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River waters: Samia furious over farming, cattle grazing

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has declared war on all people who trample on water sources and causing extensive diminution of flow to rivers, inhibiting adequate water treatment for major urban centres. Officiating at the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Bugando Zonal Referral Hospital here yesterday, the president directed regional and district commissioners to conduct a resource use manhunt to clear obstacles to proper flow of water to rivers and protection of sources of springs and streams

countrywide. She said that demand for water for domestic use was more important than pumping water to irrigate farms or using wetlands for easy feeding of large herds of cattle. Agriculture and pastoral activities come second, so those who are destroying water sources for such use must be disabled from that disruption, she stated. Increased presence of livestock herds near water sources was among major factors explaining the water flow crisis into Ruvu River that feeds the city of Dar es Salaam as well as into Ruaha River, all besieged by vast

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan unveils the plaque in Mwanza yesterday to launch a memorial tower in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the city's Bugando Zonal Referral Hospital. Photo: State House

Electricity generation in 21 per cent decline

By Guardian Reporter

POWER generation at major dams has dropped by 344 megawatts (21 percent of total) due to decreased levels of water caused by shortage of rainfall and lower levels of river intake. In a media advisory, the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) said yesterday that on-going drought across the country was threatening electricity generation in hydropower plants, noting that the decrease of water in the dams has affected electricity generation at Kihansi, Kidatu and Pangani power stations. The company was thus moving to step up power generation using natural gas, by speeding up the maintenance of some of

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its plants including Ubungo I with 25MW capacity, Kinyerezi I with 185MW and Ubungo III that yields 112MW of power at full throttle, the firm affirmed. The company also looks forward to launching the 36MW plant at Nyakato power station, thus adding a total of 358MW to available power for the national grid, it said. Power shedding is expected in various regions, in which case the firm will be issuing timely information for clients to plan their activities correctly, the advisory intoned, regretting inconveniences caused by on-going power blackouts. Routine data on electricity generation puts the country's capacity at 1,605MW where gas contribution tops 900MW, hydropower 508MW and renewable sources around 58MW of input, but certain projections affirm that by 2023, out of 550MW of new power input generated private sector sources will account for 400MW and the public sector 150MW,

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EAC sets out strategy for horticulture trade

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has developed a comprehensive strategy to boost intra EAC trade in fruits and vegetables. EAC Deputy Secretary-General Christophe Bazivamo said that the fruits and vegetables value chain intra-trade strategy and action plan for 2021 to 2031 is projected to reach \$25m in value with global exports attaining \$1.3bn. The plan was unveiled at the EAC public-private dialogue on fruits and vegetables, where he said the EAC Secretariat worked on the trade of fruits and vegetables intra-trade issue as commerce at present stands at

\$9.9m. More investments are needed in nutritional and medicinal indigenous fruits and vegetable plants sub-sector, so as to improve production capacity, strengthen research and development, innovation, packaging, market access and trade facilitation. Other envisaged aspects are quality infrastructure, skills, policy coordination and elaborating a trade framework, he stated, highlighting that EAC bloc global exports of vegetables are billed to grow to \$950m and fruits to \$350m by 2031 from \$416m and \$125m respectively, at present. John-Bosco Kalisa, executive director for the East African Business Council (EABC) said

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Mwinyi hails CRDB on Islamic banking offer

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has commended CRDB Bank Plc for coming up with Islamic Banking services saying they will help speed up financial inclusion. Launching the 'CRDB Al Barakah Banking,' he said the new product will mobilize many Muslims who have no bank accounts to open one so that they can access interest free credit.

"I know that there are many people who have no bank accounts simply because there was no product and services conforming to teachings of their religion. This CRDB Al Barakah product is a solution to such concerns," he affirmed. The new product will also allow believers to access other formal banking services and thus improve their living standards, he stated, noting that to an extent, "development needs financial muscle which many ordinary people do not have." There are people who are well off and keep excess money in their bank accounts which they can accept to be used for lending under the new arrangement, he remarked, elaborating that those who have their money in the bank "will be assured that their money will not be used to finance activities that violate Islamic beliefs." Many believers object to the idea of their money being used to earn

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi cuts the ribbon yesterday to inaugurate CRDB Bank Plc's Islamic banking services in Zanzibar. Looking on are Jamal Kassim (L), Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office (Finance and Planning), CRDB Bank CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (3rd-R), CRDB board chairman Dr Ally Hussein Laay (2nd-R) and Bank of Tanzania deputy governor Bernard Kibesse. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



PM: Nutrition is our priority

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has expressed the government's commitment to continue prioritizing the issue of nutrition to ensure the country has a healthy workforce that will contribute immensely to the industrialization drive and economic growth.

