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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (C) presses a button in Dodoma city yesterday to launch 'Teleza Kidigitali' campaign, a combination of three NMB Bank Plc services: 'Mshiko fasta loan', 'Pesa Wakala' and 'QR Code payment'. Looking on are NMB board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede (R), NMB CEO Ruth Zaipuna (L) and Finance and Planning deputy minister Hamad Hassan Chande. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## MPs demand medics, dons to retire at 70 years or more

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has been urged to raise the compulsory retirement age for professors to 75 or 80 years for the current retirement requirement removes them from academic institutions when they are still strong and can ably use their experience for enhanced learning in universities. Special Seats MP Dr Thea Ntara issued this appeal here yesterday in a supplementary question, seeking that the government raises the civil service retirement age from 55 years to 70

years as is now the case in many countries. Over 200 doctors and outstanding academicians retire after attaining the mandatory age, she said, pointing out that at 70 years and slightly upwards professors and medical doctors are still intellectually and psychologically fit to continue serving but they are forced to retire. "When shall the government change this?" she demanded. Omary Kipanga, the deputy minister for Education, Science and Technology, said in his

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## PM launches NMB's digital loans service

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

NMB Bank has started extending loans directly to digital borrowers, adding impetus to the burgeoning digital credits market in what is seen as the first local e-money consumer lending service, launched in the presence of Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa. The online service removes a hurdle to readily accessing bank credit, the premier said in his remarks, noting that the government appreciates the NMB effort to advance digital financial services that are affordable to the majority of borrowers. The premier pressed a button to inaugurate a market awareness campaign to promote

digital financial inclusion, which shall enable NMB to issue more loans, with the 10-month promotional drive also directed at other NMB digital financial services in the market. Universal financial services are now possible, which can play a pivotal role in the policy target of create a national digital economy through inclusive finance. Unsecured digital loan platforms cater for low income earners and the non-banked. Central bank governor Prof Florens Luoga said lately that this section of the population was around 60 per cent of the citizenry, officials noted.

NMB mobile transfer agency facility aids

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## Handeni finishing up houses for ex-Ngorongoro residents

By Guardian Reporter, Handeni

ABOUT 85 per cent of the construction of houses for resettling pastoral and farming communities from the Ngorongoro Conservation area (NCA) to Msomera village in Handeni District, Tanga Region, is now completed.

Fadhil Bossa, the NCAA project assistant supervisor, said in an interview that the houses are meant for those willingly deciding to shift from the conservation zone.

The compounds where the houses are being are

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fitted with key infrastructure such as water, schools and good roads, as the government makes it easier for Ngorongoro residents to shift from the area, he stated, pointing out that five wells supplying safe and clean water are planned for the area and so far three have been completed.

At Olmoti homesteads, a water tower to supply around 34 households is planned, with the well already completed. Builders have sunk a pipe to bring up 3,000 litres of water per hour, the supervisor noted. A water tank here fitted with a

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## Toilets campaign hit 73pc of target

■ Njombe stars in implementation, attained by 100 percent

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

SOCIETAL behaviour change towards water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is needed to control waterborne diseases such as cholera, which altogether cost the country up to 460bn/- in health sector remedies annually.

Health minister Umyy Mwalimu issued this appeal yesterday, to mark five years of

a latrine building campaign launched the then Vice-President Samia Suluhu Hassan in 2018 that has led to a 73 percent improvement in household sanitation facilities countrywide.

She said that despite government efforts to strive for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and global sanitation protocols, societal attitudes towards the matter have been derailing efforts to achieve the set objectives.

"Hygienic and clean toilets are a global development priority and locally, the goal is to make sure that every household has a clean toilet by 2030," she stated, citing data from a 2021 World Bank report that eight to ten outpatient department patients have problems arising from poor sanitation.

It is astonishing how people find toilets a minor issue, despite that household hygiene is usually assured in dining and bedrooms, while

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The British High Commissioner to Tanzania, David Concar (in suit), lends a hand in the hoisting of a flag in Dar es Salaam yesterday to celebrate the 73 per cent mark of the success of five years of implementing 'Usichukule Poa, Nyumba Ni Choo' project. The initiative has improved sanitation facilities in Dar es Salaam appreciably. To his right is Health minister Umyy Mwalimu. Photo: Mary Kadoke





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toilets are crucial to meeting basic human requirements, the minister remarked.

UK High Commissioner David Concar praised the partnership in the campaign on water, sanitation and hygiene, tracing the work to efforts of founder president Julius Nyerere. The strategies adopted have helped push sanitation to the top of the governance agenda, connecting with people's aspiration for modernity.

Project Clear team leader Kaposo Mwambuli lauded government input

and other stakeholders since the early days of the campaign in districts like Njombe which had the worst sanitation and hygiene situation. Toilets are now routinely found with Njombe standing out among the leading districts carrying out project to virtually 100 percent in the project target.

He had special praise for the then Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan who launched the project in Dodoma back in 2018, along with the prime minister, who issued instructions to regional administrators countrywide to closely oversee the project.

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distribution point will be fitted, to ensure water flow to houses in low laying areas, he said.

Nearly two dozen water tanks are planned for the new residential zone to store up to 50,000 litres of water at their full capacity, with implementation of the water project standing at 60 per cent completion, he said, a task to be followed by the distribution point and laying down water pipes for supply points close to each five households.

Msomera dispensary medical officer in charge, Dr Gabriel Ilaila said due to an increase of people settling in the village from Ngorongoro, the dispensary was ripe for upgrading to health centre status. The dispensary serves four residential clusters including Olmoti, the site of the ongoing project, Katikati, Mkabahu and Orkong. Orkoli in Mbagu village nearby is also served by the dispensary, he stated.

Msomera primary school assistant head teacher, Maria Kiondo said the school was receiving children of the migrants from Ngorongoro, to study in existing classrooms until more classrooms are built, expressing apprehension that the school has only eight here to teach 788 pupils already enrolled at the school.

Emmanuel Saitoti, a resident of Nainokanoka ward in Ngorongoro district, Arusha Region visiting the new resettlement area, expressed satisfaction with what he saw,

especially as water services, primary schooling and good dispensary are available to serve the newcomers.

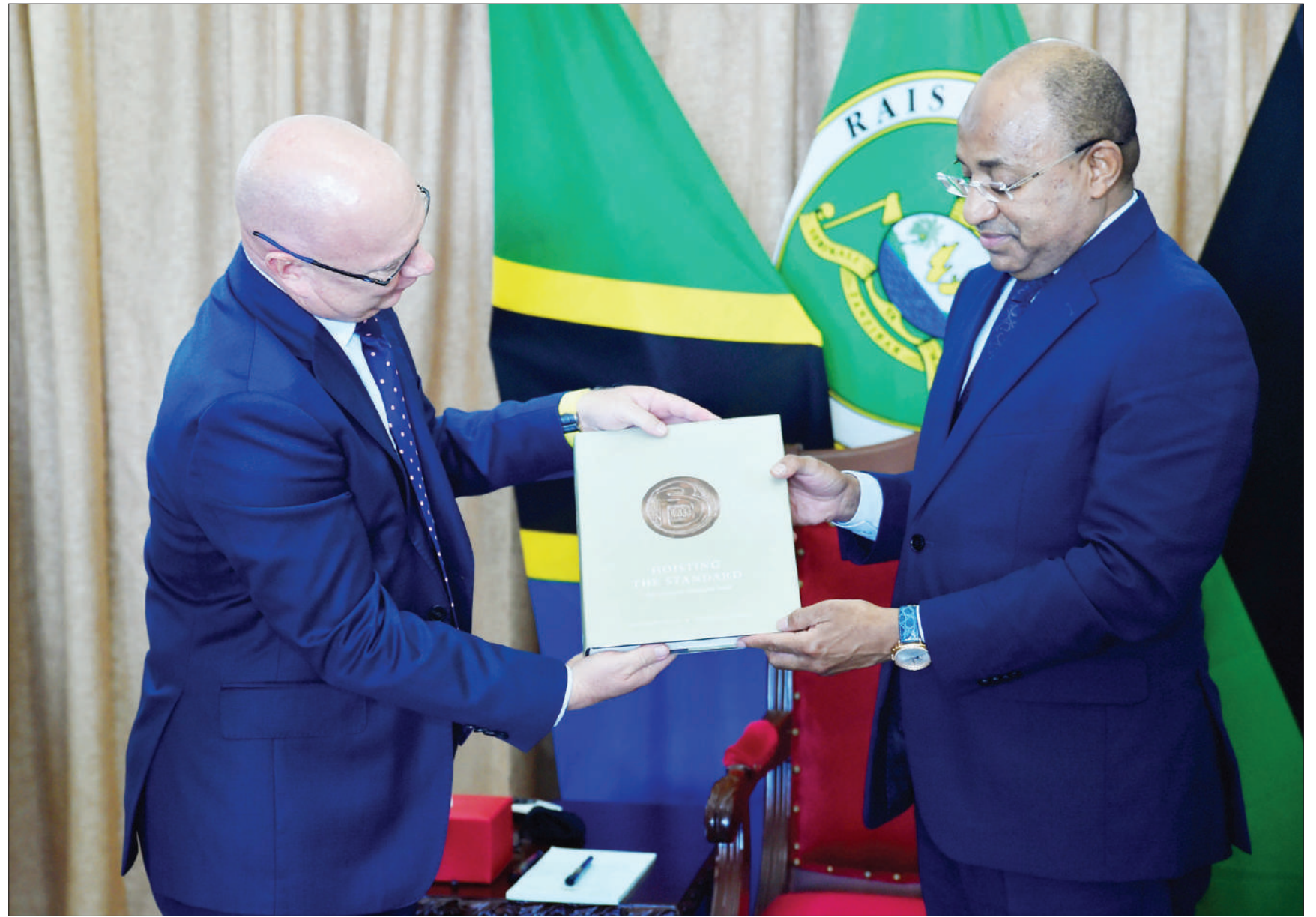
An official of the National Land Planning Commission, Joseph Kessy said beacons are being placed to formalize

the land plots, with 4,000 land plots already surveyed, out of a total 5,000 expected plots.

Title deeds will be issued to the voluntary migrants to formalize their land occupancy, with the beacons showing the plot boundaries coordinated by the global positioning system (GPS) and this remains in place even if the marks are vandalized, he said, noting that the visit in the area was to bring awareness to local people to recognized coordinates being set up and then proceed to formalise title deeds.

Dr Pindi Chana, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, said during a visit here that data submitted to the ministry show that the number of people registering to move out of Ngorongoro was increasing, saying that doors are still open for those wishing to shift voluntarily. There is a well prepared area to settle anyone who will move, a house, a farm and an area for grazing, she emphasised.

"It is a good opportunity for the people wishing to move out of Ngorongoro to Msomero. Houses are continuing to be built," she said, paying tribute to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa for his work in the matter.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi receives a copy of a book on Standard Bank Group from Stanbic Bank Tanzania chief executive Kevin Wingfield (L) at Zanzibar State House yesterday. The group is the bank's holding company. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 344 Tanzanian students benefited from Indian scholarships - high commissioner

By Beatrice Philemon

A TOTAL of 344 Tanzanian students have benefited from the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarship since its inception 2002.

Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan unveiled this over the weekend when speaking at the climax of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), which is the annual event, celebrated on April 9.

"Tanzanian students go to India for further studies with the support of the ICCR scholarship programmes," he said, noting that beneficiaries are pursuing different studies from under-

graduate, post-graduate, Ph.D. levels in different Indian-based universities.

He however noted that ICCR was officially established in 1950 to promote cultural exchanges with other countries and people and develop relations with nations including Tanzania.

So far, he said: "ICCR has 38 cultural centres around the world and in areas where ICCR are not there, we're working with our high commissions."

On cultural exchanges, the Commissioner said India will continue to partner with other institutions dealing with culture and art to promote cultural exchanges between two countries.

"Very soon we will receive yoga teacher from India who will be at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Masaki to teach Tanzanians about yoga," he said.

Deputy minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Pauline Gekul lauded India for coming up with ICCR scholarship programme which has supported Tanzanian youth.

"For the 2021/2022 academic 53 Tanzanian students have received scholarships to study in India for first degree, Ph.D. and Masters Level with the support from Indian through ICCR scholarships," the deputy minister said, pledging: "We'll use the knowledge and

skills gained from Indian Universities to bring sustainable development in our nation." Gekul called on Tanzanians youth to use the opportunity once the Indian High Commission to Tanzania announce the ICCR scholarship.

She however tasked the envoys who in Tanzania to actively promote the country's culture and Swahili language to attract more people from India and other countries across the world to visit in Tanzania.

Tanzania Bureau of Standard (TBS)'s quality assurance, Jackson Kazungu is one of 53 Tanzanians who have benefited from ICCR scholarship to study in India since 2016-2020.

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response that of the 200 doctors and professors, around 103 were retained on contract, 90 of them being professors.

The government is committed to ensure that academicians retire at the right age and where the need arises they can still be hired on special terms, he explained.

Earlier in the main question, the MP had demanded the number of universities the government had approved to employ new staff, where he said that universities are civil

service departments which recruit new employees with ministerial permission, (President's Office - Public Service and Good Governance).

Around 13 public universities were permitted to employ 618 staff from fiscal 2018/19 to 2020/21, where 333 were academic staff and 285 supporting staff.

"Despite this, the government continues hiring qualified university staff members," he further stated, underlining the government's commitment to regularly recruit academic staff members depending on availability of funds.

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government efforts to address the challenge of youth unemployment, a global phenomenon, as any mobile phone holder can line up to provide such services by having a business licence and a national ID card.

Ruth Zaipuna, the bank's CEO, earlier said the mobile transfer facility shall broaden its agency banking base from the current 11,000 agents to over 100,000 in the next five years.

In partnership with Mastercard, the NMB Mastercard QR targets merchants,

who will be able to pay for goods and services around the world by scanning a QR code.

The digital lending service on the other hand involves overdraft loans applied for, approved, disbursed and repaid through smartphones and feature mobile phones, she stated, underlining that this arrangement allows NMB customers to directly borrow from the bank up to 500,000/- in no time, which is unprecedented in the local credit market, banking industry.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, delivers a speech during Indian Council for Cultural Relations Foundation Day celebrations in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. In attendance were the Deputy Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports, Pauline Gekul (R), and 60 Tanzanian nationals who are former students of various universities in India. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt to purchase 195 ambulances for district councils countrywide

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to purchase 195 ambulances before the end of 2022/2023 financial year to be distributed to district councils across the country, it has been learnt.

The plan to purchase motor vehicles was revealed in the House yesterday by the deputy minister in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange when responding to a supplementary question by Babati Rural lawmaker, Daniel Sillo (CCM).

In his question, the Member of Parliament wanted to know when the government would provide an ambulance to Gidas Health Centre in his constituency.

In his response, Dr Dugange said provided assurance that the government was full committed to purchasing the ambulances.

In the main question, Sillo had demanded to know when the government will help in the construction of the maternity ward and the mortuary at the Gidas Health Centre.

The deputy minister said during the 2021/2022 the government dished out 1.04bn/- to Babati District Council for the construction of the district hospital, health centre, one house for the medical staff and completion of the dispensary.

He said the government was full aware of the dire need of mortuary at Gidas Health Centre. He noted that the government would soon begin the construction of Gidas Health Centre and that it was in the process of looking for funding procedures.

In her supplementary question Special Seats legislator, Munde Tambwe

(CCM) also wanted the government to look on the possibilities of increasing health centres in Tabora municipality which she said had almost 600,000 people, adding that at least 20 pregnant women were giving birth every day.

According to the deputy minister, the government would soon make a thorough assessment on areas that have higher population but its people could not have access to medical facilities due to walking longer distances.

The assessment further will look on the ways to upgrade some dispensaries to health centres, according to Dr Dugange.





Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (R) and Princess Zahra Aga Khan, chairperson of the Aga Khan Health Services executive committee, pictured in Dar es Salaam on Sunday laying the foundation stone of what is meant to be Aga Khan Hospital's Cancer Care Centre in the city. The facility, set to cost 13.8bn/-, will serve as a key hub for the innovative Tanzania Comprehensive Cancer Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## President Samia expected to lay foundation stone for SGR today

By Correspondent James Kandoya, Tabora

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is today expected to lay the foundation stone for the construction of Phase III of the Standard Gauge Railway (TRC) from Makutupora in Dodoma to Tabora region.

Tabora Regional Commissioner Dr Batilda Burian told journalists yesterday that all the preparations had been completed.

The 4.4 trm/ Makutupora-

Tabora section (368 kilometres) will be constructed by the Turkish contractor, Yapi Merkez.

She said the event will be attended by government officials, representatives from Non Government organisation (NGOs), residents of Tabora region and from neighboring regions of Katavi and Kigoma.

"Railway construction brings about an increase in economic activities and another history will be written in our region," she said.

"It is one of the huge investments made so far by

the government to fast track people's development especially to the region's residents," she said.

Dr Buriani said one of the significant contributions of the project will be to stimulate the economic activities in the region such as bee keeping farming, chain value addition.

Also, the project will help to promote tourism activities in Ugalla river game reserve and create new direct and indirect employment opportunities to the residents where the rail

passes.

On June 21 last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, laid the foundation stone for construction of the Phase 5 section of the country's Standard Gauge Railway

The Phase 5 section of Tanzania's SGR line is 341 kilometres long, and connects the port of Mwanza on Lake Victoria to the Isaka dry port.

The contract for construction of the Phase 5 Mwanza-Isaka standard-gauge railway (SGR) was awarded to two Chinese companies, China Civil Engineering Construction and China Railway Construction, in January 2021. The value of the contract is reported to be US\$1.32 billion.

## Legislators call upon govt to allocate more research funds

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

LEGISLATORS have called on the government to allocate more funds for agricultural research and improvement of irrigation schemes to create jobs and enhance food security.

The lawmakers claimed that Tanzania is endowed with a fertile land as well as a number of rivers which could be effectively used to establish irrigation schemes to enable farmers to cultivate crops throughout the year.

Contributing to the Prime Minister's Office budget estimates for the 2022/2023 financial year, Musoma Rural MP, Prof Sospiter Muhongo said the amount of money allocated for research activities is small compared to other African countries such as Senegal, Kenya and South Africa which sets aside 0.8 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for research activities.

He said Tanzania allocates 0.5 percent from its national budget for research activities.

Prof Muhongo insisted the need to conduct space science and technology to improve farming and fisheries activities. He said investing on satellite and nuclear science which are important in manufacturing of various equipment.

"Irrigation farming will enhance production of food and cash crops. We can produce the types of food that are mostly consumed by people around the globe such as eggs, rice, coffee, apples and yoghurt to secure international markets," MP said, proposing that the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) should be changed to a National Research and Innovation Foundation (NRIF).

Babati Rural MP, Daniel Sillo highlighted the need to empower farmers to practice commercial agriculture to ensure an inclusive

economic growth, urging the government to come up with a crop map which clearly indicates the types of crops and specific areas or regions where the crops can be cultivated.

On research, MP Sillo said a lot has to be done in coming up with research findings that will facilitate production of quality seeds as well as ways to control post-harvest loss which stands at 30 per cent of the country's total crops production.

"Farmers are struggling to access quality seeds, the price is also too high as kilo is sold at 12,000/-. We can reduce post-harvest losses if we construct better warehouses and improve crop management," he added.

Special Seats MP, Munde Tambwe advised the government to come up with a plan for block farming to be practiced in each of the districts countrywide, saying investing heavily in agriculture will not only ensure food security, but also create jobs for about 100,000 youth graduating each year.

Mpanda Rural legislator, Suleiman Kakoso said that it is through irrigation agriculture that farmers can be able to produce commercially, noting that investing in research, experts and seeds production will boost crop production, hence national development.

"There are no countries which have made development strides with investing in agriculture. The government should look on ways to control prices of agricultural inputs and reliable markets for agricultural produce," Kakoso said, urging the government to allow farmers to sell their crops to local international markets.

"We have a number of rivers such as Malagarasi, Ruvu, Kagera and Mara which can be effectively used for irrigation agriculture. Youth should empower to venture into agriculture to generate a good

income instead of engaging in other businesses," said Jason Rweikiza, Bukoba Rural MP.

Rweikiza suggested for establishment of camp farming, whereas the government should provide loans of up to 200m/- to youth groups to enable them cultivate crops such as maize, beans and sunflower.

Presenting his office budget estimates last Thursday, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the government will continue to improve production of strategic crops to improve the welfare of farmers as well as national income.

Majaliwa noted that in the 2022/2023 financial year, emphasize will be to improve cultivation of strategic crops such as cotton, coffee, cashew nuts, sisal, tobacco, tea, sun lower, grapes, green peas, wheat and oil palm trees.

He said the government in collaboration with the French Development Agency (AFD) have provided 210bn/- to the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) to assist small holder farmers to bring about green revolution.

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## 'Govt committed to improve cancer healthcare services'

By Guardian Reporter

Umyy Mwalimu, minister for Health, has expressed the government commitments towards improving cancer healthcare services and social development for all Tanzanians.

Umyy made the commitments in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when Aga Khan hospital laid the foundation stone for the construction of a state-of-the-art cancer care centre worth 13.8bn/- which will serve as a key hub for the innovative Tanzania Comprehensive Cancer Project (TCCP).

The foundation stone-laying ceremony marks a significant milestone achievement for TCCP as it successfully kicks off the expansion of the Aga Khan hospital, where the centre's construction is expected to be completed in March 2024.

The TCCP, which was launched by the Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) in January 2020, has the forward-looking goal of reducing cancer morbidity and mortality in the targeted regions of Dar es Salaam and Mwanza. It is a four-year, public-private initiative funded by Agence Française de Développement (AFD), as well as the Aga Khan Foundation, and with a total funding of euros 13.3 million TCCP is a first-of-its kind initiative focusing on addressing the impact of non-communicable diseases in Tanzania.

The foundation laying ceremony was also attended by Princess Zahra Aga Khan, chair of the executive committee of the Aga Khan Health Services, alongside government officials, diplomatic missions, development partners, healthcare stakeholders and dignitaries.

"Cancer is a disease that affects people of all ages and genders, children and adults, women and men. We all know people whose lives have been cut short by cancer. It also causes significant losses to the nation because, the disease reduces the workforce and slows down the development of the individual and the Nation," the minister said.

She commended Agha Khan for the efforts, saying that the construction of the centre has come at an appropriate time when the country is putting more efforts to fight non-communicable diseases including cancer.

Tanzania comprehensive cancer project manager Dr Harrison Chuwa said: "Today's ceremony marks a critical project objective of enhancing comprehensive cancer care facilities in the country."

"Like many low-to-middle income countries, Tanzania has struggled with a ballooning number of cancer cases across the country, and limited resources to treat cancer comprehensively," Dr Chuwa added.

"By adopting a four-pronged strategy, TCCP aims to improve and expand the existing health system infrastructure for oncology; build the capacity of staff at participating institutions; strengthen community cancer awareness and engagement; and develop a joint research agenda and partnerships amongst the project collaborators."

Princess Zahra Aga Khan also said: "Statistics from the United Nations Cancer Research Organisation show that there are 42,000 new cancer cases every year in Tanzania, with a high mortality rate of over 28,000 deaths per year. Almost 75 per cent of the cases are diagnosed at a late stage. This is a major challenge that affects survival rates."

"AKHS continued growth over nine decades is a strong testimony to our commitment to healthcare development in the country," she added.

"Today, AKHS facilities are known for their high-level of ethical practices, innovation and provision of quality, safe and evidence-based care," she said.

