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Samia to view 2023 Heroes' Day parade

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is today expected to preside over the Heroes Day ceremony, a day commemorating the founding of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF) in 1964.

Regional Commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (pictured) said here yesterday that the ceremony will for the first time be held at the newly launched Mashujaa Grounds within the Mtumba suburb, known here as 'government city.'

The event was yesterday in its preceding ceremonies with lighting of the Heroes Torch conducted by the RC at midnight on Monday and turned off at midnight tomorrow by city mayor Prof Davis Mwamfupe.

"This year's celebration will be different, as the event will be held at the new Heroes Grounds at Mtumba government city," she said, with lighting the Heroes Torch conducted by the RC at midnight on Monday and turned off at midnight tomorrow by city mayor Prof Davis Mwamfupe.

Using the new Heroes Grounds for the event arose from a directive of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, demanding construction of the venue at government city precincts, also disbursing funds for the work, the RC indicated.

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TCRA: Irregularities see a total of 108,395 mobile devices shut

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has in the past one year blocked a total of 108,395 phones and other communication devices after being associated with multiple criminal acts including, swindling and fraudulent acts.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, the director general, told reporters here yesterday that TCRA was vigilant in identifying communication equipment used in fraudulent acts and blocking such devices.

International mobile equipment identity (IMEI) reported to have been stolen or involved in theft acts are part of that pursuit, he stated, highlighting measures to restrict the use of disputed communication equipment.

He named such equipment as fake phones, phones that have been cloned, reported stolen, lost or damaged phones, as well as unauthorised mobile devices identified during the past calendar year.

The July 2022 to June 2023 period saw a total of 108,395 IMEIs blocked on account of links with incidents of theft or involvement in other criminal activities, he stated, elaborating that this move cut

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No shortage of petrol, big firms tell Energy minister



President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives letters of credence at Tunguu Sub-State House in Zanzibar yesterday from Sierra Leone's Ambassador to Tanzania residing in Kenya, Isatu A. Bandu, and from Pakistan's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Siraj Ahmad Khan. Photos: State House



By Guardian Reporter

FUEL warehouse operators have denied that there is a shortage of petrol and diesel, assuring the government that they were ready to cooperate in distributing fuel to various areas in relation to needs.

Energy minister January Makamba visited the warehouses yesterday to verify the situation and hear from operators, who informed the minister that they were working 24 hours a day even on weekends so that more fuel tankers are loaded with the cargoes ready for departure.

Petroleum and Gas commissioner Michael Mjinja and Dr James Andilile, the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) director general accompanied the minister.

Sources said it was the second time the regulator moved to inspect warehouses and talk to operators on the regular availability of fuel, as service station operators in some upcountry districts complain of shortages.

The minister said the tour was meant to inspect operations and gauge the condition of oil availability in warehouses and hear of the stakeholders of the sector are facing.

Charles Maingu, the manager at Meru petroleum depot, said in the past ten days a total of 28m litres of fuel had been released and transported to reception points inside and outside the country.

A consignment of 27m litres of diesel and 40m litres of petrol is expected next month, a consignment of 19.5m litres



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of petrol and 18m litres of diesel, he told the minister, who appreciated that explanation, saying warehouse operators are "committed and serious with the business, to ensure that there is no scarcity of fuel."

Warehouse operators called on the government to inform them if there is scarcity of fuel services at any time, to take immediate action.

John Bernard, Total Energies operations manager, said fuel was regularly being transported to various areas, insisting that there is enough fuel. Ships were arriving and offloading consignments of fuel and we are working closely with the government to ensure that whenever any challenges occur, we take immediate measures," he said.

Bruno Tarimo, head of ship management of the Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA), said that ships expected to bring fuel for July arrived on time, with the second ship currently offloading.

Mrisho Haji, a director at the port of Dar es Salaam, said fuel offloading is conducted daily and currently there is a ship which is releasing petrol and diesel. The public need be assured that there is plenty of fuel, he affirmed, alluding to plans to make improvements at the port, especially at the fuel receiving centre, meanwhile as the team visited six fuel warehouses.

Fatma Abdallah, Puma Energy (T)

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Experts meet ahead of human capital summit

By Henry Mwangonde

MULTISECTORAL experts from across African countries met yesterday in Dar es Salaam to discuss how human capital, especially the youth can participate in the continent's development agenda.

Dr Natu El-Maamry Mwamba, the Treasury permanent secretary made this observation at a press briefing ahead of the two day Africa human capital summit involving heads of state and government,



...on how to address learning poverty and the skills gap for youth and women

starting tomorrow.

She said that the summit will attract more than 30 Heads of State from across the continent, intending to find out how to link investments in human capital to economic growth to the continent's demographic situation.

The leaders will exchange ideas and formulate resolutions "on how to address learning poverty and the skills gap for youth and women," the top administrator

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chief executive officer, said that the company hit a record in fuel sales this month, providing 30m liters of diesel and petrol until yesterday.

The firm expects to receive more than 60m liters of diesel and petrol next month. The only challenge the

company faces is shortage of hard currency, the US dollar, he said

"We call upon the government to see how it can help us because access to foreign currency is a problem," she urged, explaining the relative shortage as due to increased demand of petroleum products.

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noted.

Ministerial delegates discussed what is generally known as human capital as it mostly relates to the youth, since data shows that Africa has a huge number of youths, accounting for 62 percent of the population, she stated.

Africa has faced challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic where various countries restricted movements, hindering uptake in gainful activities, thus the leaders have to find out how to go about with the vast human capital, especially the youth, she said.

The two-day summit fielding vice presidents, prime ministers or senior cabinet ministers apart from presidents, will draw up a Dar es Salaam Declaration envisaging the formation of an organization to handle the issue across the continent.

Countries will collectively be required to formally invest in human capital and engender policies which show considerable promise for development, she said, noting that

ministerial experts covered ground like the technical deliberations, share the latest knowledge on human capital, "and conclude with concrete commitments for the next steps from the participating Heads of State."

The overall theme of the Summit is linking investments in human capital to economic growth and harnessing the demographic dividend, by addressing learning poverty and the skills gap for youth and women, she specified.

The summit will also discuss how to address the learning poverty, explained as the share of children unable to read and understand a simple text by the age of 10, strangely estimated to be standing at 89 percent in Africa.

"The summit will bring a bottom-up demand to human capital prioritization and investments (via technical workshops in all of Sub-Saharan countries) by discussing challenges and bottlenecks to human capital accumulation along with identification of priorities and drivers of growth," she added.

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defence forces 59 years ago, the celebration includes remembering past heroes who lost their lives when defending the country, especially in relation to the war against Gen. Idi Amino in 1978-9 as well as those who contributed to liberation movements in Southern Africa.

In recent years, some have lost their lives during peace keeping in war torn areas like the Sudan, DRC and others have helped to silence the spreading cells of terrorism in Mozambique.

"This day is important in reminding us of our responsibilities in taking care of the memory of our

heroes and preserving it well for the coming generations, using the courage shows by national heroes to make economic reforms for the benefit of the next generation" she asserted.

Tanzanians need to use the celebration to forge national unity, peace and stability so that people can spend time engaging in gainful activity and community uplift work.

She urged public officials in the capital and neighbouring regions to turn up in big numbers to participate in the event, extending invitations to religious leaders and other community stakeholders from neighbouring regions of Singida, Morogoro, Iringa and Manyara to turn up for Heroes Day.

MSD medicines distribution in Kyela District hits 95 pct

By Guardian Reporter

THE Medical Stores Department (MSD) has attained 95 per cent in drugs and medical devices distribution in Kyela District, Mbeya Region.

This achievement has been attained despite various challenges it faced including communication issues, and cited Ikombe village that is almost wholly surrounded by Lake Nyasa that sometimes is unreachable.

Speaking here yesterday, Kenya District pharmacist Emanuel Chacha said the availability of health equipment in Kyela District had reached 95 per cent.

"We have 37 centres that get drugs and medical devices via the Electronic Logistic Management Information Systems (ELMIS), out of which all are reachable except Ikombe village. "Following government's efforts the centre also received 90 per cent of its requirements from MSD," he said.

Chacha thanked the government for prioritising the health sector in the country.

For his part, senior doctor at Ikombe dispensary, Dr Joshua Katabazi said the drugs and medical devices availability at the dispensary has been facing road

communication challenges.

He said the centre uses water transport and receive drugs from MSD every month.

On behalf of Ikombe villagers, Ezekiel Mwamgunda, the village chairman thanked the government for the drugs their dispensary receives despite road communication challenges.

"At times the lake is hit by storms health risk for workers supplying the drugs, hence my request to the government is to look into the possibility of building a road to the village," he said.



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Immanuel Muro (2nd-R), a senior finance specialist with the UN Capital Development Fund doubling as CookFund programme manager, explains how SESCOM innovation supports the operation of locally produced cooking stoves. He was briefing members of the Programme Investment Committee (PIC) on a tour of ENVOVEC Services in Dar es Salaam late last week. ENVOVEC is a firm that received a grant for the rolling out of clean cooking solutions under the EU-funded CookFund programme. The others include PIC coordinator Joyce Msangi (L) from the Energy ministry, Yuda Benjamin (2nd-L) from the Industry and Trade ministry, energy consultant Victor Akim (3rd-L) from UNIDO, and Ebert Mwambije (3rd-R) from ENVOVEC. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Singida Region received 437bn/- for development projects - RC

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

During the last two years, Singida Regions had received a total of 437.68bn/-, equivalent to an increase of 252.8 per cent of the 124bn/- it received in 2019/20 FY for development projects.

Peter Serukamba, Singida Regional Commissioner disclosed this here yesterday regarding the region's performance report for the

period beginning March 2021 to June 2023 at a public meeting attended by CCM Secretary General, Daniel Chongolo aimed at explaining to the public on the Internal Government Agreement (IGA) between Dubai and Tanzania on the running of ports.

He said in the period 108bn/- was provided towards rural electrification projects of which 341 out 441 villages or 77 per cent have

been connected to power by March 2021.

Serukamba said the new 19,223 power consumers connected to power included 287 schools, 23 water wells, 76 small factories, five gold mines, 43 mosques, 60 churches, two courts and 102 trading centres.

In regard to Social Action Fund (TASAF) project, he said by June this year those targeted in all the 441 villages of Singida Region received

the subsidies including temporary employment provided by the government valued at 14.317bn/-.

Serukamba said in the health sector during the period 47.27bn/- was provided, while the education sector received 56.22bn/-, production sector 44.38bn/- and water sector 14.63bn/-.

He added that RUWASA had increased water availability from 57.9 per cent in 2020/21 to 67.7 per cent by June 2023, for 1,109,220 rural residents.

RC Serukamba added that during the period TANROADS in Singida Region received 52.033bn/- to construct a total of 1,718.32 kms of infrastructure.



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (5th-R), presents a trophy to a women's empowerment group for making what emerged as the winning 'Fenesi Halwa' dessert at a Food Fun Mela event held yesterday at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre premises in Dar es Salaam. It was organised by the Dar es Salaam Indian Women's Association in collaboration with the High Commission of India and the centre. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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thefts and uplifted availability of quality communication devices in the market.

Last November, TCRA announced the blocking of 52,000 phone lines or simcards during the preceding calendar year, including those used by suspected scammers.

From July 2021 to September 2022, a total of 52,087 IMEIs were blocked after being reported as lost, stolen or involved in criminal activities, he stated.

TCRA basically used the central equipment identity register, enabling the verification of all devices connected to

service providers, thus ensuring compliance with international standards and safety for users, he asserted.

"TCRA has also been vigilant in detecting fraudulent phones entering the country, resulting in a decline in fraudulent phone incidents from 2020 to June 2023," he said, noting that there were a few isolated cases of phone fraud in September 2022.

"We have a system in place to regulate all communications and analyze various data passing through communication networks," he specified, elaborating that the system receives information from service providers, processes it, and

provides reports on the contents.

This enables TCRA to oversee its regulatory responsibilities and verify revenue information for communication service providers for the government to collect its revenues, the director affirmed.

He explained the decline in traffic of international calls as relating to the use of social media communication platforms, with incoming international call minutes declining by 7.54 percent from 3,136,692 minutes in July 2022 to 2,900,165 minutes in June 2023, while outgoing international call minutes decreased by 7.46 percent from 2,405,522 minutes to 2,226,071 minutes during the year.

Technological advancements provide alternative options for making calls via internet-based platforms such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Telegram, Zoom, among others, he said.

SSP Joshua Mwangasa, head of the cybercrime investigative unit at police force headquarters, commended TCRA for its outstanding contribution in countering cybercrimes.

It was providing state-of-the-art technologies that greatly facilitate the work of the police force in tackling cybercrime effectively, such that police capabilities to ensure a safer digital environment has been greatly enhanced, he added.



Puma Tanzania managing director Fatma Abdallah (in head-cloth) takes Energy minister January Makamba (in light-blue shirt) around the firm's oil storage premises in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kinana calls for unity in CCM ranks to win coming elections

By Guardian Correspondent, Kondo

ABDULRAHMAN Kinana, CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland), has cautioned the party that if it wants to win next year's Civic Elections and 2025 General Elections leaders should promote unity.

Kinana made the remarks here yesterday at CCM leaders and the public at a meeting called to assess the party's implementation of its 2020 Election Manifesto in the two years of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He commended the great job being done by party leaders at village, street and ward level.

"Next year we shall participate in the Civic Elections as one, and if we campaign to promote unity we shall emerge victorious, we can do the same in regard to the 2025 general elections," he stressed.

He explained that the party recognises the great contribution from part leaders in villages, wards, districts and regions including meeting the people to seek votes.

He also commended Ward Councillors who have been offering themselves to oversee various government and party activities without pay.

For her part, in her implementation report on the CCM Election Manifesto of the district, Dr Ashatu Kijaji, Kondo

Member of Parliament who is also the Minister for Industry and Trade said they had received 32.3bn/- for the implementation of various development projects.

Dr Kijaji said there is no village in her constituency that had not been touched in regard to development projects, including those in health, education, water and roads infrastructure.

"In regard to the education sector, no child walking long distance to school, and in the two years of President Samia's leadership, the constituency received 7bn/-, this had never happened since independence," she said.

She said as for now they are faced with complaints regarding contractors who have been causing delays in completing water projects despite the government's injection of a lot of funds towards the projects.

She also said they had requested the government to provide the people with food at subsidised prices as many of them are faced with food shortages due to poor harvests of crops in the current harvest season.

For his part, Job Ndugai, former Speaker of Parliament appealed to Kinana to convey the people's message to President Samia that they are solidly behind her even beyond 2025.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Zanzibar youths in tourism sector told to show hospitality and ethical conduct

ZANZIBAR Minister for Tourism and National Heritage Simai Muhammed said has urged the youth who serve tourists to display high degree of hospitality to while adhering to ethics.

The Minister made the remarks here yesterday at the first graduation of students of Zenzj Centre of Excellence for Tourism Vocational.

He said among Zanzibar government's efforts is to invest in

education in various fields including tourism to enable the youth to be employed in the sector.

He called on the students from the centre to understand that any job must be guided by ethical behaviour according to the the concerned field hence he called on the graduates to

work professionally in their work.

He added that in order for the college to reach its goals, his ministry was discussing with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training to merge it with the Maruhubi Tourism College for the students to attain more experience in the issues

of tourism.

The Minister said the government values investors who come to the Isles to invest in development issues including construction of hotels in order to increase national income.

For his part, the Chairman of the college, Taufik Salum Turkey said

the aim for the establishment of the college was to make the youth get employment following the Covid-19 pandemic that had impacted on youth's employment opportunities in tourist hotels.

He said for the first time the college has produced 24 graduates

at certificate level but who are educated in the field of tourism and will connect them to tourist hotels for employment.

For his part, the college's Director Yves Montel said in attain in g the field's goals for the youth, they have already discussed with the French government to construct another similar college.

He said Zanzibar youth are able to work in any area in the tourism sector because they have received good training by capable instructors in the field.

SOUND AND FAIR TANZANIA THROUGH THE JOINT LIQUIDATORS DISPOSAL OF ASSETS, 2023

Sound and Fair Tanzania Limited through the Joint Liquidators intends to dispose its assets and hereby invites bidders to participate in bidding process. The assets will be sold through open auction on 28th July 2023 from 09:00AM at Mbagala- Kongowe, Mzinga. Interested bidders are encouraged to visit our yard at Mbagala- Kongowe, Mzinga for assets inspection and verification as from 25nd July to 27th July 2023.

LIST OF ASSETS

	ASSET NAME	ASSET DESCRIPTION	QTY
1	Land	Land 16.51 acres at Nanjirinji village- Lindi region	1
2	TIMBER KING	Timber King, Talon 2500, for wood edger	1
3	TIMBER KING	Timber King, Talon 900, for wood edger	1
4	Mpingo	Unprocessed Mpingo logs- 493CBM	493 CBM
5	SOLAR KILN	Solar Kiln, 7.5cm length 2016, Model:Type A Solar	1
6	DUST COLLECTOR	Woodworking CNC Router Dust Collector Wood Saw Dust Extractor, (Work Dust Control Co.)	6
7	MOTOR	Brook Crompton UK Motor Electric operated, 2.2KW, Control circuit 230/400V, 50HZ, r/min 2890	6
8	PLANER	Small Sedgwick Woodwork machinery Planer	1
9	TABLE SAW	Table Saw Nova Si 400	1
10	TURNING MACHINE	Wood Turning Machine Lenze	1
11	CROSSCUT MASHINE	Dewalt Cross Cut Machine made in German	1
12	SLINGSBY	SLINDSBY, Heavy Duty 2.5 tons Pallet Truck, for moving heavy staff maximum up to 2500kg	1
13	CHAINSAW	CHAINSAW, Brand: Husqvarna, Model: 365 Special, Power Source: Petrol	3
14	SOLAR PANNEL	Solar Panel, 300W	12
15	INVERTER CHARGER	Pure Sinewave Inverter Charger 1.6KW	3
16	SOLAR BETRY	Solar Battery, 2V/200Ah	36
17	FUEL TANK	Fuel Tank (Diesel Unit) capacity: 4500 liters	1
18	WATER STORAGE TANK	KIBOKO TANK, Black in color, with capacity of 2000 liters	1
19	TELEVISION	VON Hot Point type, Flat Screen, 42 inches	1

Other assets include 3 office tables, 3 office shelves, 4 file cabinets, 2 office chairs, 10 beds, 10 mattresses, DSTV decoder, 2 printers, 7 fire extinguishers, water pump and gas cylinder.

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Send children for higher education, parents implored

By Getrude Mbago

TANZANIAN parents have been advised not to be reluctant to send their children to pursue higher education in overseas universities as there are many colleges which provide quality education at affordable fees.

Jimmy Samwel, senior programme officer and head of application at Edukwanza made the call in Dar es Salaam at the weekend when speaking to reporters soon after the closure of the 18th exhibitions on higher education conducted for six days at Mnazi Mmoja grounds.

According to him, many parents have been reluctant to send their children outside the country for studies due high expenses but in reality there are the best options which many Tanzanian's parents can afford.

He said that Edukwanza, the academic and university consulting firm in Tanzania has for two years now been supporting students who want to pursue their studies overseas where many have realised their dreams.

"Apart from getting quality education from the reputable universities abroad, the students will also benefit from various things including exposure, building networks and job opportunities, Edukwanza's goal is to help students realise their absolute potential by helping them with their next step in their educational careers," he said.

Zarifraz Kassam, Edukwanza managing director said the firm collaborates with prestigious universities worldwide, ensuring that Tanzanians have access to a range of destinations where they achieve their educational dreams. He further said that considering that the issue of the financial aspect of education can often pose a significant challenge, Edukwanza has been supporting students to apply for various scholarships that at the end enable them to fulfil their dreams.

"As per needs, students can benefit from scholarships which are fully funded or covering part of the school expenses, in this, we have been supporting them on how to seek for the scholarship opportunities," he added.



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Barrick Gold Bulyanhulu mine workers attend a health drill at the weekend shortly before embarking a special race held in implementation of a malaria eradication strategy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Bulyanhulu Mine workers join in 5-kilometres health marathon

By Guardian Correspondent, Msalala

WORKERS of Barrick's Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region last weekend participated in the 5kms health marathon around the mine area aimed at building their health as part of the campaign to eradicate malaria.

Acting Bulyanhulu mine manager, Victor Lule said in efforts to fight malaria, the mine has launched a special campaign to eradicate malaria designed to take the message to all mine workers and members of the community around it.

He said despite efforts by the Mine's management to curb malaria infections, it has also decided to mobilise its workers to wear protective clothing against bites from mosquito that spread the disease during the night.

Lule, who is also the Mine's operations manager said the race also aimed to reduce body weight of its workers as a safeguard against non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

For his part, senior doctor at Barrick

Bulyanhulu health centre, Dr Kagodi Neg Kagodi said during this year malaria infections increased as opposed to last year and that is why they have launched the special marathon.

He said the Mine's management has taken various measures against malaria including mosquito sprays in people's residences around the mine area, distribution of mosquito nets to every worker and removal of still water ponds that are mosquitoes breeding grounds.

He added that the marathon aimed at mobilising workers to take precautionary steps against malaria by following all directives on protection given by health experts.

Some of the workers from the mine's various departments who participated in the marathon race thanked Barrick Bulyanhulu for launching the campaign to protect their health.

Emmanuel Mwakanyopole, one of the workers commended the barrack for its policies that care for their health and safety as well as of the surrounding communities.

CCM women wing chair upbeat on the forthcoming fishing port

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

THE Chairperson of the CCM women's wing, Mary Chatanda, has urged residents of Kilwa in Lindi Region to support implementation of a fishing port as it will unleash economic potentials and create employment opportunities.

Chatanda made the remarks recently during her visit in Kilwa District to inspect implementation of the party's election manifesto 2020 - 2025. She urged residents to cooperate with the contractor—China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC).

She said the government has allocated 266bn/- for implementation of the project that is expected to be completed within two years.

So far, the project has provided 160 temporary and permanent jobs to residents in Kilwa, she said.

"The government has a good intention with the people of Lindi Region and that's why it continues to allocate funds for different projects including construction of fishing port," said

Chatanda, noting the port will stimulate blue economy for individuals and the nation.

Chatanda said that despite stimulating the blue economy, the envisaged port will also attract investors in the fishing sector, particularly in Lindi Region.

Kilwa District Commissioner, Christopher Nguabiagi said that upon completion the port will have socio-economic benefits to the residents.

"Completion of the port will increase the value of sea products and ensure a reliable market, thus enabling the Kilwa Masoko District Council to get more revenues," he said.

The DC urged residents to cooperate with the contractor in all stages of the project and avoid involving in theft of construction materials.

Representing the contractor, Eng Yao Huafeng said they are optimistic that the project will be completed on time. He said completion of the port will allow three to 10 fishing vessels to dock as well as about 30 small fishing boats simultaneously.

FIRST HOUSING FINANCE (TANZANIA) LIMITED PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2023

(Amounts in thousand shillings)

	Current Quarter 30th Jun. 2023	Previous Quarter 31st Mar. 2023
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	79	11
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	-	-
3. Investments in Government Securities	3,598,778	3,655,981
4. Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institutions	4,881,113	4,942,240
5. Cheques and Items for Clearing	-	-
6. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
7. Bills Negotiated	-	-
8. Customers' Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9. Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-
10. Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11. Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances for Expected Losses)	22,841,491	21,493,405
12. Other Assets	901,852	821,834
13. Equity Investments	1,622,000	1,622,000
14. Underwriting Accounts	-	-
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	275,507	297,413
16. TOTAL ASSETS	34,120,820	32,832,883
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institutions	-	-
18. Customer Deposits	1,247,409	1,134,403
19. Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20. Special Deposits	-	-
21. Payment Orders/ Transfers Payable	-	-
22. Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	-	-
23. Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	571,677	603,121
24. Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25. Inter-branch Float Items	-	-
26. Unearned Income, Other Deferred Charges & Taxes	384,598	363,237
27. Other Liabilities	395,517	338,405
28. Borrowings	12,020,370	11,842,102
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,513,570	14,281,268
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	18,607,251	18,551,615
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up Share Capital	21,800,000	21,800,000
32. Share premium	-	-
33. Fair Value Reserve	95,831	95,831
34. Retained Earnings	(3,559,082)	(3,491,108)
35. Profit/(Loss) Account	106,045	50,409
36. Regulatory Reserve	164,457	96,483
37. Minority Interest	-	-
38. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18,607,251	18,551,615
39. Contingent Liabilities	-	-
40. Non-Performing Loans & Advances	960,319	542,518
41. Allowance for Expected Losses	207,933	162,522
42. Other Non-Performing Assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets	54.53%	56.50%
(ii). Non-Performing Loans to Total Gross Loans	4.16%	2.50%
(iii). Gross Loans & Advances to Total Deposits	1657.39%	1854.38%
(iv). Loans & Advances to Total Assets	66.94%	65.40%
(v). Earning Assets to Total Assets	86.36%	90.92%
(vi). Deposits Growth	9.96%	24.42%
(vii). Assets Growth	3.92%	0.99%

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes are explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8).

