebuild. It was just a question of when he decided to do it. He has been open to De Gea staying, he regards him as a top goalkeeper, the Premier League's golden glove winner (for the most clean sheets last season) and one who he likes and is a leader. It is also felt at United that the debate over how good De Gea's distribution is, especially with his feet, has been overblown and that he can fit into Ten Hag's system. For now.

But it is undeniable that United and the manager do not have full faith in the player and whatever the concerns and sensitivities over his career at the club, if he leaves it will be in an unsatisfactory way. This is a far cry from Schmeichel announcing his departure mid-way through the 1998-99 season and departing a Treble winner.

But 12 years - and one day - after De Gea signed for United, where he is the last player in the current squad to win a Premier League title, it could be a far more muted exit.

## Arsenal have succeeded in convincing Ethan Nwaneri, the youngest player in Premier League history, to commit his future to the club

By Sam Dean

TELEGRAPH Sport reported in March that Arsenal were at serious risk of losing Nwaneri to a domestic rival amid strong interest from some of England's biggest sides.

But the 16-year-old has now agreed to stay in north London after efforts by senior members of the club, including manager Mikel Arteta, to convince him that Arsenal is the best place for his development.

Manchester City and Chelsea were both monitoring Nwaneri's situation and Arsenal will be delighted that they have secured his future, with the relevant forms set to be signed in the coming days.

Nwaneri was only 15 years and 181 days old when he came off the bench for Arsenal in their 3-0 victory at Brentford in September last year. In doing so, he became the first player under the age of 16 to play in the Premier League.

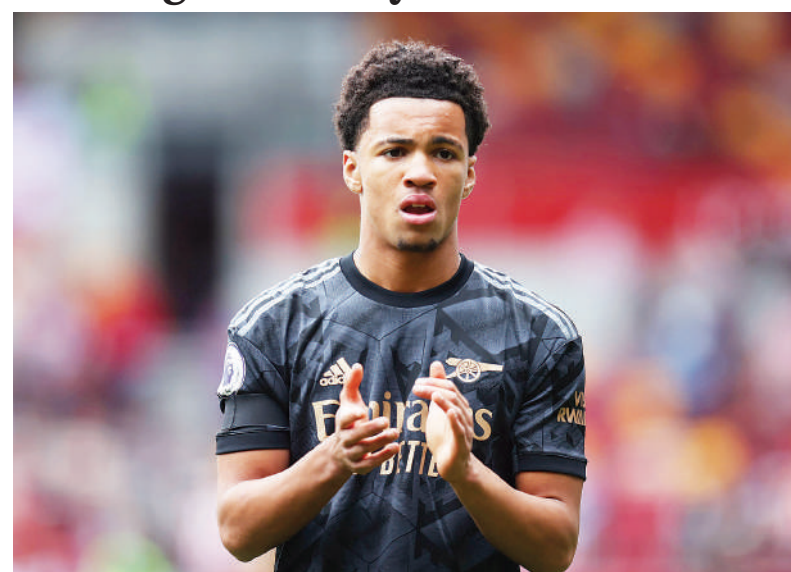
Nwaneri is an England youth international who plays as an attacking midfielder, and he is regarded as one of the brightest young talents in the country.

At Arsenal, Nwaneri and fellow midfielder Myles Lewis-Skelly are seen as two of the most exciting prospects in the academy, which is run by former captain Per Mertesacker.

After using Nwaneri as a first-team substitute in that victory at Brentford, Arteta said: "I met the boy and really liked what I saw. Per Mertesacker and the academy staff gave me really good information about him as well.

"It's another step, another experience. In your career all the steps are not going to be forward. After that, maybe he needs three backwards to go another one forward, but as well I think it sends a really strong message about who we are as a club."

The good news keeps on coming for Arsenal. This week they have signed



Ethan Nwaneri

Kai Havertz, moved closer to an agreement with West Ham United over Declan Rice and, on top of that, they have now convinced Ethan Nwaneri to commit his future to the club.

Of those three developments, the news of Nwaneri's agreement is comfortably the most low-profile. But that is not to say this is not an important day for the club, who were at serious risk of losing one of their brightest young talents to a rival.

Back in March, when Telegraph Sport reported that Nwaneri was being eyed by other Premier League giants, there was not much optimism within Arsenal that the teenager would stay with them beyond this season.

Clearly, it would have been a significant blow if Nwaneri had been lured away. He joined the academy at the age of eight and is widely regarded as one of the most promising young talents in the country.

For Arsenal to turn that situation around, then, is another sign of the encouraging work they are currently doing under Mikel Arteta, sporting director Edu and, in this case, academy manager Per Mertesacker.

There are no guarantees, of course, that Nwaneri will make it as a first-team player at Arsenal. There are no guarantees he will make it as a first-team player anywhere. Injuries can happen, development can stall, things can change.

But Arsenal cannot be in a position where their best talents are poached by other clubs. If they are to produce the next Bukayo Saka or Emile Smith Rowe, there needs to be a pathway for these players and a place for them to develop. They need these youngsters to believe that Arsenal is a club where they will have chances.

What message would it have sent to the best 11 or 12-year-olds in the academy, for example, if Nwaneri regarded Chelsea or Manchester City as a better place to learn the game? Arsenal are competing with these giants on every level and youth development is one of the most important of those. Keeping Nwaneri is a sign that they are currently competing well.

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## Mbwana Samatta transfer-listed by Fenerbahçe

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIAN international Mbwana Samatta has reportedly been transfer-listed by Fenerbahçe amid talk of interest being shown from Egypt.

The 30-year-old striker, who spent five years with DR Congo's TP Mazembe, has been on the books with Turkish giants since 2020 but has spent the past two seasons on loan at KRC Genk and Royal Antwerp FC.