Country director of the French Development Agency (AFD) in Tanzania Stephanie Mouen said: "With the best qualified public and private partners around the table, I am confident that this TCCP project, once the radiation therapy centre is commissioned and all equipment installed, will reach the expected desired impact for population through: better screening with a target of reaching out to more than 1.7 million patients, better prevention of cancer prevalence by increasing the number of patients diagnosed at early stage from 20 per cent to 50 per cent patients affected by tumors, and training health care workers from tertiary up to dispensary level, as well as increasing cancer related knowledge and awareness among the population through media and other communication channels."

The cancer care centre will work with the public health system to strengthen community cancer care practices, as well as services by delivering affordable, comprehensive health care services. It will include primary preventive services, screening, and early detection. The new centre will also work closely with government health facilities, to provide welfare support to needy patients.

## Call for stakeholders to continue raise awareness to human rights

By Guardian Reporter

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) has called on government, institutions, and the community at large to continue protecting human rights and hold accountable those who fail to respect the rights for just and equitable society.

LHRC executive director Anna Henga made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at the launch of the Tanzania Human Rights Report 2021, which aimed at exploring the human rights situation in the country including various issues raised to promote human rights in the country as well as incidents of human rights violations, recommendations for the improvement of policies, laws, and practices in society.

The report findings show that LHRC documented 36 reported incidents of witchcraft-suspicion killings in 2021, having documented 15 incidents in 2020 which is an increase of 21 incidents.

According to the report, death penalty has also continued to be imposed as punishment in Tanzania. In 2021, LHRC documented 24 death sentences imposed by courts which are 6 fewer than those documented in 2020.

"This follows an increase in incidents that violate human rights whereby a report released yesterday by the LHRC shows that witchcraft motivated killings increased by 38.4 last year compared to 2020 while mob violence increased by 6.8 percent," she said.

She added: "The rights reported to be violated most for the year 2021 were; the right to life where reported incidents included mob violence, witchcraft related killings and Intimate Partner killings. Freedom of expression has also continued to be curtailed as a result of the formulation, amendment, and enforcement of laws and regulations

restricting freedom of expression; freedom against violence where more cases of sexual and physical violence against children have been reported; violence against women; and violence against the elderly.

Other challenges were in the right to liberty and personal security where incidents of arbitrary arrests and detentions, delayed investigation, denied bail and freedom of assembly were reported.

In access to justice and criminal justice, in 2021, the government and judiciary continued to take different initiatives including construction and renovations of the court buildings, appointments of new judges and justices, use of ICT to enhance access to justice and implementation and proposed expansion of the mobile courts Programme. Despite these efforts on access to justice the survey revealed that access to justice is hunted with several challenges including corruption was mentioned as the biggest barrier.

In criminal justice, lengthy pre-trial detention was mentioned as the biggest challenges facing remandees. Other challenges in the criminal justice system identified in 2021 include: delays in investigations and constant adjournment of cases; overcrowding in detention facilities; misuse of and loopholes in plea-bargaining; delays in taking accused persons to court; violations of rights of prisoners and remandees; lack of dedicated interventions and adequate resources for social re-integration of ex-offenders and remandees; and denial of bail for non-bailable offences.

The report reveals that there is decrease of incidents of violence against women and children (VAW and VAC) and therefore needed more coordinated efforts to fight the vice.



The national sanitation campaign popularly known as 'Nyumba ni Choo' has played a pivotal role in the war on Covid-19 – under the theme: 'Mikono Safi, Tanzania Salama' (literally, Clean Hands, a Safe Tanzania). Pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday are some of the stakeholders who participated in "kicking off" the pandemic by implementing measures prescribed by the government in 2020. From-L: Anyitike Mwakatilima (NSC-NNC), Nancy Mwanyika (EATV), Hassan Ngoma (Ruungwa district commissioner), Kaposo Mwambuli (Project CLEAR), SACP David Misime (Police Hqs), Kemi Mutahaba (THT) and popular performing artiste Mrisho Mpoti. The show formed part of the fifth anniversary of the commemoration of the 'Usichukulia Poo, Nyumba Ni Choo' project which is credited with having led to noticeable improvement in sanitation facilities in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Mary Kadoke

## 'Water scarcity in Tarime will be history in 3 years'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

WATER scarcity in Tarime District, Mara Region is likely to end by 2025 following the government's project to connect water from Lake Victoria to Tarime, Nyamongo, Sirari and Nyamwaga townships instead of depending on unreliable sources of water?" asked the lawmaker.

Water deputy minister, Maryprisca Mahundi made the statement in the National Assembly yesterday while responding to a question by Tarime Rural MP, Mwita Waitara (CCM) who had wanted to know the government's plan to connect water from the lake to

the township and its environs.

"What is the government efforts to pump water from Lake Victoria to Tarime, Nyamongo, Sirari and Nyamwaga townships instead of depending on unreliable sources of water?" asked the lawmaker.

But the deputy minister noted that Tarime district council is among the 28 councils across the country that is set to benefit from national water development plan by 2025.

"This is the long term project to ensure that residents in Tarime get

reliable source of water but there are also some short term targets," she said.

She added that it is the government's duty to ensure all Tanzanians get adequate clean and safe water throughout, adding that plans are underway to reduce water shortage in Tarime in the 2021/2022 fiscal budget.

The deputy minister explained that the government has completed water projects in Sirari and Nyamwaga townships. Maryprisca noted that projects underway are in Nyangoto

Nyamongo township, Sabasaba and Gimenya in Tarime and are expected to be complete in June 2022.

She said upon completion, availability of water in Tarime township will increase from 45 to 56 percent while access in other parts of the district will increase from 70 to 75 per cent.

Meanwhile, the government is committed to increase access of water in Wangungombe District from 76 to 80 per cent by June, 2022, the House heard yesterday.

Maryprisca Mahundi said this yesterday while responding to a question by the Special Seats MP, Neema Ggaya (CCM) who had wanted to know when the government would complete Igando-Kijombe water project tin effort to end the scarcity in the Wangungombe constituency.



Erick John, a computer systems expert with Vodacom Tanzania Plc, pictured late last week briefing students of Omumwani Secondary School in Bukoba District on how to use the e-Fahamu website which enables students to access digital education and content wherever they are. The training was organised by Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, which is determined to support 50 public schools in ten regions in the country under a School Connectivity Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RUMOURS that broke out claiming that the CCM parents organisation plans to sell Meta secondary school in Mbeya city had made parents to transfer their children to the nearby schools.

The situation had reduced the number of students at the school, the situation which had made the school fail to operate properly and students' performance had declined as well.

In the circumstances, top officials of CCM parents organisation has allayed fears from parents saying they have absolutely no plans to sell the school let alone change its use and in fact, they say, they plan to revamp it to return to its former glory.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by the secretary general

## Rumours over sale of school spur parents to transfer their children

of CCM parents organisation Gilbert Kalima in his inspection visit of the organisation's projects in Mbeya during which he dispelled fears from parents wishing to transfer their children from the school.

He said as for now the organisation plans to use the few students available to advertise the school by making sure they do well in the examinations to spur other parents to enroll their children at the school.

He added that the dilapidated school's infrastructure, in particular students' classrooms and dormitories

will be refurbished to make the school attractive to students.

The chairman of Meta school board, Ally Bakari explained about the strategies in place to improve the school to its former glory.

He said apart from refurbishing it they also plan to use the unused land area to build an English medium primary school.

He said students who will graduate from the school will be used as ambassadors to advertise the school to make it attractive to the people.

The chairman of CCM parents

organisation for Mbeya Region, James Mwampondele said in addition to refurbishing the school, they also have plan to have discussions with TRA in regard to debts owed by the schools run by the organisation.

He said the aim of the discussion is to look into the ways to pay the debts especially those that involve tax to enable them pay in instalments.

During its glory days, the school had more than 2,000 students and was among schools with best number of students in Mbeya Region but as of now the school has more than 200 students.



# AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Report of condition of bank published pursuant to provision of section 32(3) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006.



**AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC**  
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AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in millions of shillings)		
	2021	2020
<b>A ASSETS</b>		
1 Cash	13,193	11,959
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	13,046	13,900
3 Investment in Government securities	41,088	22,770
4 Balances with other banks	479	17,178
5 Cheque and items for clearing	61	40
6 Interbranch float items	14	26
7 Bills negotiated	0	0
8 Customers liabilities for acceptances	0	0
9 Interbank Loans receivable	0	0
10 Investment in other securities	0	0
Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowance for probable losses)	77,709	77,703
12 Other Assets	18,220	11,310
13 Equity investments	39	39
14 Underwriting accounts	-	0
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	15,076	14,813
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>178,924</b>	<b>169,739</b>
<b>B LIABILITIES</b>		
17 Deposit from other banks and financial institutions	756	1,511
18 Customer deposits	121,897	118,304
19 Cash letters of credit	0	0
20 Special deposits	35	0
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22 Bankers cheques and drafts issued	0	1
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	3,091	3,075
24 Acceptances outstanding	0	0
25 Interbranch float items	0	0
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	8,246	8,192
27 Other liabilities	10,044	9,478
28 Borrowings	5,980	713
<b>29 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>150,051</b>	<b>141,274</b>
<b>30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>28,874</b>	<b>28,465</b>
<b>C SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31 Paid up Share capital	27,797	10,984
32 Capital reserves	0	0
33 Retained earnings	(12,101)	(5,627)
34 Profit (Loss) account	0	0
35 Other capital accounts	13,177	23,108
36 Minority interest	0	0
<b>37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>28,874</b>	<b>28,465</b>
38 Contingent liabilities	111	102
39 Non performing loans and advances	13,191	11,924
40 Allowance for probable losses	6,214	6,927
41 Other non performing assets	73	73
<b>D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
(i) Shareholders funds to total assets	16.1%	16.8%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	15.7%	12.6%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	67.4%	69.4%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	83.8%	83.2%
(v) Earning assets to Total assets	66.4%	59.2%
(vi) Deposit growth	2.1%	8.5%
(vii) Asset growth	5.4%	0.2%

AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in millions of shillings)		
	2021	2020
1 Interest Income	25,427	24,890
2 Interest Expense	(8,092)	(7,804)
<b>3 Net Interest Income</b>	<b>17,335</b>	<b>17,087</b>
4 Bad debts written - off	0	0
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advances	(2,249)	(4,405)
<b>6 Non Interest Income:</b>	<b>4,529</b>	<b>4,174</b>
6.1 Foreign exchange income	240	286
6.2 Fees and Commission	3,654	3,227
6.3 Dividend income	0	0
6.4 Other operating income	636	661
<b>7 Non Interest Expense:</b>	<b>(25,094)</b>	<b>(25,156)</b>
7.1 Salaries and benefits	(14,123)	(13,057)
7.2 Fees and commission	0	0
7.3 Other operating expenses	(10,971)	(12,099)
<b>8 Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(5,479)</b>	<b>(8,301)</b>
9 Income Tax provision	0	(1,617)
<b>10 Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax</b>	<b>(5,479)</b>	<b>(9,918)</b>
11 Other Comprehensive Income	0	0
<b>12 Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) For the Year</b>	<b>(5,479)</b>	<b>(9,918)</b>
13 Number of employees	406	418
14 Basic Earnings per share	(197)	(903)
15 <b>Number of branches</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
i) Return on Average Total Assets	-3.2%	-5.9%
ii) Return on Average Shareholders' funds	-19.1%	-39.8%
iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	109.3%	115.3%
iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	12.8%	12.9%

AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in million shillings)		
	2021	2020
<b>L Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
<b>Net income/(loss)</b>	(5,479)	(8,301)
Adjustment for:		
- Impairment/amortization	5,524	7,630
- Net change in loans and advances	(2,483)	2,086
- Gain/(loss) on sale of assets	(22)	0
- Net change in deposits	2,604	9,874
- Net change in short term negotiable securities	(18,305)	2,680
- Net change in other liabilities	(323)	351
- Net change in other assets	4,576	(10,855)
- Tax paid	(124)	1,704
- Others (Interest Income, Interest Expense, Finance Expense)	955	1,704
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities</b>	<b>(13,078)</b>	<b>3,292</b>
<b>II. Cash flow from investing activities:</b>		
Dividends received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	(365)	(133)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	22	(19)
Purchase of non-dealing securities	0	0
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	0	0
Others	0	0
<b>Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(344)</b>	<b>(152)</b>
<b>III. Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of long-term debt	0	0
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	0	0
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	0	16,992
Payment of cash dividends	0	0
Net change in other borrowings	0	0
Others (Lease Payment)	(2,442)	(2,497)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(2,442)</b>	<b>14,495</b>
<b>IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	(15,864)	17,635
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	36,259	18,624
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20,395	36,259

AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 (Amounts in thousand shillings)						
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others (Advance towards share capital)
<b>Current Year</b>						
Balance as at 01st January 2021	10,984,416	2,431,917	(5,626,989)	3,683,694	0	16,992,072
Profit for the year	0	0	(5,479,466)	0	0	(5,479,466)
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transactions with owners	16,813,000	0	179,072	0	0	(16,992,072)
Regulatory Reserve	0	0	(1,173,519)	1,173,519	0	0
General Provision Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others (Advance towards share Capital)	0	0	0	0	0	5,888,000
<b>Balance as at the end of 31st December 2021</b>	<b>27,797,416</b>	<b>2,431,917</b>	<b>(12,100,902)</b>	<b>4,857,213</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,888,000</b>
<b>Previous Year</b>						
Balance as at 01st January 2020	10,984,416	2,431,917	4,687,539	3,286,944	0	0
Profit for the year	0	0	(9,917,878)	0	0	(9,917,878)
Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transactions with owners	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Reserve	0	0	(996,750)	996,750	0	0
General Provision Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others (Advance towards share Capital)	0	0	0	0	0	16,992,072
<b>Balance as at the end of 31st December 2020</b>	<b>10,984,416</b>	<b>2,431,917</b>	<b>(5,626,989)</b>	<b>3,683,694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,992,072</b>

**SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The above extracts are from the financial statements of the bank for the year ended December 31, 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and Companies Act, CAP 212 Act NO. 12 of 2002. The financial statements were audited by KPMG and received a clean report.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by	Name	Date
Chairman	Ernest Massawe	
Director	Prof. Josephat Lotto	

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## Denmark approves 1bn/- grant to support REPOA's operations

By Getrude Mbago

DENMARK has approved funding of DKK 3 million (1bn/-) grant to support the country's top think-tank-REPOA's strategic plan which aims at investing in evidence-based research for policy making to stimulate sustainable development.

The funds will help the institution to focus on research capacity in the areas of productive sectors, climate change, governance, accountability and human development.

Speaking soon after signing the grant agreement in Dar es Salaam yesterday REPOA executive director, Dr Donald Mmari thanked Denmark for the esteemed support saying that the funding will increase the institution's capacity to deliver its objectives as spelled out in the 2020-2024 strategic plan.

He said that the grant will provide the institution with autonomy and resources

to carry out its strategic research along with related activities for promoting evidence-informed policy dialogue and development and targeted capacity building for researchers and research users. "Today marks a significant milestone in our partnership with the Royal Danish embassy, the partnership has a long history where it has been providing core funding along with other partners including the embassies of Netherlands, Norway, Swedish, Finland and Ireland. We thank you for trusting us and we vow to work hard. Denmark has been a key partner to REPOA over the years since 2002," he said.

He said: "In the four-year strategic plan, REPOA also focuses on governance, accountability and citizen engagement as well as on other crosscutting issues such as climate change, technology and innovation. These are essential elements to inform a comprehensive national agenda on socio-economic transformation for inclusive

development and the commitments to achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs)."

Dr Mmari further said that due to the increasing impacts of COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war in the global economy including Tanzania, the institution will direct its efforts to coming up with research that provides answers on how to overcome the effects.

Mmari said that the think-tank will also continue to undertake credible research and analytical work, to provide information that is relevant for evidence-informed policy making and to continue providing capacity development to diverse stakeholders.

Danish ambassador, Mette Norgaard said a conducive environment for Think Tanks and independent research to operate and thus to contribute to the transformation agenda is a very important piece in the development puzzle. She said for a number of years, Denmark has been supporting REPOA through core funding so as to facilitate it implement its activities of ensuring that it conducts independent and evidence-based research for the country's development.



Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine manager Cheick Sangare (L) briefs Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga (2nd-L) when the latter toured the mine and participated in a campaign meant to sensitize workers on the need for Covid-19 vaccinations. With them are other BBM staff. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Govt suspended 1,477 public servants from 2015 to 2022'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ABOUT 1,477 public servants were suspended for contravening laws, rules and regulations between 2015 and 2022, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy minister of State in the President's Office Service and Good Governance, Deogratius Ndejemi said in National Assembly that the number included those who were employed in different public institutions including Local Government Authorities (LGAs).

By Guardian Reporter

AS Tanzania commemorates the centennial of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere's birth this week, the US embassy marked the occasion yesterday by donating a historical exhibit to the National Museum and House of Culture examining the friendship between Nyerere and the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

The exhibit was officially launched during a ceremony yesterday morning attended by the Museum's director general, Dr. Noel Lwoga, and US ambassador to Tanzania DR. Donald Wright.

The exhibit, officially titled: "Julius Nyerere and John F. Kennedy: A Friendship that Shaped History,"

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

TARIME District Commissioner, Col. Michael Mangwela has said that the strengthening of the Kenya and Tanzania border should aim at boosting relations between the two countries, as well as addressing challenges in the border areas.

DC Mangwela was speaking at opening of joint meeting of boundary experts from Kenya and Tanzania that kicked off here yesterday and expected to end on April 15.

The meeting will receive submissions of the work done in erecting boundary beacons between the two countries and issue guidelines on how to implement the remaining task.

## Brewer extends more agricultural opportunities for college students

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has maintained its goal of increasing agricultural resilience by providing more practical opportunities in agriculture for college students.

The brewer has continued to coach recipients of the 'Kilimo Vivanda' scholarship by reiterating its commitment to guiding college students in agribusiness as they grow and gain experience.

According to SBL, the programme is parallel to its promise of preparing college students for self-employment in the field of agriculture after they graduate from their diploma courses and one of their society 2030 spirit of progress pillars, with the goal of providing equal access to skills and resources in order to build inclusive

He was responding to a question posed by Godwin Kunambi who had sought to know the number of public servants who were suspended during the last seven years.

"So far, there were only 836 cases of suspension which were still on different hearing stages while the remaining cases had been heard and determined," he said.

Ndejemi said that disciplinary authorities which include employers and appeals bodies like the Teachers

## US Embassy marks Nyerere centennial with donation to the National Museum

displays photos, documents, and correspondence between the two leaders. It describes how the admiration the two leaders felt for each other translated into strong bilateral relations between the US and Tanzania which have endured for over sixty years.

"The friendship between these two leaders became the foundation of a friendship between nations and peoples that has stood the test of time," said ambassador Wright during his remarks.

Ambassador Wright also used the occasion to pay tribute to the life

Service Commission, the Public Service Commission and the President's Office.

However, the deputy minister asked employers to increase pace in hearing and determining all cases involving public servants.

According to him, the supervision of discipline in the public service was very important guided by the Public Service Act, regulations of the public service enacted in 2003 and procedures of the public service which were enacted during the similar year, among others.

and legacy of Mwalimu Nyerere, who would have turned 100 this year.

"I join with all Tanzanians and people around the world in paying tribute to Nyerere's leadership during a lifetime spent in the public eye: As a young crusader for independence from colonialism; as Tanzania's founding father and president for over two decades before willingly stepping down; as the force behind the scenes stewarding the country into a new era of multi-party democracy and economic liberalism; and as an elder statesman and promoter of peace and stability around the region," he said.

## 'Cementing of Kenya-Tanzania border should aim to boost ties'

"In addition to strengthening the two countries' border areas, there are areas where citizens from either country enter and conduct economic activities hence you should discuss on such challenges in depth to come up with positive decisions," DC Mangwela said.

The joint team has successfully finalised the work in the strengthening the international boundary line Phase One that was suspended due to various challenges and will start Phase Two in the near future.

Kenya's Foreign Ministry

representative, Amb. Joseph Vungu called on the experts of the meeting to make sure they discuss the challenges and provide solutions keeping in mind that Tanzania and Kenya had brotherly relations for many years ago.

According to ambassador Vungu, any decision reached should aim to cement the good ties that exist.

Phase One of erecting boundary beacons between Kenya and Tanzania started in Serengeti-Masai Mara in regard to the 60 kms stretch up to Lake Natron and Phase Two will involve 110 kms from Lake Natron to Namanga

incomes and contributing to national economic growth through consistent tax remittance."

SBL pledged to continue its support to agriculture beginning with a younger generation through their well-known Kilimo Vivanda Scholarship programme, which has sponsored over 200 students since its inception in 2019.

Kilacha Agriculture Training Institute's principal Benito Mwenda, lauded SBL's efforts to educate students about the world of commercial agriculture. The principal appeared convinced that the program had already begun to lay a strong foundation for students.

He said: "The institute can't thank SBL enough on their commitment to help students grow even after they finish their studies, I can only commend the brewer as one of the leading examples of companies in the country who walk the talk to promote agriculture through youth."



## Request for Proposals

RFQ Title: Procurement of Banking Services Provider

RFQ Number: 2022-PACT/03/02

Date of Solicitation: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Closing Date and Time: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Questions and Clarifications: Due by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Introduction to Pact:

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses, and government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

Pact Tanzania is a non-profit organization registered and domiciled in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and works in 26 regions and 81 councils of the country. The organization is primarily funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), whose funding comprises of 98% of total income.

### Overall Objective:

The overall objective of this assignment is to procure a service provider who will be providing banking services to Pact Tanzania Dar es salaam main office and field offices.

### A. Requirement/ Scope of Work

The specific scope of work includes but should not be limited to the following:

- Maintenance of multi currency bank accounts for Pact Tanzania.
- Facilitate daily bank related transactions effectively and efficiently.
- Provide Pact Tanzania with reliable online banking platform for daily transactions including bulk mobile payments and payroll processing.
- Efficient and reliable customer support system, including allocation of a dedicated Bank Relationship Manager.
- Reasonable and flexible transactional charges as well as forex rates.
- Provide staff loans facilities at reasonable rates.
- Provision of other bank support services in line with Pact work across the country through different mechanisms like Corporate Social Responsibility.
- A wide range of banking services (branches) across the country including hard to reach areas.
- Credit and debit cards availability.

Interested vendors should request the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through email with the subject line "TOR for Procurement of Banking Services Provider" to [ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org](mailto:ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org) before Friday, 22nd April 2022.

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to [ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org](mailto:ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org) with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Procurement of Banking Services Provider" before Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### B. Eligibility

Bank must be currently legally operating in Tanzania and the proposal must clearly express ability of the Bank to meet or exceed the Requirements/ Specifications outlined above.

- Ability to deliver the items/services no later than the date(s) required.

### C. Submission Instructions

The following information is to be included by a vendor in the proposal:

- Draft inception report detailing methodology for providing banking services to Pact Tanzania (engagement and execution).
- Current Bank profile.
- Copies of registration, certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, Tax clearance certificate, and any industry relevant license or certificate.
- Evidence of similar assignments, and at least two (2) names and addresses of client served.
- Schedule of Current Charges.
- Past three years Bank Financial Statements

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their proposals in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as "Procurement of Banking Services Provider."

Office Address: :

### The Tender Committee

Pact Tanzania

74 Uporoto Street, Victoria

P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.

Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted

As mentioned above, all quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for at least 90 days following the submission.

PACT will open all bids on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 11.30 am in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.





**Habib African Bank Limited**  
**Dar es Salaam**

**PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Issued pursuant to regulations 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014.**

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Year 31.12.2021	Previous Year 31.12.2020
<b>A. ASSETS</b>		
1. Cash	5,686	4,282
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	26,306	59,664
3. Investment in Government Securities	72,428	51,174
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	28,515	32,072
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	39	39
6. Interbranch float items	147	79
7. Bills negotiated	2,219	1,472
8. Customer liability on acceptances	10,144	2,209
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	148,206	131,384
12. Other Assets	5,882	1,120
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	751	4,459
<b>16. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>300,323</b>	<b>287,954</b>
<b>B. LIABILITIES</b>		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	237,431	236,266
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	4,043	2,449
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	113	68
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	5,438	5,416
24. Acceptances outstanding	10,144	2,209
25. Inter branch float items	134	73
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	3,109	3,887
28. Borrowings	0	0
<b>29. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>260,411</b>	<b>250,368</b>
<b>30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)</b>	<b>39,912</b>	<b>37,585</b>
<b>C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	285	321
33. Retained earnings	29,334	28,811
34. Profit (Loss) account	1,347	2,038
35. Other capital accounts	6,345	3,816
36. Minority Interest	0	0
<b>37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>39,912</b>	<b>37,585</b>
38. Contingent liabilities	61,987	49,149
39. Non performing loans and advances	10,103	8,657
40. Allowances for probable losses	(223)	(27)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
<b>D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS</b>		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	13.29%	13.05%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	6.58%	6.34%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	62.26%	56.04%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	51.12%	47.45%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	86.69%	74.54%
(vi) Deposits Growth	1.12%	5.10%
(vii) Assets growth	4.30%	2.66%

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Year 31.12.2021	Previous Year 31.12.2020
<b>I: Cash flow from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	1,946	2,947
Adjustment for:		
Impairment/amortization.	374	419
Net change in loans and advances	(17,570)	11,268
Gain/loss on sale of Assets	0	0
Net change in deposits	2,722	11,651
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	13,131	24,369
Net change in Other Liabilities	94	126
Net change in Other Assets	(447)	1,754
Tax paid	(880)	(1,124)
others (Specify)	(91)	15
Net cash provided(used) by operating activities	<b>(721)</b>	<b>51,424</b>
<b>II: Cash flow from investing activities:</b>		
Dividend Received	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(276)	(168)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0
Others(specify)	0	0
Net cash provided(used) by investing activities	<b>(276)</b>	<b>(168)</b>
<b>III: Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	(2,300)
Net change in Other Borrowings	0	0
Others(specify)	0	0
Net cash provided(used) by financing activities	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,300)</b>
<b>IV: Cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Net Increase(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<b>(997)</b>	<b>48,956</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	<b>86,363</b>	<b>37,407</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	<b>85,367</b>	<b>86,363</b>

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Year 31.12.2021	Previous Year 31.12.2020
1. Interest Income	21,611	21,608
2. Interest Expense	(13,497)	(12,743)
3. Net Interest Income(1 minus 2)	<b>8,114</b>	<b>8,865</b>
4. Bad Debts Written Off	(732)	0
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(223)	(27)
<b>6. Non-Interest Income</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>4,189</b>
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	981	1,017
6.2 Fees and Commissions	1,632	1,134
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	2,133	2,038
<b>7. Non interest Expenses:</b>	<b>(9,958)</b>	<b>(10,080)</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(6,106)	(6,146)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(235)	(303)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(3,616)	(3,630)
<b>8. Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>2,947</b>
9. Income Tax Provision	(599)	(909)
<b>10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>2,038</b>
<b>11. Other Comprehensive Income (Itemise)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>2,038</b>
13. Number of Employees	86	88
14. Basic Earning Per Share	518	784
15. Number of Branches	4	4

**SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.68%	1.05%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	3.48%	5.38%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	37.78%	39.07%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	3.50%	3.87%

**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31.12.2021**  
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other Reserve	Total
<b>Current Year 2021</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	0	321	37,586
Prior year adjustment for correction of deferred tax			1,120				1,120
Profit for the year			1,347				1,347
Transfer to statutory Reserve			(2,530)	2,530			-
Transfer to other Reserve			36			(36)	-
Tax paid for prior years			(141)				(141)
<b>Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,681</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>39,912</b>
<b>Previous Year 2020</b>							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	31,644	3,715	0	262	38,221
Difference in Right of use and lease liability as at 01.01.2020			(102)				(102)
Profit for the year			2,038				2,038
Dividend paid			(2,300)				(2,300)
Transfer to statutory Reserve			(100)	100			-
Transfer to other Reserve			(59)			59	-
Tax paid for prior years			(271)				(271)
<b>Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,849</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>37,586</b>

The above extracts are from the Financial Statement of the Bank for the year ended December 31,2021 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).The Financial Statements were audited by Baker Tilly DGP & Co, Certified Public Accountants and received unqualified audit report.

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## There's need to overhaul NECTA admission rules

AN aspect of modernization is creeping up in higher education, where a range of stakeholders are complaining that admission rules for hamper their wish to register foreign students for degree courses. Privately sponsored foreign students opting to study in countries other than native lands are a million dollar business, and often a vital aspect of tourism as a whole, just like 'conference tourism' and even 'medical tourism,' both of which are formally recognized by ministerial authorities here. In that case there will not be enough reason why restrictive conditions are placed upon universities wishing for open doors.

Responsible officials for instance in the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) don't insist on maintaining restrictions on admission but signal that no review to that effect has been conducted or raised at the level of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of various universities. The National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) is being cited even more strongly in relation to these rules, but it appears its direct role is less visible as it oversees colleges and polytechnics, and universities rather indirectly. In that case the possibility of making changes loomed large at first glance, but the problems could be hidden.

One such aspect is how the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) is permitted in existing regulations to provide foundation courses to students interested in pursuing degree programmes but don't yet have the right sort of qualification, namely an advanced level certificate with certain pass range. Stakeholders say that

countries like Kenya, South Sudan, Nigeria, India, Ghana and others organise pre-qualification courses for foreign students wishing to study there, a procedure that one imagines could be taken for granted. The discussion around the issue suggests that even for OUT, it is local potential students that are targeted its one year pre-qualification programmes, not exactly foreign students.

This demand is being made at a time that the East African Community (EAC) is being rebalanced somewhat, starting to lose its centre of gravity from Arusha as the centre of East Africa to say the Rwandese capital of Kigali, if one takes into account proximity to the more recent member states like South Sudan and lately, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). As a matter of fact the government has a policy of internationalization of higher education, since it counts in university ranking globally. Current TCU regulations project that local universities will attract a minimum of five per cent of their students from outside the country, but up to now they are a fifth of one per cent for degree programmes.

As a matter of fact, the first task of the regulatory authorities is to figure out how to raise the level of international students' admission levels, with a view to achieving the country's agenda for at least five per cent of all degree level admissions, from 0.19 per cent at present. That by itself needs an overhaul of rules and then other aspects may be considered to cross the five per cent level, as it is still rather conservative. With energetic EAC widening and a Continental African Free Trade Area (CAFTA) ambition is the key.

## Investing in recycling infrastructure best way out of pollution by plastics

RECYCLING is the process of converting waste materials into new materials and objects. The recyclability of a material depends on its ability to reacquire the properties it had in its original state. It is an alternative to 'conventional' waste disposal that can save material and help lower greenhouse gas emissions. It can also prevent the waste of potentially useful materials and reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reducing energy use, air pollution and water pollution.

It can also prevent the waste of potentially useful materials and reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reducing energy use, air pollution and water pollution. Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction and is the third component of the "reduce, reuse, and recycle" waste hierarchy.

It promotes environmental sustainability by removing raw material input and redirecting waste output in the economic system. There are some ISO standards related to recycling, such as ISO 15270:2008 for plastics waste and ISO 14001:2015 for environmental management control of recycling practice.

Recyclable materials include many kinds of glass, paper, cardboard, metal, plastic, tires, textiles, batteries, and electronics. Materials for recycling are either delivered to a household recycling center or picked up from curbside bins, then sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed into new materials for manufacturing new products.

Plastic recycling is the process of recovering scrap or waste plastic and reprocessing the material into useful products. Since the majority of plastic is non-biodegradable, recycling is a part of global efforts to reduce plastic

in the waste stream, especially the approximately 8 million metric tonnes of waste plastic that enters the Earth's ocean every year.

Plastic recycling is very important and must be taken seriously. Plastics make up a huge amount of solid waste and take centuries to break down in landfill or the ocean. Therefore, all recyclable plastics should be recycled to reduce landfill, conserve energy and conserve the environment.

Compared with lucrative recycling of metal, and similar to the low value of glass recycling, plastic polymers recycling is often more challenging because of low density and low value. There are also numerous technical hurdles to overcome when recycling plastic. Materials recovery facilities are responsible for sorting and processing plastics, but have struggled to do so economically as of 2019.

A group of international consumer goods companies operating across Africa launched the 'African Plastics Recycling Alliance' at the seventh edition of the Africa CEO Forum. The Alliance aims to transform plastics recycling infrastructure across sub-Saharan Africa.

Through the Alliance, companies will facilitate and support their local subsidiaries to engage in market-level public-private partnerships (PPPs) and industry collaborations. The Alliance will promote innovation and collaborate on technical solutions and local pilot initiatives to improve plastics collection and recycling, which in turn is expected to create jobs and commercial activity. Companies will also engage with the investment community and policymakers to accelerate the development and financing of waste management infrastructure and systems.



## Sharia law in Africa has many faces

By Kate Hairsine

AFRICAN nations have a varied approach to Islamic law. A few majority Muslim countries, like Somalia, have embraced it while others, like Senegal, have rejected it. Some have opted for a mix.

For non-Muslims, Sharia law is often associated with savage punishments, intolerance and the policing of morality -- especially of women. But in most cases, this isn't the reality on the ground in Africa, experts say.

What is Sharia? Sharia refers to the system of duties and obligations that govern all aspects of Muslim life, from personal and public behavior to religious observance, as well as family and business matters.

The rules come from many sources, including the Quran -- the Muslim holy book -- and the Sunnah, writings about the prophet Muhammad's sayings and deeds, known as the hadith.

Islamic laws are based on interpretations of the Sharia.

What does Islamic law in sub-Saharan Africa look like?

There is no simple answer, because Islamic law is interpreted and applied differently across the Muslim world -- including across Africa -- says Hatem Elliesie, the Acting Professor for Islamic Law at the University of Leipzig in Germany.

"Of course, different countries in Africa have different trajectories, different interpretations of Islam and different producers and implementers of Islamic law. And accordingly, the practice varies," Elliesie told DW.

Sharia in the constitution Several African nations, such as Somalia and Mauritania, have embedded Sharia into their constitutions.

"No law which is not compliant with the general principles of Shari'ah can be enacted," reads Somalia's constitution, which was adopted in 2012.

But this doesn't mean that Somalia is an Islamic State with a harsh interpretation of Sharia comparable to Iran or Saudi Arabia.

Rather, in Somalia, Islamic law runs in parallel with a customary legal system known as xeer.

The Horn of Africa country has no official Sharia institutions and Sharia "largely plays an informal role," according to a 2020 USAID report on Somalia's justice system.

A mixed model As they gained independence, many African countries with Muslim populations brought in secular judicial systems.

At times, these systems were supplemented with Sharia courts whose jurisdiction was frequently limited to "personal status." This covers matters such as marriage, divorce,



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inheritance and guardianship.

For example, Kenya's legal system allows Muslims to bring personal status matters before Kadhi (Sharia) courts. Similar systems also exist in the Gambia and Uganda.

"People are using those court procedures where they get the most benefit from the situation," said Hatem Elliesie. "That is pretty common in sub-Saharan African states -- that people use both the state court system and the religious court systems depending on what they are trying to get out of a dispute."

Secular Muslim nations At the other end of the spectrum in Africa are countries like Burkina Faso and Senegal.

These West African countries have secular legal systems that theoretically have no provision for Sharia courts -- even though the majority of their populations are Muslim.

However, this legal code does not reflect reality on the ground. Many Senegalese for instance, make call on imams to regulate family matters like marriage and divorce.

"The state courts are sometimes not meaningful for [Senegalese Muslims] because the state is secular but the population is religious," Senegalese political scientist Bakary Sambé told DW.

"So it is important for them to have integration between their daily lives and their beliefs."

Why is Islamic criminal law controversial?

Punishments for crimes under Sharia law are often seen as inhumane. Crimes such as theft, apostasy, sex outside of marriage and some homosexual acts can be punished with amputation, caning, flogging and even death.

However, most African nations with Islamic law don't use this as a basis for

their criminal code.

But Nigerian Sharia courts do.

An Islamic court in Nigeria's Kano State sentenced musician Yahaya Sharif-Aminu to death in 2020 after finding him guilty of making a blasphemous statement against the Prophet Mohammed. An appeal panel last year ordered a retrial.

But the situation isn't as bleak as it sounds, according to a University of Oxford study examining Sharia punishments in northern Nigeria between 2000 and 2015.

"Islamic criminal law was not being imposed on non-Muslims against their will, and serious punishments such as amputations and stoning to death were rarely being imposed -- and where they were imposed, were not being executed," researchers found.

Only one person has been executed since 12 Muslim-majority states embraced Sharia law.

The Horn of Africa nation of Sudan -- under the rule of former President Omar al-Bashir, who was deposed in 2019 -- also had a reputation for harsh punishments.

In 2020, Sudan's transitional government abolished some of its Sharia-based criminal laws, including removing the death penalty for same sex relationships, scrapping its apostasy law, as well as the use of public flogging as a punishment.

What about women's rights under Islamic law in Africa?

Women's rights groups often argue that Islamic law is particularly unjust towards women and girls.

For example, in a quadi (Sharia) court, a woman's testimony is worth half of a man's testimony. In addition, women generally inherit a smaller share than men and a daughter will receive an inheritance half of her brother's share if their father passes

away.

"The personal status laws are where people [in Sudan] want to see the biggest change," Kholood Khair, the managing partner of the Sudanese think tank, Insight Strategy Partners, told DW.

Traditionally, she explained, the brother's portion is double because he was supposed to look after his sister financially.

"In a modern sort of reframing of gender politics, he wouldn't need to look after her, and therefore they should get an equal amount, which countries like Tunisia have enacted," she said. "That's where we're seeing more progressive elements following a revolution, unlike in Sudan."

But women aren't always worse off under Sharia law in Africa. In Somalia, women have the right to inherit under Sharia law, whereas they don't under xeer customary law.

In northern Nigeria, the Oxford University Study found women "benefited from the speedy, familiar, non-technical, and comparatively user-friendly processes of the Sharia courts," compared to the state courts.

Future of Sharia Islamic law scholar Hatem Elliesie sees Islamic law being handled in a much more "flexible way" in sub-Saharan Africa compared to other regions.

"That doesn't make criminal cases and the discrimination within family law and towards women less important," Elliesie told DW. "But what is very clear is that the upheavals in North Africa have a huge impact on society and the understanding of democracy and human rights in sub-Saharan Africa."

I think we now have to wait another couple of years until we see how that affects the implementation of Islamic law south of the Sahara, Elliesie said.



# South Africa may break some of its political fever, albeit temporarily

By Stephen Grootes

A series of developments within South African politics and our society may indicate that in some, perhaps counter-intuitive, ways the political temperature is about to decrease.

This is not to suggest that there will be no more surprises and shocks, on which you can bet your house, but merely to suggest that the scope for political controversies is narrowing to a space tighter than it has been in a while.

This is because some processes that generally stoke controversy have now been completed and because of the developments within the ANC – all of which may lead to a calmer December than we were previously expecting.

It may be important to stress that this is not a prediction, but merely a scenario that happens to carry a higher degree of confidence than some of the truly apocalyptic ones. And yet, it is important to dig deeper because it allows us to properly investigate what events cause divisions in our society, and why.

Although there are many categories in which events can be placed, sometimes it is possible to put them into two very broad categories: those that can be predicted, and those that cannot.

As an example, it is possible to predict that an ANC leadership election, or an interview for a new Chief Justice, will heighten the political temperature. But it is not possible to always predict an outbreak of violence, gigantic or not, as happened in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in July 2021, or just last week in Diespoot.

At the same time, it is also possible to isolate certain sources of conflict.

It can be said with confidence that the temperature in the governing party plays a major role in determining the temperature of our overall politics.

ANC's inner strife cause of SA's instability since 2009 - even greater violence coming our way, study finds

Some people generally create more conflict whatever they say, or do. It is now impossible to deny that EFF leader Julius Malema or former President Jacob Zuma often seek to cause violent divisions in our society. (There are, of course, many other examples involving lesser political leaders.)

Examining some of the causes of earlier conflicts helps us to understand what could happen in the near future.

So, it now appears that some of the major processes that create divisions are now complete, which may reduce the scope for more political conflict in the future:

The national state of disaster is now over;

There is a new national police commissioner; and

The new Chief Justice has been appointed.

All these are processes or states that can be divisive, but they are now over.

Within the ANC, perhaps the temperature is also lower



South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa.

than some would have predicted at this point in a leadership election year.

The defining feature of the two provincial elections that have been held so far – Northern Cape and Mpumalanga – has been that their new leaders have immediately displayed their support for a second term for President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ink on the ANC January 8th Statement wasn't even dry when the Limpopo leadership broke with protocol to make the same support pronouncement from the stage.

It is not unlikely that some of the other provincial leaders, as they are elected throughout the year, will follow suit. Gauteng for example, may have more incen-

tive than other provinces to do this – it received only 36% of the votes cast in the local elections last year.

In the party's structures, Gwen Ramokgopa appears to now have some kind of formal influence over the workings of the secretary-general's office. Ace Magashule, still the elected secretary-general, appears to have been relegated to making statements and occupying hotel rooms near ANC conferences.

Both Cosatu and the SACP publicly support Ramaphosa; the ANC Youth League is yet to have a conference, and the ANC Women's League (also due a conference this year) appears to be almost a spent political force, with its leader collecting two

convictions for dishonesty.

In short, the current public impression is that Ramaphosa's enemies are in disarray – either fighting off bids to remove them through the "step aside" rule, or facing serious problems themselves (and not just in court, often in the court of public opinion. Can Malusi Gigaba, for example, still claim to be a serious political figure?).

## Calm before the storm

There can still be developments that can change these specific power equations, but so dominant is the current perceived position of Ramaphosa that even before the eThekweni region of the ANC's election, Zandile Gumede had to say publicly that she would "step aside" if she won.

That may well be the most important catalyst in lowering the political temperature for the rest of the year.

But there are other factors too.

Malema, for example, has shown no signs of moving the political dial. His march last week against Johann Rupert may be proof that he has few options left and is battling to mobilise supporters. Certainly, he appears to be getting less attention than in the past.

Of course, there are still some formal developments to come that could stoke division.

The Electoral Commission needs a new chair, Ramaphosa may now want to reshuffle his Cabinet after the departure of Ayanda Dlodlo to the World Bank – and there will be others.

But in terms of the formal space, there may now be more limited scope for political tension than there has been, perhaps at any time since 2017.

## Societal dynamics

The next tension, which we will inevitably see in the near future, will come from unexpected events that are harder to predict.

For example, that there was xenophobic violence in Diespoot last week could spread to other parts of the country. The next development around a plethora of issues facing Zuma, legal and otherwise, could easily trigger more violence. An argument or division within our judiciary could arise over the impeachment of Judge President John Hlophe. The im-

peachment drama over Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane could also flare in certain sections of our divided society.

Or perhaps an ill-advised advertising campaign or a sporting event, like the future over cricketer Quinton de Kock's refusal to "take the knee" did.

And, of course, it's always possible that something unexpected happens within the ANC ranks, which has been the source of so much of our discord in recent times.

It should also be remembered that if we do enter a period of "relative calm", the keyword is still "relative". It is unlikely that South Africa will go back to the period before 2010 for many years.

The main dynamics in our society, the increased levels of poverty, the racialised inequality and the rise of identity politics (among many others) makes this unlikely for many, many years from now.

South Africa has this in common with other democracies, such as the US or the UK. Such are the divisions in those places that they are unlikely to return to what could be called "pre-Trump" or "pre-Brexit" times for a long time.

Our divisions along the lines of class, race, inequality, language and ethnicity are surely starker than theirs, which means that our politics will continue to suffer shocks.

It is also important to note that any period of "relative calm" will probably be short-lived. Certainly, it cannot last past the beginning of campaigning for the 2024 elections, probably by July next year.

This may, in fact, be a very significant point.

Because, if it is true that Ramaphosa is going to win a second term as ANC leader and faces less opposition than at any time since 2017, he has only a limited time to implement his agenda. After that, the 2024 election will derail that, possibly permanently.

It is obvious that making predictions in our politics is foolish, particularly claims that tensions may ease, but our society would certainly welcome a temperature decrease from time to time. Feeling condemned to a state of perpetually rising political temperatures is not a good place to be. We all must find a way out of this near-permanent state of discord.

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The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) issued directive to port terminal operators and Inland Clearance Depots (ICD) to refrain from charging consignees for delays of cargo offtake where the terminals' inefficiency was the cause for the delays. The said directive was issued through letter with reference number DA.82/102/01/47 dated 10/02/2022. Nonetheless, TASAC has continued to receive complaints from stakeholders regarding counting of free period by terminals based on date of cargo unloading irrespective of delivery inefficiency by terminals contrary to the above-mentioned directive. This practice results into more storage bills to consignees than it should otherwise be.

This Public Notice is intended to sensitize stakeholders on the directive and remind terminal operators to observe appropriate counting of storage free period as follows: -

- For cargo delivered to consignees from maritime ports, storage free period should commence right after subject consignment is "carried in" the TANCIS; and
- For ICDs bound cargo that is delivered to consignees from the dry port facilities, storage free period should commence counting right after subject consignment is "carried in" the TANCIS at the maritime port terminal if the respective ICD transferred the subject consignment within forty-eight (48) hours from discharge date otherwise free period should commence upon "carry in end" at the respective ICD.
- Where delay to transfer containers to ICD is due to failure of responsibility by a terminal operator the terminal operator shall not impose storage and removal charges to the ICDs in order that the ICD will not be compelled to recover from consignee.

This guidance seeks to ensure port terminals do not consume significant time of free days in their internal processes such acts translate into terminals earning out of inefficiency.

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# Egypt's tourism hit by Ukraine crisis

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**T**OURISM to Egypt's GDP is as vital as the Nile to its people. After Egypt's tourism sector began to recover following the Russian plane crash in 2015. Then COVID hit, and now the Ukrainian war shot a bullet through its heart.

The protracted Russian conflict with

Ukraine threatens several tourist destinations that rely on Russian visitors. Turkey, Uzbekistan, the UAE, Tajikistan, Armenia, Greece, Egypt, Kazakhstan, and Cyprus are among the top 25 countries for outbound Russian tourism by flight capacity, according to Mabrian Technologies, an intelligence platform for the tourism industry.

Egypt's economy is also heavily reliant on tourism from Russia and Ukraine, with



Egypt once again faces the prospect of a poor tourism season due to the Ukraine crisis. The region accounts for about six million tourists each year. File photo

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The deadline for the application will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

the two countries accounting for roughly one-third of all visitors each year. In 2015, Russia imposed a slew of punitive measures against Egypt in the tourism sector, wreaking havoc on the industry and its workers.