Name and Title:
 Saida M. Chonza (Chief Executive Officer) 26.07.2023
 Amulise E. Kamwila (Chief Financial Officer) 26.07.2023
 Hamido Binde (Internal Audit Manager) 26.07.2023

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name:
 Conrad Oduza (Chairman) 26.07.2023
 Vinod Rustagi (Director) 26.07.2023

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

(Amounts in thousand shillings)

	Current Quarter 30th Jun. 2023	Comparative Quarter 30th Jun. 2022	Current Year Cumulative 30th Jun. 2023	Comparative Year Cumulative 30th Jun. 2022
1. Interest Income	1,094,465	873,316	2,151,767	1,567,413
2. Interest Expense	(331,815)	(259,840)	(657,475)	(329,307)
3. Net Interest Income	762,650	613,476	1,494,292	1,238,106
4. Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment Reversal / (Losses)	(43,838)	(27,468)	(55,573)	(35,202)
6. Non Interest Income:	94,662	104,767	172,988	190,541
6.1. Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/ (Loss)	142	51	107	89
6.2. Fees and Commissions	87,370	94,039	165,732	107,389
6.3. Dividend Income	-	27,590	27,590	27,590
6.4. Other Operating Income	7,150	23,087	7,150	35,473
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(751,892)	(662,883)	(1,494,038)	(1,318,030)
7.1. Salaries and Benefits	(399,590)	(333,297)	(791,407)	(659,427)
7.2. Fees and Commissions	(252,302)	(229,586)	(502,313)	(452,603)
7.3. Other Operating Expenses	(5,999)	(1,999)	(5,999)	(5,999)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	61,581	27,891	117,669	83,414
9. Income Tax Provision	(5,946)	(4,752)	(11,624)	(8,652)
10. Net Income/(Loss) after Income Tax	55,636	23,139	106,045	74,762
11. Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
12. Total Comprehensive Income/ (Loss)	55,636	23,139	106,045	74,762
13. Number of Employees	25	20	25	20
14. Basic Earnings Per Share	0.26	0.11	0.49	0.34
15. Number of Branches	1	1	1	1
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i). Return on Average Total Assets	0.17%	0.08%	0.17%	0.08%
(ii). Return on Average Shareholder's Fund	0.30%	0.13%	0.30%	0.13%
(iii). Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	87.20%	92.29%	89.61%	91.70%
(iv). Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.57%	2.38%	2.57%	2.38%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH JUNE 2023

(Amounts in thousand shillings)

	Share Capital	Share premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others (Fair Value Reserve)	Total
Current Quarter (30.06.2023)							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.04.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,440,699)	96,483	-	95,831	18,551,615
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	55,636	-	-	-	55,636
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(67,974)	67,974	-	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current quarter (30.06.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,453,037)	164,457	-	95,831	18,607,251
Previous Quarter (31.03.2023)							
Balance as at the beginning of the quarter (01.01.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,456,954)	62,328	-	95,831	18,501,205
Profit/(Loss) for the quarter	-	-	55,409	-	-	-	55,409
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(34,155)	34,155	-	-	-
General Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the quarter (31.03.2023)	21,800,000	-	(3,440,699)	96,483	-	95,831	18,551,615

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES 2023

S/No	ITEMS	CHARGES/FEES
1	Prime Lending Rate (PLR)	16% p.a.
2	Maximum spread above PLR	4% p.a.
3	Application Fee (Non-refundable)	TZS 200,000/-
4	Processing Fee	1.5 % of the loan value
5	Facility Fee	1.5 % of the loan value
6	Valuation Fee	Paid by the client as per the invoice
7	Legal Fee	Paid by the client to FHF account and FHF will pay law firm
8	Early Repayment	5% of the amount to be prepaid
9	Annual Review Fee	NIL
10	Cheque returned Unpaid (Outward & Inward)	TZS 50,000/-
11	Loan Statement	TZS 20,000/-

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

(Amounts in thousand shillings)

	Current Quarter 30th Jun. 2023	Previous Quarter 31st Mar. 2023	Current Year Cumulative 30th Jun. 2023	Comparative Year Cumulative 30th Jun. 2022
I. Cash Flow from Operating Activities:				
Net Income/ (Loss) before tax	61,581	56,088	117,669	83,414
Adjustments for:				
- Impairment/ Amortisation/ Depreciation & Non-cash items	(412,296)	(402,333)	(412,296)	(172,785)
- Net Change in Loans and Advances	(1,512,294)	(2,051,095)	(3,444,195)	(2,860,090)
- Gain/Loss from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Deposits	113,005	222,616	335,622	143,338
- Net Change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	29,405	203,372	238,456	259,463
- Net Change in Other Assets	(68,394)	(109,403)	(181,475)	(201,275)
- Tax Paid	(11,624)	(5,678)	(11,624)	(8,652)
- Others (Interest paid & Adjustments for previous items)	50,443	50,443	50,443	52,610
Net Cash (Used)/ Provided by Operating Activities	(1,755,173)	(2,125,990)	(3,314,003)	(2,358,233)
II. Cash Flow from Investing Activities				
- Dividend Received	-	-	-	(16,988)
- Purchase of Fixed Assets	603,409	637,991	629,873	(16,988)
- Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
- Purchase of TMR Securities	-	-	-	-
- Investment in Govt Securities	57,202	(54,618)	2,585	6,240
- Purchase of Intangibles	-	-	-	-
Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities	660,611	583,374	632,457	(10,748)
III. Cash Flow from Financing Activities				
- Repayment of Long-Term Debt & Interest from CDB & TMR	(44,367)	(161,627)	(161,627)	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-
- Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-	-	-
- Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
- New Loan from CDB Bank & TMR	1,076,268	-	1,076,268	10,886,440
- Others (Repayment of Lease liabilities)	(50,445)	(50,445)	(50,445)	(49,702)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	1,021,901	(212,072)	866,196	10,936,739
IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash equivalents	(60,661)	(1,754,689)	(1,815,350)	8,567,668
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the period	4,942,251	6,696,939	6,696,939	945,386
ECL on bank balances	(98)	(98)	(98)	(2,508)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the period	4,881,192	4,942,251		



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PUBLICATION AND DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023

(Amount in million Shillings)

	CURRENT QUARTER 30th June, 2023	CURRENT QUARTER 31st March, 2023
A ASSETS		
1 Cash	58,224	60,693
2 Balances with Bank Of Tanzania	195,255	77,619
3 Investments in Government Securities	78,778	68,535
4 Balances with Other Banks and Financial institutions	178,201	104,954
5 Cheques & Items for Clearing	143	148
6 Inter branch floating items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	268,590	281,168
10 Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (net of allowance for probable losses)	932,451	866,197
12 Other Assets	73,067	45,054
13 Equity Investment	4,747	5,710
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	36,551	36,679
16 TOTAL ASSETS	1,826,007	1,546,757
B LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other Banks and Financial Institutions	148	691
18 Customer deposits	1,224,130	1,009,796
19 Cash Letters of Credit	25,552	1,707
20 Special deposits	100,370	96,103
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	129	-
22 Bankers' Cheques and Drafts Issued	462	346
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses Payable	17,517	17,657
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Inter branch floating items	782	236
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	51,039	28,083
28 Borrowings	239,156	233,145
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,659,285	1,387,764
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		
	166,722	158,993
C SHAREHOLDER'S FUND		
31 Paid up share capital	31,000	31,000
32 Capital reserves	-	-
33 Retained Earnings	96,436	107,669
34 Profit (Loss) Account	26,424	12,103
35 Other capital accounts	12,862	8,221
36 Minority interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	166,722	158,993
38 Contingent Liabilities	28,766	4,078
39 Non performing loan and advances	24,853	27,299
40 Allowance for Probable Losses	8,762	11,632
41 Other Non Performing Assets	15,945	14,609
D SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	9.13%	10.28%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	2.66%	3.14%
(iii) Gross loans and Advance to Total Deposits	69.07%	78.20%
(iv) Loans and Advance to Total Assets	51.07%	56.00%
(v) Earning assets to Total assets	74.78%	79.37%
(vi) Deposits growth	21.83%	4.55%
(vii) Assets growth	18.05%	10.27%

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023

(Amount in million Shillings)

	CURRENT QUARTER 30th June, 2023	COMPARATIVE QUARTER (PREVIOUS YEAR) 30th June, 2022	CURRENT YEAR (CUMULATIVE) 30th June, 2023	COMPARATIVE YEAR (PREVIOUS YEAR) 30th June, 2022
1 Interest income	29,720	20,199	57,420	40,038
2 Interest expenses	(4,981)	(3,781)	(9,916)	(7,553)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	24,739	16,418	47,504	32,485
4 Bad Debts written-off	-	(1,775)	-	(1,775)
5 Impairment losses on Loans and Advance	1,954	(620)	(184)	(283)
6 Non Interest Income	9,072	7,664	17,646	14,278
6.1 Foreign currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(loss) - Net	1,090	884	2,397	1,947
6.2 Fee and Commissions	7,466	3,618	14,583	6,475
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	516	3,162	666	5,856
7 Non-Interest Expense	(15,306)	(11,805)	(27,217)	(23,344)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(4,680)	(4,295)	(9,585)	(8,530)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(1,330)	(866)	(2,522)	(1,734)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(9,296)	(6,643)	(15,110)	(13,080)
8 Operating Income/Loss	20,459	9,882	37,749	21,361
9 Income Tax Provision	(6,138)	(2,865)	(11,325)	(6,408)
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	14,321	6,917	26,424	14,953
11 Other comprehensive income	14	(269)	14	(269)
12 Total comprehensive income	14,335	6,648	26,438	14,684
13 Number of Employees	484	485	484	485
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	89.51	43.23	165.15	93.45
15 Number of Branches	31	27	31	27
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	5%	3.6%	4%	3.9%
(ii) Return on Average shareholders' funds	34.50%	20.89%	31.83%	28.53%
(iii) Non Interest expenses to gross income	39.46%	42.37%	36.26%	42.98%
(iv) Net Interest Income to average earning assets	7.48%	8.54%	7.19%	8.45%

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023

(Amount in million Shillings)

	CURRENT QUARTER 30th June, 2023	PREVIOUS QUARTER 31st March, 2023	CURRENT YEAR CUMULATIVE 30th June, 2023	COMPARATIVE YEAR (PREVIOUS YEAR) CUMULATIVE 30th June, 2022
I Cash flow from operating activities:				
Before tax Net Income (Loss)	20,459	17,290	37,749	21,361
Adjustment for:				
- Impairment/Amortization	1,596	1,574	3,170	2,984
- Net change in loans and advances	(66,254)	(64,491)	(130,745)	(28,196)
- Gain/loss on sale of assets	-	-	-	-
- Net change in deposits	241,358	47,349	288,707	123,049
- net change in short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
- net change in other liabilities	25,423	2,775	(45,496)	3,413
- net change in other assets	(27,550)	(10,187)	(29,736)	7,840
- Tax paid	(4,711)	(3,887)	(8,598)	(6,101)
- Others (Change in treasury bill and treasury bonds)	(10,662)	(2,921)	(13,583)	(2,322)
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	179,658	(12,498)	101,468	122,028
II Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(638)	(221)	(859)	(5,233)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others (Capital WIP)	(502)	(597)	(1,098)	(271)
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(1,140)	(818)	(1,957)	(5,504)
III Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividend	(6,586)	-	(6,586)	(3,809)
Net change in other borrowings	5,261	88,329	85,589	(32,809)
Others	(423)	(1,321)	(1,744)	(787)
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	(1,748)	87,008	77,259	(33,596)
IV Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	176,770	73,692	176,770	82,928
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	531,658	457,866	531,658	268,963
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	708,428	531,658	708,428	351,891

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2023

(Amount in million Shillings)

	SHARE CAPITAL	SHARE PREMIUM	RETAINED EARNINGS	REGULATORY RESERVE	OTHERS	TOTAL
CURRENT YEAR: 2023						
Balance as at 01st January 2023	31,000	-	107,236	3,484	5,173	146,893
Profit for the year	-	-	26,425	-	-	26,425
Other comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction with Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(4,303)	4,303	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	(6,497)	-	(99)	(6,596)
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30th June, 2023	31,000	-	122,861	7,787	5,074	166,722
PREVIOUS YEAR: 2022						
Balance as at 01st January 2022	31,000	-	76,809	8,704	5,353	121,866
Profit for the year	-	-	30,848	-	14	30,862
Other comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction with Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	5,220	(5,220)	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	(5,641)	-	(194)	(5,835)
Balance as at 31st December, 2022	31,000	-	107,236	3,484	5,173	146,893

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023

In preparation of the quarterly financial statement, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 DR. Muhsin S. Masoud Managing Director		July 25, 2023
2 Awwad A. Saleh Director Finance		July 25, 2023
3 Suleiman Ali Suleiman Manager Internal Audit		July 25, 2023

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 DR Estela Ngoma Hassan Chairperson		July 25, 2023
2 DR Saleh J. Rashid Board Member		July 25, 2023

THE PEOPLE'S BANK OF ZANZIBAR LTD. CHARGES AND FEES FOR BANK PRODUCT AND SERVICES

NUMBER	ITEM/TRANSACTION	CHARGE/FEE		
1 Current Accounts				
(a)	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 100,000		
(b)	Monthly minimum service fee (breakdown per customer type)	TZS 5,000		
(c)	Cheque withdrawal over the counter	Free		
(d)	Fees per ATM withdrawal	TZS 1,700		
(e)	ATM mini statement	TZS 400		
(f)	Interim statement per page	TZS 500		
(g)	Periodic scheduled statement	Free		
(h)	Cheque book (leaf)	TZS 800		
(i)	Dishonoured cheque	TZS 50,000		
(j)	Tanzania Automated Clearing House (TACH)	TZS 2,000		
(k)	Counter cheque	TZS 25,000		
(l)	Stop payment	TZS 30,000		
(m)	Standing order	TZS 5,000		
(n)	Balance enquiry	Free		
(o)	New ATM card issuance	TZS 12,000		
(p)	ATM card renewal or replacement	TZS 10,000		
(q)	Overdrawn account interest charge	N/A		
(r)	Unarranged overdraft	N/A		
(s)	Interbank transfer (minimum)	TZS 2,000		
(t)	Bill payments through ATM	N/A		
(u)	Deposit fee	Free		
(v)	Other (small denomination Foreign currencies)	4.5% of amount		
2 Savings Accounts (Disclose for product specific types)				
(a)	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000		
(b)	Monthly service fee	TZS 1,500		
(c)	Interim statement	Free		
(d)	Account closure	TZS 5,000		
3 Electronic Banking				
(a)	Internet banking monthly fee	Free		
(b)	Internet transfers	TZS 1,000		
(c)	SMS banking			
(i)	Balance enquiry	TZS 200		
(ii)	Mini statement	TZS 400		
(iii)	Bank to wallet transfer	TZS 1,000		
(iv)	Bank to bank transfer (intra-bank)	TZS 1,000		
(v)	Purchase of mobile airtime	Free		
(d)	Other (EzyPesa - Mcommerce) transfer - Bank to bank transfer (intra-bank)	TZS 1,000		
4 Foreign Exchange Transaction				
(a)	Purchase/sale of TCs transactions over the counter	N/A		
(b)	Purchase of foreign cheque	N/A		
(c)	Sale/purchase of cash passport	Negotiable		
(d)	TISS transfer	TZS 10,000		
(e)	Telegraphic transfer/SWIFT	USD 20-USD 50		
(f)	Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account (within bank and to other bank)	Free		
5 Personal Loans				
(a)	Processing/Arrangement/Appraisal fee			
(i)	Personal loans	2%		
(ii)	Overdrafts	1%		
(iii)	Mortgage finance	1%		
(iv)	Asset finance	1%		
(b)	Unpaid loan installment	1%		
(c)	Early repayment	3% of Outstanding Principle		
(d)	Valuation fees	Negotiable		
(e)	Term loan/overdraft in USD	6% - 8%		
We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.				
	Name	Designation	Signature	Date
1	DR. Muhsin S. Masoud	Managing Director		July 24, 2023
2	Eddie Edward Mhina	Director Commercial		July 24, 2023
3	Suleiman Ali Suleiman	Manager Internal Auditor		July 24, 2023

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'Technology is catalyst to attract youths into agricultural sector'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega, has said that technology could be the needed catalyst to attract more youth to partake in agricultural activities such as livestock keeping and fishery.

Ulega made the remarks yesterday was speaking during the launch of AYuTe Africa Challenge, an initiative by Heifer Project International and which is being implemented by Sahara Ventures that seeks to award cash grants to

support promising young agritech innovators in the country who use technology to reimagine farming and food production.

He said that there is need to continue increasing and improving the application of technology in livestock keeping and fishery ventures as a starting point to have many young people take interest in agriculture.

"We understand that it not like many young people do not want to make a living by engaging in agricultural activities, it is just that they do not find it attractive and

then they do not have access to capital and most importantly they have no knowledge of available markets," he said.

He encouraged young people to make the most of technology by coming up with innovations that would help market young businesses in the agricultural sector and generate more interest amongst young in the sector.

The minister also hinted that government has set aside over 4bn/- as capital to help young people engaged in livestock keeping and fishing. AYuTe Africa Challenge

stands for Agriculture, Youth, and Technology.

Speaking during the launch, Heifer Project International Country Program Director, Mark Tsoxo, the organization has been working to support youth in agriculture in Africa with the aim of ending hunger.

"A new report on the role of youth in agriculture from Heifer International identifies additional challenges preventing youth from fully engaging in farming, most notably lack of financing, land, markets, and training," said Tsoxo.

He added that the problem of unemployment would have been greatly reduced if the youth would have engaged in agricultural activities, noting that 31 per cent of the country's population are young people between 15 and 35 years of age and they need to be motivated to take up farming.

The initiative that was launched yesterday is national competition, which calls for innovators to submit applications that will ultimately provide solutions to challenges in the agriculture value chain through the use of technology.

Tsoxo said that the innovator who would come up with the best idea will walk away with a grand prize of 20m/-, the second winner will bag 12m/-, and the third winner will be awarded 8m/-.

Each year, the organization invests more than US\$1.5 million to accelerate digital agriculture entrepreneurship in Africa. In 2022, the AYuTe Africa Challenge expanded its role as an African agritech accelerator by offering new national competitions in Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, and Uganda.

DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, NORWEGIAN EMBASSY & EXPATRIATES DAR ES SALAAM

PUBLIC AUCTION:

UNIVERSAL AUCTION CENTRE under instructions received from European Union, British High Commission, Norwegian Embassy & Expatriates We shall sell Household furniture's, Vehicles and Generator by public auction on Saturday July 29, 2023 commencing at 10:00 am. The auction will take place at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street.

Furniture and Computers Bidding Start at 10:00am; Sofa set, China base, Hutch, Dresser, Book case, Cabinets, Dining Table, Chairs, Office Desk/ Chairs, Beds, Mattress, Fridge double door, Deep Freezer, Washer, Garden table / chair, Computer set, TV Set, Projector, Music systems, Nashuateg MP5002SP & MP6500 Photo copy m/c, A/C split units, Trade Mill, Big Satellite dish complete, Automatic Incubator, Solar system, Water pump etc.

Vehicles & Generator Bidding Start at 12:00 hrs.

Unit	Make	Model	Year	Duty
1	Land Rover Discovery 4 S/Wagon	SDV6 Diesel Engine	2013	Not paid
1	Toyota Land Cruiser Prado TX	1KD Diesel Engine	2017	Not paid
1	Toyota Land Cruiser S/Wagon V8	GF Petrol Engine	2001	Paid
1	Nissan Patrol Station Wagon Y61	TD42 Diesel Engine	2010	Paid
1	VW Amarok TDI Pickup Double Cabin	CNE Diesel Engine	2012	Paid
1	Ford Escosport Station Wagon	FY58 Petrol Engine	2015	Not Paid
1	Mercedes Benz Saloon	E220 Diesel Engine	2007	Paid
1	Komatsu Wheel Loader	W100 Diesel Engine	1984	Paid
2	Generator 40 & 30 KVA - 3Phase	Perkins & John Deere Diesel	2007	Not paid

All items may be inspected at Golden Resort Sinza, Lion Street from July 26 to 28, 2023 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

AUCTION CONDITIONS:

- The winning bidder for Furniture has to make full payment to cashier immediately. For Vehicle or Generator winning bidder must pay 25% to cashier immediately and the final payment in full within 5 working days by August 4, 2023 at 4:00pm. For payments not made within 5 working days, the Vehicle or Generator will be offered to the next highest bidder and the advance payment will be forfeited.
- Payments via **CRDB and NBC Bank VISA & Master Cards** will be accepted.
- All items are sold on "as is" basis with no guarantee.
- Duty and all taxes are the responsibility of the buyer.
- Bidder will remove the items after all payments and duties.
- All persons entering the premises must obtain a Bid Number at the entrance.

For further information, contact:

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Water minister Jumaa Aweso pictured yesterday assisting a resident of a Ngara District village in carrying a bucket of water shortly after launching a newly implemented water project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title : Performance and Analytics Advisor
Department/Unit : Performance and Analytics.
Location : GHSC-TA -TZ office Dar es Salaam.
Reports to : Performance and Analytics Team Lead.

OVERVIEW:

The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists the Government of Tanzania's health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity-building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

JOB SUMMARY:

The Performance and Analytics Advisor will work under the administrative and technical guidance of the Performance and Analytics Team Lead and is responsible for supporting performance monitoring of health commodities across the health elements mentioned above namely, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) leading Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN) commodity tracking and visibility both in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. He/She will work closely with the respective programs to contribute to the improvement of data pertaining to these commodity categories and consequently the availability of health commodities.

Additionally, the Performance and Analytics advisor will take a leading role in the implementation of Data Quality Assessments in both mainland and Zanzibar to ensure the data generated and reported at the health facility level aligns well with the facility's needs to minimize health commodity imbalances.

He/she will work in collaboration with national stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health, the President's Office of Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), the Medical Stores Department (MSD), and the Ministry of Health of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar. S/he will champion collaboration with local available partners and leverage existing systems such as eLMIS and DHIS2 to data visibility through dashboards and promote data-driven decision-making to improve the supply chain. This position will be based in Dar es Salaam, with occasional travel.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:
- Work with local partners and institutions as needed to improve health commodity monitoring using eLMIS and DHIS2 reports and dashboards to share with stakeholders.
 - Support the extraction and analysis of data from the eLMIS routinely in relation to ARVs, Malaria, TB, essential medicines, RMNCH, and laboratory commodities
 - Conduct deep-dive analyses of supply chain data to identify and address the root causes for data discrepancies between the two systems - eLMIS and DHIS2 for monitoring ACT reporting
 - Routine monitoring of the availability of the program commodities

- Leading the Data Quality Assessment (DQA) in Mainland and Zanzibar
- Assist the workstream in attaining project deliverables such as quarterly reports and reporting of the Performance Monitoring Plan Indicators
- Participate in M&E related meetings
- Elevate the use of supply chain data in programmatic decision-making; identify barriers to data quality and use, and develop and implement recommendations for addressing them.
- Ensure key stakeholders including NACP, NMCP, RCHS and NTL in the mainland and ZIHHTLP, IRCH and ZAMEP are engaged and oriented at all levels to promote commitment and ownership for improving the quality of data for decision making
- Support the development of work plans, budgets, and their implementation.
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in health information management, pharmacy, statistics, or another relevant field.
- Advanced degree in M&E, health informatics, or statistics is an added advantage
- Skills in data visualization dashboards/tools and data requirement gathering.
- At least 5 years of experience in public health implementation at the national level.
- Knowledge of the Tanzania health commodities supply chain.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, including English.
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- Ability to work with partners in implementing programs in challenging environments.
- Experience in working with Ministries of Health in both Mainland and Zanzibar including the office of the chief pharmacist and respective programs
- Experience in conducting Data Quality Assessments
- Demonstrated ability to monitor and train healthcare workers.
- Knowledge of the Tanzania health information systems including eLMIS, and DHIS2.
- Proven interpersonal skills and ability to work well both within a team and independently.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively under pressure and to prioritize competing demands.

If you are interested in applying for this position please send your resume, cover letter, and copies of your academic certificate to gpsc.recruitment@gmail.com.

While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those selected for the interview will be contacted. The deadline for submission shall be on 4th August 2023. GHSC-TA-TZ is an equal opportunity employer.