Samatta was not included in the squad planning of Fenerbahçe last season and was loaned to Belgium's KRC Genk, where he had a four-year successful first spell including winning the Jupiler Pro League title, top goal scorer award, and the Best Foreign Player of the Season.

He scored six goals and assisted once in 36 appearances for KRC Genk but the buyout option in the contract did not come into play.

If KRC Genk was champion in this season's Belgian Premier League, a transfer fee of 4 million euros would be paid to Fenerbahçe but the former ended up losing the title on the last day of the season.

After the end of the season in Belgium, Samatta returned to Fenerbahçe. With the signing of former Manchester City FC striker Edin Dzeko and the return of Samatta to the squad, Fenerbahçe has six strikers in total. They plan to part ways with three names.

The Fenerbahçe management does not consider Joao Pedro, Joshua King, and Samatta in their plan for the new season.

For these strikers, their representatives have been instructed to find clubs for their clients.

A move elsewhere for Samatta has been speculated on for some time, amid talk of interest being shown regularly from Egypt, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.

On January 20, 2020, Samatta signed a four-and-a-half-year contract with Aston Villa, becoming the first Tanzanian to sign for a Premier League club and the 117th different nationality to play in the top flight.

He scored his debut goal for Aston Villa in a 2-1 defeat against Bournemouth on February 1, 2020, and on September 25, 2020, he joined Fenerbahçe on an initial loan deal until the end of the season.

As part of the deal, Samatta signed a four-year contract at the end of his loan spell in July 2021.

However, he was loaned out to Belgium's Royal Antwerp FC on a season-long loan on September 1, 2021, after failing to rediscover his scoring form at Sukru Saracoglu Stadium.

At Royal Antwerp FC, he ended up scoring five top-flight goals after making 32 appearances.

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## Nabi left displeased after Kaizer Chiefs talks breakdown

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SOURCES close to former Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, have revealed the tactician's disappointment over losing out on South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs head coach role.

After nearly a month of negotiations with Kaizer Chiefs, the outfit landed a bombshell on Wednesday announcing that Head of Technical, Molefi Ntseki, would be assuming the role of head coach ahead of the 2023/24 season.

This is after the club had spent close to three weeks in negotiation with Tunisian coach Nabi.

Talks between Chiefs and Nabi were understood to be at an advanced stage, with the coach deciding against taking his intended sabbatical, in addition to turning down a bumper new contract from Young Africans to focus on his mooted deal with the 'Glamour Boys'.

However, in a shocking twist of events, talks between Nabi's camp and Kaizer Chiefs, according to a report gathered by The Guardian, first stalled before eventually breaking down completely.

According to sources close to the situation, the impasse came as a result of who the 58-year-old's technical team would be.

Nabi was keen on bringing his technical team to Naturena, however, Kaizer Chiefs was adamant that he makes use of a local technical team, which included current head coach Arthur Zwane in whom the club has heavily invested.

With no agreement between the two parties, Kaizer Chiefs opted for an internal solution in Ntseki, leaving Nabi without a club though he is not short of any suitors, he was, though, left disappointed in the way the situation was handled.

"They refused to hire his staff and wanted to hire hometown staff with Arthur Zwane remaining, so he refused."

"He is very disappointed to negotiate with them for such a long time," the source informed the crew.

After failing to agree with Nabi, Amakhosi opted to appoint Ntseki as their main man, demoting Zwane to the assistant coaching role.

However, the fans are not happy with the appointment, feeling there will be not much difference and Kaizer Chiefs' trophyless run might be extended.



Former Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Simba SC reaches agreement with Coton Sport to sign defender



Cameroonian defender, Che Malone Fondoh.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC has reached an agreement with Cameroonian side Coton Sport to sign center-back, Che Malone Fondoh Junior, on a two-year deal.

The Msimbazi Street club had a first bid worth \$50,000 rejected last week and then made a second offer of \$70,000 to Coton Sport as part of efforts to sign the 24-year-old Cameroon national team defender which was also rejected.

Malone had a year left to run on his deal with Coton Sport but contract negotiations cooled, much as the defender was keen on joining Simba SC having agreed personal terms earlier on.

Coton Sport was reluctant to comply with the Cameroon international's wishes over a potential exit.

Coton Sport had officially told

Simba SC the former wanted \$150,000 to release the defender from his contract in Garoua.

Simba SC was adamant that the squad would not go above the improved offer of \$70,000 and was considering alternatives.

Talks between the clubs were however renewed earlier on Thursday and appeared to have finally yielded a positive conclusion for all parties. Simba SC has now agreed to pay a transfer fee reportedly upwards of \$100,000 for the defender.

If the deal is confirmed, Malone is coming as a replacement for Ivorian Mohamed Ouattara who was released last week having failed to impress the club since joining from Sudan's Al Hilal at the start of the 2022/23 campaign.

He will compete for a starting place with Kenyan international defender, Joash Onyango, and DR Congo stalwart, Henock Inonga Baka, at the heart of Simba SC's defense.

Born on May 23, 1999, the 24-year-old Malone is highly-rated back at home and is

nicknamed the 'new Rigobert Song'.

Last month, the Cameroon international inspired Coton Sport's run to the team's 18th domestic league title in the just-ended Elite One Championship.

He made his full international debut for Cameroon in an international friendly match against Jamaica in Yaounde before the start of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

The center-back later featured in all of his country's Group Stage games during the 2022 African Nations Championship (CHAN) in January this year.

Simba SC finished second in Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League this season with 73 points, five points behind champion, Yanga, and the Msimbazi Street outfit is rebuilding the squad as it looks to reclaim its lost glory next season.

In addition to playing in the CAF Champions League, Simba SC will represent Tanzania in the inaugural edition of the African Super League set to kick off in October this year.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