Due to the suspension of Russian, Ukrainian, and Belarusian flights, the decline has become very apparent recently, especially in Sharm El-Sheikh, where occupancy rates are less than 35 percent, compared to 40 to 45 percent in Hurghada, according to industry insiders.

Egypt's Travel & Tourism sector's contribution to the nation's GDP fell from \$32 billion (8.8%) in 2019 to \$14.4 billion (3.8%) just 12 months later, in 2020.

Egypt member of parliament Hany Alassal stressed that the opening of new tourism markets would help mitigate the effects of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, which harms the global and Egyptian tourism sectors.

"Russian tourism amounted to roughly 3.2 million Russian tourists in 2015, and it was anticipated to reach approximately 400,000 Russian tourists per month before the outbreak of war, whilst Ukrainian tourism amounted to roughly 3 million Ukrainian tourists in 2021," Alassal said.

"The impact of the Ukraine crisis on Egypt's tourism cannot be overlooked, especially in Sharm El Sheikh and Hurghada," Faten Ibrahim, a tour guide, told IPS.

In comparison to beach tourism, which accounts for about 90% of Egypt's total revenue from this sector, cultural tourism accounts for less than 5% of total revenue.

"We experienced a difficult period of stagnation with the emergence of COVID-19, specifically from March 2020 to March 2021. Since then, most workers in the tourism sector have worked for half the salary," Ibrahim says.

"I can measure the impact of the absence of Russian and Ukrainian tourism on museums and historic sites through my daily work, as the number of tourists visiting these sites has nearly halved," she adds.

Ibrahim, who has worked in the tourism industry for 28 years, points out that the situation significantly improved in October and November of last year, but the emergence of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus in December resulted in large cancellations of reservations, so the situation worsened dramatically in January.

According to WTC research, COVID-19 sparks a 55% collapse in the sector's contribution to Egypt's GDP. The travel and tourism sector is also a major employer in the country, with a workforce of 1.25 million.

In 2017, the total contribution to the GDP was 374.6 billion EGP. It was forecast to contribute approximately 601 billion EGP to the Egyptian economy by 2028.

Amr El-Kady, the head of the Egyptian Tourism Promotion Board (ETPB), says that the Egyptian authorities are assisting stranded tourists from Russia and Ukraine, either to stay safe or return to their homes, in collaboration with the private sector.

"We're going through a difficult time, but we're handling it impressively," El-kady tells IPS.

"It is a powerful propaganda campaign for Egypt, emphasizing that it is not only a tourist destination but also a country that looks out for its visitors in difficult times." He explains that the (ETPB) is currently working to open new tourism markets, particularly in Germany, England, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Switzerland, following the lifting of travel restrictions to Egypt.

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## JOB - ADVERTISEMENT

### JOB TITLE: AFRICA CONSERVATION COORDINATOR- AFRICA REGION

#### YOUR POSITION WITH TNC

The Africa Conservation Coordinator, Africa Region provides day-to-day management, general operations and programmatic support to the Africa Conservation Director including coordination of freshwater, oceans, forest, climate and terrestrial programs across the region. They will assist in ensuring conservation projects execute according to plans, within budgets and by agreed deadlines. They will be responsible for managing Conservation helpdesk queries and distributing to the respective Strategy Leads and Program Directors and providing budgeting coordination and programmatic support to the Africa Program. Reporting to the Africa Conservation Director, the position can be based at the TNC offices in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia or South Africa. No employment visas or assistance is being offered with this position except for the local labor employment requirements.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Africa Conservation Coordinator will provide support to meet the conservation priorities of the Africa program and work closely with the Conservation Director to provide operational support to program planning, implementation and budgeting. This position will support the Conservation Director in for example the development of annual budget guidelines in close cooperation with budget managers and the Finance and Operations team. The Africa Conservation Coordinator will maintain expert knowledge of the systems and resources utilized by the conservation team and apply knowledge to managing support and planning communications related to Conservation Team resources. They will lead diverse activities, analyze situations, evaluate alternatives, track project outcomes, and implement solutions to improve effectiveness.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree and 4 years related experience or equivalent combination, including 2 years managing operations functions.
- 2 years' experience in Natural Resource management and / Project management an added advantage
- Analytical and project management experience.
- Experience supporting complex projects and strategic initiatives in an unstructured environment.
- Experience supervising staff, interns, and/or volunteers; and
- Experience working with cross-functional teams.
- Demonstrated experience handling confidential information.

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Submit CV and cover letter separately using the upload buttons online. All applications must be submitted in the system before the end of day April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022.

## TENDER No. PE/ 02/2022 /2023

### Supply of Pre-test Equipment's



WaterAid is an International Non-Governmental Organization, with a vision of ensuring Safe Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for Everyone, Everywhere by 2030. WaterAid has had its operations in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania" which is registered as Non-Governmental Organisation in The Republic of Tanzania (NO.SO.7557).

WaterAid Tanzania (WAT) operates as a Country Programme and functional office of WaterAid UK; within East African Region. The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No.1469, Masaki Area within Kinondoni District.

Water Aid Tanzania has received fund from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for implementing a programme for Improvement of Hygiene Behaviour in Schools and Health Care Facilities. This project aims at improving access to WASH services and good hygiene behaviours in 30 primary schools and 15 health care facilities (dispensaries) in Kisarawe district.

Water Aid Tanzania invites bids/quotation from interested suppliers: -

ITEMS	NO	SPECS
Delagua kit (Ecoli, ph. and turbidity)	2	DelAgua Portable Water Testing Kit No. 3 Brand: DELAGUA DWT Code: 11242 Supplier Code: BackKitNo3 KEY FEATURES - Contains a multiparameter photometer (reagents on request), a total dissolved solids (TDS), conductivity and pH meter and a turbidity meter Further water testing equipment supplied to increase the scope of monitoring Internal battery, which can be re-charged from mains or a car battery 16-test capacity (Should measure Arsenic, PH, hardness, Iron, E-coli, turbidity)
Small fridge	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Size Laboratory Fridge Size 500 x 575 x1300</li> <li>• 130L Capacity</li> <li>• Temperature range 2°C-8°C</li> <li>• Refrigerant R600a, CFC Free</li> <li>• Auto defrost</li> <li>• 4 pcs shelves</li> <li>• Glass door with electric heating</li> </ul>
2 Cooling boxes	2	20Litres Lab ice cooler box with portable handle
Water test consumables	900 reagents	900 set of reagents to test 900 households water samples.
Height and Weight Equipment	10	Portable Height and weight scale

Following documents should be submitted:

- Company profile that includes legal documents (Valid licenses and legal documentation to operate in Tanzania e.g. incorporation certificate, business license and relevant tax certificates,
- A list of recent performed contracts of similar nature including the names and addresses of the employers for verification.

Eligible interested bidders should send their bids to WaterAid Tanzania Office before **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by 10:00am** East African Time; through [ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org](mailto:ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org), Cc [NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org](mailto:NicombolweKidagho@wateraid.org). Bids shall be addressed to: "Country Director – WaterAid Tanzania, P.O. Box 33759 Plot No.1469 Rufiji Street: Off Haile Selassie Rd - Msasani Peninsular, Dar es Salaam: Tanzania." and clearly marked "**Bid for the supply of the Pre-test Equipment.**" The bids Opening will be on **19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 11:00am** at WaterAid Country Office.

**Note: WaterAid has a Mandatory Operating Procedure (MOP) and therefore for those who will visit our office for, submission or tender opening will not be allowed to enter office premises without properly wash their hand and wearing masks**



# Mining firm earns praise for supporting communities in fight against COVID-19

By Correspondent Carlos Banda

MINING company—OreCorp Tanzania Limited has donated a speaker and microphone set to support the fight against global pandemic and boost the vaccination campaign efforts at community level.

Sengerema District Commissioner, Senyi Ngaga commended the mining company for its support to the community in fight against COVID-19 and setting an example as model corporate citizen in backing the community and government.

OreCorp continue to be model corporate citizens and we are grateful for their continued support to Sengerema District referencing from the previous construction three new of classrooms, construction of Ngoma police station and several other important donations under the firm's community development activities for the community in Sengerema," DC said.

"With the help of the microphone and speakers, the district will be able to amass children especially from surrounding boarding schools to engage in physical exercises as a crucial part of the COVID-19 intervention programme and the equipment will also be used for public administrative activities in Sengerema," she added.

OreCorp's Tanzanian general manager Damien Valente stated: "OreCorp is proud of the ongoing collaboration and engagement with Sengerema District in all areas of community development."



Sengerema district commissioner, Senyi Ngaga listens to OreCorp Tanzania general manager Damien Valente (L) during the handover of a portable speaker and microphone to support the COVID-19 intervention programme and vaccination awareness campaign in Sengerema District recently.

Valente highlighted that the handover of the microphone and speaker set is the latest in several community initiatives OreCorp has undertaken to assist the Sengerema District with its awareness campaign and vaccination drive against COVID-19.

"These initiatives include working with the district medical officer to provide monthly briefings at the Nyanzaga Gold Project of the benefits of vaccinations, including hosting a vaccination centre at the site. The microphone and speaker set will be used at such events and at other initiatives spearheaded by the Sengerema District," he said, adding:

"OreCorp is committed to ensuring that its employees, consultants and visitors to the site are aware of the risks

associated with COVID-19 and mechanisms such as regular temperature checks, hand washing stations and signage across the camp are all prevalent."

The contributions come at a critical time for the Company following the granting of a Special Mining License on 13 December 2021 to Sotta Mining Corporation Limited (SMCL), a joint venture between the Tanzanian government (16percent) and OreCorp (84 percent), to develop the 670bn/- Nyanzaga Gold Project (Nyanzaga or Project) south of Ngoma in the Sengerema District.

The Project is now on track to be the first large scale gold mine to be built in Tanzania in over a decade and the first ever large scale mine in the Sengerema District.

# DC instructs ward officials to safeguard water sources

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA District Commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua has instructed Mwakibete Ward officials in Mbeya City Council to work together with the resident to plant trees at Nzovwe river water source to protect it.

Dr Chuachua gave the instructions here at the weekend when launching the tree planting campaign in the Ward during which he called upon ward officials to collect tree seedlings from the office of Tanzania Forest services Agency (TFS), southern highlands zone.

He said Nzovwe river water source is among important water sources that supply Mbeya residents with ample safe and clean water.

He said all areas around the water source are supposed to be planted

with trees that are friendly to the water source and called upon TFS officials to lead the residents in the tree planting campaign.

"At first I instructed that the residents should go and collect tree seedlings from TFS offices, but I have changed that decision, TFS will now bring the seedlings here so that you work together to plant them under their guidance," he said.

Mwakibete Ward Councillor, Lucas Mwampiki pledged to work together with his people and TFS officials to plant the trees, as they are among beneficiaries of the water source therefore they have the responsibility to protect it.

He said quite often people have been destroying water sources due to lack of proper education hence he appealed to TFS officials and other

institutions overseeing issues of environment to provide that education to the people.

Southern highlands zone TFS manager Cosmas Ndakidemi said his institution has enough prepared and is distributing them for free to the people for planting in order to protect the environment.



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## INVITATION TO TENDER FOR APPOINTMENT TO A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR TMEA.

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an aid-for-trade organization that was established in 2010, with the aim of growing prosperity in the region through increased trade. TMEA wishes to appoint service providers to a framework agreement whose expertise shall be called upon via competition and contracts awarded from time to time amongst the service providers on the framework agreement, in response to specific defined pieces of work.

The Framework Agreement shall cover the following broad areas of work:

- (i) LOT 1: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Furniture
- (ii) LOT 2: Supply, delivery and installation of signages
- (iii) LOT 3: Consultancy Services for Furnishing and Signage Needs Assessments, Development of Specifications and Supervision of Installation
- (iv) LOT 4: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Computers and Accessories
- (v) LOT 5: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Network Solutions
- (vi) LOT 6: Supply, Delivery and Installation of Back-up Power Infrastructure (UPs)
- (vii) LOT 7: Provision of WAN and Internet Services
- (viii) LOT 8: Consultancy Services for Development of ICT Specifications and Supervision of ICT Installations
- (ix) LOT 9: Supplementary Construction works
- (x) LOT 10: Consultant services for assessing supplementary constructions work, Development of Specifications and Supervision of works
- (xi) LOT 11: Consultancy services for undertaking Base Line Time and Traffic Surveys and endline results measurement

The Framework Agreement bid document and specific requirements can be obtained at <https://www.trademarka.com/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Framework Title and Number should be emailed to [frameworks@trademarka.com](mailto:frameworks@trademarka.com). The closing date for submission of tenders is as indicated in the framework tender document.

Lots 3, 8 and 10 are open to **INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS ONLY**; and Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11 are open to **COMPANIES/FIRMS/CONSORTIUMS AND JOINT VENTURES ONLY**.

Interested and qualified parties MUST submit only soft copies via the TMEA Procurement address [frameworks@trademarka.com](mailto:frameworks@trademarka.com) and all attachments must be 5 MB or less.

**TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.**



### Job Advertisement – 1 Position:

### Project Officer- Inclusive Education and Integrated Early Childhood Development

<b>Background</b>	Madrasa Early Childhood Programme –Zanzibar (MECP-Z) is an affiliate of The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF). For 30 years MECP-Z has been implementing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes in Zanzibar and in 2014 started to deliver its programming in mainland Tanzania.  Currently MECP-Z is implementing <i>Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID)</i> project in Zanzibar aimed at airing the voices of people with disability and to show everyone that disability is not inability. The project is delivered in partnership with Department of Disability Affairs (DDA) and Shirikisho la Jumuiya za Watu Wenye Ulemavu Zanzibar (SHIJUWAZA) under the support of Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD).  MECP-Z is looking for one committed and qualified professional to fill the above position for a duration of two and half years, based on performance and availability of funds.
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Project Officer - Inclusive Education and Integrated Early Childhood Development.</b>
<b>Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<b>General:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Work as a Liaison officer between SHIJUWAZA and MECP-Z in the project.</li> <li>ii. Liaise closely with NAD Regional IE Adviser (Kampala), and with NAD Oslo when required, while keeping MECP-Z and other actors informed.</li> <li>iii. Liaise with key CBID actors on the CBID capacity development of key government structures, which includes IE and ECD elements, when requested.</li> <li>iv. Verify/Monitor the work undertaken by the partners and service providers and reporting.</li> <li>v. Promote gender mainstreaming and inclusiveness within the project.</li> <li>vi. Identify local challenges and risks that may affect the project and propose mitigation options.</li> <li>vii. Ensure a harmonious relationship between the project, the communities, the government and other stakeholders.</li> <li>viii. Facilitate smooth working conditions for external technical advisers on both IE components</li> </ul> <b>Specific focus:</b> <b>Component 1: DPO Capacity Building on IE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ix. Coordinate and lead facilitator of the capacity building of Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) on IE, responsible for ensuring implementation of both national and district level activities.</li> <li>x. Coordinate the development of work plan and budget, request funds for activities and timely retirement of implemented activities</li> <li>xi. Ensure the selection, capacity building and maintenance of a strong team of DPOs trainers at national and district levels.</li> <li>xii. Ensure the development of a sound IE documentation and monitoring system within SHIJUWAZA</li> <li>xiii. Inform the project coordinator with reports which cover activities accomplished, targets reached, and ongoing monitoring information.</li> <li>xiv. Identify potential success stories and learnings from the field.</li> </ul> <b>Component 2: Teacher Training on IE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>xv. In collaboration with Inclusive Education and Life Skills Unit, SUZA and other actors involved in this component, coordinate the development of work plan and budget, request funds for activities and timely retirement of implemented activities.</li> <li>xvi. Ensure sound monitoring of IE teacher training activities, outputs and outcomes, and report to project management. Identify potential success stories and learnings from the field.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and Experience required:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. At least Degree in Education, Masters is an added advantage.</li> <li>ii. Knowledge and/or experience working rights based with civil society organizations.</li> <li>iii. Experience working as a facilitator of participatory learning and active grassroots engagement.</li> <li>iv. Experience coordinating collaboration between several actors.</li> <li>v. Possesses social organization skills and experience in Educational chains.</li> <li>vi. At least 2 years of successful work with results-based project management.</li> <li>vii. Good Command of English and Kiswahili.</li> <li>viii. Strong in computer skills (Ms. Word, Excel and PowerPoint)</li> <li>ix. Good communication skills in speaking and writing both English and Kiswahili.</li> </ul>
<b>Application Process and Deadline</b>	Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV (not exceeding 3 pages), the names and contact information of three referees by 30th April 2022 before close of business.  For more information and how to apply please click on the following link <a href="http://www.akdn.org/careers">www.akdn.org/careers</a>  <i>Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i>  Women and People with Disabilities are highly encouraged to apply. MECP-Z is an equal opportunity employer.



# Traditional, time-tested methods and modern App help heat climate change

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EVEN as erratic weather and extremely high temperatures increase pest infestation and affect harvests, a combination of traditional methods, integrated pest management through intercropping and multilayering is helping farmers in Ahmednagar and Aurangabad districts of Maharashtra, India.

Ahmednagar and Aurangabad districts in the western Indian state of Maharashtra are semi-arid regions in the hinterland. Ahmednagar is drought-prone with erratic rains. Aurangabad district lies in the water-starved Marathwada region of Maharashtra.

The mean maximum temperature is high, and the area experienced severe droughts in 2012 and 2014. Barring the Godavari, there are no perennial rivers in the region. Farmers have a trying time during the summer months, trying to prevent the soil from cracking due to intense heat. The rains are erratic, with untimely rains further exacerbating the onset of pests.

Yet, both districts lead in the production of pulses, maize, and grams. Since these crops are susceptible to aphids and pod-borers, high temperatures and erratic rains due to climate change have seen farmers resort to increased chemicals to check pest infestation.

This is where multilayer farming using natural organic methods, integrated pest management, and intercropping has proved beneficial to farmers in Gangapur, Shrigonda and Karjat. Gradually reducing the chemical content in their farms over three full years, farmers are now opting for natural organic farming, with the help of technical expertise from the non-profit Watershed Organization Trust (WOTR) and scientists from WOTR-Centre for Climate Resilience (W-CRES).

The design incorporates a variety of vegetable and fruit varieties planted in limited space. This means using trees and plants of varying heights and maturing time next to one another so that each is dependent on the other. Smaller plants grow under the canopy of tall trees and yield well, even as tall fruit trees shoot up to the sun. It also ensures adequate shade in the summer months to keep the farms cool and congenial for growth. Water consumption is kept at a minimum using a rain-pipe sprinkler that runs around the patch.



Devka and Krishna Desai on their multilayer farm. They are happy because this method has brought them great success. Here they are with their harvest of bananas and papaya. File photo

Savita Bachat Gat (Savita microfinance group) member, Dipali used her savings to widen the varieties cultivated on her family's farm, using the multilayer model on a patch.

"Earlier, we would grow cotton from June to October, Jowar in summer, soybeans and pigeon pea in the monsoons, chickpeas, and onion in winter. Limited availability of water-limited our options. In February 2020, I took the advice of experts from WOTR and went in for multilayer farming on four gunthas (400 square metres of our land). We planted papaya, moringa (drumsticks), bananas, mangoes, guava, lemon, figs, tomatoes, brinjal, chilli (curry leaves), and marigold. Despite the Covid 19-induced lockdown, the family earned a sizeable sum from the fruit and vegetables cultivated. The Bankers had their first crop of chillies in April 2020 and have sold a sizeable amount every 15 days, helping the family earn Rs 15000 so far. Papaya matures in nine months, while bananas bear fruit in eight months, and moringa yields drumsticks in seven months. This helped the Bankers earn Rs 70,000 from papayas, Rs 28000 and Rs 56 000 from two banana harvests, respectively and Rs 40,000 from selling drumsticks. Although markets were shut during the lockdown, the family managed to sell through local grocery shops and used the rest for their consumption. Dipali's husband, Devidas Bankar, managed to sell part of his produce in Surat and Mumbai, where he travelled once the lockdown eased.

The method also uses integrated pest management to control pests by choosing the right plants in a cluster, and natural pesticides, without using any chemicals.

W-CRES Senior Researcher Dr Nitin Kumbhar and Junior Researcher Satish Adhe explains: "Integrated pest management works at several levels. It works through the choice of natural and organic methods, natural pheromone traps, intercropping (as per a formula we have developed), and the use of organic fungicides/pesticides that can be easily made by farming households."

A simple square design is used, wherein bananas are intercropped with marigold, mango, maize, and black gram (urad), and papayas are intercropped with chilli black gram, drumstick, and guava. Onions are intercropped with ginger; tomatoes are intercropped with spinach and pumpkin. Radish is planted in a single row, while ridge gourd, lemongrass, and coriander are grown on the outside flanks of the farm.

Soft-stemmed coriander attracts pests. When attacked, the affected stalks of coriander are easily discarded. Marigold destroys nematodes in the soil through its alkaloid roots and protects crops. It also attracts female moths who lay eggs on the plant (leaving other crops untouched). Maize attracts beneficial insects such as the ladybird beetle, which feeds on the aphids that destroy crops.

Integrated pest management also involves pheromone traps to attract and kill destructive pests. These traps can be used against leaf-eating insects, pod borers, mealy bugs, aphids, sucking pests or fruit flies.

For all crops grown on patches, it is imperative that planting is done in a north-south direction. "This allows the crops to access sunshine throughout the day," explains Kumbhar.

Once the farmers did away with hybrid varieties and opted for traditional ones, there was less vegetative growth and fewer insect attacks.

"Part of the problem with hybrid varieties is more vegetative growth and softer stems. This makes it attractive for pests to attack. Traditional varieties are harder and can withstand extreme temperatures that are now common due to climate change. Farmers do not lose their crops easily due to pest attacks," Kumbhar tells IPS.