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONCRETING OF EXTERNAL DYKE FOR TANKS S1, S2, S3 & S4

25 July, 2023

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- TIPER hereby invites via National Competitive Bidding (NCB) eligible Class IV and above Civil Contractors to bid for the **CONCRETING OF EXTERNAL DYKE FOR TANKS S1, S2, S3 & S4**.
- Eligible bidders are reputable civil contractors locally registered by the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) as Class IV and above with at least 5 years of experience working with reputable organizations.
- Bidders who don't meet condition stated in line 2 above are not eligible to bid for this tender.
- Interested and eligible bidders may request an electronic copy of the tender document by sending their request letters and attach copies of respective CRB registration certificate through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz from date **25 July 2023 to 7 August 2023 from Monday to Friday, between 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**
- Bidders MUST visit the site before bidding.** The site visit will be conducted on **31 July, 2023 from 10:30 am to 12:30 am local time.**
- During the site visit all bidders will be required to come with their own PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes **Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat, and helmets.** Bidders without PPE will not be allowed onto the site.
- Bids MUST be submitted in hard copies only in envelopes sealed with postal seals or fire seals. Softcopies of bids should submit via a USB flash driver embedded in the hardcopies of bid submitted. No bid should be submitted by email.
- All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO. TP/07/2023/NCB/W/016 FOR CONCRETING OF EXTERNAL DYKE FOR TANKS S1, S2, S3 & S4.** All bids must be delivered physically to: **The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.**
- The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be **4.00 P.M. local time on 11 August, 2023.**
- There shall be NO public opening of bids.
- Late bids, a portion of bids, and electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,
TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LIMITED (TIPER),
P.O. BOX 2608,
KIGAMBONI, DAR ES SALAAM.

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25,000 villagers to benefit from 2.7bn/- Bugarama water project

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

OVER 25,000 villagers in Msalala District, Shinyanga Region are to benefit from Bugarama water project worth 2.7bn/-, which is to be completed in September this year, senior government official has said

Eng. Cyprian Luhemeja, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Water unveiled here over the weekend when he inspected project progress in the area.

"Completion of the project will be a relief to villagers in Bugarama and neighbouring villages," said Luhemeja, lauding the contractor, for the job well done, assuring villagers that the project will be ready by September 21th.

Eng Luhemeja also asked Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) to ensure the proper management of funds from these projects by entering the

official government management systems and removing all signs of money loss.

"RUWASA now needs to change their thinking in the provision of services, instead of thinking of setting up water collection points and creating community groups of water users they should deliver water to the homes of customers," he said.

Mashaka Sita, project coordinator said that due to the increase of people in Bugarama area and neighbouring villages, they decided to implement the project to meet the needs.

"This project will serve the four villages of Bugarama, Ilogi, Lwabakanga and Kakora," said Sita.

Jonson Kamara, Ilogi villager praised the government for implementing the project which he said will be a great savior for the people of the area who for a long time were not sure of getting clean and safe water.

"The implementation of this

project is a great pride for us and we have been told that the project will be completed in September and start providing water, so people here will get rid of the long-term water problem... we are very grateful to the government for remembering us," said Kamara

Midraji Mandari, Lwabakanga villager also thanked the government for the decision to bring water project to Bugarama area as it will help to relieve the people of those areas from water problems.

He said that they have been experiencing water problems and had to buy water from dealers again, which they are not sure about its safety.

"This project has come at the right time and we should congratulate the six-phase government because this is really a liberation for us and it will help a lot because the time, we used to find water will be used to do various economic activities," he said.



CCBRT Hospital CEO Brenda Msangi (R) and visiting Canadian International Development minister Harjit Sajjan (to her right) pictured in the labour ward of the Dar es Salaam-based specialised facility at the weekend sharing a light moment with a visually impaired woman (R, seated) who has recently had a safe delivery. Others are members of the CCBRT staff and officials accompanying the minister. Through Global Affairs Canada, the Canadian government supported the implementation of CCBRT's Making Motherhood Safe Project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

DC gives TARURA one week to repair vital road

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) in Mbeya city has been given one week to repair Igazo-Igodima road to enable people to use it while other measures are being envisaged.

Mbeya District Commissioner, Beno Malisa issued the instructions at the weekend during his visit to Igazo Ward to listen to people's complaints who said the road

was in poor condition and cannot transport their crops.

He appealed to residents in the area to report to his office in case TARURA workers do not turn up to repair the road.

"As you wait for other steps, you should level the road by a grader to let the resident use the road without inconveniences.

These people, many of them farmers from mountain area depend on this only vital road to

transport their crops,' Malisa said.

Some of the residents said they fail to transport their crops by vehicles due to the road's poor condition, hence they are forced to use donkeys.

Abida Franco, one of the said vehicles' owners refuse to send their vehicle to carry their products in fear of damaging them. He said even motorcycle do not pass on the road as it has a lot of potholes that are destructive to them.

Villagers near wildlife corridors now get free bank loans to boost conservation

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Monduli

COMMUNITY conservation efforts are entering another phase which now involves financial institutions chipping in to bankroll environment friendly economic activities, undertaken by villagers living adjacent to wildlife corridors.

The CRDB Bank, through its new 'Imbeju,' Program will be providing interest free loans and extend unsecured credit facilities to community groups undertaking income generating activities in villages located next to Wildlife Corridors to boost conservation morale.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its 'Tuhifadhi Maliasili,' project, expedited a special forum which brought together the CRDB Bank's Northern Zone officials and representatives of more than 20 community groups in Arusha and Manyara Regions.

The aim was to ensure that local community groups get financial support to facilitate environment friendly income generating ventures that will boost local economy and protect wildlife and natural resources in the process.

"Some of the environment destructive activities, including

illegal logging, charcoal burning and even poaching occur when people are striving to generate income through whichever means possible," explained Dr Elikana Kalumanga Ngallaba the Private Sector Engagement Manager of USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity.

According to Dr Kalumanga, when local communities get empowered to come up with economic enterprises, it becomes easier for them to ditch environmentally destructive habits.

"And to make their ventures more sustainable, we are now linking them to financial institutions for them to secure manageable loans and capitals," he added.

The Manager of Randilen Wildlife Management Area (WMA) which operates in Monduli District, Meshurie Melembuki said conservation is business because it is what boosts tourism activities in the Northern Zone.

"All we have to do is empower our people to be able to tap into the potential by starting businesses that will enable them to supply meat, milk and vegetables to tourist hotels, lodges and campsites in the precinct," he added.

He believes that villagers living near game parks, reserves and wildlife corridors are potentially

bankable as their economic ventures have ready markets.

Communications Manager of CRDB Bank in the Northern Zone, Erasmi Riziki said the 'Imbeju' program which targets to empower women and youth with capital and other headache free financial support.

"Imbeju stands for 'Seeds of Innovation,' and it is the first and only community supporting scheme of this kind in East Africa, which guarantees collateral free and interest free loans, to support young people and women," he said.

Through the program, groups and individuals can secure condition-free financial support of between 200,000/- and up to 5 million/- with a payback period of 36 months or essentially three years.

Muna Michael is the Project Coordinator of Asilia Giving which supports seven community groups along the Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor who also lauds the initiative.

"Once villagers get alternative income generating activities and financial support to run them, the pressure being exerted by human activities in wildlife corridors becomes less and less," he stated.

Michael says cases of deforestation for burning charcoal, chopping firewood or extracting timber are notorious in conserved areas and they threaten connectivity between National Parks and Game Reserves.



TANZANIA PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TPDC) OFFER FOR SPOT PURCHASE OF CONDENSATE FROM SONGOSONGO

Date: 25/07/2023

Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) is a National Oil Company of Tanzania and participate hence holds commercial interest on behalf of the Government of Tanzania for oil and natural gas projects and other value addition activities including Songosongo condensate.

TPDC (Seller) hereby calls for eligible firms local or international (Buyer) for purchase of 3200MT +/- 10% of condensate to be uplifted in two (2) lots of 1600MT +/- 10% each. The projected uplifting Lay can for the first lot is from 30th August to 01st September 2023 and for the second lot is from 11th to 13th December 2023 (dates are subject to change); a confirmed uplifting date will be determined after considering other key factors.

Buyer has to quote price in USD per Metric Ton (USD/MT). Price should be clearly indicated for each of the lot, in case a single price is quoted, Seller shall assume that price is applicable to each of the two lots. Buyer is expected to bear all costs, charges, fees and taxes related to the product. Therefore, quoted price is exclusive of all costs, charges, fees and taxes. INCOTERM will be Free on Board (FOB) Songosongo.

The most recent products' specifications may be shared with interested buyers for reference. Where need be, the successful Buyer will be allowed to draw sample and conduct analysis to verify specifications at their own cost. For effective utilization, the seller prefers Buyers with the export market, re-export or local buyers with approved permits (Buyers for local consumption or for re-export, must obtain EWURA condensate dealership license).

Fourteen days (14) before loading, inspection and vetting of the vessel and Tug Boat nominated by the Buyer will be undertaken by an authorized Marine Surveyor/Engineer, proof of which should be submitted to the Seller. The inspector will also verify certificates, permits and/or approvals of the vessels. The successful Buyer must mobilize and ensure the vessel and tugboat are at the site 24hrs and 48hrs respectively before the uplifting time for final inspection and the Buyer should engage for Pilotage of the Vessel, pilot to be present on vessel berthing and unmooring day. The Buyer should engage and secure mooring boat(s) for the uplift exercise at the site. Loading plans, arrangements and instructions will be set and agreed upon in the preloading operations meetings.

Offer from Applicants with pending issues/disputes with the Seller on condensate sale will not be considered.

During assessment (evaluation), the criteria to be looked at will be:

i. Eligibility:
Business License; Registration Certificates/ Incorporation certificate; Memorandum and Articles of Association (MEMARTS); TIN/VAT Certificates; Tax Clearance Certificate; EWURA condensate dealership license; Product utilization, final destination and evidence of its market; if product is for local consumption, detailed list of customers has to be provided; and commitment to submit returns to EWURA.

ii. Technical capacity:
Ownership of approved storage facility to accommodate the product or hospitality arrangement thereof; commitment that selected storage facility tank will be dedicated for condensate; logistics arrangements with Tanker (Vessel), Tugboat, mooring boat(s), acceptance to hire shipping agent and engagement of authorities like TPA, TRA, Immigration if needed etc.; and should indicate reliable market (customers) or use of the product.

iii. Experience:
Should have uplifted at least 2 consignments of similar nature; and/ or having key personnel(s) who have experience in uplifting at least 3 consignments of similar nature.

iv. Financial:
Price should be filled in Buyer's letter head price form indicating estimated quantity, price offer and total value; price quote in USD/MT; and price shall be VAT exclusive. Buyer to arrange and pay all service providers, agencies and authorities' fees, charges and taxes related to the product; the ability and willingness to fully pay on spot (prior to the transfer of ownership) or issue a confirmed letter of credit (LC) with 30 days' maturity and 60 days' expiry period where, all LC related costs are to be borne by the Buyer.

NB: Songosongo terminal limitations include 4 meters' draft; two un-lighting buoys distanced at 120m at the channel; mooring and berthing during daylight only; proposed Vessel LOA 105M. Tugboat must have at least a 5-ton bollard pull (a pull of >1.0kg per deadweight ton).

Buyer will be responsible for health, TRA and TPA clearance and port charges (Wayleave and marine bills) all are facilitated by shipping agent or clearing agents to be hired by the Buyer.

The Buyer must confirm interest and submit his/her letter offer to TPDC offices in Dar es Salaam not later than **Monday 31st of July, 2023 at 11:00 hours**. The offer to be delivered physically, through registered mail or courier and reach the undersigned before the deadline. The offer must be accompanied by the Buyers' quote in a specific price form indicating the price per unit (Metric ton) in USD and the total value of the estimated Volume.

A letter of offer should be in a sealed envelope and marked:

"OFFER FOR SPOT PURCHASE OF CONDENSATE FROM SONGOSONGO" and addressed to:
MANAGING DIRECTOR,
TANZANIA PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
P.O. Box 2774, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.
tpdcmd@tpdc.co.tz;

Two (2) Hard copies to be submitted to TPDC offices at Benjamin W. Mkapu Building, Tower A, Azikiwe/Jamhuri Street, 4th Floor room 401. Tel: +255-22 2200103/4.

SONGOSONGO CONDENSATE TERMS OF SALE

S/N	ITEM	TERMS
1	Price	(a) FOB (SONGOSONGO) in USD/MT basis on vessel figure on-board measured at Load port. (b) Buyer's PRICE FORM (In Company's letterhead to evidence Unit price USD/MT and total Value in USD). (c) Offered price should be VAT Exclusive.
2	Offer Validity	Buyer's offer must be valid for 30 days from the date of submission.
3	Mode of payment	a. Full cargo value advance payment before delivery/uplift b. Issuance of a confirmed Letter of Credit (Sight LC) prior to uplift. NB: (d) Issued LC has to be confirmed by first class bank; (e) LC issuing, amendments, advising and confirmation charges are to be borne by the Buyer; (f) LC maturity (value date) at 30 th day from issuance; (g) LC validity (expiry) at 60 th day from issuance; (h) Other modes of advance payments like Cheques, cash deposits or Telegraphic transfers are acceptable.
4	Taxes, fees and charges	All taxes, fees and charges which are to be charged when selling condensate as per statutory requirement will be borne by the Buyer and will be added on the offered price.
5	Offer details	The detailed offer must comprise the necessary information including: a) Application letter in Company's Letter head; Company profile; and Price form; b) Valid Company's legal and other required documents: ! Business License, EWURA condensate dealership license, Hospitality/ Storage Agreement (if product will be discharged to any terminal), Proof of EWURA storage license for the selected terminal, Commitment that selected storage will be dedicated for condensate, Registration Certificates/ Incorporation certificate, MEMARTS, TIN/VAT Certificates, Tax Clearance Certificate; ! Permits and approvals from relevant bodies (LATRA, TASAC, TPA, Immigration etc.) should be accessed by the awarded Buyer prior to the uplift; ! Product utilization, final destination and evidence of its market, if the market is local, detailed list of customers has to be provided and commitment to submit returns to EWURA; ! Evidence of Capacity to perform the task and financing capacity (Confirmation from bankers or financiers, Bank statement, and either Letter of Credit or Bank guarantee with Validity not less than 30 days as payment security); ! Evidence of hiring/engaging Vessel (Tanker), mooring boat (s) and Tugboat and assurance of timely availability at the site (Evidence from service providers). The Buyer can submit a proposal from more than one service provider.
5	Confirmation of interest	Buyer must confirm interest and submit his/her proposal to TPDC not later than MONDAY 31st July, 2023 at 11:00 hours at TPDC offices located at Office No. 401, 4th Floor, Benjamin W. Mkapu Tower A, Azikiwe/Jamhuri Street, Dar es Salaam.

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Rare metals mining needs prior revision of land tenure formula

WITH a number of rare metals prospecting firms in the country for starting to mine nickel, cobalt and associated minerals found in such ores, like copper and lithium, various stakeholders are already mapping out how the pie will be shared. One such group are local authorities and ministerial support team as Tembo Nickel starts to develop a mine in Ngara District, Kagera Region. There are considerable expectations of community gains, as with the large gold mines.

One stakeholder visiting the area lately was Dr Angeline Mabula, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister, whose public remarks largely focused on the benefits that the surrounding communities will obtain, apart from wider government earnings as such. The same scenario has been replicated many times when mines are being opened, with environment matters at times coming up if gold ore handling leads to river poisoning as in Mara Region in the past. Then as it is now, the problem is seen as contractual, chiefly.

The minister remarked that the Ngara nickel site would be a big mine, with the government being a shareholder, which obviously means something to the local communities. While at face value the government holding shares suggests that public authorities will have a more affirmative say in what the company is doing, the converse is also true that local communities will have less influence for instance as regards corporate social responsibility. It will be somewhat shielded but there are numerous examples to show this doesn't hinder CSR.

The only matter directly touching the residents was that as soon as all the legal procedures have been completed, those who will be relocated to pave way for the project will be compensated. Some of those being compensated will be moved to new houses being built for the purpose, as it was also the case for those moving from environs of Ngorongoro Crater. This may have arisen from a gender perspective, that if there is a cash haul given to a family head, it is not used in an appropriate manner, and it is the women and children who lose out.

There are other things that those who will be manning Natural Resources or Lands in later years will have another subject to talk about that is mildly raised in relation to gold mines for instance. It relates to end of mine land quality and what to do about it. Nor formulas as yet exist with regard to mine pits but the formulas prescribed are surprisingly traditional and without innovative ideas. They ask the firms to fill up the vast holes so that it looks like it was earlier, instead of redirecting a river or pump water from a lake, fill up the vast hole, fence off the area and create a national park, say by transferring animals and freeing the other land for gainful activities. A park needs just a big waterhole.

Mining rare earth metals as potentially hazardous environmentally compared to regular metals or precious stones. The firms need to take care of the land with greater motive than in simple mine closure so a long land lease say of 99 years is needed. It creates wider interest in a gradual land conversion plan, avoiding pollution, etc. A stitch in time saves nine.

African nations have all it takes to compete with economic titans

THE development challenges of Africa are deeper than low income, falling trade shares, low savings, and slow growth. In addition, they include high inequality, uneven access to resources, social exclusion, insecurity, environmental degradation, HIV/AIDS pandemic, among others.

African countries have been receiving foreign aid since independence for the past 60 years, and Africa is yet to be developed or self-reliant. Since 1970, the world has spent over five trillion dollars in aid. Much of that money has come to Africa. Helping Africa is a noble cause, but the campaign has become a theater of rampant corruption, and abuse of power.

Foreign aid has contributed to corruption in Africa through the large amounts of money that are sent over, and exploitation of resources. The money that floods into Africa come not only from individual government-to-government aid programmes, but also international partners such as the World Bank, WTO, and the IMF, which act as intermediate between the donor governments and receiving governments.

Corruption has been both grand and petty corruption which are serious problems in Tanzania yet various comprehensive laws are in place to prevent corruption. It is largely due to a weak internal control and low or non-compliance with anti-corruption regulations within different government agencies. For instance, public procurement, taxation, and customs service are areas that are prone to corruption.

Foreign companies have identified that corruption within those sectors poses potential obstacles for doing business in Tanzania as bribes are often demanded, for corruption.

We have witnessed in the past campaigns against grand corruption and a special court was established

to handle the matter. As a result, corrupt officials have been fired. These efforts and similar projects are internationally supported.

Corruption is a form of dishonesty or criminal offence undertaken by a person or organisation entrusted with a position of authority, to acquire illicit benefit or abuse power for one's private gain. Corruption may include many activities including bribery and embezzlement, though it may also involve practices that are legal in many countries. Political corruption occurs when an office-holder or other governmental employee acts in an official capacity for personal gain.

Corruption can occur on different scales, corruption ranges from small favours between a small number of people (petty corruption), to corruption that affects the government on a large scale (grand corruption), and corruption that is so prevalent that it is part of the everyday structure of society, including corruption as one of the symptoms of organised crime. Corruption and crime are endemic sociological occurrences which appear with regular frequency in virtually all countries on a global scale in varying degree and proportion. Strategies to counter corruption are often summarised under the umbrella term anti-corruption. Additionally, global initiative like the Sustainable Development Goal 16 also has a target to substantially reduce corruption of all forms.

Tanzania and globally we should promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption more efficiently and effectively... promote, facilitate and support international cooperation and technical assistance in the prevention of and fight against corruption... [and] promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property..."



Tinubu's seven wonders in seven weeks

By Abdulaziz Abdulaziz

THAT President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has ramped up the engine of governance in Nigeria and hit the waves immediately he was sworn in on May 29, 2023, is not news anymore. From Abuja to Zurich, the story is the same: a new sheriff is in town and he is in a haste to give the giant of Africa a new lease of life. In the seven weeks he has been on the saddle at the Presidential Villa, President Tinubu has made those who stuck out their necks for him proud. He has also put to shame those who wanted anyone but him. Those who sold a grotesque caricature of the man in a bid to stop him are embarrassed. Doubters and naysayers who were either skeptical or outrightly opposed to a Tinubu presidency are being converted not by propaganda but by the weight of the man's actions.

Just as I was settling down to work on this piece a cerebral friend, who I know as not generous with praises, called me to confess how he was "happily disappointed" by President Tinubu's leadership skills. He has now been converted to be a BAT cheerleader. For my friend and many others, there are myriad of things that President Tinubu has done or traits he has exhibited in the past seven weeks that they never thought he could do.

Some of us are not entirely surprised having had the opportunity to see the President at close quarters. In the run-off to the election, the opposition threw spanners in the works, pulling the wool over the eyes of many Nigerians. But with President Tinubu now at the centre stage, at a vantage position for all to see the stuff he is made up, most Nigerians are now wiser. In public and in small group chitchats, the talk now is how the President has been performing wonders to the surprise of many. Here I curate a few of the talking points on the lips of many Nigerians.

Energy, sheer energy: One of the first wonders for many people who were brainwashed into believing candidate Tinubu was some walking-dead person was the energy they now see him exude effortlessly. Some of us who were in the campaign had seen the real Asiwájú on the hustings, different from the insinuations and fake news they peddled out there. In a piece just before the election, I wrote that Candidate Tinubu worked more than any other candidate. It was no exaggeration. The man visited all states, some of them more than once. He never rested. In fact, some times, he would have to be begged, cajoled or even compelled to take



a rest as he worked even into the morning hours of the next day.

Nigerians began to see this energy from the inauguration day where President Tinubu stood through the long inauguration ceremony. Immediately afterwards, he moved to the State House for another long ritual of standing to receive the retinue of world leaders for pleasantries and photo opportunity. From that moment, governance began and it's no stopping. For many State House staff it was strange that the President would be in the office everyday of the week till late hours. Often very late. Many would have to quickly adjust to the extended schedule of the new Sheriff.

Decisiveness: In the weeks since coming on board, President Tinubu has demonstrated that important attribute of a leader: Decisiveness. It was the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, who said while a leader should always target the right thing in moments of decision, the worst thing to do is to do nothing. Like all great leaders in history, President Tinubu has demonstrated that he is no fence-sitter in the business of governance. With him, there is no beating about the bush or procrastination in matters that require expeditious attention. Thus far, the President has left no one in doubt that he is fully in charge and responsible for decisions taken by his administration. No shadow president somewhere or some clearing houses outside of the precincts of the President's office.

With uncommon courage, President Tinubu has taken a number of decisions, which surprised many observers. Some of these decisions were on matters hitherto considered too hot to handle. The gist in town is the feeling that the country is not on autopilot. One may disagree with the direction he goes but no one will accuse him of taking no decision at all. Yet, in taking these decisions President Tinubu has proven to be an inclusive leader who consults widely and falls for the wisest of counsel. His mantra is

"open door policy". Among other many voices home and abroad, the Oba of Benin, Omon'Oba N'Edo Uku Akpolokpolo Ewuare II, expressed awe at the President's energy and decisiveness when he visited him recently. "We've predicted that you will hit the ground running and you have done so, even faster than we thought," the monarch said, wondering where the President's tremendous energy comes from.

Killing the subsidy leeches: It was a shock to many when on May 29 President Tinubu pronounced the subsidy leech dead. It was one decision that generated a lot of positive reactions home and abroad. Yes, it comes with some pains in form of inflationary trends but it is a consensus that it is the least pain to bear compared with the crumbling effect of continuous payment of subsidy on the Premium Motor Spirit, PMS. In later speeches, President Tinubu would liken the current situation to the pains of labour and the happiness that comes with childbirth.

We are currently experiencing labour pains but in the end, Nigerians would smile, like a mother who is comforted at the sight of a new baby. The wisdom is already glaring. Two videos hit the social media since that decision. One was of a group of young people in one of the neighbouring countries lamenting the subsidy removal in Nigeria. The latest I watched showed a large number of fuel kegs and drums at a village along the border that have been rendered fallow by the subsidy removal. The village bustled with Nigeria's smuggled fuel until May 29. The magic reflected in the numbers as well. The regulator reported daily fuel consumption figures falling by a whopping 35 per cent.

Saving the naira from the rent-seekers: For years, experts and economists have warned that the hitherto way of managing our forex was unsustainable. Buoyed by permissible Central Bank management, rent-seekers had taken over, cashing out at the expense of our collective misery.

While it was increasingly difficult for ordinary Nigerians to get a few thousands of dollars to meet essential needs, a few people got huge allocations at unrealistic rates from the source. They then round trip it to the parallel market where they cash out bigly with no sweat!

Speaking at a civic reception in his honour at the Lagos House, Marina, during the Eid break, President Tinubu told the audience that the arrangement he met was tempting that he could choose to keep it and benefit from it. The multiple forex window had for a while served as an avenue of dispensing favours to family members and friends. His own family and associates could have been smiling to the banks, but "God forbid!" he said. The decision has since restored confidence in the Nigerian economy with the Nigerian stocks recording all time highs, and investors betting on our market.

Halting a looming strike: The atmosphere was charged as the organised labour charged at the government for President Tinubu's bold decision to stop the fuel subsidy hemorrhage. Typical of its default mode, organised labour saw the decision as an affront on the poor. They wanted the decision reversed and issued a notice of strike. It was President Tinubu's first leadership test. The skillful manager of men and materials he is, the President immediately swung into action inviting the labour leaders to negotiation table. Using facts and figures, he made them see the reason for the decision.