PM Majaliwa made the statement yesterday in Tanga region during the 7th nutritional stakeholders' conference.

He said good nutrition is the foundation of physical and mental development for children and helps to increase learning among students as well as a source of creativity at workplaces.

He said impacts that are brought by stunting have no cure, as they remain permanent in children's lives, so it is better for all Tanzanians to adhere to experts' advice on proper children feeding as well as adult healthy diets so as to prevent stunting and malnutrition.

"National development, among other things, requires the presence of healthy people (workforce) to enable them to work hard and productively. Strong human resources are the key to productivity and poverty reduction. We will continue to take appropriate actions to address all forms of malnutrition," he said.

The Premier noted that good nutrition helps to strengthen people's immunity and health and thus reduce the government's burden of medical expenses on certain diseases as well as help households reduce the burden of medical expenses or deaths among children, women, and adults.

He said the government has continued to implement various nutrition strategies including having sustainable development plans that focus on nutrition.

He said the Five-Year Development Plan and the ruling party 2020 General Election Manifesto have made it clear that the issue of nutrition is one of its specific priorities.

He also directed the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) to supervise the regional secretariats and local governments to ensure that they allocate 1,000/- per child under the age of five and ensure that the funds are disbursed on time and used for

the intended purposes.

"The private sector should also accelerate production of nutritious food as well as invest in the production of nutrients in the country so as to reduce the high cost of importing the nutrients," he added.

He directed higher learning institutions to strengthen research on nutrition issues as well as to ensure that such researches are used in formulating policies and strategic interventions to combat malnutrition.

He said the government will continue to manage nutrition issues and put in place a good coordination system at all levels from national to village level so as to facilitate the effective implementation of nutrition programs and interventions.

During the conference, the Prime Minister launched the second National Plan on Nutrition as well as that of Financial Resources Monitoring wanting supervisors to ensure that the plans engage all sectors.

Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability) Jenista Mhagama said the issue of nutrition is an essence of the productive workforce within a nation especially when the country is implanting the industrialization agenda.

"The decision to conduct this conference here in Tanga is to encourage citizens to strengthen efforts in the fight against malnutrition and I believe that this will enable this country to be champion of the nutrition issues leading other regions," she said.

Ummu Mwalimu, Minister of state in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) said: "We'll supervise the implementation of the national nutrition plan which include allocating 1000/- per every under-five child for the implementation of nutrition interventions as well as strengthening coordination of nutrition issues at regional secretariats and local government levels."

Earlier, Water Minister Jumaa Aweso assured the public that he is going to work to ensure that the supply of clean and safe water is improved so as to facilitate the achievement of the goals highlighted in the national nutrition plan.

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interest, the president intoned.

Jamal Kassim Ali, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Finance and Planning), said the bank's services will help speed up implementation of credit provision as part of the government's 10 year financial sector development master plan, launched last year.

"This plan has put emphasis on financial inclusion for the majority of our people," he said, elaborating that statistics indicate that only 15 percent of Zanzibaris access formal banking services.

Abdulmajid Nsekela, the bank's chief executive, said the new product has been launched following feedback from clients as to its demand level. "Driven by our motto, 'the bank that listens,' we have been receiving requests from

clients and the public and one such demand is that of having Islamic banking services and products," he explained.

While the product targets Muslims, it can be accessed by any clients seeking banking services that align with Islamic teachings and guidelines. "Wherever you are in Tanzania, this product is available at all CRDB branches," he stated.

Rashid H. Rashid, the bank's head of Islamic Banking, said services that will be served under the new product include deposit keeping with 15 different accounts, including those for kids and students.

The bank will also be providing loans to invest in businesses, finance projects and loans to individuals, with both the public and private sector clients being eligible, he added.

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with TANESCO expecting 600MW new input by 2025.

Hydropower production is among the major sources of electricity at present, but major rivers feeding key dams have low levels of water owing to a prolonged dry season.

Last week, TANESCO Director General Maharage Chande said that there was no power rationing as yet,

but intermittent outages and early morning shedding in the city of Dar es Salaam are commonplace.

Transformer maintenance is often singled out as causing power disruptions.