Dipali Bankar, whose family owns a 3-acre farm in Ambeholol village in Gangapur (taluka) of Aurangabad district. A

## MAXINSURE (TANZANIA) LIMITED



### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAXINSURE TANZANIA LIMITED FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41 (1) OF INSURANCE ACT 2009

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
<b>Gross written premium</b>	<b>3,263,400</b>	<b>2,678,643</b>
Gross earned premium	2,734,680	4,002,378
Less: Outward Reinsurance	1,396,372	1,987,210
<b>Net earned premiums</b>	<b>1,338,308</b>	<b>2,015,169</b>
Investment income	81,417	88,007
Foreign Exchange gain	-	-
Gain realized on Financial assets	-	-
Other Income	14,630	43,393
Commission earned	293,708	540,008
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,728,063</b>	<b>2,686,576</b>
Commissions payable	397,144	432,517
Net Claims Incurred	280,565	552,589
Operating and other expenses	1,473,227	1,594,927
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>(442,872)</b>	<b>106,543</b>
Tax	9,302	(30,258)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>(432,174)</b>	<b>136,801</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Other Comprehensive loss for the year net of tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the year attributable to the owners of the company</b>	<b>(432,174)</b>	<b>136,801</b>

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
<b>Capital Employed</b>	<b>8,834,880</b>	<b>7,972,880</b>
Share capital	8,834,880	7,972,880
Share Premium	-	-
Call on shares	-	-
Contingency reserve	1,582,553	1,524,466
Capital reserve	-	-
Retained Earnings	(5,435,373)	(4,945,111)
Proposed Dividend	-	-
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUND</b>	<b>4,982,060</b>	<b>4,552,234</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>11,902,175</b>	<b>11,046,689</b>
Property and equipment	56,335	67,790
Intangible assets	55,860	103,844
Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangement	571,126	375,045
Receivables arising out of direct insurance arrangements	2,651,083	1,463,107
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions and reserves	6,120,894	5,919,343
Deferred acquisition costs	206,594	117,281
Other receivables	103,047	96,571
Current tax	51,034	39,900
Deferred Tax	205,575	214,877
Government securities	1,130,852	449,568
Deposits with Financial Institutions	512,810	614,078
Cash and Bank Balance	236,965	1,588,283
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,902,175</b>	<b>11,046,689</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,920,115</b>	<b>6,494,455</b>
Unearned premium	882,690	354,033
Outstanding claims provisions	5,721,167	5,068,812
Differed tax	-	-
Creditors arising from reinsurance arrangement	(1,113,304)	336,995
Creditors arising from direct insurance arrangement	-	-
Other payables	948,053	734,616
Bank overdraft	481,509	-
Current tax	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,920,115</b>	<b>6,494,455</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,982,060</b>	<b>4,552,234</b>

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Share Capital TZS '000	Contingency Reserve TZS '000	Accumulated Losses TZS '000	Total TZS '000
At 1 January 2020	5,922,880	1,444,106	(5,001,553)	2,365,433
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares	2,050,000	-	-	2,050,000
Net Profit after tax	-	-	136,801	136,801
Transfer to contingency reserve	-	80,359	(80,359)	-
Transfer- Capital reserve	-	-	-	-
Proposed Dividend	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<b>7,972,880</b>	<b>1,524,466</b>	<b>(4,945,111)</b>	<b>4,552,234</b>
At 1 January 2021	7,972,880	1,524,466	(4,945,111)	4,552,234
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Issue of share	862,000	-	-	862,000
Net Profit	-	-	(432,174)	(432,174)
Transfer- Contingency reserve	-	58,088	(58,088)	-
Transfer- Capital reserve	-	-	-	-
Proposed Dividend	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	<b>8,834,880</b>	<b>1,582,553</b>	<b>(5,435,373)</b>	<b>4,982,060</b>

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS '000	2020 TZS '000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash generated from operations	(2,538,752)	(2,487,502)
Investment Income	81,418	88,007
Other income	-	-
Tax paid	-	-
<b>Net Cash from / (used in ) operating activities</b>	<b>(2,457,334)</b>	<b>(2,399,495)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(28,762)	(210)
Purchase of unlisted share	-	-
Liquidation/purchase of government bond	-	-
Decrease/(Increase) in government securities	(345,257)	221,946
Liquidation of Corporate bond	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in fixed deposit	106,268	165,522
Investment in related Company	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	-	-
Proceed from disposal of shares	-	-
<b>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>267,751</b>	<b>387,258</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from issue of shares	862,000	2,050,000
Interest	-	-
<b>Net cash from / (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>862,000</b>	<b>2,050,000</b>
<b>(DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>(1,863,085)</b>	<b>37,763</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalent</b>		
At the start of the year	1,618,541	1,580,778
(Decrease) / Increase	(1,863,085)	37,763
At the end of the year	<b>(244,544)</b>	<b>1,618,541</b>

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on 30th March 2022 and were signed by:

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## 'Government loses billions from unlicensed individual lenders'

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE government is losing billions of shilling revenue from individual non-deposits taking lenders, as hundreds of thousands are currently operating without licenses, as required by Bank of Tanzania (BOT) regulations.

In 2019, BOT published regulations requiring individual non-deposits taking lenders- tier 2 to apply for licenses for their operations, but the compliancy has remained very slow, especially in rural areas.

Through government notice number 679 published on September 13, 2019, BOT published the regulations, which emphasizes on stability, consumer protection, capital requirements and best practices in non-deposits taking credit market.

According to the regulations, non-deposit individuals are required to apply for licenses with non-refundable 300,000/- application fee, but many are currently operating without licenses, which deny the government billions of shillings.

The regulations also require a licensed small individual lender to have a capital of at least 20mn/-, but currently, people with less amount are currently running such businesses openly through local government authorities office.

The survey carried out by The Guardian has shown that there are many individual lenders who are currently issuing loans to people, with an interest of up to 30 percent in one



Non-deposit individual lenders are required to apply for licenses with non-refundable 300,000/- application fee, but many are currently operating unlicensed. PHOTO/FILE

month.

This means that lenders are earning 300 times for each 100/- borrowed each year, which is 15 times higher than the market rates charged

by commercial banks and licensed financial institutions or savings and credits organization.

Other lenders in rural areas are providing loans to farmers, few months

before harvests, whereby crops are used as security until the harvest when lenders takes a portion of it as loans repayment.

It reaches at a time when farmers are losing nearly all harvested crops to lenders if there is an accumulation or debt non-payments.

One of unlicensed lender who spoke to The Guardian said he earns up to four times of an invested amount, as each loan is payable within a month after borrowing.

"This is good business but sometimes is very risky," said a lender who preferred to speak on anonymity.

A lender said he started credit business with a capital of 2mn/- three years ago, by lending to women small business operators and he has been earning gross income of up to 7.2mn/- each year.

"This business is so risky because sometimes we ended up being losing some of the borrowed money because others do not use collaterals during borrowing, which makes it difficult to recover because most are issued insecure with no security," he said.

According to the lender, sometimes borrowers are required to provide security for a loan, which include household appliances such as sofa set, TV, house title deeds or bed/ mattress, and in case they fail to repay, the properties are auctioned to recover borrowed amount.

"We do not sell these collaterals at a marketing price, but the price which we believe is equivalent with the borrowed amount," he said.

When asked why he is operating without a license, a lender say he can't do so because he feels that exposing the businesses to the authorities will result into tax payment, which he is hardly trying to avoid.

Mariam Issa (34) resident of Tabata said she has lost some of the appliances which were sold after she failed to repay 500,000 borrowed from individual lender.

"I borrowed the amount to operate a small business which later went broke due to circumstances I faced at a family level, and I had nothing to do than allowing my properties to be sold," she said.

She said she failed to repay 650,000/-, which included 500,000/- principal and 150,000 interest in one month, before jumping to 650,000/- principal with 180,000/- in-

terest during the second month.

According to the regulations published on the BOT website all services providers are required to maintain a capital of 20mn/- or more, with not more than 100 borrowers.

The regulations require all individual lenders who will exceed 100 borrowers to apply for a license as an institutional lender with an application fees of 500,000/-.

The regulation directs that small individual and institutional lenders targeted will be allowed to offer number of services include micro-housing loans for individuals, do distribute loans issued by government lending programmes, investing in capital markets, provide insurance agency.

The players will also be required to prepare quarterly financial statements and annual financial reports, which will be presented to BOT, while providing training to employees involved in lending business.

The Guardian survey has also shown that there are other individual lenders who use money borrowed from commercial banks with little interest and long term repayment to lend into small borrowers in short term.

For example, an individual lender can borrow one million shilling for one year at an interest of 20 percent per annum from the bank, but he can use the same amount to earn up to 3.6mn/-, which translates into a net profit of 2.6mn/-.

According to the regulations, individual lenders who were existing before the new regulations were given a one year grace period to register their businesses or otherwise to get rid of it.

However, due to lack of supervision, there is a mushroom of individual lenders who operate their businesses with the help of local government authorities.

The local government authorities or village chairperson offices have been used as guarantors of borrowers and some are paid small complementary fees from lenders.

People familiar with the business said some village or urban local government leaders are earning a signature bonus of up to 10,000/- for each individual borrower.

The local government offices are also used for reconciliation, when it comes into default or delayed repayment of borrowed funds from individual lenders.

## Manufacturing sector recovers from unprecedented decline

By Guardian Reporter

**MANUFACTURING** in both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar is among of the leading sectors stimulating economic growth in the post-pandemic recovery, sending signals to dominant mining in the mainland and cloves in Isles.

Manufacturing, a non-traditional sector is currently contributing nearly one-tenth of the economy, employing millions of Tanzania and is also considered as among of main sources of revenue to the government in terms of exports sales, as well as for both corporate and income taxes.

The manufacturing sector in Tanzania consists mainly of food processing (24 percent), textiles and clothing (10 percent), chemicals (8.5 percent), and others, including beverages, tobacco, brewing, cement, leather and leather products, paper and paper products, publishing and printing, and plastics.

Various data by Bank of Tanzania (BOT) have shown that the sector has maintained the second lead position in contributing to exports earnings in both sides of the country.

The increase in manufacturing exports earnings is largely a reflection of the ability of the sector to now compete in world markets.

This is being recorded while the government is trying to push industrialization agenda, to transform the economy, which is mainly dominated by primary agricultural activities.

Provisional data shows in Tanzania mainland, the sector injected \$1.27 billion to the economy in exports during the year ending February 2022, close to half amount gold exports.

During the period, manufacturing became second to gold exports, which injected \$2.6 billion.

The earnings were higher than \$912 million recorded during the year ending February 2021 and \$815 million in 2020.

Much of the rise was observed in exports of cosmetics, cement, plastic items and cereals particularly rice and maize, according to Bank of Tanzania



The manufacturing sector in Tanzania consists mainly of food processing, textiles and clothing, chemicals, and others, including beverages PHOTO/FILE

data.

The report shows the large volume of exports went to the neighbouring countries within East Africa Community (EAC), Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) or which Tanzania is member and Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), which Tanzania is not a member.

This has also pushed up imports of industrial supplies to Tanzania mainland by 34 percent during the period to \$3.6 billion during the year ending February 2022 from

\$2.6 billion similar month in 2021.

According to BOT reports, capital goods imports, mainly machinery, electrical machinery, food and beverage for industrial use as well as sugar for industrial use were also high during the period, which indicated increasing industrial activities.

Reports have also shown that banks confidence on manufacturing is also high as credit growth remained double digit at 12.4 percent during the fourth quarter of last year, from a contraction of 10 percent during similar quarter of 2020.

This has also pushed up the share of credits to manufacturing to 9.7 percent in Q4, 2021 from negative 10 percent in 2020.

During the fourth quarter of last year, manufacturing was third to record high credit growth behind trade and personal and in terms of share, data showed in each hundred shilling borrowed, ten were on manufacturing.

In Zanzibar, manufactured goods exports injected \$7.6mn/- during the year ending February 2022, an increase of 50 percent when compared with 2021 earnings.

The amount was second to cloves, which injected a tune of \$59.7m/ in 2022, edging other lead sectors including seaweeds.

This has also pushed up the isles industrial supplies imports during the period as data shows a growth of 61 percent to \$102 million in 2022 from \$63.5 million in 2021, according to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

According to BOT reports, imports for industrial raw materials in Zanzibar also increased by nearly 60 percent to \$310 million during the year ending December 2021 from \$195 million in 2020.

The manufacturing sector in Tanzania is still relatively small but has a significant contribution to the country's overall GDP. Over the past decade the sector has averaged 8 percent of GDP and 4 percent annual growth rate.

Most of the manufacturing activities are centered on simple consumer products such as foods, beverages, tobacco, textiles, and chemicals, plastic, wood and steel allied products.

The sector continues to be of considerable importance to the Tanzania economy as is still one of the most reliable sources of government revenue in terms of exports sales as well as for both corporate and income taxes, accounting for over half of the annual government revenue collections.

However, number of employment has not been reflected by fast growing manufacturing sector as data shows they account for eight out of hundred employed people. They include 11.3 percent of male and 4.5 percent of female.

Agriculture, fishing and forestry continue to account for the largest share of employment with 61 percent in 2020/2021 while services

For Tanzania mainland, the National Bureau of Statistics shows manufacturing employment accounts for 7.8 percent of total employment, which include 11.1 percent of male and 4.3 percent of female.

In Zanzibar, the numbers are promising as they account for 17.1 percent of total employment, which include 18.6 percent of female and 15 percent of male.

According to the study by Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), despite numerous efforts to create a dynamic industrial environment Tanzania persistently has a small and underdeveloped manufacturing sector.

In 2015, manufacturing industries contribute to the economy by 25 percent and that path is envisaged to grow as the countries stress on industrialization as the path to the middle economy by 2025, when the contribution of manufacturing to the national economy must reach a minimum of 40 percent of the GDP.

To achieve this, Tanzania aims to transform from being dominated by natural resource exploitation activities and extractive industries to become an economy with a broad and diverse base of manufacturing, processing and packaging industries.

The sector is ranked in third place as recipient of FDI (behind quarrying and mining; and electricity and gas sectors) and account for a large part of foreign exchange.



# JATU share price is down by half since IPO floating

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

**T**HE JATU share price slightly appreciated by 2.5 per cent during last week's trading session to 205/- per share as compared to 200/- per share recorded during the prior week's trading session according to Data from the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

Jatu, which was officially registered in 2016, was originally listed on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) in November, 2020 listing 2.1 million shares and issued an additional 15 million ordinary shares through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) in June 2021.

During the IPO, its shares were offered at a price of 500/- per share but the company's share price depreciated by 18 per cent closing at 410/- at the last day of trading last year.

The company's share price surged more than 58 per cent during the first week of trading at the DSE last year with analysts predicting a positive outlook for the company due to its unique and innovative business model.

Through its strategic plan, the company planned to reach all districts of Tanzania through Agriculture, Industry and Internet marketing.

Currently, the company operates bean farming activities in Kilindi district, Tanga Region, Rice farming in Kilombero district, Morogoro Region, maize and sunflower farming in Kiteto District, Manyara Region and Fruit Farming, Handeni District, Tanga Region.

The agri-based company has since listing on the DSE experienced some highs and lows with its share price peaking at 1,030/- closing of trading session on Friday September 10, 2021.

Disaster has since strike with the company's share price plummeting to 190/- per share during the trading session that ended on March 25, 2022.

Stock analysts however attribute the fall in JATU share price to bad investor



The JATU CEO Peter Isare gives a speech during the company's Initial Public Offering (IPO) where shares were offered at a price of 500/- per share. The company's shares traded at 205/- per share 1st week. Photo courtesy of the interne

sentiments which has created panic in the market.

Speaking to the Guardian yesterday, the Zan Securities Advisory and Research Manager Isaac Lubeja said it's however too soon to predict on the future of the company's share price.

"There has been some kind of panic in the market in recent months as shareholders need to see value for their money. At the moment, we do not expect to see any form of turn for JATU and its prospective shareholders," he added.

Lubeja noted that investors may however be prompted to make informed decisions when the company finally released full year financials for last year and half year performance for this year," he added.

He noted that overall the equity market has had a good run in the first quarter of 2022, strong outlook on corporate profitability remains the key reason for stock market growth driving a massive buying spree in a number of counters.

"Our view of the market remains bullish as we forecast the Domestic Listed stocks index (TSI) to gain more points as we start quarter 4 whereby companies begin to declare dividends," he added.

JATU has recently been engulfed in management - share holder woes with recent media reports attributing the division to the company's failure to meet dividend

commitments for its shareholders.

The company however has not issued a statement on the same and efforts by this paper to get comments from the company's General Manager Amos Sindano were not fruitful as he neither answered calls nor replied to messages.

The company, while announcing its Interim Half year results for 2021, said its revenue had surged by 304 per cent with growth in maize flour, rice, beans and sunflower oil, depicting strong momentum in our business growth.

"The growth in revenue went almost parallel with operating profit which increased by 241 percent. This is primarily due to a significant increase in sales and marketing investment in all products compared to the same period last year," the company said.

The company reported that cash generated from operations was 187m/- of which 131m/- was utilized to pay capital expenditure underlining that Bank Term loan of 250m/- supported the working capital and Projects.

The company noted that to persuade new investors, it was focusing on increasing profitability of its agribusiness.

"To start with, in the forthcoming farming season, JATU PLC will introduce a 25 per cent share of profit on the member farmers' produce sale profit and 20 per cent on the livestock products sale profit," the company said in a statement.

## 5 smart money moves to make in Q2, 2022



By Victor Oluwole

**YOUNG** people are less likely to have a job with a retirement plan, but even those who do are less likely to save.

Money topics like budgeting, how to make wise money decisions, long term money goals, short term money goals, savings, and most importantly, investing are usually not discussed with young adults in Africa except by a small percentage who are seen to be privileged.

As an African in your 20s, you would usually fall within these three categories; a fresh university graduate, an employee at the edge of kicking off your career, or an entrepreneur trying to figure out how to get started.

Regardless of where you belong, you must have accepted and come to terms with the money truths, so it is time to start getting serious about managing your money, and here is how to get started.

### Make a realistic budget

List your income and expenses. A budget helps limit expenses to disposable income. Once you have developed this discipline, the next step is to include savings. It is first important to track, list, and categorise your expenses when establishing a budget, as this will help you eliminate expenses so you can save money.

### Build an emergency fund

In the early years of your career, your income can go up and down as you explore your options. An emergency fund will protect you against these uncertainties. Set aside the emergency fund before saving money for another use. Be disciplined when using the funds and know how to replenish them when you use them. Periodically review your emergency fund requirements to match your current income needs. In this absence, you risk getting into debt and harming your finances.

### Start saving for retirement - now!

Young people are less likely to have a job with a retirement plan, but even those who do are less likely to save. The money invested in your twenties has a lot more time to grow, so you may not need to

save so much money later in life. A person who saves money for 10 years from age 25, assuming steady growth, will retire with more than someone starting at age 35 and saving for the next 30 years.

In other words, you can save 10 to 15% of your income in your twenties or wait and save 25% or more in your late thirties to get the same result. Wait even longer, and by the end of your 40s, you will need to put aside 35% of your income to catch up.

### Spend less money with a debit card

A debit card can be a useful tool for managing your finances. To build good money habits, you'll need to use it wisely. Having the right mindset and understanding of your spending helps keep your expenses in check. You may have money left over in your budget to save and pursue goals.

### Start investing

It is amusing to see how many young Africans think it is wise to invest in your 40s or 50s when you have millions in your account. The truth is that investment is now easier, and everyone can start an investment plan. Financial institutions now facilitate any investment, just find the one that is verified and effective and start investing.

## BETWEEN THE LINES

By Geoffrey Nangai



## 'Deliberate efforts needed to tame ever increasing commodity prices'

THE Fair Competition Commission (FCC) a few days back issued a stern warning to businessmen in the sugar and cooking oil supply chain against hoarding of prices adding that it would take punitive measures as the vice was against the principles of the Fair Competition Act, No.8 of 2003.

The new price caps announced by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) last week are expected to add salt to injury as analysts predict that commodity prices will increase further in the coming days.

According to the new indicative prices, a litre of petrol now costs 2,861/- retail price per litre of petrol, representing an increase of 321/- per litre compared to last month while a litre of diesel now costs 2,692/- per litre and even more in other regions across Tanzania.

The increased fuel prices have not only sparked public outcry for the Government to intervene but sparked a heated debate in parliament last week with a cross section of legislators urging the house to treat the matter as a state of emergency.

FCC's public notice that was published in various newspapers as a reminder however left many questions unanswered as the authority has a full mandate of promoting and protecting effective competition in trade and commerce and protecting consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct.

Whereas the means of communication used with due respect to the target audience remains a challenge itself (not sure if it reached the target audience), the agency should have gone an extra mile to investigate the public outcry so as to act accordingly as it has the right to protect the interests of consumers.

According to the FCC Competition Rules 2018, Sections (11 & 12), the authority shall conduct investigation that will enable a preliminary assessment of the relevant markets, the nature of competition in those markets and the possible role or behaviour of a person who is the subject of investigation and where the Department responsible for investigation is of the opinion that there is a case to answer; the matter shall be referred to the relevant Director.

In economics, whenever markets experience imbalances, the price is usually determined by the 'price mechanism' system where the forces of demand and supply determine the prices of commodities and the changes therein. It is the buyers and sellers who actually determine the price of a commodity.

The price mechanism is the outcome of the free play of market forces of demand and supply. However, sometimes the government controls the price mechanism to make commodities affordable for the poor people too.

Records indicate that demand for both sugar and cooking oil is currently higher than domestic production thus a big consignment of the commodities is imported each year to address the shortfall but with the volatility of the global economies, changes in global prices will have an impact on domestic prices meaning that consumers should brace themselves to dig deeper into their pockets.

Tanzania is not a 'Laissez-faire' economy so in most cases, the Government may intervene to regulate prices of certain commodities to minimize cheating practices.

In this regard, the Government should announce new price caps depending on the current market forces of demand and supply to protect consumers' interests and save them from profit sharks.

In simple economics of supply and demand, in a free market, an increase in demand or a decrease in supply brings a price increase, not a shortage.

Commodity prices for sugar and cooking oil prices have risen tremendously in recent months and with the surge in global fuel prices, the price of the commodities may rise further as optimistic businessmen take advantage of the situation if not tamed.

The National Bureau of Standards (NBS) in a recent report said the National Consumer Price Index between January and February, 2022 increased to 106.20 in February, 2022 from 105.59 recorded in January, 2022. The increase of the overall index was attributed to price increase for some food and non-food items.

Some food items that contributed to an increase of the index included cooking oil by 1.8 per cent, wheat grains by 1.8 per cent, rice by 3.1 per cent, finger Millet grains by 1.3 per cent, maize grains by 5.2 per cent, wheat flour by 1.1 per cent, maize flour by 1.4 per cent, fresh fish by 3.5 per cent, and round potatoes by 3.1 per cent.

According to statistics, the actual demand of sugar in the country is 420, 000 tonnes annually, while local sugar factories produce a total of 320, 000 tonnes of the commodity annually but Tanzania has a huge potential for sugarcane farming and sugar production supported with vast water sources, good climatic conditions and huge market potential.

A policy brief shows that owing to Tanzania's sugar deficit, some importers are permitted to bring sugar into the country without paying the full duty. Exemptions are awarded after the Ministry of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Sugar Board Tanzania (SBT).

On the other hand, data from the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) shows that Tanzania also spends more than \$150,000 annually to import edible oil.

Tanzania currently produces only 205,000 tonnes of cooking oil a year, which is not enough to meet its annual demand of 570,000 tonnes thus, faces a deficit of 365,000 tonnes of edible oil annually.

Tanzania however has a big potential to increase cooking oil production since it grows sunflower, cotton, groundnuts, soya beans, and palm that can be used to anchor a competitive edible oil industry in the country and regional market but lack of modern mechanical extraction technology has made Tanzania to rely on imported edible oil.

Tanzania has sunflower, cotton, groundnuts, soya beans, and palm, which can be used to anchor a competitive edible oil industry in the country and regional market.