Getting Nigeria's mojo back on the global stage: There is no gainsaying Nigeria's respect and leadership role in the subregion and beyond are renewed. At his first outing with ECOWAS, President Tinubu was unanimously elected by his colleagues as the new chairman of the regional body. He has since gone on to demonstrate leadership at that level as well as evidenced by his inaugural speech after taking over. "Nigeria is back" he roared. The dignifying address was reminiscent of Murtala Muhammed's January 1976 address in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Like General Muhammed, President Tinubu is a pan-Africanist who believes in the continent's ability to tackle its own challenges and equal treatment at the global stage. Beyond the West Africa and the larger continent, President Tinubu is coveted by all. Recall the warmth and affectionate welcome by President Macron?

Brilliant off-the-cuff speeches: President Tinubu has been regaling his audience with off-the-cuff straight-from-the-heart speeches. For a man with original ideas and clarity of vision he needed no cosmetic scripting.

Sudan's Darfur terror: The radio presenter who gave birth and kept walking

By Mercy Juma

AFTER her three sons were killed, a heavily pregnant radio presenter fled the war in Sudan's Darfur region on foot - and gave birth to a baby boy at the border crossing with Chad.

"I delivered it on the road. There were no midwives and no-one to support me. Everyone was thinking of themselves. Everyone was running to save their lives."

"The baby got out, I wrapped it up. I didn't think of anything else. I continued walking to Adré," Arafat Adoum said when I met her at a refugee camp of tens of thousands of people on the outskirts of the Chadian town.

The 38-year-old said she had walked in the scorching sun for 25km (15 miles) from her hometown of El Geneina with her four daughters, while her husband had - for his own safety - taken a longer and more arduous route to reach the camp.

"When I arrived at the border I found myself wiped out and exhausted until I delivered the baby," Mrs Adoum said, pointing out that she had named her son Mohamed, after the Prophet of Islam.

She left behind the unburied corpses of her other boys - aged three, seven and nine years - after she says they were killed by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied Arab militiamen at the centre of the war raging in Sudan since April.

Darfur is the worst-affected area, with the RSF and the militias accused of trying to establish Arab supremacy in the region by "cleansing" it of black Africans - including those from Mrs Adoum's Massalit community.

Not surprisingly, the battle for El Geneina - historically a symbol of black African power in Darfur, and the traditional capital of the Massalit kingdom - has been vicious.

"We tried to defend ourselves, but they were using very big weapons," said Sheikh Mohammed Yagoub, an influential Muslim cleric and Massalit leader, who has also become a refugee in Adré.

"In our area in one day, we lost 82 [people] within three hours," he added.

The RSF denied involvement in the fighting, but said that Darfur was witnessing the resurgence of an old conflict between Arab groups and the Massalit.

Giving her version, Mrs Adoum said her three sons were killed at El Geneina's university - where they were taking refuge - after it was shelled and torched by the RSF and Janjaweed, as the Arab militias are known.

"The three kids were hit by the shells and lost their lives at that same spot," Mrs Adoum said.

Several members of her extended family were also killed, she said, including her father-in-law, who had



both his legs "smashed", one of his ears cut, and then "they fired some bullets, finishing him".

Mrs Adoum and her husband then fled with their four daughters, but he took back routes to avoid passing through RSF-manned roadblocks as the paramilitaries were - according to numerous refugees - killing Massalit men and boys, sometimes by dousing them with petrol and setting them alight.

The couple reunited at the refugee camp, where her husband cradled Mohamed for the first time - a child whom they see as a blessing after the loss of three sons.

The sheikh's wife, Rakhiya Adum Abdelkarim, told me that she had also been pregnant, but she lost her baby the day after reaching Adré - a walk that left her hungry, exhausted and weak.

"I started to bleed. Then I started to get headaches, and all the while blood was coming. Then, at dawn, the foetus came," she said.

A field hospital had been established in Adré by a charity, but Mrs Abdelkarim did not manage to get there for treatment. The hospital is packed with patients - mostly women, babies, and children, some of whom have gun-shot wounds.

One of the patients, Naima Ali, said she and her nine-month-old son were shot by a RSF sniper as they fled their village.

The boy was strapped on her back, when a bullet hit him on the leg, and "me on my side, narrowly missing my kidney."

"We were both bleeding and no-one was helping us," she said, pointing out that she too kept fleeing on foot until she reached the camp.

To end the atrocities, four East African states have called for a regional peacekeeping force to be deployed to Sudan, with Kenya's President William Ruto raising concern that the country was being "destroyed", and there were "already signs of a genocide" in Darfur.

A joint United Nations (UN) and African Union (AU) peacekeeping force withdrew from Darfur in 2021, about 18 years after conflict first broke out in the region, causing the deaths of an estimated 300,000 people.

The conflict caused global outrage, with the International Criminal Court (ICC) indicting Sudan's then-ruler Omar al-Bashir on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, which he denied.

When the peacekeepers withdrew, the UN said the decision was aimed at "empowering Sudan's government to take charge of maintaining peace in the region".

But since their withdrawal, Sudan has been hit by a coup, and plunged into a civil war in mid-April after its two most powerful generals - army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, better known as Hemedti - fell out.

Their feud has reignited the conflict in Darfur, forcing more

than 160,000 people from the Massalit community to flee to Chad. It is unclear how many people have been killed in the region, with the lowest estimate of the death toll in El Geneina put at 5,000.

According to Sudan's Professional Pharmacists Association, the number is higher. It says 11,000 bodies have been buried in mass graves in the city, while some refugees told the BBC they had seen corpses being thrown into a river.

The RSF also ransacked the city of Zalingei, home to the Fur community, and encircled the two biggest cities in the region, Fasher and Nyala.

Many Darfuris fear this is the culmination of a long-standing plan to transform the ethnically mixed region into an Arab-ruled domain.

They say that El Geneina - along with numerous other towns and villages - have been emptied of most of their residents, with buildings and infrastructure - including hospitals and water stations - destroyed.

"What is happening is worse than what happened in 2003," the sheikh said, pointing out that the Massalit people's most-famous personalities - including doctors and lawyers - have been killed.

Mrs Adoum - a presenter at the now-silent Radio El Geneina - was fortunate to survive when the RSF raided the broadcaster's office in the early days of the war.

"They went in and smashed all the equipment and looted what they could," she said.

Now Mrs Adoum lives in a hut, built with sticks and pieces of clothing, not knowing whether she will ever be able to return home.

"We came as refugees. Many died along the way. But we had to keep moving," she said, as she held her three-week-old baby in her arms.

Another refugee ruled out ever returning, saying: "Who do I go back to? I have been here for weeks and the smell of the rotting corpses on the streets of El Geneina have refused to leave my nose."

Why is technology not making us more productive?

By Jonty Bloom

WE are often told that we are in the midst of a technological revolution.

That business and the world of work continue to be transformed and improved by computers, the internet, the increased speed of communication, data processing, robotics, and now - artificial intelligence.

There is only one small problem with all this - none of it seems to show up in the economic data. If all this technology really is making us all work faster and better, there is precious little evidence.

Between 1974 and 2008 the UK's productivity - the amount of output you get per worker - grew at an annual rate of 2.3%. But between 2008 and 2020 the rate of productivity growth collapsed to around 0.5% per annum.

And in the first three months of this year, UK productivity was actually down 0.6% on a year earlier.

It is a similar picture in most other Western nations. In the US, productivity growth between 1995 and 2005 was 3.1%, but it then fell to 1.4% from 2005 to 2019.

It feels like we are continuing to go through a huge period of innovation and technological advancement, but at the same time, productivity has slowed to a crawl. How can you explain this apparent paradox?

It might be that we are all just using the technology to avoid doing work. Such as endlessly messaging friends on Whatsapp, watching videos on YouTube, arguing angrily on Twitter, or simply mindlessly surfing the internet.

Or there might, of course, be bigger underlying factors.

Productivity is something economists look at very closely. And while it is a complicated issue, with the 2008 financial crisis and current high inflation having a negative impact, there are said to be two main explanations for why technology is not boosting productivity.

The first is that we are just not measuring the impact of technology properly. The second is that economic revolutions tend to be rather slow-burning affairs. And therefore, technological change is happening, but it just might be decades before we see the full benefits.

Dame Diane Coyle is the Bennett professor of public policy at the University of Cambridge, and a recognised expert on how we measure productivity.

"There is nothing that doesn't use digital now, but it is difficult to see what is going on because none of this is visible in the statistics. We just don't collect the data in ways that would help us understand what is happening."



We use technology in work more than ever before, but it isn't making us more productive

For example, a company that used to invest in its own computer servers and IT department might now outsource both to an overseas, cloud-based provider.

The firm doing the outsourcing gets the best software, updated all the time, and it is reliable and cheap.

But in terms of how we measure the size of the economy, this efficient move makes the company look smaller not larger. And it is no longer seen to be investing in that area of its IT infrastructure, which would have previously been measured as part of its economic growth.

Dame Coyle has an example from the 19th Century's industrial revolution that illustrates how productivity can be missed from statistics.

"I have a wonderful 1885 yearbook of

statistics for the UK, it is 120 pages long, of which almost all is about agriculture, and there are 12 pages on mines and railways and cotton mills," she says.

This was at the very height of the industrial revolution, the time of so-called "dark satanic mills", yet 90% of the data gathered was about an old, increasingly less important sector of the economy, and just 10% on what we now see as the one of the most important economic changes in world history.

"The way we see the economy is through the lens of how it used to be in the past, not how it is today," is how Dame Coyle puts it.

The other argument is that the current technological revolution is happening, but just more slowly than we expect.

Nick Crafts is emeritus professor of eco-

nomics history at the University of Sussex Business School. He points out that the huge sea changes in economic performance we tend to think of as having happened almost overnight, actually took decades, and the same may well be happening now.

"James Watt's steam engine was patented in 1769," he says. "Yet the first serious commercial railway, the Liverpool to Manchester line only opened in 1830, and the core of the railway network was built by 1850. That was 80 years after the patent."

You can see the same pattern in the use of electricity. The time from Edison's first public use of the light bulb in 1879, to the electrification of whole countries and the replacement of steam power in manufacturing was at least 40 years.

In fact, we might be in a similar hiatus at the moment, something like when the world was between the peak of steam power and the full development of electricity.

But the country and the businesses that can make the best and fastest use of new technology are going to win the productivity race. This, as it was with steam and electricity, seems to come down not to the technology itself but to how well you can use it, adapt it, and exploit it - in short how skilled you are.

Dame Coyle sees this happening already. "There is a lot of evidence now that whatever kind of company it is, there is a growing divergence between those that can use the technology well and those that can't."

"It seems to be that if you have highly-skilled people, you have a lot of data and you know how to use the sophisticated software, and you can change your processes, so that people can use the information, your productivity is going through the roof."

"But in the same sector of the economy there are other companies that just can't do that."

The technology is seemingly not the problem, and in some respects it is not the solution either. High productivity growth will come only to those that learn how to use it best.

From fractured foot to broken heart: My trip to Oromia Region of Ethiopia

By Sr Obse Lubo

OVER the last fourteen years, East African Medical Relief Foundation (EAMRF) has helped serve people in some of the most desperate places. With the help of donors and the community, we've been able to provide basic medical care, cataract, cleft lip, fistula surgeries, training/education for the nurses and community at large for people throughout the Western region of Ethiopia. Recently, when preparing for my trip back home, I fractured my toes on my left leg into three places while playing with my kids. Though I felt excruciating pain, I chose to continue because the situation on ground-reality was one of the worst it's ever been.

The repeated attacks by the paramilitary armed group from the neighboring Amhara region, referred to as "Fanno" by the locals, has caused hundreds of thousands of civilians in the border districts of Western Oromia, Ethiopia to flee from their homes and live in displaced makeshift shelters. These makeshift shelters are set up by the Zonal Authorities in different parts of the region; there were/are over 1.5 million of Internally Displaced People or IDPs all over the region.

These IDP camps often lacked necessities, including medical services, access to sanitation/hygiene supplies, having extremely limited resources, lack of water, and were often overcrowded with children having no access to continued education. They were the bare minimum of a shelter for people who have been traumatized and forced to escape the heinous attacks, often arriving with nothing, some without even the clothes on their back. For instance, over 30,000 IDPs have settled in one of the IDP camps we went to visit at Shambu Bus Station, Horo Guduru Wollega zone.

Ethiopia has seen the biggest influx of IDPs between September-December 2022 with 141 IDP centers in the Oromia region, with most of them located in Western and Southern Oromia. The four Wollega zones in Western Oromia host 1.2 million IDPs or 80% of the total IDPs in the Oromia region and other IDPs are in Guji Zone and Eastern Oromia.

There are about 17 IDP camps in Western Oromia, we visited 3 of the camps. Upon arriving at Shambu and Guji IDP camps, we met some people who had been there for up to 5 months, babies that were born in the camp, pregnant women that were expecting to give birth, 6-8 family members often living in 1 tent. We heard stories from some of the elders at Girja IDP site, in Guji Zone, that they had been forced to leave their home 11 times over the past 4 months alone. They had limited access to food and had witnessed atrocities they would never forget.

As often in times of war, the women face the most violent outcomes. One woman named Lemane told me that her husband had been killed, she had 3 children including an infant with whom she had escaped to her neighbor's house. This was a neighbor that they were very close to, who had helped raise her children with her. The woman let her in and fed her and for the moment she and her kids felt somewhat safe. However, that night the woman's husband came home with a machete and made claims that he would kill anyone that doesn't belong to his group (supposedly ethnic Amhara), though they had lived in peace over the years. His wife calmed him down, but Lemane, after listening to the man, felt frightened and could not sleep in the same house and left late that night escaping whatever fate may come into the jungle. Lemane said she would rather die in the jungle than be killed by her neighbor. The plights of civil war are deeply mentally traumatic. The lack of trust and hatred that can be blown over time are so unexpected; people can't really breathe peacefully.

Similar to that woman, many of the people had walked for hours, had left all of their property, their homes, cars, cattle's, farms, and shops destroyed and looted. They had lost children, husbands, parents, and arrived at the camp half-dead, sick, swollen legs, and full of terror. Men had to watch their female family



members gang raped and live to tell the story to place fear in others.

Many women were breastfeeding babies that weren't theirs because the mother's had died on the road. Beyond the death in the hands of others, suicide - especially after public rapings by the "Fanno" paramilitary were high. The shame and trauma of watching a family member in that position was intolerable. Anxiety, Post Stress Traumatic Disorder (PTSD), insomnia, and all of the ailments chaotic and violent life can create were the norm within the camps. Though without the right diagnoses, many just knew they were no longer the same people and barely alive in their thoughts.

Arriving at camps, I was overwhelmed, feeling unprepared for what I was facing and how I was feeling. However, I knew along with the colleagues I was traveling with, listening to the stories and providing the donations we had brought would help even in the slightest way. We handed over 800 reusable menstrual pads for women/girls. These kits were donated from the "Days for Girls" organization based in the USA. We bought and distributed formula milk, soap, scalp oil, shoes, and food items. We held mini trainings to create awareness about basic hygiene in order to help reduce the spread of infections among people at the camp. We answered questions, held hands, listened to their stories, and made notes of what else they would really need to continue to survive.

As the day went on, I was taken aback by the resilience and hope deep in the soul of the people. They believed they would one day return home, raise their kids in safety, provide an education for their kids and lead a successful life. They were grateful for the life they still had and for the help (though for me meager) that we brought. On every mission trip to Oromia, Ethiopia, the condition of the human spirit amazes me.

I was also happy to see that the IDPs were getting some support from the local host communities. The cooperation between the regional government entities who are running the camps and other organizations such as church groups, various NGOs, universities, etc. was commendable, everyone was doing their best to support and contribute to the wellbeing of the IDPs. It helped solidify that we as an NGO (EAMRF) were in collaboration with a community of people, that the Oromo people

support each other when the needs arise. The government cannot solve all the IDP problems in the entire Oromia region of Ethiopia, it will require our collective action to help our people resettle and rehabilitate.

There is so much left to be done. This will be months, maybe a year of work in front of us. Considering that children account for more than half of the displaced people, there needs to be fast and critical action to help provide sustainable solutions. The people at the IDPs need basic necessities, financial support, psychological support, and more. They need supplies, support, and continued community resilience and focus. From clothing, hygiene and medical supplies to formula for the newborn babies.

There is no delusion that we exist as an entity, EAMRF, for these types of moments and we've seen some of the worst situations in human nature. However, this last trip was one that surpassed my expectations on the conditions of suffering, and what I know is that our community can come together to do our best to help.

I am greatly encouraged by International Oromo Health Professionals Association (IOHPA), Oromo Physicians Association (OPA), Oromia Health Bureau and other local organizations who supported EAMRF's recent mission trip through logistics, professional, and financial support. I'm forever indebted for OPA's team who were on the ground with me in Horo Guduru, Wollega and Girja, Guji Zone supporting the IDPs and providing medical care to those in need.

I went thinking about dealing with a fractured foot while doing the work, and I left Oromia with a broken heart for what we are going through as people.

However, I also left knowing that the volunteering, the supplies, the education, the support from our community is something that we do have control over - we can get up in the morning and take what we have and help those that need it - the ease in which we can collaborate can, will, and does change one life at a time.

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Tanzania experts are now investing in electric vehicles to transform city transportation, reduce carbon emissions

By Getrude Mbago

HOME to more than 60 million, mostly young citizens, Tanzania sees that leveraging digital technologies, tools and solutions are imperative to creating a sustainable economy as this would ensure services conveniently reach all residents, create jobs and increase digital exports.

Young innovators, institutions are investing efforts to come up with solutions, devices and tools empowered with modern technologies to further cater the growing needs of the society.

The government through its institutions such as the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Commission is also working tirelessly to support the initiatives so as to enable the country to achieve its goals of digitizing the economy.

Recent innovations include electric cars that have been designed and constructed by the College of Engineering and Technology (CoET) of the University of Dar es Salaam and the electric tricycles (bajaj) of the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT), show how the country is now eyeing in utilising technology for development.

In a business to business (B2B) meeting held last week in Dar es Salaam, a number of local ICT companies came together to meet with their counterparts from Egypt who were in the country to explore trade opportunities as well as establish collaborations with various local companies.

During the meeting companies learnt and shared experiences on how to foster collaborations in the areas of ICT services with Tanzanians firms expressing readiness to forge partnerships with the Egyptian companies that have great experience in the area.

In an interview with this paper on the sidelines of the meeting, Dr Ekael Mbise, coordinator of technology development and Transfer

Centre (TDTC) under CoET narrated how the newly developed electric cars are meant to transform transport and transportation services in Dar es Salaam city.

"The idea to on the electric cars started in 2019 when the then Geita Regional Commissioner came to ask us to produce two mini vehicles (prototypes), we then signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) to commence production of the vehicles with an aim to be used in Geita for technology showcase and training," he said.

According to him, the job to construct the first vehicle which started immediately in 2019 and has now been completed and the second one will be ready before the end of the year.

"The running cost will be much better because this car uses electricity, which will reduce the cost of fuel consumption, so we are calling Tanzanians to start changing their mindsets to shift into using electric vehicles," he said.

According to him, the car is required to be charged for three or four hours and then it can travel about 100 to 120 kilometres before recharge.

"After the successful completion of this car, we have received various orders from institutions including hospitals and security organs, we will continue to work hard to expand this innovation so as to help boost transportation," he added.

Dr Mbise said the vehicle is however in testing stage so as to see how effective it is as well as receive feedback form authorities and stakeholders so as to make further improvements.

Mohamed said by estimating the car will be sold around 10m/- adding that 80 percent of the raw materials used to make the car come from within the country.

"We are calling for the government and the private sector to support this innovation by funding for the college to produce more electric cars," he added.

He said that as the world is cur-



A new designed electric tricycle by experts at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT)

rently experiencing rapid changes in science and technology, adopting the innovations in various sectors including transport was a matter of paramount importance so as to align with the development.

Meanwhile researchers and experts at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) have also designed electric tricycles (bajajis) which if things go well will start to be sold in the market to further boost transport and reduce carbon emissions.

Eng Gerutu Bosinge, mechanical engineer at DIT said by 2030, the institute through its commercial company of DIT limited expects to produce over 1000 electric bajaji.

"We are also making efforts in research so as to start thinking on producing electric bajaji that will be operating independently without driver (autonomous)," he said.

He commended the ICT commission for its close support to ensure that various innovations are nurtured to bring positive outcomes.

Eng Pius Chombo, electrical engineer at DIT said that apart from producing electric bajaji, the institute also assembles electric bicycles.

"We all know that our transportation systems are still not enough, so our goal is to continue coming up with more technological innovations that will help im-

prove transportation, reduce costs while also protecting the environment," he said.

According to him the newly designed electrical bajaji has capacity to carry up to six passengers compared to the current one which carries three passengers.

He said if fully charged at a cost that does not exceed 2000/- (4units of power), the tricycle can go up to 80km distance.

"This is why we have said that these tricycles are good and cost-effective, they can help drivers earn a lot of income without even incurring costs of regular services to the electrical vehicles as compared to the fuel-powered vehicles which spend a lot in garages," he explained. Director general of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Commission Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga said the government has simplified investment regulations in order to attract investors from around the world.

Dr Mwasaga further said the country has been making efforts to implement more e-governance initiatives and promote the use of digital technologies in public services.

"We are currently investing much of our efforts to ensure that we provide all needed support to startups that grab the emerging technologies so as to bring transformation in various fields such as transporta-

tion, hospitality and other areas," he said.

According to him, the mission has got enough opportunity to sit and discuss with various Tanzania technology companies and startups, this will help forge robust relations which will boost the ICT sector for sustainable development," he said.

A recent report from the World Bank has listed Tanzania as one of the top countries globally for effective use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in delivering public services. The report, called the GovTech Maturity Index (GTMI), analyzed a total of 198 countries and placed Tanzania at 26th position globally, second in Africa, and topping the list in the East African region.

The report indicates that the use of ICT in Tanzania has increased by 0.86 percent in the last year, which is a significant improvement.

Rice intensification helps farmers grow more with less

By Noah Tobias

IN Saint Louis, northern Senegal, farmers have had to buy extra rice for as long as anyone can remember. "Normally, people can only live off the rice they grow for a few months," according to Abdoulaye Sy, director at the government's National Agricultural and Rural Advisory Agency (ANCAR). The rest of the time, people buy rice from wholesalers, hoisting 20-kilogram (44-pound) burlap sacks onto communal minibuses or horse-drawn carts for the long ride home.

But since officials at ANCAR introduced a new method for growing rice, called the "system of rice intensification" (SRI), yields have more than doubled. For the first time, according to ANCAR, families can live off their own crop and make money from the surplus.

"Our mission is to help farmers achieve stability," Sy said. "But we have good luck, since there's another benefit: SRI saves water and combats climate change, too."

Developed in Madagascar in the mid-1960s, SRI has been spreading across Africa for the past 20 years, driven by a group of enthusiastic advocates with international support. It's increasingly seen by officials as a way to decrease methane emissions; alongside four other countries, Senegal committed to fund new SRI projects as "mitigation actions" in its 2020 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), its pledge under the Paris climate deal. In January 2023, after years of testing and pilot programs, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory, an intergovernmental collaboration that represents 13 West African states, launched a new project, extending SRI use to more than



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Today, 70% of Senegalese work in agriculture, although less than a fifth of the country's land is arable. Food insecurity remains a serious concern in Senegal, where

the two largest crops by production value are cash crops: sugarcane and groundnuts. Historically, the government imported staple foods like rice, wheat and maize to fill the gap between the population's needs and domestic production. The heavy influx of grains made Senegal one of the world's largest net importers of food, totally dependent on foreign-grown calories.

To meet its current demand, Senegal must grow or buy more than 2 million metric tons of rice each year. The country has invested in subsidies to boost domestic rice production. Yet in such a dry region, growing rice can be difficult for small-scale farmers. Conventional rice production uses flooded fields, which encourage the crop to grow by drowning out weeds. But in Senegal, where sur-

face water evaporates quickly and farmers lack the infrastructure to manage it, keeping rice crops submerged is a difficult task.

"That's where SRI offers us this opportunity," said Bancy Mati, an agronomist at Jomo Kenyatta University in Kenya who has spent years studying SRI across Africa. "SRI methods increase yields, reduce seed use, and save water, all at the same time."

The SRI methodology was developed by a French priest, Henri de Laulanié, who worked alongside farmers with few resources in rural Madagascar from the 1960s till his death in 1995. Laulanié claimed he developed SRI's core principles simply by observing his rice plants, which he dubbed his "masters."

Encouraged by the productivity of his crops, Laulanié created a nonprofit called Tefy Saina, which collaborated on SRI research projects with Cornell University scientist Norman Uphoff. After several years of trials, Uphoff and his partners began sharing results with the scientific community. The conclusion was clear: across the world, despite regional differences in soil ecosystems, climate and infrastructure, SRI produced more rice with less water.

The SRI methodology consists of several core principles: minimize competition between plants, balance the availability of water and oxygen in the soil, and build up soil fertility.