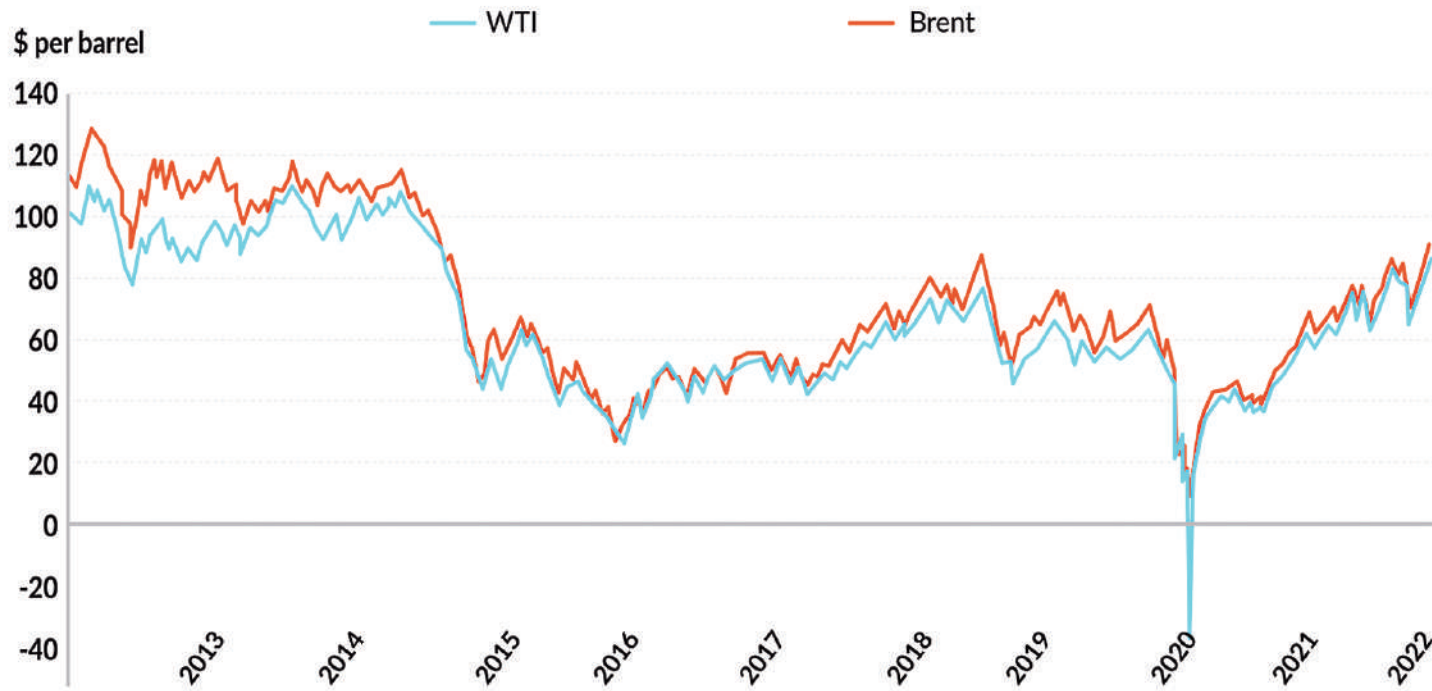
The government needs to take deliberate steps to boost domestic edible oil production substantially and ask farmers to apply correct technologies and good farming practices as advised by agricultural experts so as to boost production.

While we draw strategies to increase production as a country to address the deficit gap, there is a need to strike a balance between short-term measures to keep prices in check and long-term measures of keeping Tanzania self-sufficient in both sugar and edible oil production.

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# Oil could be \$65-75 per barrel very soon



By Simon Watkins

A combination of bearish oil price factors remain, including the US need to see oil lower, and the true extent of the Russia-Ukraine war premium has been underestimated, with oil trading at around \$65 per barrel when the true premium began.

As predicted by FX Empire, crude oil prices have seen a dramatic reversal from just under US\$130 per barrel (pb) of Brent in early March to just over \$100 pb now. Precisely the same key bearish factors for oil prices cited by FX Empire have emerged.

These were: the political and economic necessity for the US to bring prices down (in the shape of SPR releases from it and from IEA member states), China's increased COVID-related lockdowns, anticipation of a new Iran 'nuclear deal', and the prospect of the end of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. So, where are crude oil prices headed from

here?

In broad terms, all of the above bearish factors remain in play, so there is every reason to expect the US and IEA member states to make good on their statements to continue with planned SPR releases.

China's COVID-related lockdowns are likely to be extended, with reports over the weekend that authorities in other cities, including Ningbo and Beijing, have begun implementing limited restrictions to curb the spread of the virus.

Russia has stated that it might be prepared to let Ukraine join the European Union, provided that it does not attempt to join NATO, and the new Iran nuclear deal is still under review by both sides.

More specifically, though, the US\$65-75 Brent crude oil price band derives from two key factors: first, what used to be called the 'Trump Price Cap', with the floor being US\$35-45 pb - the price band in which U.S. shale producers make good profits; and, second where the oil price was before the 'true' Russia-Ukraine war premium came to be noticed by most.

First, the 'Trump Price Cap' was a reflection of the above-mentioned negative political and economic factors that accrue for the US if oil prices remain high for long.

The government of former President Donald Trump was so successful also in controlling the cap on oil prices that they only ever stayed persistently above the US\$75 per barrel of Brent level during his entire presidency from April to October 2019.

When they went above the \$75 pb level Trump directly threatened the Saudis with the withdrawal of US military protection if they did not increase their production, which they then did.

Second, the true Russia-Ukraine war premium did not begin just before the invasion on 24 February when Brent stood at around \$95 pb.

Rather, the war premium may well have begun when the very smart money funds started to buy on the expectation of such an eventuality.

This dates back to September 2021 when U.S. intelligence officers started to notice unusual Russian military movements on the Ukraine border after the conclusion of the joint Russia-Belarus military exercises that had taken place. At that point, Brent was trading at around \$65 pb.

## 'Confidence, knowledge can lead to better smart money decisions'

By Carol Glynn

Two common areas that cause people to procrastinate financially are knowledge and confidence. However, what comes first: knowledge or confidence? It is like a chicken-and-egg debate.

Logically, we know that financial literacy can boost our confidence to make informed money-management decisions. Yet, many people tell me that they lack the confidence to learn and absorb that financial knowledge, which holds them back.

There is no denying the financial industry can be daunting. We have to contend with an overwhelming volume of financial jargon, the many and complex approaches to money management, and the sheer scale of conflicting opinions on how money should be used, budgeted, saved and invested.

Many people talk of how they give up on their goal of financial independence as it is too scary, confusing and overwhelming to do it alone.

It can be a very lonely place to be. Money management is a subject laden with confusion, shame, judgment, expectations and stress. There simply aren't many safe spaces to admit you are lost or struggling and would like help.

So what can you do? To start, remember money is a tool. And mastering it is similar to any other life skill - we need to practice, make mistakes, learn from them and keep moving forward.

Money cannot control you unless you let it. It is not a reflection of your worth as a human being. It is an important tool in life that, globally, education systems fail to teach us how to master.



It is not how much one earns that dictates how good they are with money or how wealthy they are - the differentiator is how they manage it. So how do you master it?

The first step is to check in with your money mindset. Think about your first memory of money. Is it a positive or negative one? How have you carried that feeling into how you manage your money as an adult? How do you feel when you spend money?

Read money mindset books and become aware of how yours is affecting your financial habits.

Review your money habits by reading credit card statements and understanding where your money is going. This will give you financial clarity. And money loves clarity.

Categorise your spending into needs, wants and financial goals, such as savings, investing and paying off debt.

Ideally, your needs would be no more than 50 per

cent of your income, wants are no more than 30 per cent and at least 20 per cent of your income is allocated to your financial goals.

If you are yet to be in alignment with this split, that is OK. It is an important piece of clarity. A good financial goal would be to reduce your spending or increase your income so you can achieve 20 per cent savings.

Notice your reaction to your expenses. Which ones feel good and reasonable? Which ones bring up feelings of regret or shame?

These reactions will help you to understand your habits, such as what is important to you and what is not.

Pay attention when it is a negative reaction - these are habits that you can change and replace with positive ones, such as saving or reallocating money to areas you feel good about, that are important to you.

This is the start of putting your money behind your values. It is liberating and does not require the understanding of any complex financial jargon.

If you do not have an emergency fund, it is an important financial goal to have. Save three to six months of living expenses in an easily accessible savings account. This is your short-term financial safety net.

This exercise will help you feel in control of your money. Having clarity over where your money is going helps you to learn more about your money mindset and how it affects your decisions.

It also helps you to understand your values and what is important as you move towards the financial security that an emergency fund can provide.

Everybody is capable of effectively managing their money. While some need mindset adjustments, others need a confidence boost or a little reassurance that they are on the right track.

Simplify it, take small steps, follow the above steps and when doubt starts to creep in, remind yourself that money is only a tool and you are learning. Above all, however, follow your intuition.

Carol Glynn (pictured) is the founder of Conscious Finance Coaching

## Eight best paying jobs in Africa

By Olayinka Sodiq

ty, and management of mines.

DESPITE the pandemic effects and ongoing changes in various sectors of the African economy, there are still high-paying occupations on the continent. With multiple careers and professions in demand, knowing the best-paying jobs in Africa will set you on the right path to career success.

This article presents some of the best-paying jobs in Africa. The highlighted jobs are based on insightful analysis from reliable sources such as Glassdoor, McKinsey, Dollar Sprout, etc.

### 1. Software Development

According to Glassdoor, software development is a lucrative and high-paying job on the African continent. With the high demand for software development jobs in Africa, African developers are getting full-time jobs that pay as high as \$107,731 per year.

The job involves developing, designing, supporting, and deploying software to customers. Furthermore, these developers design application systems and ensure smooth operations. In addition, they create, analyze and test computer programs and software that solves a specific problem.

### 2. Marketing

My Job Mag defines marketing as one of the highest-paying professions in Africa. So if you're wondering which valuable skill set is in high demand in Africa, consider the marketing industry. Whether in Nigeria, Ghana, or South Africa, marketing jobs are in high demand with a massive salaries.

According to Glassdoor, the average salary of a marketer in Africa is \$111,154. The job involves analyzing demographics and promoting services and products to audiences. Furthermore, the job involves promoting ideas to target customers to increase revenue and business growth.

### 3. Agriculture

According to Mckinsey, Agriculture is Africa's largest economic and highest paying sector with rewarding opportunities. With the increased demand for food and services in Africa, agriculture is a lucrative sector. While the industry requires farm management, business research, food production, and consultancy work, employees earn \$60,000 annually.

Agricultural engineering is the highest paying career in agriculture where you need to solve problems with scientific solutions. However, commercial farmers earn up to \$90,000 per year, and animal health care employees get \$24,000.

### 4. Mining

A report by Ventures Africa said mining accounts for 20% of Africa's economic activity and is one of the highest paying jobs on the continent. As a result, mining is lucrative in Africa, with scientists, surveyors, geologists, engineers, and drillers benefiting massively from the sector.

Mining engineering is the most lucrative field in this sector due to mineral extraction and its economic impact. Furthermore, economics, science, geology, and engineering are the highest paying fields in mining, with an average annual salary of \$72,000. Miners are responsible for the design, planning, operation, safe-

### 5. Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

According to Afrowave, the Information and Communication Technology industry is lucrative with many high-paying jobs. This industry is heavily technical, and Nigeria accounts for 82% of Africa's information and communications technology market.

The highest-paid areas of ICT include technical architecture, mathematics, and business analysis. Furthermore, the most sought-after ICT jobs include computer science and information system management. While this profession requires an artistic and creative brain, it pays \$52,000 per year.

### 6. Chartered Accountant

According to Go Study, chartered accounting is a high-paying job with demand usually exceeding the availability of qualified people. Many corporations and businesses are always searching for chartered accountants, justifying the rewarding career on the list.

While becoming a chartered accountant requires discipline and sacrifice, it is hugely rewarding, especially in Africa. Besides, the average salary of a chartered accountant in Africa is \$51,637 and requires four years of academic study in most African universities. Furthermore, you need three years of educational training to become a certified accountant.

### 7. Banking and Finance

According to Consultancy Africa, the banking and finance industry is a lucrative and high-paying job on the continent. While the report further discloses that Africa's banking sector has a bright prospect worldwide, there are various careers in the industry. The industry requires employees with a degree in accounting, economics, or actuarial science.

Furthermore, financial management, finance, investments, securities, and insurance are major areas in the banking industry. But the Analysts sector is the highest paying career in the industry, with an average annual salary of \$49,200.

### 8. Transportation and Logistics

According to Small Starter, the transportation and logistics industry is worth billions of dollars in Africa. Therefore, this industry offers lucrative opportunities and high-paying jobs in the African continent. While companies in this field hire graduates from all fields due to its supply chain orientation, it is a lucrative business idea.

A career in this field requires solid knowledge of engineering, architecture, construction, and logistics management, and it is one of the highest-paying jobs in Africa. An average transportation and logistics manager in Africa earns \$33,600 per year. In addition, you can earn as a strategic planner or distributor between suppliers and customers.

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## Banks tiptoe into EU tussle over reining in foreign lenders

By Huw Jones LONDON

BANKS have begun quietly trying to persuade the European Union to tone down proposals to toughen scrutiny of non-EU lenders to ensure the planned measures don't also curb companies' access to international finance.

Surprise EU proposals to 'clarify' when banks based outside the bloc can serve customers in the 27-country union with or without a local branch were tucked away in a draft reform of bank capital rules last October. read more The proposals have put banks from Switzerland, Britain, Japan, the United States and elsewhere on the alert as many foreign lenders currently offer wholesale services in the EU directly from abroad without having to set up a costly branch there.

Bankers fear that political fallout from Brexit is prompting Brussels to build up autonomy in EU banking while making it harder for companies to shop around globally for services.

"The proposals represent a major change to the existing regimes regulating cross-border business into the EU, rather than a clarification of existing treatment," the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME), a lobby group representing Europe's wholesale capital markets, said in a note to members.

"The proposals would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of EU financial institutions, corporates, governmental entities and individuals to access international markets and cross-border services," AFME said.

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## WORLD

## Ukraine crisis sparks new arms race

A NEW arms race has emerged in many parts of the world, triggered largely by the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

In Washington, the US State Department announced on April 1 that it has approved a potential sale of up to eight F-16 fighter jets and related equipment to Bulgaria in a deal valued at \$1.67 billion.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin, according to the Pentagon. Reuters reported the aircraft would not be ready for delivery for three to four years.

Lockheed Martin is also Canada's preferred bidder to supply 88 new fighter jets, Canadian Procurement Minister Filomena Tassi said on March 28.

"This announcement marks another important milestone in Canada's competitive process to purchase modern fighter jets for the Royal Canadian Air Force," she said.

Canada has been trying unsuccessfully for more than a decade to replace its aging F-18 fighters. In 2010, the former Conservative administration said that it would buy 65 F-35 jets but later scrapped the decision, triggering years of delays and reviews, according to Reuters.

Ottawa hopes to award the contract this year and said it could be worth up to \$15.1 billion. It hopes to take the first deliveries in 2025.

The United Kingdom will work with

the United States and Australia on developing nuclear-capable hypersonic weapons, after Russia used the Kinzhal hypersonic missiles in airstrikes last month in its special military operation in Ukraine, The Guardian newspaper reported from London.

The US tested its hypersonic missile last month, and it is already collaborating on the weapon with Australia. The two countries are affiliated with the UK through the AUKUS security pact.

## Rising defense spending

Some European nations are also set to boost their air defense capabilities.

Estonia has approved a \$523 million defense spending increase, most of which is for short to midrange air defense systems, which it aims to acquire no later than 2025, according to Defense News in the US.

The Finnish Air Force will replace its 57 F-18 Hornet front-line fighters purchased from McDonnell Douglas in 1992 with the F-35 fighter jets. It plans to phase out all existing Hornets by 2030, and expects to take delivery of the first F-35 jets in 2026, according to Defense News.

European governments have said they would make billions of euros available in additional defense spending after Russia began its special military operation in Ukraine.

Germany has announced an addition-



In this March 29, 2019, photo, a US F-35A fighter jet prepares to land at Chungju Air Base in Chungju, the Republic of Korea. AP

al \$110 billion in arms spending over five to 10 years, and the Italian Parliament backed a vote to increase its defense spending to 2 percent of its gross domestic product, Defense News reported.

The European Union has approved its Strategic Compass document, which calls for a new 5,000-strong rapid reaction force and "further incentives for member states to engage in collaborative capability development".

In an interview with AFP, Siemon Wezeman, who has co-authored the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's annual report for over 30 years, referred to Europe as "the new hot spot".

Europe's share of the global arms trade has already risen from 10 to 13 percent in the past five years, and it will increase "substantially", Wezeman said.

In China, Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a news conference on Wednesday that AUKUS exploiting the Ukraine crisis and using the pretext of maintaining security and stability in the Asia-Pacific declared in a high-profile manner that the US and the UK will provide nuclear-powered submarines to Australia and that the three countries will cooperate on advanced military technologies such as hypersonic weapons.

This development not only increases the risk of nuclear proliferation, but also intensifies the arms race and undermines peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific, he said.

Zhao said that AUKUS is an Anglo-Saxon clique, where the old thinking of Cold War mentality and bloc politics persists and the old trick of provoking military confrontation and adding fuel to the fire lingers. Its ultimate goal is to build a NATO replica in the Asia-Pacific to serve the US hegemony and self-interests.

In an article published on March 9 by The Conversation, Peter Bloom, a professor at the University of Essex, called for exploring ways of limiting the power and influence of the defense industry in the aftermath of the Ukraine crisis.

"This could include international agreements to limit the sale of specific weapons, multilateral support for countries that commit to reducing their defense industry, and sanctioning arms companies that appear to be lobbying for increased military spending," he wrote.

Long-lasting peace is impossible without eliminating as much as possible the manufacturing and sale of weapons as a lucrative industry, Bloom said.

Zhang Hong, a research fellow of Russian,

## Queen Elizabeth II: COVID-19 left one very tired and exhausted

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Queen Elizabeth II said COVID-19 had left "one very tired and exhausted" as she talked to health workers and a former patient about her own experience of "this horrible pandemic".



Britain's 95-year-old monarch tested positive for COVID-19 in February and was described as having had mild, cold-like symptoms. She later returned to light duties.

The queen, who is patron of the Royal London Hospital, spoke on a video call to National Health Service workers at the hospital who had helped to build and run a 155-bed unit to cope with a surge in patients needing help with their breathing.

Her conversation with staff came as she marked the official opening of the hospital's Queen Elizabeth Unit.

"It's amazing, isn't it, what can be done, when needs be?" she said in comments released by Buckingham Palace late on Sunday.

The queen also spoke to Asef Hussain, who had been seriously ill with COVID-19 and who lost family members to the virus. "It does leave one very tired and exhausted doesn't it, this horrible pandemic?" she said to him.

The queen asked how the patients had coped without being able to see family members. "It obviously was a very frightening experience," she said.

Elizabeth II, who turns 96 later this month, has cut back on engagements since being hospitalized for a night last October for an unspecified illness.

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## UK's Sunak requests review of his financial declarations

LONDON

BRITAIN'S finance minister Rishi Sunak said on Sunday he had asked Prime Minister Boris Johnson for a review to determine whether he had stuck to the rules on ministerial declarations following criticism over his family's financial arrangements.

Sunak said he had written to the prime minister asking him to refer Sunak's ministerial declarations to Christopher Geidt, the independent adviser on ministers' interests.

"I have always followed the rules and I hope such a review will provide further clarity," Sunak said on Twitter.

Sunak has endured a torrid week in which a substantial increase in taxes came into effect as the tax arrangements of his family also came under scrutiny, and the Sunday Times reported he considered resigning.

His wife, Akshata Murty, owns about 0.9 percent of Indian IT giant Infosys, and has confirmed that she had non-domiciled tax status, meaning she did not pay tax on earnings from outside Britain.

While the status was legal, critics said the arrangement was incompatible with Sunak's decision to raise taxes on workers and employers from April 6 at a time when high inflation is causing a cost-of-living squeeze for many households. On Friday she said she would pay British tax on foreign income.

A newspaper report said that Sunak was listed as a beneficiary of offshore trusts linked to his wife's family business interests, while on Friday he confirmed he only gave up a "green card" for the United States - an immigration status intended for permanent US residents - after he became Britain's finance minister in 2020.

"I am confident that such a review of my declarations will find all relevant information was appropriately declared," Sunak said in the letter.

Geidt, who will lead the review, last year cleared Prime Minister Boris Johnson of a conflict of interest over the refurbishment of his official residence in a report that said the prime minister acted "unwisely" but had not broken the ministerial code.

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## China, Africa dialogue spurring shared development, says Kenyan expert

NAIROBI

THE dialogue and harmony between China and Africa is spurring development for both regions, Peter Kagwanja, chief executive of Nairobi-headquartered Africa Policy Institute, said in a commentary published in the Nation newspaper on Sunday.

In the 21st century, the expert said, China and Africa have resolved to walk far and together.

"The two civilizations embraced the trinity of mutual

cooperation, equal partnership and solidarity to undergird their relations in our turbulent post-liberal international order," Kagwanja said.

According to Kagwanja, China-Africa ties are now built on the long history of exchanges between the two civilizations. He observed that since the pharaonic times in ancient Egypt, Chinese sailors and traders have made voyages to Africa and similarly, African scholars and travelers have also visited China.

He noted that after a long history of external conquest, occupation, exploitation and humiliation, the two civilizations have re-mapped and recreated the ancient Silk Road as a new super-highway of inter-civilization dialogue and exchanges in the era of globalization.

The COVID-19 pandemic posed both a challenge and opportunity for China-Africa relations, Kagwanja said. Back in February 2020,

African nations sent letters to express their support and sym-

pathy to the Chinese people and even donated money and supplies to China to fight the pandemic, he said.

"Inversely when COVID-19 struck Africa, China and its charities sent support to the continent to contain the pandemic," Kagwanja said. He noted that during the 2021 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Senegal, Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged an additional 1 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Africa.

"So far, this is the largest vaccine assistance plan undertaken

by a single country to help Africa overcome the pandemic," Kagwanja said.

China will also undertake 10 medical and health projects for African countries, and send 1,500 medical personnel and public health experts to Africa.

"This inter-civilizational assistance in the health sector from both sides will help the African Union achieve its goal of vaccinating 60 percent of the African population by the end of 2022," Kagwanja added.

Xinhua

## France's Macron, Le Pen head for April 24 election runoff

PARIS

FRENCH leader Emmanuel Macron and challenger Marine Le Pen qualified on Sunday for what promises to be a very tightly fought presidential election runoff on April 24, pitting a pro-European economic liberal against a far-right nationalist.

With partial results putting Macron in first place ahead of Le Pen after the first-round voting, other major candidates admitted defeat. Except for another far-right candidate, Eric Zemmour, they all urged voters to block the far-right in the second round.

But after five years in power in which his abrasive style has upset many, while Le Pen succeeded in softening her image, Macron will have to fight hard to win back disgruntled voters. He cannot take it for granted that voters will rally around a traditional anti-far right front.

"Nothing is decided, and the battle we will wage in the next 15 days will be decisive for France and Europe," Macron told supporters, urging all voters to rally behind him on April 24th to stop the far-right from



ruling the European Union's second-largest economy.

If pollsters predicted a very tight runoff, with 51 percent for Macron and 49 percent for Le Pen. The gap is so tight that victory either way is within the margin of error.

Other pollsters offered a slightly bigger margin in favour of Macron, with up to 54 percent. But that was in any case much nar-

rower than in 2017, when Macron beat Le Pen with 66.1 percent of the votes.

Le Pen, who had eaten into Macron's once-commanding 10-point poll lead in recent weeks thanks to a campaign focused on cost-of-living issues said she was the one to protect the weak and unite a nation tired of its elite.

"What will be at stake on April 24 is a choice of society, a choice of civilisation," she told supporters, who chanted "We will win!" as she told them: "I will bring order back to France."

Macron, meanwhile, told supporters waving French and EU flags: "The only project that is credible to help purchasing power is ours."

## 'DISASTROUS'

With 96 percent of the votes counted for Sunday's first round, Macron garnered 27.41 percent of the votes and Le Pen 24.03 percent. A near total count of the vote was expected for later in the night.

A Le Pen victory on April 24 would be a similar jolt to the establishment as Britain's Brexit vote to leave the European Union

(EU) or Donald Trump's 2017 entry into the White House.

France would lurch from being a driving force for European integration to being led by a euro-sceptic who is also suspicious of the NATO military alliance.

While Le Pen has ditched past ambitions for a "Frexit" or to haul France out of the euro zone's single currency, she envisages the EU as a mere alliance of sovereign states.

Conservative candidate Valerie Pécresse warned of "disastrous consequences" if Macron lost, while the Socialists' Anne Hidalgo urged supporters to vote for him "so that France does not fall into hatred."

"Not one vote for Le Pen!" added hard-left candidate Jean-Luc Mélenchon, who, according to the estimates, placed third with around 20 percent of the votes.

But they all also had very harsh words for Macron and some of the very unpopular policies of his first mandate as well as an abrasive style that has put off many voters.

"Emmanuel Macron played with fire," Pécresse told supporters.

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Rishi Sunak, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer

## Australian election campaign: Polls show opposition ahead

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Scott Morrison's government could lose the federal election to be held on May 21, according to polls yesterday, even as they showed him consolidating his position as the country's preferred leader on the first day of campaigning.

A Newspoll survey conducted for The Australian newspaper showed Morrison gaining a point to 44 percent, while opposition leader Anthony Albanese falling 3 points to 39 percent, the largest lead the prime minister has held over his rival since

February.

But the poll said Morrison's conservative Liberal-National Party coalition, with a one-seat majority in the lower house of parliament, could lose 10 seats to Albanese's center-left Labor in a campaign set to focus on cost-of-living pressures, climate change and questions over the major parties' competence, read more

A separate survey for the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper on Monday predicted the ruling coalition could lose at least 14 seats, including some previously deemed safe in resource-rich Queensland and West-



ern Australia states. A win for Labor would see it back in power for the first time since 2013.

All 151 seats in the lower house will be up for election. Morrison's Liberal-National coalition holds 76, Labor 68 and seven are held by minor parties and independents.

Morrison kicked off his election campaign from the marginal seat of Gilmore in New South Wales - a narrow Labor gain from the Liberal Party in the last election in 2019 - as he prepares to spend six weeks on the road before the vote.

"This election ... is about a choice," Morrison said during a media briefing on Monday, describing Albanese's leadership as "untested and un-

known".

"It's a choice between strong economic management and strong financial management ... that contrasts to a Labor opposition who Australians know can't be trusted to manage money."

Albanese dismissed Morrison's attacks on his experience as a leader saying he was "ready to govern", but fumbled answers to questions from reporters about Australia's interest rates and jobless numbers.

"The national unemployment rate at the moment is, I think it's 5.4 percent ... sorry, I'm not sure what it is,"

Albanese said, speaking during a media conference in Tasmania.

Australia's unemployment rate dipped to 4.0 percent in February, several months ahead of central bank forecasts as the economy rebounds, and looks certain to fall into the 3 percent range for the first time since the early 1970s.

Morrison has been touting his government's handling of the economy after the emergence of the coronavirus and a faster rebound helped by the lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions despite the threat from the Omicron variant.



## China warns against groundless allegations over Kramatorsk attack until probe finishes

BEIJING

BEIJING is urging all parties to stay calm and avoid groundless accusations until an investigation into Friday's missile attack on a railway station in the Ukrainian city of Kramatorsk is wrapped up, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a briefing yesterday.

"As for the reports of an attack on the railway station that you mentioned, the truth and the causes should certainly be established.

However, we believe that humanitarian issues should not be politicized and all accusations should be based on facts," he pointed out.

"The parties should avoid groundless accusations and stay calm until the investigation presents its conclusions," the diplomat maintained.

Zhao Lijian also noted that China was paying much attention to the humanitarian situation in Ukraine and was concerned about the damage that was being done to civilians.

When asked if China believed that Russia was involved in the incident, he said that Beijing "supports an impartial, independent and transparent investigation into the situation."

On April 8, at least 50 people were killed and about 100 suffered wounds in a missile attack on a railway station in Kramatorsk currently controlled by Ukrainian forces.

Following the missile strike, Kiev rushed to pin the blame on Moscow. The Russian Defense Ministry, however, countered Kiev's claims, emphasizing that Russian troops had not conducted any combat missions in Kramatorsk on April 8.

In addition, the ministry stressed that projectile fragments that had been found near the Kramatorsk railway station belong to Tochka-U tactical missiles that are used only by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

According to the Russian Defense Ministry, the deadly attack was carried out by a Ukrainian missile battalion near the Ukrainian held-town of Dobropolye located 45 kilometers southwest of Kramatorsk.

## US repeatedly said Russia's membership in NATO impossible – Kremlin on Clinton's remarks

MOSCOW

THE US repeatedly told Russia that its membership in NATO would be impossible, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told TASS, commenting on the remarks made by former US President Bill Clinton, who said that NATO allegedly left an open door for Russia's accession after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

"I don't have such information; I do know perfectly clear though, that the American side stated repeatedly that such membership would be impossible. De facto, they said, on the contrary, that the doors are closed, because this is impossible in principle," he said.

Earlier, Clinton said in an article for The Atlantic that he allegedly demonstrated readiness to accept Russia in NATO.

He also said he considers the decision to expand NATO eastward despite Russia's objections and recommendations of a number of experts to be a right one.

In February, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his televised address that, back in 2000, he asked Clinton how the US would feel about Russia's accession to NATO.

According to the Russian leader, the US' reaction was reserved. Putin also noted that the real reaction of the US is apparent in this country's actions that followed, including the support for terrorists in North Caucasus, dismissive attitude to Russia's security concerns and demands, the expansion of NATO, the withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and so on.

## UN agencies warn of food insecurity spike in South Sudan

JUBA

THREE United Nations agencies have called for ramping up humanitarian assistance to stave off a looming hunger and enhance resilience in South Sudan, warning that food insecurity is likely to rise by 7 percent in the coming months.

According to a new report on food security by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UN children's fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Program (WFP), greater humanitarian assistance and support are needed immediately to save lives and prevent the collapse of livelihoods in the worst-affected locations across South Sudan. "FAO is concerned by the rising number of food-insecure people driven by the additional burden of heavy flooding that has occurred in the country for the last three consecutive years," Meshack Malo, FAO representative in South Sudan, said in a report released on Saturday.

According to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, climatic shocks such as floods and droughts, conflict, economic downturn, displacement and disrupted livelihoods are driving the worsening trend in food security, with 7.4 million people, or 62.7 percent of the population, across the country, which faces a crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity during the lean season between April and July.

The report said the most affected states are Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, Lakes, Eastern Equatoria (Kapoeta East) and Warrap. More than 80 percent of the entire food-insecure population are from within these states. Malo said more food needs to be produced to help tackle acute hunger, noting that the FAO will continue to provide seeds, tools and fishing kits to people in urgent need of assistance. *Xinhua*

# WB economist: Ukraine conflict poses risks for East Asia, Pacific

WASHINGTON

THE ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict poses big risks for the developing countries in the East Asia and Pacific region, a World Bank economist has said.

"I think that (the Russia-Ukraine conflict) has the potential to hurt these countries because of big increases in commodity prices, which are feeding into inflation and squeezing consumption," World Bank East Asia and Pacific Chief Economist Aaditya Mattoo told Xinhua in a recent virtual interview.

Noting countries that depend on trade and finance would suffer the most, Mattoo said, "some countries might see a bigger contraction because they're more export-dependent, more fuel-dependent or the governments have greater financing needs and less capacity to remedy."

Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Cambodia are more exposed to global demand, said the economist, adding Mongolia has high government debt, high external financing needs and very high inflation, which makes it one of the most vulnerable in the crisis.

Aside from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Mattoo said that tighter global financial conditions amid the US Fed-



Motorists queue to refill petrol at a gas station in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on March 3, 2022. AFP

eral Reserve's rate hikes also create headwinds for growth in the developing East Asia and Pacific.

"Higher interest rates tend to create pressure for capital outflows and that can lead to depreciation and force an increase in interest rates within these countries," said the World Bank economist.

This evidently hurts countries with high levels of debt, such as Cambodia and Laos, as well as countries which rely on short-term capital flows to finance their current account deficits, such as Cambodia, Malaysia

and Thailand, he said.

As China rebalances its economy, Mattoo said China has shown "a stronger willingness" in recent years to make regulatory changes that "favor sustainable, inclusive and stable growth over short-term needs."

Overall economic growth in developing East Asia and Pacific countries is projected to slow to 5 percent in 2022, 0.4 percentage point less than expected in October, according to the World Bank's recent East Asia and Pacific Economic Update.

## China endeavors to enable more users to enjoy the convenience of e-CNY

A technology company headquartered in Suzhou city, east China's Jiangsu province, lately rolled out a platform for the application of the country's digital fiat currency, or the e-CNY, through which it achieved integrated management of its corporate wallet and realized interbank salary payment to employees. The practice has made the company the first of its kind in China that has successfully piloted e-CNY interbank salary payment to employees.

As the research, development as well as pilot use of e-CNY is steadily advanced in China, digital renminbi is increasingly recognized and welcomed by the public.

On April 2, the People's Bank of China (PBOC), the country's central bank, announced that it would expand the digital yuan pilot program to more Chinese cities in an orderly manner. According to the PBOC, e-CNY will be made accessible in Tianjin and Chongqing municipalities, Guangzhou city in south China's Guangdong province, Fuzhou and Xiamen cities in east China's Fujian province, and six cities in east China's Zhejiang province that will host and co-host the 2022 Asian Games.

Recently, Beijing and Zhangjiakou city in north China's Hebei province were included into the program after tests in the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Starting from the end of 2019, the PBOC carried out trials of digital renminbi in Chinese cities including Shenzhen, Suzhou and Chengdu, Xiongan New Area in Hebei, as well as application scenarios of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. In November 2020, it added six more pilot areas, including Shanghai, to the trials.

Data released by the PBOC showed that as of the end of 2021, the number of pilot scenarios for digital renminbi had exceeded 8.08 million; a total of 261 million personal wallets for digital yuan had been opened; and digital yuan transactions in China amounted to over 87.5 billion yuan (\$13.76 billion).

The recent inclusion of more cities into the digital renminbi pilot program is expected to only help carry out pilot use of e-CNY on a larger scale and conduct in-depth test on the performance of the digital renminbi system, but allow more users to enjoy the convenience of e-CNY in advance of its official application nationwide.

Since last year, the construction of digital yuan payment scenarios has



A visitor tries paying with e-CNY at the 2021 World Artificial Intelligence Conference, July 7, 2021. File photo

gathered pace. In particular, during the Beijing Winter Olympics, the digital renminbi pilot project covered more than 400,000 scenarios in seven key fields including catering, housing, transportation, traveling, shopping, entertainment, and health care.

In January, a channel for e-CNY payment was opened for all the offline consumption scenarios of Meituan, China's leading service-focused e-commerce platform, which was the first time that digital renminbi has covered all scenarios of local life services.

So far, digital renminbi has formed a number of online and offline application models in wholesale and retail, catering, cultural tourism and payment for government affairs, which can be replicated and promoted in other fields. Major pilot projects, such as those at the scenarios of the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, have been implemented successfully and received positive response from the market; and the numbers of users, merchants and transactions involved in the pilot projects have grown steadily.

The PBOC emphasized the importance of marketization and law-based development of e-CNY in the next stage of its work.

During the development, promotion and popularization of e-CNY, policy design should fully stimulate the enthusiasm and

creativity of financial institutions, technology companies, local governments and other parties, and encourage competition in the promotion of e-CNY application, it pointed out.

The PBOC also believes it necessary to prospectively improve the legal system to ensure the safety of the digital renminbi system, handle the relationship between privacy protection and crime prevention well, and conduct in-depth research on the potential impact of e-CNY on the financial system and other aspects.

It also underlined that it would stick to a two-tier operation structure, with the central bank being the upper tier and commercial banks forming the lower tier, to give full play to the advantages of designated commercial banks, and intensify efforts to promote pilot use and the construction of an ecosystem for digital renminbi.

It called on efforts to ensure that digital renminbi plays a greater role in expanding the coverage of financial services, improving inclusive financial services, boosting local economic development, supporting the construction of digital government service platforms, raising the quality and efficiency of financial services for the real economy and optimizing business environment.

## WHO: Caution needed as virus cases continue to fall in Europe

GENEVA / HAVANA / GABORONE

ALTHOUGH the numbers of new weekly cases and deaths of COVID-19 continue to decrease in Europe since the end of March, the current high level of transmission is putting strain on testing capacity and surveillance systems in many countries and caution is still needed, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

As per WHO's COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update, after the increase in cases observed in the European Region during the first half of March 2022, new weekly cases have decreased for the second consecutive week as of April 3, or 16 percent as compared to the previous week, with over 4.6 million new cases reported.

Meanwhile, the number of new deaths has also continued to fall in Europe, with over 10,000 new deaths reported weekly as of April 3, or a 15 percent decrease as compared to the previous week.

Despite the falling numbers, WHO Regional Office for Europe has cautioned that the current high level of transmission is putting strain on testing capacity and surveillance systems in many countries, meaning the number of cases reported may be underestimated or delayed.

It has warned that rapidly changing testing strategies will further impact reported case numbers and test positivity, so these indicators should be interpreted with caution.

As for specific countries, Germany's Health Minister Karl Lauterbach tweeted on Saturday that despite the decline in infection figures, "everyone should get tested, or self-tested, before an Easter trip."

A day after the rejection by the Bundestag (lower house of Germany's Parliament) of mandatory vaccination for adults aged 60 years and older in the country, Lauterbach said on Friday this meant "people are not optimally prepared for an expected autumn outbreak wave." He said given the remaining vaccination gap, it would "not be possible to go into autumn without making masks compulsory."

Saturday marked one month since Romania lifted all anti-epidemic precautionary measures. However, some local health experts and officials have expressed reservations and called on people to continue wearing masks, emphasizing

The World Bank urged governments to enhance the efficiency of their fiscal policies for recovery and growth, and to strengthen macro-prudential policies to mitigate risks from global financial tightening.

It also called on policymakers to reform trade-related policies in goods, especially in still protected services sectors to take advantage of shifts in the global trade landscape, and encourage the diffusion of technology.

Mattoo said that it's "unfortunate" that over the last few years, many countries in the world have started "looking inwards," and have started thinking about bringing back value chains.

A World Bank analysis, however, showed that the best response to re-shoring policies or protectionist policies is not retaliation.

"Retaliation would hurt you even more," Mattoo said, urging countries to open up in a sensible, well-regulated way and to facilitate trade.

The World Bank economist said there is a risk of reversing globalization amid the conflict, but this would not be desirable, as a retreat from openness shrinks opportunities for trade, and barriers on goods, ideas, investment and beyond would hurt growth prospects.

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Simba SC Board of Directors' Chairman, Salim Abdallah.

## Mangungu targets better preparations for CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC Chairman Murtaza Mangungu states despite the outfit facing a tough schedule, it will do all it can to start preparations for the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal clashes against Orlando Pirates.

The Tanzania football giants will face South Africa's Pirates in the first leg in Dar es Salaam on April 17 before facing off in a rematch in South Africa on April 24.

Mangungu outlined his side's strategies to ensure it gets rid of the hurdle which has been a challenge for the squad the past two seasons and that

The official was adamant opting for preparations early on is the priority.

"You know the schedule has been tough... we have league matches, and the Azam Sports Federation Cup, the main thing for leadership is we have planned to talk to TFF to give us at least a week to prepare for these two matches against the Pirates," Mangungu disclosed.

The chairman said the leadership plans to meet the players to improve them psychologically and boost their morale so the players overcome that barrier.

Meanwhile, Simba SC Board of Directors' Chairman, Salim Abdallah revealed the club does not fear any opponent in Africa

and is ready to play anywhere and show its mettle.

The chairman made the statement after Simba SC was drawn against South Africa's Orlando Pirates in the quarterfinals of the CAF Confederation Cup.

The official said Simba SC is internationally committed and has plenty of experience, so fans and members of the club should trust their squad in the game.

He said the most important thing for Simba SC leadership, technical bench, and players is they should prepare well for the game, which is eagerly awaited by football fans in Tanzania and South Africa.

"With the size of Simba right now we have no reason to fear any team."

"For us, there is nothing new under the sun, the most important thing for us is good preparation and planning."

The first leg will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam between April 15 and April 17, whereas the second leg's match is expected to be played in South Africa between April 22 and April 24.

Simba SC advanced to the quarterfinals on Sunday (April 03), beating USGN of Niger 4-0 at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The victory saw Simba SC finish second in the Group D standings with 10 points equal to group leader RS Berkane of Morocco, the latter having the best goal difference.

## CAF to visit Benjamin Mkapa Stadium ahead of Confederation Cup last eight

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

THE Confederation of African Football (CAF) has announced plans to visit all stadiums that will be used for this season's CAF Confederation Cup and CAF Champions League quarterfinals.

The continental soccer governing body has planned to inspect the stadiums because the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology for this season will be available from the quarterfinals, as opposed to the previous season's plan.

Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, located in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, is one of the stadiums that will be used for the quarterfinals, following Simba SC's qualification for the stage.

Simba SC will play against the Orlando Pirates of South Africa at the same stadium on Sunday.

The Video Assistant Referee technology will be used for the first time at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

However, it has been reported that CAF officials' visits to the stadiums will be done for the quarterfinal games to inspect the stadiums that will be the best in terms of technology.

The move seeks to provide an opportunity for such facilities to host this season's CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup finals.

Meanwhile, Simba SC Club plans to continue motivating the outfit's fans by using a pontoon.

Simba SC has planned to hold campaigns as part of boosting the enthusiasm among fans

towards the CAF Confederation Cup last eight matches against Orlando Pirates, which will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The side's Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said they are planning to officially launch the campaigns for the game today, in which there will be a ferry carrying followers moving to Kigamboni.

Ally revealed: "Now we have a new, modern way of encouraging fans to get to where they want to."

"In the group stage game, we boarded a train at the Magufuli stand. This time we are going to launch a motivational campaign at the Tunawakera Branch located at Chang'ombe Maduka Mawili, it will take place tomorrow morning."

"Simba's Chairman Murtaza Mangungu will be the official guest but we will also have a guest of honour Mwina Kaduguda and we will bring Simba's favourite, former chairman, Hassan Dalali."

"On Wednesday we will be at the International Fish Market before boarding the pontoon heading to Kigamboni, continuing with the campaign to inspire our fans."

Simba SC finished second in Group D with 10 points equal to RS Berkane of Morocco, while ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast and USGN of Niger were knocked out of the showpiece.

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## Simba SC face all-important showdown against Orlando Pirates

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AFTER scintillating football action witnessed during the group stage, the CAF Confederation Cup has, at last, approached its knockout stage, which is where of course the cream always rises to the top.

Thankfully, our flag-bearers in the competition, Simba SC, sealed their spot in the quarterfinals after memorably hammering USGN 4-0 last weekend.

However, Simba SC's campaign in the competition dubbed the CAF Confed Cup now faces a potentially lethal hindrance in the form of Orlando Pirates, who will do battle with the Msimbazi Street outfit in the last eight.

For those who are in the dark, Orlando Pirates are one of South Africa's most storied and successful clubs in history.

Despite this, though, Pirates have admittedly lost some of their lustre as the club nicknamed the Buccaneers have not won the premier league trophy in South Africa for some time now.

That being said though, this does not diminish the scale of the weighty challenge facing Simba SC as they will still be playing against one of South African football's veritable behemoths.

With the first leg of this heavily anticipated tussle to be played at home this Sunday, it is patently obvious, then, that all roads will lead to the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, which will be the setting for an expected ding-dong battle.

One hopes, then, that the fans in attendance this Sunday will be able to provide the same sort of electric and intimidating atmosphere, which has played such an instrumental role in Simba SC's domestic successes this season on the African front.

Turning now to domestic tennis, reports indicate that six Tanzanian players are scheduled to vie for top honours at



Simba SC midfielder, Taddeo Lwanga (L), negotiates his way past ASEC Mimosas midfielder, Essis Aka, when the sides locked horns in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup's Group D tie that took place in Benin on March 20. Simba SC went down 3-0 to ASEC Mimosas. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

the East and Central African I2 and Under championship come to the end of this month.

Indeed, in any sport whatsoever, the importance of grassroots development is so vital that it cannot be overestimated.

However, while not wishing to take a dig at the title hopes of our six budding youngsters, it is also true that perpetually investing in junior tennis without taking into consideration the sorry state of senior tennis in this country is certainly not a desirable move.

So, as I've done countless times in the past, I would like to issue a rallying cry to tennis officials and tennis aficionados in this country to leave no stone unturned to address the malaise affecting senior tennis on our home sporting patch.

Let us now shift our focus to sevens rugby whose popularity has come along by leaps and bounds during recent decades.

In contrast to 15-a-side rugby, sevens rugby is played by seven players per team and it is a sport marked by flair, imagination, and breakneck speed.

Apart from South Africa, which is, of course, a genuine global rugby powerhouse, other African countries which have tasted some measure of success in sevens rugby are Namibia, Kenya, and Uganda among a few others. Strikingly though, it is a real riddle as to why sevens rugby has never es-

established a foothold on our shores.

Nevertheless, as the popular adage goes 'good things come to those who wait'.

Thus, it is hoped that the stewards of our national sports scene will soon consider introducing sevens rugby as a new sport on home soil.

For my part, I have the suspicion that we have hordes of potential sevens rugby stars in our country who are only waiting for that fitting spark to shine; that spark being the introduction of the sport in our country.

## Kagere's brilliant form catapults Simba SC to victory over Coastal Union



Meddie Kagere

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

SIMBA SC fans were in awe once the side's NBC Premier League clash against Coastal Union, which was played in Tanga last weekend ended, with the visitors garnering a 2-1 win.

The fanatics were singing praises of the squad's footballer Meddie Kagere that registered the all-important goal that helped it collect three points.

Kagere had come on in the 84th minute alongside midfielder Jonas Mkude to replace Taddeo Lwanga and Sadio Kanoute.

Despite Simba SC head coach Pablo Franco Martin stating that Kagere is not included in the first eleven 2021/22 NBC Premier League, the forward has still been making an impact once he is used substitute.

Kagere is to put it short still in brilliant form.

The footballer's second-half goal that propelled Simba SC to the

victory is proof.

The game was tough for Simba for the first 45 minutes because Coastal Union had an upper hand.

The hosts enjoyed possession and took control of midfield while Simba forwards, Benard Morrison, Chris Mugal, and Kibu Denis worked hard.

The goal-getters efforts ended in vain due to a good playing combination showcased by Coastal Union's midfielders Victor Akpan, Francis Mustafa, and Gustavo Simon who Coastal Union's performers had succeeded to keep Simba midfielders Clatous Chama, Taddeo Lwanga, and Sadio Kanoute in check.

Kagere consequently registered his seventh goal this season and is positioned fourth in the showpiece's leading scorers' list.

The Rwandan striker trails George Mpole of Geita Gold FC with nine goals, Reliants Lusajo of Namungo FC with 10 goals, and top placed striker, Yanga's Congolese forward Fiston Maye with 11 goals.

It was a tough game for both sides in which until the 83d minute the teams were level 1-1.

Simba's head coach Martin made changes, increasing counterattacks that troubled Coastal Union goalkeeper Mussa Mbissa, forcing the shot-stopper to save many shots after his full-backs had lost concentration.

On the 90th minute, Kagere unleashed an attempt that went straight into the net but it was not allowed by one of the assistant referees.

The assistant referee ruled that one of Simba's players was offside.