In practice, this means farmers should transplant rice seedlings at a young age and raise them in unflooded nurseries, spaced far apart from each other. After transplanting, farmers should either add small amounts of water each day or alternate between flooding

and drying the land.

In conventional rice agriculture, farmers toss clusters of seeds into a wet seedbed. After a few weeks, they transplant the young seedlings into flooded fields. But when the earth is saturated, research suggests, plant roots break down, and some of the small organisms that help soil ecosystems thrive suffocate without oxygen.

Manual spreading of rice seedlings. In Senegal, where surface water evaporates quickly and farmers lack the infrastructure to manage it, keeping rice crops submerged is a difficult task. SRI methods come in use here.

"The rice plant is a water-loving plant," Mati said, "but there is no need to waste water flooding the paddy unnecessarily."

When plants experience just a small amount of water stress, their root systems expand in search of moisture.

"If plants are grown to have bigger, deeper root systems, they can manage with less rainfall or irrigation, because they can access soil moisture," Uphoff said. By deliberately stressing their crops, farmers are able to produce higher yields with SRI, as the plants have stronger roots and less competition with other seedlings. Unflooded soil allows weeds to grow and compete with rice. To help the crop grow unimpeded, the SRI methodology suggests farmers remove weeds with a simple hand weeder, which aerates the soil and eliminates competition for the rice crop. It's a labor-intensive process, but hand weeding helps reinforce the soil ecosystem.

"SRI uses less seed and less water," Mati said. "It helps farmers make the most of what they have."

Media fraternity mourns award-winning journalist Elizabeth Merab

By Elvis Ondieki

“I want to be remembered as the health journalist who also battled a health condition but did not let that condition weigh her down.”

As she uttered those words in an October 2021 interview, Nation Media Group award-winning journalist Elizabeth Merab (pictured) was bubbly. Jovial. Radiant in a yellow dress.

The condition she was referring to is sickle cell anaemia, which was diagnosed when she was ten years old and which saw her walk in and out of hospitals from a young age.

However, on Tuesday, she made a trip to The Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi that would turn out to be her last.

On Saturday, July 15 morning, she breathed her last at the age of 31, after battling complications stemming from the hereditary disease that had caused an amputation of her left leg a few months earlier.

It came as a shock to family and friends because, by Friday, she appeared to be in relatively good health and even joked with a cousin of hers who had visited her.

Merab's uncle Tom Obar told the Nation that she promised the cousin to share more banter the next day.

“When my son visited her, she was a bit jovial, and they cracked some jokes there. She told my son that tomorrow, that's Saturday, they would laugh more,” said Obar.

“We had arranged to visit her at around 10am to see if she had improved and if they discharged her, then we would come with her immediately to the house,” he added.

That was not to be. At around 3am, hospital officials reached out to Merab's relatives. Her father, who lives in Nyanza, was contacted and he sent his brother Obar, who lives in Nairobi, to rush to the hospital.

“Immediately, her father called us. We rushed to the hospital. The doctors told us that her condition started getting worse at around 3am up to 4am; that's around one hour. At 4.15am, she (died),” said Obar.

“We just thank God because it's His plan. There is nothing much we can do. But by the time she was dying, she was in a lot of pain. The other problem is that she was eating very little. She didn't have energy. I think the body was overwhelmed by the medicine.”

They had taken her to hospital on Tuesday and she was in a lot of pain.

“She was admitted immediately (and) taken directly to the High-Dependency Unit,” Obar said. Asked why the death could have come so suddenly, Obar reasoned that the disease was characterised by sudden and extreme strikes.

“It's an on-and-off disease in the sense that sometimes the pain goes off. You see, those doctors were also trying to manage the pain. So, all of a sudden as from 3am, it started getting even worse,” he said, noting that after her death, doctors tried to resuscitate her in vain.

“When the pain starts, it can start on a very low level and in an hour, shoot up to the highest level,” Merab once said in an interview.

“It's pain that makes you want to cry. It's pain that makes you forget that you're an adult and you just want to roll on the floor.”

Merab was the first-born in a family of five children. One of her sisters, Mr Obar said, had earlier died of sickle cell.

Merab trained as a teacher at Kenyatta University, specialising in English and Literature. She graduated in 2014. She joined the Nation Media Group in 2016 and quickly established herself as a passionate journalist.

“My interest in health journalism emanates from two points,” she said in the 2021 interview, where she spoke about how she wanted to be remembered.

“One is just curiosity... The second is passion. And when I talk about passion, I talk about personal passion. I am very driven when it comes to health news or anything that is related to medicine, because of my own personal experiences and personal interactions



with doctors and going to hospital a lot.”

“Merab had a fighting spirit that made her a model journalist. In between the episodes of sickness, she still managed to put together award-winning and agenda-setting journalistic pieces. She was among an increasingly rare breed of journalists who believe in the life-changing power of good journalism,” he said.

“In Merab, therefore, the country, the Nation family and the journalism fraternity have lost a consummate professional whose contribution to societal wellbeing will endure for generations to come. May God comfort the family at this trying time,” he added.

Describing Merab as a gallant warrior, Ageyo said that NMG was together with her family and friends in mourning her death.

The Nation Group Managing Editor Pamela Sittoni mourned Merab as an exemplary scribe.

“Merab was a brilliant and hardworking journalist who will be remembered for her award-winning articles on health and science. She will be greatly missed by the Nation family and the journalism fraternity where her affable personality earned her many friends. May God rest her soul in peace,” she said.

Merab's last published article in the Nation was, incidentally, about sickle cell. It was published in the Healthy Nation magazine of March 28, 2023, and it started thus: “Communities living with Sickle Cell Disease this month received devastating news after pharmaceutical giants discontinued research towards developing a ‘cure’ for the blood disorder.”

But as she wrote that article and at least 895 others, she was battling pain. Hospital visits. Financial crises. Intimidating needles where doctors struggled to find where to insert them.

Blood transfusions. And pain medication.

“I would go to hospital, get transfused, have pain management done, and I'd come back and go back to work,” she once said, noting that all this also took a toll on her mental health at times.

In 2019, medics established that she had no spleen. By 2020, she had developed a condition called vascular necrosis, which meant that her hip bones were starved of oxygen.

In April this year, her leg had to be amputated because it risked causing fatal clots. Despite all this, she always looked forward to writing her next story.

“My work as a health journalist is one of the things that I found to be a very strong challenge for me. It's just something that drives me a lot. I always want to wake up and tell a health story that will have a positive impact on the health system or on the patient's life,” she said in the interview with media personality Emmanuel Yegon.

Her battle with sickle cell disease had started from when she was a young girl. Often, she could be given malaria medication but at the age of ten, after doctors extracted a sample from her spinal cord to enable them to conduct tests, it was established that she had sickle cell anaemia. She had to retake the test at 18 because doctors told her she hardly looked like someone with the disease.

“You do not have yellow eyes. You do not have a pale skin. You seem to live a good, healthy life. So, we don't really think that you could be having sickle cell,” she recalled one doctor saying. The second test cleared all the doubts. She had this hereditary disease that limits the capacity of blood to carry oxygen and in effect ruins organs.

“Life in hospital officially began when I was ten, and hospi-

tals just became my second home: in and out. Probably on a monthly basis, I remember I did my national exams, both national exams actually, in hospital,” she said.

She described sickle cell disease as an ailment that causes pain in the body out of various triggers.

“If you're anxious, it is likely to trigger those painful crises. If you're stressed, the same thing. If you're happy, the same thing. So, you literally have to experience emotions in moderation. Otherwise, any high high or any low low will trigger a painful crisis,” she said.

“Something else is about the weather. If it's too hot and all of a sudden it becomes too cold, you'll experience it. You will feel it in your body through pain,” she added.

By sharing her story in videos like those and on social media, she hoped to give hope to those in a situation like hers. This, she said, came with its negative consequences of hurting questions from some people.

“The questions cut so deep. Sometimes I haven't stopped to think about them. I often don't have answers. The reason I haven't stopped to think about them is that I have this personality where I don't want sickle cell to define me,” she said.

“She has fought the disease for the last 31 years and if you are not stable a bit and are not positive in life, you can die even before the age of 20. But she was very positive, she knew that she had that disease. So, that's why she was going around, doing counseling and teaching people about it so that people could be aware: if you have that disease, you should not be worried,” Obar said.

The disease occasioned a huge financial burden, and the uncle said they are yet to clear the bill for Merab's amputation at St Peter's Hospital in Kinoo.

The journalist was always appreciative of the fact that Nation Media Group had understood and supported her fight with the disease.

“The triggers have been so frequent and so intense to the point that I've missed a lot of work. One thing that I'm very grateful for is that my employer has been able to lend a supportive hand in terms of just understanding that there are days that Merab may not be there. But whether she is there or not, we will support her towards her wellbeing,” she said.

According to Obar, Merab looked set to return to work in about two weeks as her post-amputation progress was relatively good.

“She was almost recovering. In fact, in the next two weeks, she was supposed to resume her duties. But for this kind of sickness, when you advance in age, the condition gets worse,” he said.

As Merab departs to craft catchy intro paragraphs and break down complex data for others in the next world, her newspaper articles and social media posts will forever remain the relics in the monuments that will immortalise her memory.



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Kagera Sugar to acquire S.Africa's Tongaat Hulett sugar assets

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

KAGERA Sugar has been chosen as preferred strategic equity partner to acquire the sugar assets of the South Africa's troubled sugar producer and property group, Tongaat Hulett.

The currently suspended JSE-listed group, which went into business rescue in October 2022, confirmed on Friday that the proposed transaction will comprise the acquisition of its complete sugar division in South Africa as well as its sugar businesses in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Botswana.

Tongaat did not confirm the monetary value of the equity deal, nor did it say whether the group would stay on the JSE (based on the bourse lifting the suspension of trade in the company's shares).

As part of the business rescue, Tongaat's business rescue practitioners (BRPs) sought strategic partners to save the company, with Kagera, a sugar manufacturing company situated in the North-Western part of Tanzania, emerging as the preferred partner out of a shortlist of eight candidates.

The company, the third largest sugar producer in Tanzania is backed by European investors, Norfund, a Norwegian-based development finance institution that committed an investment in the company in the form of a loan in 2020.

Beyond its Tanzanian operations, Kagera's presence spans the Democratic

Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Middle East where it owns sugar assets and refineries.

Commenting on the Kagera deal, the BRPs said the group was both financially sound and have a solid track record.

"Its exposure to complementary sugar assets in Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo offers relevant technical and operational knowledge to assist the turnaround of Tongaat Hulett's South African sugar assets," they said.

The BRPs added Kagera's sugar refineries in Oman and Bahrain would provide access to world-class technologies and expertise to improve efficiencies.

Tongaat noted that continuing to run its sugar assets as a combined multi-country group would ensure continuity for the operations in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

"It will also provide the South African business with access to technical capability to improve and to retain jobs in Kwa-Zulu-Natal and to protect the livelihoods of several stakeholders across Tongaat's value chain, including that of the group's many small-scale growers," the company said.

For Kagera, the acquisition is in line with its overall group strategy across the Africa, where it has ambitions to become a leading sugar producer on the continent, said Nassor Seif, managing director of Kagera Sugar.

"We will extend the core values that have resulted in the success of our group



companies to the new Southern African operations to benefit employees, growers and ultimately the economy of the region," he added.

"The group is committed to investing significantly in the operations to modernise the plants and expand them to increase production and efficiencies," said Seif.

Chris Logan, CIO at Opportune Investments and shareholder activist said while the takeover is potentially a positive development, given Kagera is little

known, their ability to focus on the business's turnaround still largely hangs on how much financial resource and technical knowledge Kagera can bring to the party.

"Tongaat needs quite a bit of money thrown at it... They've been hamstrung in terms of not being able to spend what they need in terms of fixing up the mills, we need to know what this preferred bidder is bringing to the party," he said.

The problem has always been the SA sugar assets;

the mills and the cane lands, and that is difficult to turn around because they are old mills," he said.

However, Kagera may have major financial resources behind it stemming from its Middle Eastern refineries, he said.

"It may well be that there's big money behind it, particularly with the refineries in the Middle East. It could be they are sourcing sugar in Africa and refining it in the Middle Eastern market," Logan said.

The SA Canegrowers, who had been pressing their thumbs in hope for a suited bidder, welcomed the Tongaat's announcement of the equity partner, describing it as "an important step forward".

"Much remains to be determined," Thomas Funke, CEO of the Canegrowers Association said.

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely as it develops. The most important outcome will be the survival of growers' operations and the protection of the livelihoods they sustain," Funke said.

Winners and losers in stock market in Q2, 2023

By Guardian Reporter

THE stock market recorded significant activity in the second quarter where market turnover increased by 12.61 percent to 28.6bn/- from the turnover recorded during the first quarter.

This primarily resulted from stock demand spurred by release of earnings and payment of dividends, according to the quarterly report by Exodus Advisory, member of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

The market report shows share prices of four companies gained during the reported quarter, while ten saw their share prices declining and the remaining companies their shares closed flat.

Top gainers was Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), which its share price increased by 41 percent, after closing at 1,800/- at the end of the second quarter of this year, compared with 1,280/- recorded during the end of the first quarter.

The struggling cement company gained the milestone, following the acquisition announcement by Scancem International, a subsidiary of Heidelberg Materials, agreed to buy a 68 percent stake from Afrisam.

Analysts say TCCL share price has continued to gain as buyers are confident with the acquiring firm, which also own the majority stake of Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC), also listed at the DSE.

According to the analysts, the indicative price of Tanga share, ahead of acquisition is set at 2,265/-, which is higher than the current price at the DSE.

"TCCL is continuing to attract buyers because it is still lower than the indicative price that will be set after the acquisition is complete," said an analyst based in Dar es Salaam.

Exodus Advisory's quarterly report shows that the second top gainer was NICO, the first ever collective investment scheme, which its share jumped up by 13 percent to 450/- at the end of the second quarter, from 400/- during the closing of the first quarter ended in March.

TCCLIA Investment Company, another collective investment scheme was the third top gainer after its share increased by 7 percent to 150/- compared to 140/- respectively, followed by Nation Media Group, which its share price grew by 7 percent to 300/- compared to 280/- respectively.

The report shows the share price of the self-listed Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) also gained during the reported period after closing at 1,840/- during the end of the second quarter of this year, compared to 1,720/- recorded at the end of Q1, 2023, an increase of seven percent.

Top loser during the period was Kenya Commercial Bank, after its share price closed at 480/-, compared to 620/-, which translated into decrease of 23 percent, followed by DCB Commercial Bank which its share price went down by 18 percent to 140/-, compared with 170/- respectively.

The East African Breweries Limited (EABL), the second largest in terms of market capitalisation, was also among the losers, after its share price declined by 15 percent to 2,560/-, compared to 3,000/-, followed by Maendeleo

Bank, which its share price went down by 11 percent to 350/- compared to 395/- respectively.

JATU, also joined the list of losers after its share price decreased by 9 percent to 265/- from 290/-, followed by Swissport by seven percent, Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) by 4 percent and Tanzania Portland Cement Company by two percent.

Total market capitalization decreased by 4.64 percent moving to 15,010.36bn/- in the end of the second quarter while domestic market capitalization increased by 0.09 percent.

"This conflicting trend resulted from decrease in prices of cross listed counters and increase in prices of local counters," said Exodus Advisory report.

Similar to the market cap performance, all share index declined from 1,888.79 to 1,800.04 points while the Tanzania share index increased by 0.01 percent.

This indicates that cross listed counters recorded a negative performance, while local listed counters recorded a positive performance in the period.

The banking sector recorded the lowest performance where the Banking sector index declined by 0.65 percent. Commercial services and Industrial & Allied increased by 0.47 percent and 0.44 percent respectively.

On outlook, Exodus Advisory says the activity is expected to decrease in the market as majority of the counter prices have declined post ex dividend trading date.



Mobile money services users top 47 million

By Francis Kajubi

THE number of mobile money service users on a yearly basis topped 47.30million during the fourth quarter of the financial year ending June 2023, which indicated an increased pace of financial inclusion.

The growth in the number of mobile money accounts is equivalent to an increase of 21 percent from last year's 37.41million, according to Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) report for the fourth quarter of last financial year.

The report shows the count of all active SIM cards with mobile money service accounts which have been used at least once in the past three months.

Vodacom Tanzania's M-Pesa leads with a large stake of mobile money accounts pegged at 17.19million. It is followed by Tigo Pesa with 14.86 million accounts and Airtel Money with 10.15million accounts.

During the fourth quarter that ended June 2022, M-Pesa had led with 14.52million accounts, Tigo Pesa came next with 9.74million and Airtel Money had 8.16million.

While the state run Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation's (TTCL) accounts dropped to 1.29million at the end of June 2023 from 1.51million accounts at the end of June 2022, Halotel's Halopesa is showing some progress.

The TCRA's report shows that Halopesa is subscribed by 3.79million mobile money service users up from 3.48million at the end of June 2022.

The report further shows that Vodacom has a larger market share of 36 percent of mobile money accounts in the market, followed by Tigo Pesa with 31 percent, Airtel Money with 22 percent, Halopesa with 8 percent and the last one is TTCL with market share of three percent.

There were 420,675,884 mobile money transactions at the end of June 2023 increasing from 343,639,879 transactions at the end of June 2022.

On a quarterly basis, total mobile money subscription has increased from 44.4million accounts in the quarter ending March, 2023 to 47.3million accounts at the end of June, 2023.

The number of mobile money accounts is increasing at an average of 2.6 percent in the quarter ending June 2023 compared to an average increase of 0.97 percent in the quarter ending March 2023.

The number of transactions increased as the number of subscriptions increased. The report shows more transactions were experienced in the month of May 2023 compared to other months of the quarter. The number of mobile money accounts for the fourth quarter has been growing at the average rate of 2.6 percent.

However, the number of transactions has been increasing for the past three years from 3.4 billion in 2020 to 4.2 billion in 2022.

The number of subscriptions has also been increasing at the average rate of 13 percent per year while annual average transactions per subscription have also been increasing at an average of 11 percent per year.



CRDB Wakala marks decade of empowerment, transformation

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilosa

IN the bustling town of Kilosa, located in the heart of Morogoro region, Joshua Lembeli Loketa stands with a beaming smile, clutching the keys to his brand-new Bajaji.

As a CRDB Wakala, Joshua has emerged as a winner in the ongoing CRDB Wakala '10 na Kitu' Campaign, a celebration marking the 10th anniversary of this groundbreaking banking platform.

The joy radiating from Joshua is palpable as he expresses his heartfelt appreciation to CRDB Bank for this generous reward. He excitedly shares how the Bajaji will significantly impact his life, especially in transporting his children to school.

Previously, Joshua had to allocate 60,000/- every month for their transportation expenses.

But Joshua's journey with CRDB Wakala is much more than just winning prizes.

He has a unique story that sets him apart from others.

Joshua is not only a livestock farmer but also an Accountant for a security company. What motivated him to become a CRDB Wakala was the incredible opportunity presented by the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project, Health College, and the Maasai Community.

With his keen business acumen, Joshua saw the potential of providing financial services to the employees of the SGR projects, employees, and students of the Health Center, as well as the community. He believed in delivering excellent customer service, and this set him apart from the rest.

The impact of Joshua's dedication and hard work is evident in the numbers—he has already opened more than 1,000 accounts in 12 centers of the SGR project. But he doesn't plan to stop there.



One of the winners of CRDB Wakala campaign's Bajaj prize, Joshua Loketa, pose for a photo with his wives. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

His vision is to increase capital and expand his self-business, adding new customers and opening more offices in different areas of Morogoro region.

The commission from CRDB Wakala has not only enabled Joshua to fulfill the important needs of his family but has also earned him respect in the community and among other agents. He has become a role model for many who aspire to achieve their dreams through hard work and dedication.

As the '10 na Kitu' campaign unfolds, the stories of success and transformation continue to unfold. The journey of Joshua Lembeli is just one example of the incredible impact that CRDB Wakala has had on the lives of agents and the communities they serve.

With each transaction and account opened, CRDB Bank takes another step towards its vision of fostering financial inclusion and transforming lives throughout Tanzania.

CRDB Wakala has revolutionized the way financial services are provided in Tanzania. Since its introduction in 2013, it has experienced phenomenal growth, bringing significant efficiency to CRDB Bank and playing a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion across the country.

With an impressive network of over 30,000 agents, CRDB Bank leads the way in agency banking in Tanzania and holds the esteemed position of being the third-largest agent network in East Africa. The impact of CRDB Wakala is awe-inspiring.

This vast reach serves over 1 Million CRDB Bank account holders and caters to the financial needs of over 2 million non-CRDB customers every month. Currently, the network processes over 80 million transactions annually, totaling an astonishing value of over 50trn/-.

Such staggering numbers would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of the CRDB Wakalas and the strong relationships they have built with the communities they serve. In honor of the 10th anniversary of CRDB Wakala, the Bank launched a four-month-long campaign aimed at pushing the boundaries of financial

inclusion even further.

The campaign takes a holistic approach to financial inclusion by simplifying access to banking services, including Islamic banking products under the 'CRDB Al Barakah Banking umbrella. Moreover, recognizing the importance of insurance in securing one's financial well-being, CRDB Bank has recently empowered agents to offer motor insurance services.

To incentivize and reward the hard work of the agents, the '10 na Kitu' campaign offers exciting prizes. Each month, the agents with the highest number of transactions from different zones have the chance to win ten motorcycles, while the overall Monthly Winner goes away with a Bajaj.

Also a single agent will have the privilege of driving away in a Toyota Alphard, the grand prize at the end of this 5 Months rewarding campaign for CRDB Wakalas.

These incentives not only acknowledge CRDB Wakalas' achievements and their contribution to financial inclusion but also inspire them to continue their vital work, ensuring that banking services are within reach for all, breaking barriers and ensuring that no one is left behind.

The dedication and enthusiasm of agents like Joshua Lembeli are crucial in transforming lives and bringing about positive change in communities across Tanzania.

The impact they create is not only measured in numbers but also in the smiles and gratitude of the people they serve. The celebration of 10 years of Wakala is not just a reflection of past achievements but a springboard for future aspirations. Joshua's journey inspires all agents to reach for the stars and showcases the potential for personal growth through CRDB Wakala.

With a clear vision in sight, CRDB Bank remains steadfast in shaping the future of banking in Tanzania. By empowering individuals, facilitating access to financial services, and expanding their trusted network of agents, CRDB Bank continues to drive financial inclusion and open doors of opportunity for millions across the nation.

Seeds estates to be installed with irrigation schemes

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ALL government owned seed estates in Tanzania will have installed with modern irrigation systems in place in the next two years.

This plan has been unveiled by the agriculture minister Hussein Bashe in his media briefing held over the weekend in Dodoma.

He expounded that, the Ministry of Agriculture was very seriously to work round the clock to help boost production and availability of all key crops seeds.

According to the Minister, this will stimulate elevating production of enough economic cash crops to enable the country attaining its top focus of pushing crops export incomes from the current 1.2bn/- annually to at least 5bn/- by 2030.

"We're also focusing to



Pro Agro Global Company Ltd workers install modern irrigation infrastructure at the Kilimi Seed farm in Nzega District Tabora Region. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

make Tanzania the seeds hub and thus, start marketing numerous crops seeds to different neighbouring counties," he expressed.

He said during the current fiscal year, the government has allocated 360bn/- to facilitate a major project for the installation of modern irrigation schemes at its 17 seeds producing centres.

According to Tanzania Agricultural Seeds Agency (ASA), ASA's Chief Executive

Officer (CEO) Dr. Sophia Kashenge, the Agency has already started to improve some of the seeds plantations.

She said ASA has already installed at least seven modern irrigation infrastructure at its Tabora-based Kilimi seeds farm in the Nzega district of Tabora Region, covering a total of 200 hectares in the first phase.

Dr. Kashenge said other 200 hectares at the farm will be facilitated the same facility

under the second phase of the project undertaken by the Pro Agro Global Company Ltd.

Similar project was currently being implemented at the other two seeds farms, including Msimba (200 ha) and the Ngaramtoni in Arusha, covering 200 hectares.

Tanzania needs an estimated 250,000 hectares to quench the county's seeds thirst by producing at least 300,000 tons annually.

The currently the total area used for seeds production in the country is around 16,000 hectares, whereby seeds production is only at 50,000tons.

On her part, the chairperson of the of ASA's Board of Directors, Dr. Ashura Kihupi expressed satisfaction with the manner to which the government has been facilitating the Agency to fulfil its key roles.

Dar-stationed Indian women to crusade for consumption of millet

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

DAR Indian Women's Association (DIWA) has embarked on a new campaign aimed at sensitizing Tanzanians and Indian diaspora in Tanzania to consume different types of millet due to its nutritional advantages.

The campaign will also sensitize farmers to increase production to raise their income and ensuring food security.

Revathi Padmavathi, Indian School Teacher said over the weekend at the just-ended one day food fun mela event that took place at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) in Dar es Salaam.

"We are now embarking on a new campaign to promote millet crops in Tanzania, because 2023 is an International Year of Millets proclaimed by Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations (UN)," She said.

She said efforts by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi have brought millets to global platform.

The millet crops are good option for healthy diet that can be grown with minimum investment and also farmer's friendly, as can be grown in extreme climatic conditions.

"To start with, we have organized food fun mela event at SVCC to showcase millet crops to the public, including Indian diaspora, so that farmers in Tanzania can start to grow in their farms and allow people to utilize for dishes," she said.

During the event, they were able to display pearl millet, foxtail millet, finger millet, little millet, barnyard millet, sorghum, red sorghum and barley to help people understand the health benefits, encourage people to consume and cultivate it.

They encourage people to utilize millets because millets are incredible ancestral crops with high nutritional value and can play significant role to small and medium famers to eliminate hunger in areas where they are; boosting income, help people to improve health status and adapt to climate change.

Highlighting on the health benefits of finger millet also known as ragi, she said, the crop has high calcium contents, prevents constipation, diabetic friendly food, storehouse of nutrients, help in strengthening of bones, fights against anaemia, pregnancy and lactation food and reduce bad cholesterol.

According to her, finger millet can be grown in dry areas of Tanzania and it is a coarse food grain consumed mainly by the rural and southern parts of India.

While foxtail millet also known as Kangni help people to improve metabolism, controls cholesterol levels, supports immune system as well

as boosts cardiac health.

People and farmers keen to grow and utilize foxtail millet, the crop has sweet nutty flavor and considered as an ideal food for various health problems, it has double quantity of protein content compared to rice.

Elaborating on health benefits of kodo millet also known as kodan and Arikalu, she said the crop aids in weight loss, regulates blood pressure, easy to digest, strengthens nervous system, fights cancer risks, regulates women menstrual health and rich in phyto-chemicals.

Farmer keen to grow the crop in Tanzania, it is an annual crop that grows up to 90 cm high, it is well adapted in tropics and sub-tropics regions of India.

For her part, Dr. Soumya Chavan, wami Vivekananda Cultural (SVCC), director noted that "so far we have not introduced any millet seeds in India and some of them available here we are using," she said.

According to her, during its 75th session in March 2021, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM 2023).

FAO is the lead agency for celebrating the Year in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders.

She said farmers willing to cultivate millets, millets can grow on arid lands with minimal inputs and are resilient to changes in climate.

A report from FAO indicates that as the global agrifood systems face challenges to feed an ever-growing global population, resilient cereals like millets provide an affordable and nutritious option, and efforts need to be scaled-up to promote their cultivation.

This was the message that was issued this year at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYM) at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Millets encompass a diverse group of cereals including pearl, proso, foxtail, barnyard, little, kodo, browntop, finger and Guinea millets, as well as fonio, sorghum (or great millet) and teff.

They are an important source of nourishment for millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. They are deeply rooted in Indigenous Peoples' culture and traditions and help guarantee food security in areas where they are culturally relevant.

"Millets are incredible ancestral crops with high nutritional value. Millets can play an important role and contribute to our collective efforts to empower smallholder farmers, achieve sustainable development, eliminate hunger, adapt to climate change, promote biodiversity, and transform agrifood systems," FAO Director-General QU Dongyu told

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We are now embarking on a new campaign to promote millet crops in Tanzania, because 2023 is an International Year of Millets proclaimed by Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations (UN)



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan (2ND L) in a group photo with Dar Indian Women's Association (DIWA) members showing books on various different types of millets at Swami Vivekananda Cultural in Dar es Salaam. Photo by Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

TGNP, COADY International partnering to elevate women's economic sustainability

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

TANZANIA Gender Network [TGNP] in support of the COADY International Institute has organized four-day training for members of Knowledge Centres (KCs) to empower them with entrepreneurial skills that will enable them to remain sustainable without depending on donors' financial support.

Speaking to The Guardian in an interview on the sideline of the seminar held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, Project Coordinator Jackline Mwanyika said that TGNP in the support of COADY International carried out a project known as "Engage women in empowerment and active citizenship" whose main goal was to make them be sustainable."

Mwanyika said participants were taught on how to prepare compost manure, poultry farming, and urban farming (vegetable gardening, growing mushrooms, planting bananas and papaya) and how to keep records when running their projects.

For his part, one of the facilitators of the seminar Rehema Mwateba, said the objective was to improve their knowledge and entrepreneurial skills to run different projects productively in order to generate income to sustain their livelihood without depending on assistance from local or foreign donors.

One of the beneficiaries of the seminar Tatu Majid from Makurula KC of Mburahati apart from praising TGNP and COADY, she has urged fellow women to dare for whatever they do.

"Women can do whatever they want even if they are not empowered," she said.

Rosemary Mrema from Mabwepande KC, a small business woman, said the training has enlightened her as she can now know how to find markets for her



Participants were taught on how to prepare compost manure, poultry farming, and urban farming. Photo by Correspondent Daniel Semberya

products.

"From this training I am planning to extend my businesses to attain my dreams."

Kondo Salum an entrepreneur from Majohe Kivule, engaged in vegetable gardening said that the training on how to make compost manure was very essential to him. "Through this training, I can now personally make manure from cow dung, and compost manure from dried leaves and grasses which will enable me to save some money that I used to buy industrial fertilisers for other uses," he noted.

Hans Obote from Saranga KC, also concurred with his fellow participants by commending TGNP and COADY for the training they have acquired.

He further noted that Saranga KC for some time now have been engaging in vegetable gardening, making compost manure for sale and other entrepreneurial activities.

To them "This training has been an eye opener for us, from now onwards what we are going to do is to double the production and productively," he said.

Obote has urged the government to put in place a conducive business environment by reducing prices of fertilizers, packaging materials

and chicken feeds.

Rehema Nkya from Mbezi KC, an entrepreneur dealing with poultry farming, and vegetable farming said that the training has improved his knowledge on how to run her businesses productively.

She has also urged the government to put in place a conducive business environment and hence reduce prices for agricultural inputs, and other needed raw materials.

Assistant secretary of the Mbezi KC, Hawa Athuman said that the training has empowered them with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to operate their poultry farming, vegetable gardening and making compost manure projects successfully and productively.

Husna Jumanne from Kivule KC said that the entrepreneurship training has improved their skills and knowledge, thus they will implement their mushroom project and vegetables gardening successfully.

Other sources have indicated that Women Entrepreneurship Development National Action Plan 2016-2020 developed to enhance economic opportunities for women by carrying out affirmative action in support of women starting, formalizing, and growing their enterprises.

Fertiliser manufacturers urged to observe quality of their products

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu, Dodoma

THE Board of Directors of the Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) has instructed the owners of fertilizer factories in the country to produce quality products with standards to avoid complaints from users in the Agriculture sector.

This was said by Thobias Mwesiga, the board's director during a meeting between the members of the board and the management of TFRA held at the end of the week with the aim of encouraging the production of the product in different regions.

The director said to avoid that, investors should get used to being checked by the authority to ensure that the accepted rates are the ones being introduced to the market.

Due to that, he said the responsibility of regular inspection for industrial investors will be sustainable, the aim is to remind them to consider the parameters of production, including the quality of the product for consumers.

"The fertilizer inspection is necessary for the quality check for the fertilizer they produce," said Mwesiga.

He said that in order for fertilizer to be allowed to be sold locally, it must have not only quality certificate by the Tanzania Institute of Standards (TBS), but also all the permits from the authorities in charge of the industry.

In addition, it has to meet the requirements of the TFRA, the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Chief Government Chemist and other authorities.

Another board member, Hadija Jabir asked the investors to see how they can help farmers identify the health of the soil before using their products in order to use products that are compatible with the type of nutrients needed for the plant in their areas.

Also she asked the investors not to hesitate to explain the challenges they encounter in their production activities, so that they can be advised on the best way to develop and solve their challenges.

For his part, the Director of Promotion of Domestic Production and Joint Purchase of Fertilizer, Josepy Charos said the government spent 700bn/- to import fertilizers to meet the needs of farmers in the country.

He said that amount of money is large; asking producers to produce in large quantities so that the money used to import the fertilizers can be used for other development activities in the country.

TFRA has already visited the factories of Neelkanth Chemicals LTD, ABM factory in Tanga region, Mboji in Kilimanjaro region, Keenfeeder, Agri farmers, Sianga, Mtali in Arusha region and Minjingu in Manyara.



Euro zone business downturn deepens

LONDON

A downturn in euro zone business activity deepened much more than expected in July as demand in the bloc's dominant services industry declined while factory output fell at the fastest pace since COVID-19 first took hold, a survey showed.

HCOB's flash Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the bloc, compiled by S&P Global and seen as a good gauge of overall economic health, dropped to an eight-month low of 48.9 in July from June's 49.9.

That was below the 50 mark separating growth from contraction and lower than all expectations in a Reuters poll which had predicted a modest dip to 49.7.

"Manufacturing continues to be the Achilles heel of the euro zone. Producers have cut their output again at an accelerated pace in July, while the services sector's activity is still expanding, though at a much slower rate than earlier in the year," said Cyrus de la Rubia, at Hamburg Commercial Bank.

"The euro zone economy will likely move further into contraction territory in the months ahead, as the services sector keeps losing steam."

The services PMI fell to 51.1 from 52.0, its lowest since January and shy of the Reuters poll forecast for 51.5.

Indebted consumers feeling the pinch from rising borrowing costs and prices cut back on spending, and the services new business index went below breakeven for the first time in seven months. It was 48.5 this month and 51.0 in June.

A PMI covering the manufacturing sector dropped to 42.7 from 43.4. The Reuters poll had forecast a slight rise to 43.5.

An index measuring output, which feeds into the composite PMI, fell to 42.9 from 44.2 - a low not hit in over three years.

The decline came despite manufacturers running down backlogs of work and cutting their prices. Factories benefited from a sharp drop in input costs due to falling demand for materials and improved supply. The sub index fell to 35.5 from 39.5, its lowest in 14 years.

Easing price pressures will probably be welcomed by policymakers at the European Central Bank who have failed to get inflation back to their 2 percent target despite implementing the most aggressive policy tightening schedule in the Bank's history.

Asia shares brace for trio of rate meets, China steps in



SYDNEY

ASIAN shares yesterday braced for an action-packed week of earnings and central bank meetings that will likely see higher interest rates in Europe and the United States, and just possibly the end of the monetary tightening cycle in both.

Markets are fully priced for quarter-point hikes from the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank, so the focus will be on what Fed Chair Jerome Powell and ECB President Christine Lagarde say about the future.

"For both, we expect this to mark the last hike in the cycle, though neither Lagarde or Powell is likely to signal that the peak is in, instead retaining hawkish tones and remaining data-dependent," said analyst John Briggs at NatWest Markets.

"But activity and inflation data in both regions have softened enough, and are likely to soften further, to justify an end of the tightening cycle."

The odd man out will be the Bank of Japan which meets on Friday and is thought likely to keep its super-loose policy intact, but some Western banks are speculating on a tweak to its yield curve control stance.

Reuters reported last week that BOJ policymakers prefer to scrutinise more data to ensure wages and the inflation rate keep rising

before changing policy, though the decision could still be a close call.

The report slugged the yen and gave Japan's Nikkei an early 1.1 percent gain, while MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was barely changed.

China's Politburo meeting this week could see more stimulus announced, though investors have so far been underwhelmed by Beijing's actions.

Chinese blue chips dipped 0.2 percent, while property developer Country Garden slid on debt concerns.

HOST OF EARNINGS

EUROSTOXX 50 futures eased 0.2 percent, while FTSE futures were flat. S&P 500 futures and Nasdaq futures were little changed ahead of a wave of earnings this week.

A who's who of major companies are reporting including Alphabet, Meta, Intel, Microsoft, GE, AT&T, Boeing, Exxon Mobil, McDonald's, Coca Cola, Ford and GM.

"We believe the cloud behemoths Microsoft, Google, and Amazon will all deliver cloud upside over the next few weeks with an AI dominated focus that is markedly positively changing the direction of IT spending/projects in this environment," said analysts at Wedbush.

The results will have to be good to justify the

S&P 500's earnings multiple of 20 and its gains of 19 percent year-to-date.

"We believe recent valuation expansion despite higher rates is reasonable considering the longer-term relationship between rates and equities, the improvement in expected growth, and the high market concentration in stocks benefiting from AI optimism," wrote analysts at Goldman Sachs.

"While our baseline forecast assumes a slight contraction in the S&P 500 P/E multiple to 19x by year-end, we believe risks to valuations are tilted to the upside if the multiples of laggards 'catch up' or yields fall."

Yields on 10-year Treasuries were steady at 3.85 percent, still below the recent spike high of 4.094 percent. The US dollar eased a touch to 141.37 yen, having jumped 1.3 percent on Friday following the report on the BOJ. The gains lifted the dollar across the board and left the euro at \$1.123 and off its recent top of \$1.276.

There was no obvious reaction to news Spain was heading for a hung parliament, though its debt might come under pressure when local markets open.

The rise in the dollar pulled gold back to \$1,961 an ounce and away from last week's peak of \$1,987.

Oil prices ran into profit-taking early on Monday having climbed for four straight weeks amid tightening supplies.

WORLD

Sudan war enters 100th day as mediation attempts fail

KHARTOUM

CLASHES flared in parts of Sudan on the 100th day of the war on Sunday as mediation attempts by regional and international powers failed to find a path out of an increasingly intractable conflict.

The fighting broke out on April 15 as the army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces vied for power. Since then, more than 3 million people have been uprooted, including more than 700,000 who have fled to neighboring countries.

Some 1,136 people have been killed, according to the health ministry, though officials believe the number is higher.

Neither the army nor the RSF has been able to claim victory, with the RSF's domination on the ground in the

capital Khartoum up against the army's air and artillery firepower.

Infrastructure and government in the capital have fallen apart while fighting has spread westwards, particularly to the fragile Darfur region, as well as to the south, where the rebel SPLM-N group has tried to gain territory.

Over the weekend, the RSF moved into villages in Gezira State directly south of Khartoum, where the army conducted air strikes against them, according to witnesses.

In Nyala, one of the country's largest cities and capital of South Darfur, clashes have continued since Thursday in residential areas, according to witnesses. At least 20 people have been killed, medical sources said. The United Nations says 5,000 families have been displaced, and



Smoke rises over Khartoum, Sudan, June 23, 2023. (PHOTO / AP)

residents have reported looting of key facilities.

"Bullets are flying into homes. We are terrified and no one is protecting us," said 35-year-old Salah Abdallah.

The fighting gave way to ethnically targeted attacks by Arab militias and the RSF in West Darfur, from which hundreds of thousands of people have fled to Chad.

Residents have also accused RSF soldiers of looting and occupying wide swathes of the capital. The RSF has said it would investigate. Late on Sunday, the Sudanese army said nine people died, including four military personnel, when a civilian Antonov plane crashed due to a technical failure at Port Sudan airport in the east of the country. A young girl survived the accident, the army added in a statement.

While the two warring sides have shown openness towards mediation efforts led by regional and international actors, none has resulted in a sustained ceasefire.

Both sides have sent delegations to attempt to re-start talks in Jeddah that have yielded often-violated ceasefires.

But the Sudanese foreign minister said on Friday that indirect talks had not begun seriously.

The leaders of the army and RSF headed a joint council since the ouster of former ruler Omar al-Bashir in 2019 and diverged over plans for a transition to democracy.

Civilian political groups as well as the RSF have accused the army of turning a blind eye to appearances by wanted Bashir loyalists in recent days.

The Forces of Freedom and Change, the main civilian coalition, said on Sunday it was holding meeting in Egypt, which offered itself as a mediator in the conflict. **Agencies**

Russian diplomat puts blame for damage to Odessa's Transfiguration Cathedral on Kiev

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has blamed Kiev for the damage that was done to the Transfiguration Cathedral in Odessa.



Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmitry Kuleba said earlier that on Sunday night Russian forces had attacked UNESCO-protected religious facilities in Odessa.

"First, after what the Kiev regime has done to dozens of Orthodox churches, to the Kiev Pechersk Lavra, relics, monuments and memorials it has no right to appeal to laws," she wrote on her Telegram channel.

"By the way, the damage to the Transfiguration Cathedral is also on the conscience of the Kiev regime and incompetent operators of air defense systems, which are deliberately deployed by the Ukrainian army in residential quarters, and the defense ministry has already confirmed this."

"Second, the UNESCO secretariat hold a biased position on the situation in Ukraine," she stressed, adding that officials from this organization "refuse to see the lawlessness that has been going on in Ukraine for years."

"Moreover, when Kuleba's gang ordered to tear down Catherine the Great's statue, UNESCO was silent and decided to 'protect' Odessa's historical center, which could no longer be called historical after the statue of the city's founder was dismantled," Zakharova noted.

Ukraine eyes country's accession to NATO next year

KYIV

UKRAINE is eyeing next year for the country's accession to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Defence Minister Oleskii Reznikov (pictured) said, CNN reported.

Talking about the next year's NATO Summit in Washington, Reznikov said, "Who knows, maybe it will be a very important day for Ukraine," adding "It is just my forecast." During the interview, Reznikov acknowledged that Ukraine will only be able to join the alliance once the war is over, referencing Article 5 and saying "We have no options to have a unanimous vote" while the conflict is ongoing.

When asked if he thought the war would be over by next summer he quickly answered, "Yes. We will win this war."

Reznikov downplayed the Biden administration's refusal to commit to Ukraine getting admitted immediately after the war's end.

"I think it's not necessary," he said. Ukraine will have a streamlined admission process and in the meantime will continue to work on the necessary reforms, Reznikov added. The defence minister emphasized that the benefits of admitting Ukraine to the alliance have only grown given its fight against Russia, as per CNN.

The United States and other NATO countries have said it is impossible to admit Ukraine now because of the ongoing war. Early this month, US President Joe Biden said that he doesn't think Ukraine is ready for NATO membership and added that NATO is a process that takes some time to meet all qualifications, from democratization to a whole range of other issues.

"I don't think it (Ukraine) is ready for membership in NATO," the US President said in an interview when asked about Ukraine's NATO membership, reported CNN.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that he held a phone conversation with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on "unblocking" the Black Sea grain corridor.

This phone call came on the heels of Russia calling off the crucial deal to ensure the safe passage of ships.

"Had a phone conversation with NATO Secretary General @jensstoltenberg. We discussed the implementation of the agreements reached during the Vilnius summit and further actions regarding the integration of Ukraine into @NATO," tweeted Zelenskyy.

His tweet continued, "We shared assessments of the current situation in the Black Sea and the risks it poses for global food security. We also identified with Mr Stoltenberg the priority and future steps necessary for unblocking and sustainable operation of the Black Sea grain corridor."

This came after Russia announced it was suspending its participation in a UN-brokered deal that allowed the export of Ukrainian grain. **ANI**



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Expansion of BRICS set to be discussed

THE discussion on expanding BRICS, the grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, is expected to be high on the agenda of an upcoming meeting of senior officials to prepare for the BRICS Summit in August, observers said.

They also said that since its inception in 2006 as BRIC (South Africa was added in 2010), the group of emerging economies has upheld the spirit of openness, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation, practiced true multilateralism and achieved solid results in pragmatic cooperation, thus becoming increasingly attractive to other countries.

China has sent Wang Yi, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, to attend the 13th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Monday and Tuesday.

South Africa is this year's BRICS chair. According to Anil Sooklal, the country's ambassador to the group, more than 40 countries, including all the major developing Global South countries, have expressed interest in becoming BRICS members, and 22 countries have formally asked to join.

South African President Cyril

Ramaphosa has also invited the heads of all African countries to the upcoming BRICS Summit in Johannesburg to engage in dialogue with BRICS leaders.

"With the joining of more developing countries, BRICS is expected to better represent the Global South with a louder voice on the world stage," said Yao Jinxiang, an assistant researcher at the China Institute of International Studies' Institute of Developing Countries.

While BRICS members account for 42 percent of the world's population, they have less than 15 percent of voting rights in the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

"African countries and BRICS nations share similar views and interests in improving and reforming the current international order and global governance system. Africa as a whole can make a joint call with BRICS for accelerating reforms in financial, monetary and other sectors," Yao said.

He Wenping, a senior researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, said that to join or cooperate with BRICS will help Africa expand cooperation with more emerging economies and developing countries.



This file photo shows the headquarters building of BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) in east China's Shanghai on Dec 17, 2020. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

"For example, the BRICS New Development Bank can provide Africa with more opportunities in trade and economy, investment and financial assistance, among other things," she said.

She said China and Africa are also expected during Wang's visit to find common ground on how to resolve the Ukraine crisis.

According to the researcher, as the crisis continues, inflation as well as energy and food crises triggered by Western sanctions have had a negative impact on African countries. "Africa and China have highly consistent positions regarding the

crisis, and the two sides can play a joint role in promoting peace talks," she added. Besides the two-day BRICS meeting in Johannesburg, China-Africa cooperation is also on the agenda of Wang's trip, which has taken him to Ethiopia and Kenya.

Wang reiterated China's commitment to cooperation with Africa under the frameworks of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in meetings with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Kenyan President William Ruto. They spoke highly of the mutual respect that China has shown in its cooperation with Afri-

can countries and hailed China as an example for developing countries.

The visits to Africa by high-ranking Chinese officials highlighted the great importance that China places on its relationship with Africa as well as its efforts to promote African integration, said He, the senior researcher at the CASS.

According to Yao, from the China Institute of International Studies, "While some officials from the United States and other Western countries only make groundless criticism of China during their visits to Africa, we can tell from Wang's trip that China is more focused on pragmatic cooperation with Africa based on mutual benefits."

"China-Africa cooperation does not target a third party nor engage in so-called 'geopolitical confrontation,'" Yao said.

Yao noted that countries on Wang's itinerary are all important countries in Africa, but are currently facing challenges such as power shortages, public health crises, the rise of terrorism and internal military turmoil.

The visit is also aimed at helping these countries cope with such crises, as China fulfills its duties as a responsible major country, Yao said.

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Pence: Trump's conduct around 2021 Capitol attack not criminal

WASHINGTON

FORMER US vice-president and Republican presidential candidate Mike Pence said on Sunday he felt former president Donald Trump's words and actions leading up to the Capitol attacks on Jan 6, 2021, were reckless though not likely criminal.

"While his words were reckless, based on what I know, I am not yet convinced that they were criminal," Pence told CNN's "State of the Union."

Trump said on Tuesday

he had received a letter saying he is a target of a grand jury investigation into efforts to overturn his 2020 presidential election defeat.

The letter represented the clearest sign to date that Trump, the front-runner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, may face federal criminal charges around his efforts to remain in power after losing the election to Democrat Joe Biden.

"I hope it does not come to that," Pence said on a potential Trump indictment over efforts to overturn the 2020



election. He said it should be left to the American public to determine whether Trump was responsible.

"His actions were reckless," Pence said. He added: "I don't honestly know what his intention was" on Jan 6, 2021.

Ahead of the 2021 Capitol attacks by Trump supporters, the then-president repeatedly lambasted Pence for refusing to try to prevent Congress from certifying Biden's win in the 2020 election.

Pence said on Sunday that Trump was wrong in thinking the former vice-president could overturn the outcome of the election. Some rioters chanted "hang Mike

Pence" during the Capitol riots.

"I know I did my duty that day," Pence said on Sunday.

Separately, Trump was indicted in June on charges that he unlawfully kept national security documents when he left office and lied to officials who sought to recover them. He has pleaded not guilty.

He was recently also charged with falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star.

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THE first six months of 2023 witnessed foreign investors' confidence in the Chinese market.

BMW Brilliance Automotive, BMW Group's joint venture in China, announced to start producing its next-generation of electric vehicle (EV) models in 2026 in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning province. A 10-billion-yuan (\$1.39 billion) plant for BMW's sixth-generation high-voltage batteries for the new EV models has broken ground.

German industrial giant Siemens announced a plan to increase investments in China, including an additional 1.1 billion yuan in fixed-asset investment for its industrial automa-

Foreign companies optimistic about Chinese market

tion products smart manufacturing base in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan province.

Multinational pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca signed an agreement with Qingdao high-tech industrial development zone in east China's Shandong province. According to the agreement, AstraZeneca will expand its production and investment in China, set up a regional headquarter in the city, and build an innovation center focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases.

China, constantly providing new opportunities for the world with its own development, is a hot destination for foreign investment.

In the first five months of this year, the actual use of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Chinese mainland reached 574.81 billion yuan. A total of 18,532 new foreign-invested enterprises were established in China in the same period, up 38.3 percent year-on-year.

Since this year, China has been frequently visited by foreign government officials, heads of interna-

tional organizations and executives of multinational corporations. Representatives of foreign companies joined trade fairs and visited industrial parks across China to seek cooperation opportunities with Chinese enterprises, demonstrating their strong confidence in China's economic prospects and urgent demand for strengthening cooperation with China.

In the first five months of this year, the actual use of FDI in the manufacturing industry grew 5.9 percent to 147.08 billion yuan. The actual use

of FDI in high-tech industries rose 7.5 percent year-on-year, of which high-tech manufacturing increased by 30.8 percent.