A minute later, there had happened a counterattack by Simba which was once again well utilized by Kagere.

This time around, it was a legitimate goal that catapulted the visitors to victory.

The Msimbazi Street club supporters that turned up at Mkwakwani Stadium to watch the clash had earlier believed the game will end in a draw but ended jubilant.

Coastal Union technical bench would be blamed for the defeat at the home stadium after resorting to substitution which proved costly.

An attacker Rashid Chambo went in to replace midfielder Francis Mustafa who most of the time put solid showing which left Simba players struggling to unlock opponents' defense.

Coastal Union's goalkeeper Mbissa as a result had much easier work keeping the opponents in check.



## Chelsea respond to Tuchel blast but Real mission still 'difficult'

MADRID

CHELSEA might have responded to Thomas Tuchel's tirade with a 6-0 demolition of Southampton, but the Blues boss knows it will be "very difficult" to stage an epic Champions League escape act against Real Madrid today.

Tuchel read the riot act to his players in a crisis meeting last Thursday as he tried to shake them out of an alarming slump that saw Real win 3-1 in the quarter-final first leg at Stamford Bridge.

That damaging defeat, which came just days after Brentford thrashed Chelsea 4-1 in the Premier League, prompted Tuchel to question his players' desire and focus.

Immediately after the Real loss, an unusually emotional Tuchel claimed Chelsea's reign as Champions League holders was over.

The German got the response he wanted as Chelsea tore Southampton to pieces at St Mary's, racing into a four-goal lead before half-time as they eased fears that they might slip out of the Premier League's top four.

Asked if the Southampton rout could boost Chelsea's chances in Madrid, Tuchel said: "It was necessary that we turned things around. We came from a long streak of games, then we had the international break and we had five days afterwards where we didn't feel the same.

"So it was not a huge turnaround, it was not necessary to change everything, but it was the moment for us, I had the feeling, to tell the group the truth, my honest opinion, and tell them as a part of the group this is how I feel.

"And so the message was clear, and obviously everybody took it in the right way, I included myself in the message, and so it was necessary to step up.

"It is on the players to live up to what we play and they did it in an impressive manner.

"So it's now a time to move on because

we've found what makes us strong and it was another proof of that and we keep on going."

- 'Different game' -

Although Chelsea have restored their equilibrium, Tuchel knows overturning their first leg deficit against La Liga leaders Real at the Bernabeu will still be a huge task.

"It is a completely different game and opponent. The situation does not get easy," he said.

"That will be a very difficult task and there is no change to it. We did what we wanted against Southampton and that is the good news."

Timo Werner and Mason Mount both scored twice against Southampton, with Marcos Alonso and Kai Havertz also on target.

It was especially pleasing for Tuchel to see England forward Mount back among the goals after an inconsistent season.

Werner's rare goals were also encouraging given Chelsea will need all the firepower they can muster to get past Real.

With away goals no longer counting double, Chelsea would at least force extra-time if they lead by two goals at the end of normal time.

Whether their defence can contain red-hot Real striker Karim Benzema, who scored a hat-trick in the first leg, is another matter entirely.

Tuchel believes the chastening first leg showed Chelsea cannot function against the best teams without every player operating at 100 per cent.

"I think it tells us that we are not the team that can escape with results if our input is at 90 per cent or 80 per cent of our energy, commitment and investment," he said.

"We are a special group when we have the priorities right. If we are committed, if we defend with courage, if we have the attitude right and the hunger right and win challenges."

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## Xavi insists Barca are not dependent on Pedri

BARCELONA

XAVI Hernandez says Barcelona are not dependent on Pedri after the youngster produced another game-changing performance in Sunday's thrilling 3-2 win over Levante.

Pedri, 19, scored the only goal in last week's 1-0 win against Sevilla and he came off the bench against Levante to score Barca's second goal as they came from behind at the Ciudad de Valencia stadium.

"I wouldn't say that," Xavi (pictured) said in his post-game news conference when asked if Barca suffer from "Pedri-dependencia," a term previously reserved for Lionel Messi.

"Look, he's an extraordinary player. Don't skimp on the praise for him. He's a player that excites me and one that can make a difference. He's scored a great goal [against Levante], but I don't think there is [a dependence on him]."

Xavi has asked Pedri to shoot more and his goal in Valencia took his tally to five for the season in 21 appearances, one more than he managed in 53 outings last term.

Pedri missed half of the current campaign with an injury, but his comeback in January has coincided with Barca's return to form under Xavi, with the Blaugrana rising from ninth to second in the table under the Catalan coach.

Sunday's win was Barcelona's seventh in a row in LaLiga, but they came close to dropping points in a pulsating game against Levante, who were awarded three second-half penalties. Jose Luis Morales scored the first, but Roger Marti saw the second saved by Marc-Andre ter Stegen, just moments before Pedri, along with 17-year-old Gavi, was introduced.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang levelled the score and Pedri and Gavi connected to hand Barca the lead before a third penalty, converted by Gonzalo Melero, looked to have earned a point for the relegation-threatened home side.

However, there was a late twist when substitute Luuk de Jong headed home a 93rd-minute winner, his seventh goal of the season and his fifth since Xavi was appointed.

"Luuk is a great option," Xavi added of the super sub. "I would not say he's playing a secondary role. I am happy [for him] because he's an example for everyone, how he trains, his professionalism ... That's why we have these types of players.

"It was a difficult game because Levante

press high, they go man for man. We were better in the second half, but we didn't play well -- we must be self-critical.

"Even so, we competed and had players that made the difference, like Luuk and Ter Stegen, so I am satisfied. There is a winning mentality and they are three golden points."

Barca remain second in the table, 12 points behind leaders Real Madrid with one game in hand but just eight to play.

"Winning the league is still difficult," Xavi conceded. "Madrid don't slip up. If they drop points in the next two weeks..."

Barca are back in action on Thursday at home to Eintracht Frankfurt in the Europa League quarterfinal before they host Cadiz in LaLiga next Monday. Madrid, meanwhile, travel to third-placed Sevilla on Sunday.

(Agencies)



## Emery's Villarreal eye another giant-killing at Bayern Munich

BERLIN

"WE'VE beaten one of the best teams in the world," said captain Dani Parejo after Villarreal secured a 1-0 victory over Bayern Munich in the first leg of the Champions League quarter-final last week. But he knows it might not be enough.

Villarreal enjoyed one of the finest nights in the club's history with a superb performance at La Ceramica that caught the six-time European champions cold.

Unai Emery's side will take a one-goal lead into today's second leg in Germany, yet the overriding feeling was regret as a series of missed chances kept Bayern alive.

"We produced a tremendous performance and if we're honest we should have won by more," said Villarreal midfielder Giovanni Lo Celso.

Instead, a one-goal deficit is far from insurmountable for a team that has scored 17 goals in their last five games at home and 20 in their last four European matches at the Allianz Arena.

Villarreal have made a habit of neutralising glamorous opponents, even if their La Liga position of seventh shows they can struggle against modest opposition.

While Emery's forensic analysis and in-depth video sessions might stifle the spontaneity needed to beat limited sides, it means his team are tactically astute and difficult to break down.

In the past year, Villarreal have beaten the Europa League champions, the Coppa Italia winners, the Bundesliga champions and the FA Cup winners. They also defeated Manchester United to win last season's Europa League.

In Spain, they are unbeaten this season against defending champions Atletico Madrid and leaders Real Madrid.

After the stunning 3-0 victory in Turin that knocked out Juventus in the last 16, Villarreal will believe they can complete the job in Germany and reach the club's first Champions League semi-final since 2006.

Win or lose in Munich, the win against Bayern in the home leg will go down in the Villarreal history books.

- 'Biggest challenge' -

While Bayern were winning a third consecutive European Cup in 1976, Villarreal were being relegated to the



Unai Emery

fourth tier in Spain. When Bayern won their fifth in 2013, Villarreal had just been promoted back to the top flight.

The population of Villarreal, at just over 50,000, could fit inside Bayern's stadium with 25,000 seats to spare. No smaller town has produced a team to win a European title.

For the majority of their history Villarreal lay in the third division until Spanish billionaire Fernando Roig took over in 1998.

Roig has improved the stadium, the training ground and the team. Villarreal signed players such as Riquelme, Diego Forlan, Marcos Senna and Santi Cazorla.

They have been a fixture in the top flight for all but one of the 22 seasons this century.

With stability secured, Emery was hired to take the team to the next level, challenge for trophies and La Liga's top four.

They have disappointed in the league but cup success has kept Emery's stock high. He was tempted by the Newcastle job in November but turned it down, the prospect of a European run too tantalising.

Similar reasoning kept local-born star defender Pau Torres at the club he joined as a five-year-old, despite interest last summer from Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United.

The only question now is whether the momentous win over Bayern Munich will be remembered as the

pinnacle of an incredible run, or the basis for something more.

"Tuesday will be the biggest challenge of my career as coach," Emery said. "And for the club as well, for the players, for lots of people here."

Meanwhile, Bayern Munich stars have vowed to knock Villarreal out of the Champions League with Leon Goretzka insisting the German giants are relishing the pressure of today's must-win home quarter-final.

"We love these moments and it's what the fans want to see," said Goretzka, still sporting a black eye from the bruising first-leg defeat in Spain.

The Germany midfielder predicts that an electric atmosphere at Munich's Allianz Arena will inspire an improved - "Bayern-like" - performance from the hosts.

Villarreal earned a 1-0 win in last week's first leg with Dutch striker Arnaut Danjuma netting the early winner in Spain before having a second goal disallowed.

- Under pressure -

Bayern had few answers and were lucky to leave Villarreal's Estadio de la Ceramica without conceding more.

"We are under pressure," admitted Bayern head coach Julian Nagelsmann as the German giants face a Champions League quarter-final exit for the second year running.

After their stuttering display at Villarreal, Bayern again struggled

against Augsburg on Saturday until a late Robert Lewandowski penalty sealed the 1-0 win.

Nagelsmann wants to see an improvement of "60, 70 per cent", but insists "on Tuesday we'll settle the score".

Goretzka says Bayern relish such challenges at Munich's Allianz Arena. "It's the time of year when knockout games are played and when titles are at stake. We're extremely excited about that."

Bayern captain Manuel Neuer echoed similar sentiments "we'll be ready. It's down to us - we are all fired up."

Bayern already proved they can turn around a poor first-leg.

In the last 16, a 1-1 draw at Red Bull Salzburg was backed up by Bayern dishing out a 7-1 thrashing in Munich with Lewandowski bagging a hat-trick.

Yet for all their defiance, Bayern are currently struggling for form.

"Not everyone's at their peak yet," admitted Nagelsmann who subbed off both underperforming wingers Serge Gnabry and Leroy Sane on Saturday. Even midfield enforcer Joshua Kimmich did "not have a great day".

Bayern's key leaders - Thomas Mueller, Kimmich and Neuer - were subdued against both Villarreal and Augsburg.

Nagelsmann is at a loss - "it's not really easy" - to explain why Bayern had "too little pace, were too slow with the ball, missing the necessary verve".

His team also struggled to finish chances on Saturday, just as they had done in Spain. With Liverpool or Benfica waiting in the semi-finals, Nagelsmann knows Bayern must grind out a victory.

- 'Don't shine, just win' -

"We are at a time in the season where you don't have to shine, but just win."

Bayern are on the verge of a tenth straight Bundesliga title as they hold a nine-point lead with five games left.

Yet as Nagelsmann knows, Bayern CEO Oliver Kahn will judge this season on whether they squeeze past Villarreal to reach the last four in Europe.

Bayern are banking on home support to carry them through.

"It's completely different when the stadium is full," added Lewandowski, who has chalked up 12 goals in nine games this season in Europe. I hope they will support us loudly on Tuesday."

However, no Bayern fan needs reminding of last season's 3-2 home defeat to Paris Saint Germain in the Champions League quarter-finals.

## Man City control title race after Liverpool thriller

MANCHESTER, England

IT WAS epic, frenetic and unpredictable until the end, when Riyad Mahrez had a chance not only to win the game, but almost certainly the Premier League title. Instead, the Manchester City substitute sent the ball high over the Liverpool crossbar and the 2-2 result means we are no nearer knowing which of England's best two teams will be crowned champions.

What was certain, though, was that this had been a game with everything, including the intervention of VAR to correctly rule out Raheem Sterling's 63rd-minute goal for offside. By that stage, Liverpool had twice cancelled out a City lead to level the scores: Kevin De Bruyne and Gabriel Jesus netted for the hosts, with Diogo Jota and Sadio Mane getting the away side back on terms.

The upshot of 90 end-to-end minutes is that, with both teams having seven league games to play -- there is also the not insignificant matter of next Saturday's FA Cup semifinal head-to-head at Wembley (Stream live: 10:30 a.m. ET, ESPN+) -- just one point separates the clubs that have dominated the Premier League for the past five years.

"It was like a boxing fight," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "You have your arms down for a second and get a massive knock and you shake a little. It was a great game and a result which we have to live with and can live with."

City retain the advantage and their remaining fixtures suggest that Liverpool need a surprise result to go in their favour to claim

top spot. Aside from visits to Wolves and West Ham, there is little to worry Pep Guardiola's players between now and their season finale at home to Aston Villa, who are managed by Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard.

Liverpool have a tougher run-in. They should make easy work of troubled rivals Manchester United and Everton at Anfield, but those fixtures are always charged with emotion and unpredictability; a home game against Tottenham on May 7 may also be hazardous, while Klopp's men must also face Gerrard's Villa.

As each side showed in this game, their top level is at a different stratosphere to every other team in the division, so City's success in avoiding defeat and keeping hold of top spot could ensure that this turns out to be the decisive day in the title race.

But although both teams displayed their incredible quality, there were also rare glimpses of nerves and mistakes from the

likes of Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk, City keeper Ederson, Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah and City's Raheem Sterling. On an occasion when they had to be at their absolute best, perhaps it was no surprise that top performers suffered the odd wobble.

Jota's persistence almost forced Ederson to concede an embarrassing own goal in the first half and Van Dijk uncharacteristically chopped down De Bruyne in the second period with a cynical foul, which was worth the booking that followed, given it halted the City midfielder's charge toward goal.

Salah was in and out of proceedings, his best moment coming 40 seconds after half-time when he created Mane's goal, while Sterling made too many bad decisions in key positions before he was replaced by Mahrez with a quarter-hour remaining.

Elsewhere, there were plenty of outstanding performances to make the occasion so absorbing. For City, Joao Cancelo was

unbeatable and unstoppable at left back as he owned his side of the pitch, while Aymeric Laporte also produced a number of crucial blocks at the back.

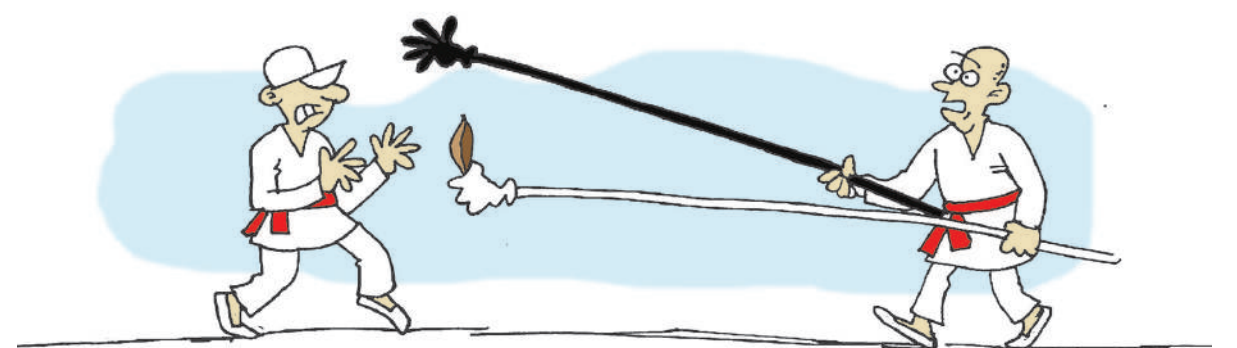
Liverpool's Joel Matip was flawless in central defence, as was his goalkeeper Alisson Becker, who pulled off big saves on Sterling and Jesus as City poured forward in the early stages.

But the big winner, on a day when the teams shared the points, was Guardiola, with the City manager getting everything right, from his starting line-up, to energetic high-press tactics and substitutions; replacing Sterling with Mahrez was a key decision that increased the threat in the closing stages.

It has become a bone of contention that Guardiola is deemed to over-think tactics and selection in the biggest games. Although he is a serial winner, recent examples in the Champions League -- last season's final against Chelsea, when he started without a defensive midfielder and striker, being one obvious occasion -- have seen him allow the opposition to get into his head.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





Emery's Villarreal eye another giant-killing at Bayern Munich

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## 2022's Bara & Pwani Tours Marathon attracts bumper entries

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

MORE than 2000 athletes including professional runners from East African countries and some volunteers from abroad are expected to participate in this year's edition of the Bara & Pwani Tours Marathon that is scheduled for June 26 at Cleopa David Msuya grounds in Mwangi township.

The Race Director from Kibo Sports Club Daniel Mvungi told The Guardian the race aims to promote sports tourism in the country. The event further seeks to raise funds for the establishment of a high altitude marathon training center at Kilomeni Marathon Training Camp located at Kilomeni ward, Lembeni Division in Mwangi District.

"Apart from promoting high altitude marathon training, we are expected to allocate more such extra training camps at Usangi, Ugweno, and Kisangara areas for sustainable sports tourism as well as promoting high altitude marathons among locals and international runners," he explained.

The Race Director further added that they have already followed all government procedures in the preparation of the special race.

Mvungi stated the door is open for the individuals, public, and private firms to sponsor the annual event.

According to Mvungi, the 5km race is designed for fun, while the 21km and 42km races would be open to all professional and non-professional runners.

According to him, the race will attract some participants from East African countries as well as some volunteers from abroad.

He added that all registered runners will receive T-shirts and refreshments.

The top-three finishers are to receive certificates, medals, and cash prizes.

One of the organizers of the event, John Joseph, said that various groups from social runners clubs from East African countries have confirmed their participation in the event.

"We have completed all the required government regulations including registration and other main procedures, so my appeal to the community members is to participate in this crucial event for sustainable sports tourism promotions," he said.



Officials representing Caravans Cricket Club's sponsors (L-R) Anand Ram, General Manager of Ras Logistics, Satish Kumar, Chief Managing Director of Petrofuel (T) Limited, and Vinayan Benedict, Director of Flashnet, unveil the club's home jersey at a function which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

## Caravans Cricket Club holds sway in 2022 DC Sisi Cup 50 Overs Division A tournament

By Guardian Reporter

WITH the pursuit of silverware in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Sisi Cup 50 Overs Division A competition having gathered pace, local cricket big gun, Caravans Cricket Club, is well-positioned to successfully challenge for the title following a series of solid performances displayed by the club.

Caravans Cricket Club is sitting comfortably in the second position in the tournament's standing with a game in hand.

The squad collected a 1.6192 net run rate from three wins and one defeat.

The top honour challenger boasts of amassing 579 runs, the side has given away 535 runs.

The division's table-topper, Pak Stars, is equally strongly challenging for the title, given it collected a 1.4070 net run rate in five ties, having scored 837 runs and leaked 574 runs.

Third-placed Aruti Aces Cricket Club is also still in contention for the title, having notched a 0.6332 net run rate.

The club has registered victory in two clashes and loss in three outings, amassing 738 runs and leaking 628 runs.

Aga Khan Sports Club, Upanga Sports Club, and Shree Kutchi Leva Patel SC (SKLPSC) have been placed fourth, fifth, and last respectively in the six-team tournament.

Caravans Cricket Club last Thursday unveiled the side's new jerseys on the occasion of the Karume Day during the DFPL League.

The club's main sponsor, Petrofuel Limited, along with co-sponsors Flashnet and Ras Logistics, carried out the honours.

The jersey, manufactured by Sportiff, sees Cricket Club move away from TYKA after over five years of collaboration with the kit's manufacturer.

Both home and away jerseys were unveiled during the event and the jerseys feature striking orange and midnight blue colours from the club logo.

The jerseys have been launched ahead of the DC Sisi Cup Division A 50 overs tournament finals and the upcoming Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup.

Talented cricketers that make Caravans Cricket Club have been giving the club an edge in its fixtures in the DC Sisi Cup Division A 50 overs tournament.

Caravans Cricket Club's players, for instance, put their prowess to show in the showdown tie against Upanga Cricket Club in the second outing of the DC Sisi Division A 50over tournament that was held recently.

Upanga Cricket Club won the toss and elected to field. This match marked the debut of Amal Rajeevan and Akhil Anil, the latest recruits of Caravans Cricket Club.

Even though Caravans Cricket Club lost quick wickets early on, a very stable performance by debutant, Rajeevan, who was well supported by the experienced Kassim Nassoro and Jitin Pratap Singh, helped the club set a target of 293 runs. Amal that returned to the pavilion with 115 runs (115) scored the first century of the tournament in the process.

Other notable innings included displays by the experienced Nassoro that ended with 40 runs (61) and Singh that notched 37 runs (41).

In return, Caravans Cricket Club made easy pickings of Upanga Cricket Club which had come into this game with a victory in two fixtures.

Upanga Cricket Club upset last year's winners Aga Khan SC in the former's previous outing.

However, they were knocked over for 98 runs in 31.2 overs in the tie against Caravans Cricket Club.

Another debutant, Akhil Anil (8.2-2-5-28), was the pick of Caravans Cricket Club's bowlers with a fiver and a run-out.

Singh (7-2-2-11), Adersh Dileep (6-1-1-20), and promising bowler Johnson Nyambo (3-0-1-15) earned Upanga Cricket Club's remaining scalps.

## Pablo bemoans poor pitch, fixture congestion after Simba SC draw with Polisi Tanzania



Simba SC head coach, Pablo Franco.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC head coach Pablo Martin Franco cut a frustrated figure after his side was forced to a goalless draw away to Polisi Tanzania to hand over rival Yanga a 10-point lead in the title race with 11 games to go.

Pablo named a much-changed starting lineup to the squad that beat Coastal Union on Thursday. He made eight changes.

Simba SC would see chances come and go to claim victory, but it would finish goalless in an uneven and dry Ushirika pitch in Moshi.

It was the fifth game that Simba dropped points away from Dar after draws against Mtwara Sugar and Biashara United and defeats against Mbeya City FC and Kagera Sugar.

Speaking to the press after the game, the Spaniard laid the blame at the feet of the officials who allowed the game to proceed and the quality of the pitch.

The tactician stated: "I always say I don't know if you can call this game because this is not football. It is not

possible to play in this field, it is not possible to play a game every three days with the problems of infrastructure and traveling, so congratulations to all the ones who did their best to make it possible to play on this pitch and of course congratulation to the ones who did not do everything possible to avoid it."

Pablo would have preferred to have more time on the training ground to coach his players instead of having to travel, prepare and rest players for games all the time ahead of the crucial CAF Confederation Cup quarter-final match against Orlando Pirates on Sunday. He did not mince.

"We qualified for the CAF Con-

ederation Cup quarter-finals. There were two teams better than us in the group, now we are facing a team that is better than us, and instead of preparing for that game we came here to put our health at risk, to get injuries...not to represent Tanzania."

The Msimbazi Street outfit will host Orlando Pirates at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the first leg of the CAF Confederation Cup quarter-final tie before making a trip to South Africa for the return leg on April 25.

A busy April month schedule will see them take on their arch-rivals Yanga just five days after the two legs battle with Orlando Pirates.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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