During the same period, the actual investment in China from France, the UK, Canada and Japan went up by 429.7 percent, 179.2 percent, 170.1 percent and 63.3 percent respectively.

A survey was recently conducted by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, which covered over 600 foreign-invested companies. It said 97 percent of the

surveyed foreign firms are satisfied with China's policies on boosting foreign investment that rolled out from the fourth quarter of last year to date.

According to the estimation of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, the return rate of foreign investment in China stood at 9.1 percent in the past five years. The data in Europe and the United States was about 3 percent, and that in emerging economies was from 4 percent to 8 percent.

Against the backdrop of sluggish global economic growth, China is undoubtedly an important destination for foreign investors.

People's Daily

Medvedev urges Russia to select 'non-standard targets' in retaliation for Kiev's strikes

MOSCOW

MOSCOW should select non-standard targets for its retaliatory strikes in response to Kiev's attacks on civilian facilities, Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev said.



"Our enemy has been unable to achieve success in the course of its counteroffensive, which means that it will seek victories in the information field, no matter how overhyped and irrational.

"They make many morons in Ukraine truly happy, especially now that the degree of tensions in Ukrainian society is ramping up. Some portion of [Ukrainian] society still hasn't forgotten how to think, even though they may be afraid. Besides, their Western patrons are starting to show impatience," Medvedev wrote on Telegram.

"This is why the Banderite bastards are increasingly choosing peaceful civilian targets for their despicable attacks. Everyone must be ready for this," he noted.

"We also need to select non-standard targets for our strikes, not just storage sites, energy hubs and oil bases. There are other places where nobody would be expecting us and where strikes would have a widely felt impact," Medvedev added.

'X' now redirects to Twitter, new logo will go live soon: Elon Musk

LOS ANGELES

TWITTER'S bird logo will soon be extinct as 'X.com' now redirects users to the micro-blogging platform.

"X.com now points to <https://twitter.com/>. Interim X logo goes live later today," CEO Elon Musk tweeted late on Sunday.

The 52-year-old Tesla founder has previously said that his takeover of Twitter last year was "an accelerant to creating X," a reference to the X.com company which he founded in 1999.

Earlier, Musk revealed his plan to change the logo of Twitter.

In a tweet, he mentioned that the little blue birdie is likely to be replaced by an "X".

"And soon we shall bid adieu to the Twitter brand and, gradually, all the birds," Musk tweeted.

"If a good enough X logo is posted tonight, we'll make go live worldwide tomorrow," he said in another tweet.

A few hours later, Musk also tweeted an image of a flickering "X" shared by one of the users.

Earlier also, for a few hours in April, Musk changed the Twitter logo from bird to the "doge" meme of the Dogecoin cryptocurrency.

Twitter users noticed the 'doge' meme, which is part of the logo of the Dogecoin blockchain and cryptocurrency and was created as a joke in 2013, on the web version of Twitter.

It is pertinent to mention that the doge image (of a Shiba Inu) is well-known as the logo of the Dogecoin blockchain and cryptocurrency, which was created as a joke in 2013 -- to mock other cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, Variety reported.

Musk overhauled Twitter after acquiring it for USD 44 billion late October - drastically cutting staff and overseeing controversial policy changes which have led to frequent service disruptions and upended his reputation in the process as tech watchers have noted.

He has also repeatedly warned that Twitter could be at risk of filing for bankruptcy. This month he disclosed that the platform still has a negative cash flow due to a 50 per cent drop in advertising revenue and heavy debt loads, CNN Business reported.

ANI

Iraq confirms full support for national dialogue in Yemen

BAGHDAD

IRAQ on Sunday confirmed its full support for the national dialogue in Yemen to achieve security and stability in the war-torn country.

During a meeting with visiting Yemeni Foreign Minister Ahmed Awad Bin Mubarak, Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashheed expressed his country's "full support for the national dialogue to achieve security and stability in Yemen, in a way that guarantees the peace for the people who have suffered greatly because of the conflict," according to a statement issued by the president's office.

For his part, Mubarak praised Iraq's support for Yemen's security and stability, noting negotiations are currently underway to reach solutions that serve Yemen and the Yemenis.

The visiting minister also met with Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani, during which they discussed bilateral relations in all fields and ways to enhance cooperation between the two countries, according to a statement issued by al-Sudani's media office.

Earlier in the day, Mubarak held a joint press conference with his Iraqi counterpart Fuad Hussein, who said Iraq's position on Yemen is that "all parties should sit at the dialogue table," noting "the situation in Yemen affects the regional security situation, and serious work should be done to establish security and stability." "Iraq is ready to move to be part of the solution to the problems of the region and Yemen," Hussein added. Yemen has been embroiled in a civil war after the Houthi militia took control of several northern cities and ousted the Saudi-backed Yemeni government from Sanaa in 2014. The conflict has resulted in a staggering number of casualties and pushed Yemen to the brink of a humanitarian crisis, including widespread famine.

Xinhua

Rwanda launches campaign to tackle rising alcohol consumption among youth

KIGALI

THE Rwandan government has launched a campaign called "TunyweLess" ("Let's Drink Less" in Kiswahili) after a recent survey showed a significant increase in alcohol consumption among people, especially the youth in the country.

The campaign aims to urge people to either stop drinking or drink less, Francois Uwinkindi, division manager of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), told Xinhua in a recent interview in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. "We are implementing various preventive measures and interventions to address excess alcohol consumption and prioritize the well-being of future generations," he said.

In June, the RBC 2022 population-based national survey on the prevalence of NCD risk factors in Rwanda showed that alcohol consumption in the country has increased from 41 percent in 2013 to 48 percent in 2022.

The survey, which aimed to collect data on various risk factors for NCDs, involved face-to-face interviews and physical and biochemical measurements of 5,676 people aged 18-69 from all four provinces of Rwanda and the City of Kigali.

According to him, the rise in alcohol consumption, especially among individuals between 40 and 49 years of age, and the youth, is a cause for concern. "An increase in disposable income among some age groups might be contributing to the higher alcohol consumption rates. Additionally, peer pressure and unemployment among the youth are believed to be influencing factors," Uwinkindi said.

"An in-depth study is being planned to understand the root causes better and guide intervention measures." To combat the growing trend of alcohol consumption among the youth, Uwinkindi said that the government is focusing on awareness campaigns to educate people about the dangers of excessive drinking.

He pointed out that limiting alcohol advertisements, similar to the approach taken with tobacco, is being considered to reduce its appeal.

Other potential strategies include increasing taxes on alcohol, regulating commercialization and drinking hours, and enforcing laws against drunk driving as preventive measures the government should also look into, added Uwinkindi.

He said that the government is emphasizing family edu-



cation and going back to cultural values to teach children about the dangers of alcohol consumption. "Empowering the youth by creating job opportunities and promoting a bright future that avoids alcohol abuse is also part of the strategy," Uwinkindi said.

According to him, counseling and rehabilitation services are available in Rwanda to assist individuals battling alcohol addiction. The focus, however, is primarily on prevention rather than solely relying on rehabilitation centers.

Yvonne Ahishize, manager of Iwacu Plus 250 Bar and Restaurant in Kigali, told Xinhua that the restaurant has joined the campaign to raise awareness and limit excess alcohol consumption among people, especially the youth. "We have strengthened our alcohol consumption regulations, ensuring that our waiters and waitresses are aware that it is not allowed to continue offering alcohol to those who are already too drunk,"

she said.

"Our waiters need to politely communicate with customers to stop drinking or deny them alcohol by informing them that the specific alcohol brand they want is currently unavailable.

This approach aims to discourage them from requesting more drinks." Teddy Nyongira, a waitress at the restaurant, said that when they see a client continuing to ask for more alcohol even when they are already too drunk, they inform them that the alcohol is finished.

"This measure is taken to protect and save their life from the potential damages of alcohol and other side effects. Sometimes, we involve the staff manager to intervene and politely advise our intoxicated clients to refrain from further alcohol consumption, ensuring we do not hurt their feelings or give them a reason to leave the bar," she added.

At the launch of the report findings, Sabin Nsanzi-mana, Rwandan minister of Health, emphasized the need to reverse the trend of alcohol consumption in Rwanda. He warned that excessive alcohol consumption is linked to NCDs, including certain types of cancer.

The survey further revealed that the frequency of alcohol consumption was higher in men (61.9 percent) than in women (34.3 percent), with a significant difference. Among the provinces, the western province had the highest rate of heavy alcohol drinking.

Israel parliament starts vote on limiting supreme court power

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S parliament yesterday began final voting on contested changes sought by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the judiciary as compromise talks meant to ease one of the country's worst political crises in decades appeared to collapse.

There was no immediate comment from President Isaac Herzog who called the standoff "a national emergency" and has been leading compromise talks on the government's judicial plans, which have sparked unprecedented nationwide protests.

Police used a water cannon to disperse demonstrators opposed to the judicial campaign by Netanyahu's nationalist-religious coalition and officers dragged away protesters who had chained themselves to posts and blocked the road outside parliament.

"You cannot reach agreements that safeguard Israel's democracy with this government," Opposition Leader Yair Lapid told Israeli television channels at the Knesset minutes before the hours-long vote began.

With banks and businesses joining in the protest, pressure mounted on Netanyahu, who was released from hospital on Monday morning after a two-night stay during which he was fitted with a pacemaker.

Netanyahu has been urged by Washington on the one side



to reach a compromise with the opposition, while his hard-line coalition partners are pushing for legislation to go ahead with more judicial changes to follow.

The crisis has spread to the military, with protest leaders saying thousands of volunteer reservists would not report for duty if the government continues with the plans and former top brass warning that Israel's war-

readiness could be at risk.

Nonetheless, commanding a comfortable majority in parliament, Netanyahu's coalition looked set to win the vote on the bill that limits the Supreme Court's powers to overrule decisions made by governments and ministers.

Disaster

"We're on our way to a disaster," Lapid told lawmakers during the stormy debate. "If

you vote for this bill you will weaken the state of Israel, the people of Israel and the Israel Defence Forces."

It would be the first change written into law from a package critics fear aims to curb judicial independence, but which Netanyahu - who is on trial on corruption charges he denies - insists are needed for balance among branches of government.

Justice Minister Yariv Levin who has been a driving force of the changes, defended the bill, which would amend a law enabling the Supreme Court to void decisions it deems "unreasonable".

"There's no reason to fear this amendment. There are many reasons to see it as an important step toward

restoring balance between the branches of government as respecting the voters' choice," said Levin.

Netanyahu's coalition has been determined to push back against what it describes as overreach by a Supreme Court that it says has become too politically interventionist.

Critics say Monday's amendment has been rushed through parliament and will open the door to abuses of power by removing one of the few effective checks on the executive's authority in a country without a formal written constitution.

The government announced its plans for judiciary changes in January, soon after it was sworn in, stirring concern among allies abroad for Israel's democratic health and denting the economy.

China sees rising demand for drone pilots

"GO forward and turn direction. Lightly press on the left rudder!" "Make the right angle and direction. Pay attention to the height of your drone."

At the LTFY drone training school in Changping district of Beijing, Wu Haining, in a black sweatshirt, was instructing trainees to control their drones.

After the drones landed smoothly, they walked to a flight simulation training device and started analyzing the flight paths.

Wu, 30, is a drone pilot. He calls his line of work "flying aircraft on the ground."

In 2019, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) pilot was listed as a new profession in China's occupational classification. In recent years, drone pilots have been in strong demand due to the rapid development and wide application of drone technologies. It is estimated that China needs nearly 1 million drone pilots by 2025.

In 2019, the human resource and social security bureau of Beijing's Yanqing district started free drone training for young people. Wu, an enthusiast of remote-controlled model cars since childhood, registered for the training.

He never expected at that time that the training would bring him into a whole new life. "Piloting drones is a cool thing," said Wu. He was fascinated by the "flying machine" just after a few classes. He worked hard to understand the theories, applications



A drone flies above the LTFY drone training school in Changping district of Beijing. (Photo courtesy of the LTFY drone training school)

and maintenance of drones, and kept improving his skills of piloting.

After the training session, he became one of the first licensed drone pilots in Yanqing district.

Wu shared with People's Daily a story about rescuing two backpackers lost in the wild mountains of Changping district with drones.

According to Wu, it was too slow to search the large mountainous area by manpower alone, so relevant departments in Changping district came to his team and asked them to assist ground rescuers with thermal imaging drones.

"We located the lost backpackers with drones and guided the

rescuers to go down the mountain," Wu recalled. This experience made Wu realize that he must improve his drone piloting skills to bring out the full potential of the machines.

Wu was always on business trips these days due to the increasing demand for pilot training as more application scenarios of drones were developed.

Today, drones have been widely used in multiple areas including emergency rescue, agriculture and forestry protection, meteorological observation, electric power inspection, aerial mapping and filming.

At the drone training school in

Changping, a man surnamed Yao was operating a drone controller.

Yao, in his fifties, came from northwest China's Ningxia Hui autonomous region and works in the communication industry. During his 12-day stay at the training school, he had acquired the basic operating skills of drones, but there was still room for improvement from what was shown on the flight simulation training device.

"Drones equipped with communication devices can rapidly establish temporary communication networks. They are very important in emergency response," Yao told People's Daily.

Wang Shiyu from the ecology and environment bureau of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps also joined the same training session.

"My routine work is to monitor pollution discharge in industrial parks, inspect discharge outfalls, patrol water sources and nature reserves," Wang said, adding that ecological monitoring is now multi-dimensional thanks to drones, which has significantly improved his work efficiency and quality.

"Safety" and "standard operation" are frequently mentioned by coaches and trainees at the school. These are vital for the healthy and orderly development

of a new profession.

The development of civil drones once led to disorderly conduct. One of the biggest headaches was unregistered and unapproved flights.

Recently, China unveiled a set of provisional regulations on UAV management. As the first specialized administrative regulation on UAVs in China, it strengthens the management of drones and pilots, sets airspace that is open to drones, and normalizes flight activities.

The regulation is conducive to the sustainable and healthy development of the industry, Wu said.

He told People's Daily that a drone license only helps a pilot get a foot in the door, and what a drone can do depends on its performance and the mission assigned.

"We are more than drone pilots. We must dig deep into specific areas. For instance, we should know photography if we join a mission of aerial filming; we should have agricultural knowledge if we want to do better in plant protection missions," Wu said.

As drones are widely used in more and more industries, the demand for pilots is rising. The profession will be subdivided into different fields, Wu told People's Daily, adding that more and more people will realize their flying dreams through drones.

People's Daily

SPORT



Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Chairman Azim Thakur (R) hands over the 2022 Best Umpire prize to seasoned cricketer, Adil Kassam, during the DC Awards Night function for rewarding the best cricketers for the 2022 season hosted by the association in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

DC salutes 2023 DC Division A tourney sponsors

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Cricket (DC) has appreciated companies that have helped the association smoothly organize the 2023 DC 50 Overs Division A's League and other regional tournaments for their willingness to participate in cricket promotion.

Azim Thakur, DC Chairman, revealed this season's DC 50 Overs Division A's League was sponsored by Kilimanjaro Biochem Ltd, the spirits manufacturing firm that is based in Moshi.

The DC boss disclosed the company sponsored the Player of the Match awards throughout the league.

"In this season, we had them as sole sponsors for the Division A tournament, which had nine clubs participating in it, as well as the TCA Combine constituting U-19 cricketers," the official revealed.

According to him, the TCA Combine constituted cricketers looking to earn a call-up to the national U-19 cricket team which is playing in the ongoing ICC U-19 Men's World Cup Africa Qualifiers held in Dar es Salaam.

The TCA Combine, the official disclosed, hardly had a solid run in the league in which it could hardly win a single game.

Thakur noted the youngsters, though, did get a good run as a team, given a lot of talented cricketers were identified and included in the provisional side for the national U-19 team, adding such youngsters were earlier not even known.

According to Thakur, 2023 DC 50 Overs Division A's League was an event that saw competent domestic cricketers and foreign professionals face each other in pulsating matches.

Alaf Aces Club, for instance, had roped in Zimbabwean cricketers,

Aisah Chibanda and Jeremiah Makanya, who happened to be quite instrumental in the club's pursuit of an impressive campaign.

Meanwhile, the DC recently hosted the 2023 DC Awards Night which took place at a hall in the city. Petrofuel Ltd and Harab Motors supported the ceremony.

The ceremony was an opportunity for DC to reward the best performers across all divisions of tournaments held under the association's supervision for 2022.

Neema Justine, one of the national women's cricket squad players, was adjudged the Best Scorer for the 2022 DC tournaments, the Best Umpire prize went to Adil Kassam (4.78 points), and Leaders Club ground (3.89 points) was voted as the Best Ground.

There were Level 1 & 2 umpire recognition, with Abdul Samad Ahmed and Arsalaan Premji (Level 1 & 2) getting awards, as was the case for Firoz Dawoodwala (Level 1), and Kassam (Level 1 & 2) that is also the ICC Appointed Development Panel Umpire.

Caravans C performer, Arjun Thampi, garnered the Best Wicket Keeper honour in Division C for executing 15 dismissals after outshining fellow nominees for the honour Juzer Ghor (11 dismissals), and Abdulrazak Sameer (11).

Aces B side's Ajith Shetty emerged as Division B Best Wicket Keeper prize winner with 17 dismissals, beating Mehul Luhar (10 dismissals) to the gong.

Pak Stars' Mohammed Omary was the Division A's Best Wicket Keeper with 24 dismissals, having edged Mohammed Omary (24 dismissals), Jaffary Kanyita (23), and Abdallah Jabiri (20).

Unisoft Rising Stars' Ally Chombo lifted Division C's Best Fielder gong, having ended with 12 fielding dismissals, he defeated nominees Kishwabi Ngozi (10), and Jenil Patel (10).

Aga Khan SC B's Seif Athumani garnered Division B's Best Fielder B honour having executed 17 fielding dismissals.

Aga Khan SC A's Laksh Bakrania lifted the Best Fielder honour for Division A with 19 fielding dismissals, overcoming teammates, Riziki Kisetu (18), and Akhil Anil (18).

Division C's Best Bowler prize went to Unisoft Rising Stars' Nikunj Sharma that took 30 wickets, Specialized K&P A outfit's Lakshmikanth Sukavasi lifted the honour for Division B having taken 28 wickets and recorded a 5.04 economy rate.

In Division A, Alaf Aces A's Mohammed Ali was the Best Bowler with 37 wickets and a 4.22 economy rate, edging nominees Tambwe Rashid (32 wickets) and Nisar Ahmed (31), Caravans C outfit's Jobin Joseph presented with Division C's Best Batter honour.

Patel Brotherhood A team's Kashif Anwar was voted as Best Batter for Division B after recording 535 runs, edging nominees Praveen Puthanpurayli (381 runs), and Johnson Nyambo (376 runs). Caravans A's Amal Rajeevan was voted as Best Batter for Division A given the cricketer posted 781 runs, edging nominees Abhik Patwa (689), and Ivan Ismail (578).

The DC moreover set aside the Centurion Awards for the season, handed over to cricketers with centuries.

They are Amal Rajeevan (Caravans A) with his 125 in a clash against Pak Stars (50 Overs League), the former moreover posted 115 in his club's duel against Upanga A (50 Overs League).

The prize's other winners, Jobin Joseph (Caravans C) that recorded 133 runs in a duel against TCA Women Combine and 100 runs in a duel against Union Youth, Juzer Hassuji (Anadil Saifee) 103 against Union Youth, Sheraz Khan (Pak Stars) 110 against Upanga A (50 Overs League).

Aga Khan SC A's Abhik Patwa (108) versus DCC, Caravans A side player, Nandakishan Pottachira (121), in a clash versus Union Sports Club are the other winners.

There were also Hat-Trick gong that went to Amit Vadher (Estim B), 4-0-7-4 vs Anadil Saifee, Rehaan Rafiq (Lions Leo), Ayaan Shariff (Union Youth), Ramesh Alluri (Strikers A), and Basit Raza (Pak Stars).

Caravans A's Johnson Nyambo (4126 points) was voted as Best Upcoming Player, outshining fellow nominees Laksh Bakrania (3697), and Hamza Ali (3397).

Alaf Aces A's Salum Jumbe (3306 points) ended as the Division A's Player of the Year, Aga Khan SC B player Seif Athumani (2549 points) emerged as the Player of the Year for Division B, and Perice Zakayo (3661), turning out for TCA Combine, was elected as the Player of the Year for Division C.

SPORTS

Olympic preparations need to be stepped up

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AT the risk of revisiting the same subject over and over again ad infinitum, I would nevertheless still like to ponder on the worrying pace of our preparations for the Olympic Games, which at the moment is genuinely disturbing.

Indeed, there are few signs of preparations on the local sports scene for the Paris Olympics next year, which is extremely concerning considering that the Paris Games are due to commence next July.

It should be noted here that in the past few years, we have done an infinitely better job of readying ourselves for various festivals of sports as our admirable outing at last year's Commonwealth Games so clearly demonstrates.

However, the fact that we have been dragging our feet in our Olympic preparations thus far this year is not only exasperating but saddening.

It should be remembered that our counterparts in other nooks and crannies of the globe usually prepare for the Olympic Games for more than three straight years.

Here in our neck of the woods, we know all too well the bitter fruits that are borne from shoddy preparations for colossal sporting events.

Indeed, time and again in the past, we have scrambled to prepare for huge events in the eleventh hour, which only lamentably left us with eggs all over our faces. Hopefully, then, our miserable memories of previous botched displays at the Olympic Games will powerfully move the sports administrators in our land to begin preparations forthwith.

Moving on, the FIFA Women's World Cup is now in full swing and football followers on the continent are pinning their hopes on our four representatives at the marquee event, giants Nigeria, debutants Zambia, fellow debutants Morocco, and reigning



Tanzanian boxer Yusuf Changarawe (R) lands a right hook on Arthur Langelier of St. Lucia when the two pugilists took on each other in a Light Heavyweight bout of the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in England. Changarawe won by Knockout (KO) to sail through to the semi-finals. AGENCIES

African champions South Africa.

Last Friday, the Super Falcons of Nigeria faced off against perennial contenders Canada in their opening blockbuster clash of the tournament.

Despite being regarded as a dominant force in women's football, Canada has strangely never lifted the World Cup.

One expects then that Canada will show steely determination to finally rise to the pinnacle of women's football this time around.

However, last Friday, the Canadians ran into a plucky and quietly confident Nigerian side who brilliantly earned a share of the spoils with their renowned North American opponents.

Indeed, the result could so easily have been different if Canada's talismanic skipper Christine Sinclair had not missed a penalty, thanks to the impressive agility of Chiamaka Nnadozie, who was between the sticks for the Super Falcons.

Meanwhile, while Nigeria was grappling with the tough challenge of locking horns with Canada, Zambia was being given a thoroughly torrid time by heavyweights Japan.

The erstwhile world champions Japan gave Zambia a humiliating 5-0 drubbing in the opening encounter of the championship for both teams.

While Zambia was being given a veritable shellacking, South Africa sadly suffered a cruel blow in their opening

match against Sweden, with the Europeans dramatically grabbing the winner in the very last minute to earn a slim 2-1 victory.

What made the loss all the more heartbreaking for South Africa was the fact that they were the first to take the lead just after half-time, to the utter ecstasy of their many fans.

Indeed, thus far, it has been a tale of contrasting fortunes for African teams at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Hopefully, though, our representatives will soon begin to pick up morale-boosting victories, which is critical if they are to realize their goal of leaving a lasting positive impression.

Alaf Aces B cricketers cruise to 2023 DC Division B 30

By Guardian Reporter

ALAF Aces B cricketers have booked a place in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Division B 30 Overs League's last-eight stage, having topped the competition's Group A.

The Group A leading outfit wounded up the round-robin stage impressively, commanding a 49-run win over Aga Khan SC B in the city recently.

Alaf Aces B cricketers won the toss and elected to bat, a move that paid off considering they went on to score 190/7 in the allotted 30 overs.

The batting outfit's skipper, Bhavesh Govind, opened the innings, taking charge and giving his team a blistering start alongside fellow opener, Jaffary Kanyita.

The batting duo put up an opening partnership of 51 runs with Govind getting out after recording 15 runs which included two boundaries.

Aga Khan SC B's Sayan Vijay Jobanputra brought Govind's innings to an end, performing a catch to take the batsman out from Laksh Snehal's delivery.

After Govind's dismissal, Kanyita and top-order cricketer Hamza Ally began pushing Alaf Aces B's run rate as the squad put up another 27 runs in the following three overs.

Kanyita was thereafter trapped for leg before wicket by Aga Khan SC B's bowler, Jobanputra, with 78 runs on board and two wickets down.

Imtiyaz Yusuf stepped up and he, along with Ally, put an encouraging partnership of 48 runs in 50 balls for the batting side.

With Alaf Aces B's score at 128 runs after 20 overs, the squad was poised for ending with a big total but the team's pursuit of an imposing score was weakened by bowling exploits put to show by Aga Khan SC B's Sanay Vijay Jobanputra.

The youthful Jobanputra got back-to-back wickets, dismissing Alaf Aces B's Ally Hassan and Hemedi Abbas with both being trapped for leg before wicket.

Middle-order cricketers, Ajith Shetty, and Ayoub Hamisi, slotted in at low order, also scored single-digit figures in their respective brief stay at the crease.

The flow of runs however was going on as the impressive Ally was keeping on piling runs slowly, pushing Alaf Aces B's score to 166 runs in 27 overs with the team having dropped seven wickets.

Ally thereafter took the strike in the last over, with 38 runs to his name, as he attacked Aga Khan SC B's experienced cricketer John Zablun.

The youthful Ally hit a six off Zablun's first ball to reach a half-century and made his way back with 53 runs not out off 58 balls with his score including four boundaries and a six.



Promising all-rounder Hamza Ally (R), receives the Kiwingu Man of the Match prize from Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) vice-chairman, Shaheeb Dhanani, after excelling for TCA Combine in the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League tie against Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLSPSC) played recently. Ally, a member of Alaf Aces B, briefly turned out for TCA Combine in the tournament. PHOTO: COURTESY OF ALAF ACES CRICKET CLUB

A brief attack by Jatin Prajapati, which had the low-order batsman ending with 17 runs not out from 12 balls (two fours), as well turned out to be a significant contribution.

It was, overall, a good team effort, with all of Alaf Aces B performers sticking to their tasks.

Ally as well stood up to his task by scoring runs when it mattered the most and held the innings until the end.

Alaf Aces B cricketers ultimately registered 190 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allotted 30 overs.

Jobanputra had an impressive bowling figure for Aga Khan SC B, as he ended with a three-wicket spell whilst giving away 18 runs in six overs. Snehal took two wickets leaking 38 runs in his six-over stint.

Aga Khan SC B, in response, began losing wickets at regular intervals due to the run rate pressure as the Alaf Aces B bowling unit was bowling tight.

Their efforts to get down to a successful chase ended in vain considering they were skittled for 141 runs in 28.1 overs.

After the openers Sayan and Sadiq Halari had turned into victims on an early exit, Mohammed Tahir, slotted in at number three, sought to bring stability with his 30-ball 30.

Even though Snehal (24 runs), Zablun (23 runs), and Sadiki Iddi (22 runs not out) played their hearts out, as they fought to bring Aga Khan SC B to within reach of a successful chase, the side eventually lost steam.

Alaf Aces B's Prajapati, who ended with three wickets, drew the first blood and was followed by Hamisi that got another wicket

once he had opened his bowling stint with a maiden over.

There was then a brief stay of Aga Khan SC B cricketers, Mohammed Tahir and Snehal, that notched 30 runs and 24 runs respectively. Hassan later claimed Tahir's wicket. Aga Khan SC B's wickets later started tumbling as Alaf Aces B's skipper, Govind, kept on rotating the bowlers to curtail the former's batting unit's efforts.

Darpan Jobanputra compounded Aga Khan SC's woes with his two wickets giving away 24 runs in 4.1 overs.

Alaf Aces B used seven bowlers, who successfully frustrated Aga Khan SC B's chase having cleaned the latter's batting unit up to leave the squad with 141 runs all out.

Ally did win the Player of the Match prize because of his bowling and batting heroics.

Alaf Aces B will now face Karibu Tanzania DCC in the quarterfinals after the former's success in the last game of the league stage.

The quarterfinal contenders, made up of outfits that ended in the top two places in the showdown's four groups, will lock horns once the stage's fixtures are released by the DC.

Eight teams have qualified for the quarterfinals, Alaf Aces B, Caravans B, Estim A, GP, Patel Brotherhood A, Karibu Tanzania DCC, Unions Sports Club, and Lions B.

The DC's Chairman, Azim Thakur, revealed the body has congratulated all outfits that have registered good results in the qualifying stage and wishes them good luck in the knockout stage which promises a close fight among the participating teams.

Sub Girelli heads 87th-minute winner to give Italy perfect start

AUCKLAND

CRISTIANA Girelli came off the bench to score an 87th-minute winner over Argentina as Italy began their Women's World Cup with a 1-0 victory in a feisty encounter at Eden Park yesterday.

It looked like Italy would have to settle for a draw in their Group G opener after Arianna Caruso and Valentina Giacinti both had goals disallowed in the first half.

But Girelli, the Juventus veteran who was Italy's top scorer in qualifying, came on for 16-year-old Giulia Dragoni near the end and needed just four minutes to make her mark with a superb header.

Argentina coach German Portanova felt it was harsh on his side, who still have not won at a World Cup.

"It was a very even match," he said. "At times we controlled it and they did not have many opportunities. The result was somewhat unfair. A draw would have been the right score."

The win for Italy in front of almost 31,000 fans in Auckland sets them up perfectly for their next game, against group favourites Sweden in Wellington on Saturday.

Milena Bertolini's team are hoping to match their performance at the 2019 World Cup in France, when they surprisingly made it to the

quarter-finals.

Meanwhile an Argentina team appearing at their fourth World Cup have still to win a game at the finals in 10 attempts. They will hope to break their duck when they play South Africa next.

It looked set to be a frustrating evening for Italy as both Caruso and Giacinti had goals ruled out for offside in the first half.

Argentina might even have gone in front just after the restart when an Eliana Stabile free-kick from wide on the left almost caught out goalkeeper Francesca Durante.

When a Manuela Giugliano free-kick whistled just over at the other end midway through the second half, after captain Barbara Bonansea had been chopped down, it seemed as if the game would end goalless.

But then Girelli, who scored a hat-trick in a 5-0 win over Jamaica at the last World Cup, entered the fray in the 83rd minute.

Moments later the 33-year-old got up above Stabile to score with a header from Lisa Boattin's left-wing cross.

Italy then held on for the victory, with Durante having to make another important save in stoppage time to keep out a free-kick by Florencia Bonsegundo.

AFP

Philippines vow to 'crash party' against New Zealand at World Cup

WELLINGTON

PHILIPPINES coach Alen Stajcic warned his Women's World Cup debutants want to "crash the party" when they play co-hosts New Zealand today.

New Zealand are on a high after beating Norway 1-0 in the tournament opener to end a 15-game winless streak at Women's World Cups dating back to 1991.

The Philippines lost 2-0 to Switzerland in their first game in New Zealand and Australia but proved to be no pushovers.

A capacity crowd of just over 30,000 is expected in Wellington, with most cheering on the home side, but the Australian Stajcic said Monday: "You have to block all that out and embrace it."

"It's a brilliant occasion, so to be playing in front of such a big crowd and TV audience is a really special moment. You have to go out there and give it your best shot, so as motivating as it will be for New Zealand, it is for our team as well."

Since Stajcic's appointment as coach in 2021 the Philippines have jumped from 68 in the FIFA rankings to their current best-ever placing of 46th.

Their surge began with the Women's Asian Cup last year when they made the semi-finals, losing to South Korea but securing a historic World Cup berth.

New Zealand won 2-1 against the Philippines in a friendly last September, but Stajcic said the narrow defeat helped his team develop.

"I think that game was a real turning point for me to know that we can rise to this level," he said. "We want to crash the party. It's not really their party - it's everyone's, ours as well."

"Football in all our countries is not number one - in the Philippines, New Zealand or Australia - so we need to do everything we can to bolster support for women's football."

Although the majority in the stadium on Tuesday will be behind the Football Ferns, the Philippines team can expect plenty of their own support in Wellington. New Zealand has a large Filipino community.

"It's that kind of extra support that we need to keep on going for the full 90 minutes," said forward Katrina Guillou.

If New Zealand win they could reach the last 16 with a match to go, depending on the other result in the group.

"I have to say, this team has never been more focused. We are back on earth and ready to fight again," said their Czech coach Jitka Klimkova.

Midfielder Malia Steinmetz said

home advantage could be the difference.

"This is New Zealand. This is our soil, so we're going to come out fighting no matter what team it is," she said.

Meanwhile, South Korea coach Colin Bell is desperate to protect 16-year-old United States-born attacker Casey Phair from "hype" ahead of her potential debut at the Women's World Cup on Tuesday.

Bell called up the rookie for his South Korea squad for Australia and New Zealand, in a move that made headlines in the United States, Korea and beyond.

She is not expected to start for South Korea's World Cup opener against Colombia on Tuesday in Sydney, but could be a secret weapon off the bench if they are chasing the game.

Speaking at Monday's pre-match press conference, the Englishman Bell did his best to shut down questions about the teenager, who only turned 16 late last month.

"She did very well when she came in training with two other young players that we had," the 61-year-old said, when asked what role Phair could play at the tournament.

"So now she's in the squad, then we just take it day by day, so I don't really want to hype up a young player too much before she's even played. That's why I've been safeguarding her from the media."

Asked a second time about Phair, Bell replied: "Like I say, we'll see. I am here to talk about the match tomorrow."

Phair, born to an American father and Korean mother, is the first player of mixed descent to make the senior South Korean women's football squad.

She was previously involved with youth squads for the US national team. Bell may be desperate to shelter her, but speaking earlier this month, Phair shared her excitement at playing at the World Cup.

"I feel really proud and honoured to be given this opportunity," she told reporters at South Korea's national football centre, according to Yonhap news agency. "I'm ready and willing to do whatever it takes to help the country."

South Korea face a tough task to get out of a Group H that also contains debutants Morocco and European heavyweights Germany.

Their recent results have been mixed, beating fellow World Cup qualifiers Zambia and Haiti in friendlies, but losing to Italy, Belgium and England.

AFP

Erik ten Hag set to decide on Man United leadership group

By James Ducker

MANCHESTER United's players are waiting for Erik ten Hag to determine the make-up of the leadership group for the new season.

Ten Hag has appointed Bruno Fernandes as his new captain after taking the armband off Harry Maguire in one significant change.

Casemiro, the Brazil midfielder, was given the captaincy after Fernandes went off at half-time in United's 2-0 win over Arsenal at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on Saturday night.

It remains to be seen if Maguire - whose future at Old Trafford is uncertain - forms part of the group next season.

At Manchester City, Pep Guardiola lets the players vote on who is in the squad's leadership group.

But popular reserve goalkeeper Tom Heaton - who was part of the dressing room's leadership team last season - says Ten Hag makes that decision at United and expects him to organise things before too long.

Asked if the group had been put together for the forthcoming season, Heaton said: "No not yet, it's still quite early. There has been a change of captaincy as well but I'm sure it will get sorted at some point."

"This club sets the highest possible standards and you look to the leadership group to set those standards really. I was part of that last season and I would hope to be going forward as well. The manager put it together really. He organises that."

"We have got plenty of leaders in our dressing room and get together if things need addressing or sorting or talking to the manager."

"Ten Hag delighted by United's aggression"

Ten Hag - who has talked about his side "raising the bar" next season - was delighted with United's performance against Arsenal and in particular the robust, aggressive nature of his team's



Erik ten Hag has switched up Manchester United's captaincy and is set to announce a new senior players group. Agencies

play and the hunger they showed even in a pre-season friendly.

United's uncompromising approach was reflected in Lisandro Martinez's crunching challenge on Buyanko Saka and Ten Hag is hoping to see more of the same from his senior players against Real Madrid in Houston on Wednesday.

United trained in New Jersey on Sunday morning before heading to San Diego for the second leg of their US tour, with an academy side due to take on Wrexham at the SnapDragon Stadium on Tuesday.

Anthony Martial is due to start training gradually with the first team this week as he steps up his recovery from the hamstring injury he suffered at the end of last season.

"Heaton to hold future talks"

Heaton says he will sit down for talks with Ten Hag over his future amid interest from Luton Town and Everton in the veteran goalkeeper.

United have signed Andre Onana as David De Gea's replacement but the

club could yet bring in another back up goalkeeper.

Dean Henderson is expected to be sold, most probably to Nottingham Forest, but it is still unclear if Heaton will stay or be allowed to move.

"Unsure at the minute. I've got to wait until I speak to the manager, sit down and see where we're at," Heaton, 37, said when asked about his future.

"I love it here. I have been part of this football club for a long time, but I also love playing. I can't lie, so I will have a sit down and chat and see where we go."

Heaton played in Saturday's victory over Arsenal and admits he is keen to play more regularly as he nears the end of his career.

"At the moment it's about getting fit, up to speed, taking the opportunity when it comes," he said.

"I love playing. I love performing so when you get that opportunity in a United shirt you try to take it. That was the case against Arsenal."

"The two games I played last season. I really enjoyed it and it adds to the appe-

tite. I'm still hungry to play. There's still that drive to play.

"It's that feeling, that energy in your body that you miss and I do miss it if I'm honest. But we will see how it plays out. Everything in life is a balance."

"Fans' San Diego yacht trip"

United fans are set to enjoy an exclusive yacht trip around the impressive San Diego harbour on Tuesday morning local time in one of the latest supporters' club events on the US tour.

Unsurprisingly, tickets for the event sold out quickly. It follows a series of activities on the New Jersey/New York leg of the tour which included the club creating a pop-up United museum at the Marquis Marriott hotel in the heart of New York.

The museum featured exhibits including a shirt worn by Busby Babe Duncan Edwards, and was visited by hundreds of fans.

"Evans could stay on"

Paul McShane and Tom Huddlestone have both held player-coach roles in recent seasons that involved them playing for United's Under-21 team as well as doing some coaching.

Huddlestone took over from McShane last summer and will continue that role this season.

United are always on the look out for the right experienced veteran players to assist the club's young talents and there are plenty at Old Trafford who would like to see Jonny Evans in the position.

Evans, 35, still has his sights on playing at the top level, though, with Burnley thought to be one of the clubs interested in the Northern Ireland international.

But it is not unfeasible that United could look to keep Evans beyond the summer if Harry Maguire was to leave and Ten Hag needed experienced cover at centre-half. Evans is expected to play against Wrexham.

THE TELEGRAPH

Afghanistan women's team representing a country that doesn't recognise them

MELBOURNE

THE changing room in the CB Smith Reserve grounds in northern Melbourne is filled with football kits and chatter.

Some players are doing last-minute boot checks, others putting on their shin guards. One is adjusting her half black, half orange hair and the goalkeeper is fixing her gloves.

On the face of it, this looks like any other locker room before a football match.

But there's something different here. For one, the only reason these women can play is because they fled their home country nearly two years ago.

Looking around, everything about these women - their red jerseys, their hairstyles, even their jokes and laughter - would be enough to get them severely punished or even killed had they stayed in Afghanistan.

Like hundreds of thousands of Afghans, members of the women's national football team tried to escape after the capital Kabul fell to the Taliban.

The team and staff were eventually airlifted to Australia in August 2021. They're safe now in Melbourne and are getting ready to play their first friendly since they left.

They're up against the 'football empowerment team' which represents Melbourne's refugee and migrant communities.

"This game is for freedom"

The Afghanistan players may not be taking part in the Women's World Cup, but they've already come a long way.

Just before she heads out to the pitch, Mursal Sadat says it's not lost on her or her team-mates that millions of their countrywomen haven't been as lucky.

"I have to be the voice for the women in Afghanistan," she says.

"I have an obligation to represent those ladies in my home country - those who can't study, those who can't work or play soccer or do anything. I'm now playing for them."

Sadat and her family tried to flee Kabul together. They spent three days outside the airport as gun-wielding Taliban soldiers were shooting around them.

In the chaos she got separated from



The Afghanistan women's team is no longer recognised by their country or Fifa. Agencies

her family.

"I managed to get inside the airport but my family couldn't," she adds. "I called my dad to tell him I was safe and he cried. It was one of the worst moments of my life."

"I left everything behind - every single memory. I had to cut all those connections to go - and survive."

Walking on to the pitch with her team-mates, Sadat was in tears when the Afghan national anthem was played.

The team were all business once the game started, with striker Nilaf Mohammadi scoring in the first half.

"I used to work in the military back home," Mohammadi says.

"I'll never forget when the Taliban

came. I threw my uniform and my football kit away. Even now, when I sleep I dream about it."

"This game is for freedom in Afghanistan."

"They haven't given up on football"

Watching Mohammadi celebrate with her team-mates, you can tell this is about more than football for them.

"It's very emotional for me," says Khalida Popal, the former Afghanistan captain who now lives in Denmark.

When Kabul fell and the Taliban ousted the government and took over, she worked tirelessly to evacuate the team and staff. As team director, she has come to watch them and promote the match.

"All those women sacrificed a lot to

play for the national team and to be able to represent Afghanistan. Unfortunately they lost their title and lost home," says Popal.

In addition to banning adolescent girls and women from studying at schools and universities, the Taliban have prohibited all female sports.

It means the Afghanistan team is not officially recognised by their country or Fifa.

"I'm very sad. I was expecting a lot more for football's governing body," says Popal.

"[Fifa needs] to stand with these women. We want leadership - we need a strong voice to stand with us. Don't keep silent."

Fifa said it is monitoring the situation but added: "The selection of players and teams representing a member association is an internal affair. Fifa does not have the right to officially recognise any team unless it is first recognised by the concerned member association."

Popal and others say this stance plays into the hands of the Taliban authorities.

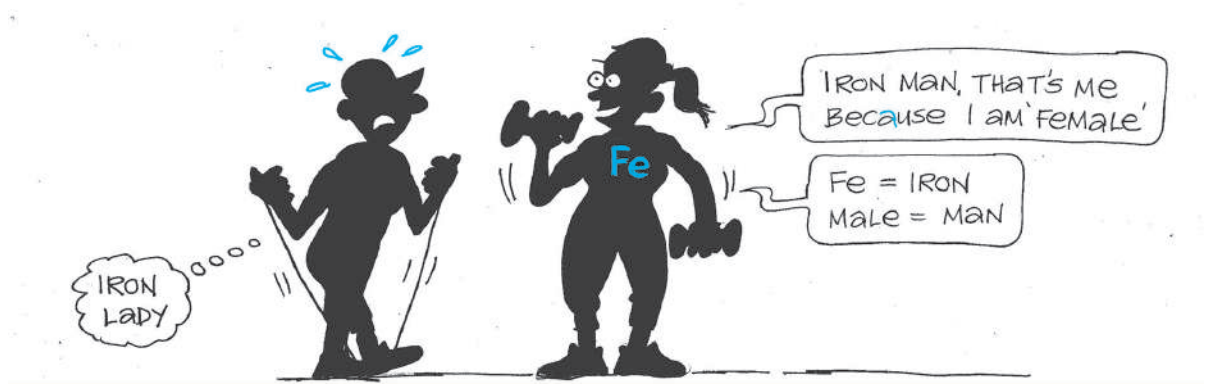
Doing what they love has come at a heavy price: the constant anxiety about the safety of family and friends back home; the loneliness and stress of leaving everything behind.

Popal says "this beautiful game is keeping them together".

"They haven't given up on football," she says. "And I really hope that football won't give up on them."

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Jentrix Shikangwa. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS SC

Simba Queens striker heads to Chinese Super League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA Queens' Kenyan striker Jentrix Shikangwa has found a new home after signing a six-month contract with Chinese Women's Super League side Beijing Beikong Women.

The Harambee Starlets striker had been on the radar of top African clubs including South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies and Tanzania's Yanga Princess.

Jentrix then resorted to moving to the Chinese side on Sunday before putting pen to paper a deal that keeps her at the club until January 2024.

The move comes following her successful stint at Simba Queens where she went on to score a total of 17 goals during the 2022-23 season.

The league's conclusion ultimately witnessed the end of her one-year deal at the club she signed for in September 2022.

The goal-getter was also voted as Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League top goal scorer, included in the league's Team of the Season, and

The attacker moreover bagged the Women's Premier League Player of the Month award for March 2023.

Playing at the home stadium - Xiannong Tan Stadium - Beijing Beikong Women is sitting 11th out of 12 teams after 10 games played this season in the league, and with just two wins and a draw.

Bottom-placed Henan Songshan Longmen Women is just a point below in a league that has all sides placed seventh to 12th making up the relegation group.

Jentrix's star has been rising since she first appeared on the international scene in 2019 - scoring 10 goals in the CECAFA Women's Challenge Cup in Tanzania.

She emerged as the top goal scorer in the tournament and among her goals was a brace she notched in the final against Tanzania when she came off the bench to score both goals as Kenyan Starlets won 2-0 in the final.

She is moreover the former goal-getter for the Kenyan side, Vihiga Queens, a club she led to qualify for the inaugural CAF Women's Champions League.

Jentrix also clinched the 'Golden Boot' prize in the primary school games in 2015 and 2016 and went on to take the secondary school games by storm, inspiring Wiyeta to claim both national and East Africa titles.

This, however, would not be her first move outside the continent, as she had a limited spell with Turkish side Fatih Karagümrük Sportif Faa-liyetler, which she moved to in January 2021.

Rwanda withdraws from 2023 CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

RWANDA Football Federation (FERWAF) has announced that the country's national U-18 women's team will not participate in the 2023 CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship slated to take place in Dar es Salaam.

Jules Karangwa, the Acting Secretary of FERWAF communicated to the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) that his country's team has been withdrawn from the competition.

Rwanda joins Kenya which earlier withdrew from the showpiece because most of the U-18 women's squad players will be engaged in national examinations.

Kenya was initially set to host the championship from June 29 to July 11 in Nairobi but the competition was pushed back because of delay in funding.

Yusuf Mossi, the CECAFA Competitions Director, said the five remaining teams will play on a round-robin basis and the team with more points will emerge as champion.

The action starts on July 25 with Ethiopia facing Uganda, while Burundi will lock horns with Tanzania and all matches will be played at the Azam Complex Stadium.

After the CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship, the Zonal CAF Women's Champions League qualifier will take place in Uganda from August 12-30, 2023.

The other tournaments expected to take place in the 2023 season include CECAFA U-18 Boys' Championship, CECAFA U-15 Boys' Championship, CECAFA Kagame Cup, and CECAFA U-23 Championship.

The CECAFA U-18 Women's Championship, the first CECAFA tournament of the season, was initially penciled to take place from June 3-17, before being rescheduled, being played from June 24 to July 8.

It was again changed to start from June 29-July 11 2023 but that also did not happen leading to another postponement until the latest confirmation.

Simba SC's winger Sakho joins French Ligue 2 side

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Simba SC has confirmed the departure of the club's Senegalese winger Pape Ousmane Sakho to French Ligue 2 side, Union Sportive Quevillaise-Rouen Métropole.

The Senegal senior national team-capped player joined Simba SC in August 2022 from his home country's outfit Teungueth FC.

The pacy winger went on to emerge as a key player for the Msimbazi Street-based side in the two years that he has been at the club.

Sakho was in Senegal doing individual training at his former club, Teungueth FC, while waiting for the deal to go through in France.

The deal is said to be worth €750,000 which is around 2bn/-(2,041,725,300.00/-).

The 26-year-old put himself in the frame for France's move after starring for his club, also nicknamed 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi', in the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup in the past two seasons.

The club has now released a statement confirming the player's departure.

"Simba SC has reached an agreement with the Quevilly Rouen Métropole (QRM) club in France to buy our player Pape Sakho. We wish Sakho all the best in his new team," a statement from the club said.

His superb bicycle kick in the 2021-22 CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage match pitting Simba SC against Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas in Dar es Salaam was voted as the Goal of the Year at the 2022 CAF Awards staged in Rabat.

Sakho earned his first call-up to Senegal's 'Teranga Lions' while turning out for Simba SC and, since breaking into the senior national team, he has been securing back-to-back call-ups.

The Msimbazi Street club has already recruited eight players. The nine include former Bandari FC, Sony Sugar, and Muhoroni Youth FC midfielder Hamisi Abdallah.

Simba SC's new signings are Che Malone, Aubin Kramo, Willy Esomba Onana, David Kameta, Fabrice Ngoma, Idd Chilunda, Hamisi Abdallah, Hussein Kazi and Luis Miquissone.

Union Sportive Quevillaise-Rouen Métropole, known as US



Pape Ousmane Sakho. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Quevilly-Rouen, is based in Le Petit-Quevilly in the Métropole Rouen Normandie, France.

The club plays in Ligue 2 and hosts its home matches at the Stade Robert Diochon, which has a capacity of 12,018.

Founded in 1902, the team reached the Coupe de France final in 1927 and its performances saw it invited to Division 2 in 1970.

The club was founded as US Quevilly in 1902 by Amable Lozai and Jules Manneville, two former members of a hiking club whose president had refused to purchase a football.

In two years, the team had 104 players and Lozai bought its first pitch for half a French franc.

It was relegated two years later for not

being able to afford lighting, being dissolved, and re-entering the tenth tier in 1978.

The team reached a cup semi-final in 2010 and a final in 2012, and returned to the second tier in 2017-18 and 2021-present.

At the request of the local government, Quevilly joined with historic rivals FC Rouen to form US Quevilly-Rouen Métropole in 2015.

Quevilly provided the president, manager, and most players while playing at Rouen's stadium and using their red colour instead of Quevilly's yellow and black.

Both teams continue to exist independently, and Rouen ended its collaboration in 2018.

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