Energy minister January Makamba a fortnight ago was at pains to explain on social media as to what lasting solutions are available to endless power cuts.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured at Dar es Salaam yesterday consoling Bora Isack, wife of former Works, Transport and Communications minister Isack Kamwelwe (2nd-L). She is undergoing treatment at the city's Aga Khan Hospital. Photo: PMO

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numbers of cattle especially from the Lake Victoria Zone, she declared.

"One cow has the capacity to drink up to 40 litres of water, so if a herder keeps a large herd near a water source that is where the challenge starts." Such activities lead to the rapid reduction of water flow, she emphasized, also castigating those who place large pumps to take water from rivers to their farms.

In like manner, deforestation in various parts of the country stands as a major impediment to rain and thus to water sustainability, she stated, underlining that climate change is a global, even divine phenomenon but deforestation contributes to worsening the rainfall situation locally.

Water rationing in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions push people to purchasing a 20 litres bucket at 500/- to 1000/-.

The president also cautioned on

the rise in cancer cases, expressing shock at the rapid increase in the number of patients in the Lake Zone regions, urging research on the situation so as to inform health sector policy.

Reports say that 60 percent of cancer patients reporting at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in the city are referred from hospitals in the Lake Zone, for which the president suggested that the use of mercury in gold mining was among major causes but wondered why the problem was touching women in even greater numbers.

She used the occasion to appeal to implementation agencies to properly put to use the project funds that

Tanzania recently obtained from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a soft loan that will be refunded, and must thus be put to good use, which calls for proper supervision.

The president repeated her earlier appeal that in purchasing equipment for the various projects, the single source system should be used where authorities decide where to make the purchases, instead of relying on the Public Procurement Act to cast the net wide as this will increase costs and retard project completion.

Catholic Archbishop Renatus Nkwande, the chairman of the hospital's board of directors, said the hospital faces a shortage of 1300 workers.

"We also need a modern outpatient (OPD) building needing 5bn/- to build and equip, so as to more adequately meet the needs of Lake Zone residents," he said.

He also appealed to the government to look into the possibility of eliminating various taxes so as to provide relief to institutions to provide health services to the people, to which the president promised to work on the

matter to see how it can be sorted out.

Archbishop Gervas Nyaisonga, who chairs the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC), hailed President Samia for showing a remarkable spirit of service to the people, expressing satisfaction with the manner in which the government works with the Catholic Church to run the hospital.

In his remarks, Bugando director Dr Fabian Massaga said the hospital, set up in 1971 with encouragement from first phase president Julius Nyerere, is fully equipped with 950 beds and 1,800 staff out of the 2,554 optimal staff required. Around 1,191 employees have government salaries amounting to 1.5bn/- per month, he stated.

The hospital serves around 1400 patients each day, chiefly from among 18m people living in the eight regions of the Lake Zone, he added.



Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi outlines before journalists in Dodoma yesterday the achievements Tanzania has made over the years in the sectors he is overseeing. It was all but part of the countdown commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika's Independence on December 9. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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horticulture contributes 20 percent to 36 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of EAC economies, urging the partner states to liberalize air cargo flights in the zone to enhance the consolidation of horticulture exports.

EABC is committed to hosting and supporting the EAC Fruits and Vegetable Platform on its policy advocacy components such as addressing non-tariff barriers and regulations, along with costs that reduce export competitiveness

in the region, he declared, laying the case for the EAC Secretariat to fast-track the development of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations bill to reduce post-harvest losses.

Bernd Schmidt, a deputy programme manager at the German aid agency (GIZ) heading the 'support to East African market driven and people-centered integration' (SEAMPEC) said GIZ supported the EAC Secretariat to formulate the strategy and action plan, and looks forward to the upcoming second phase of SEAMPEC programme.

During that event, Dr. Irene Musebe the deputy director at the Kenyan Ministry of EAC and Regional Development launched the terms of reference of the regional fruits and vegetable platform.

The protocol points out that despite its potential, the regional horticultural sector is fragmented, smallholder dominated and with low yield and productivity. Other challenges include climate induced weather variability, diseases and pests and supply chain seasonality, it said.

Other impediments are limited business development services, limited quality infrastructure, limited processing technologies for value addition, high post-harvest losses and underdeveloped logistical infrastructure, it further noted.

The EAC public-private dialogue on fruits and vegetables brought together over 60 delegates from the ministries of Industry, Trade, Agriculture, bureaus of standards and industry leaders in horticulture from the six partner states, officials indicated.



Kahama district commissioner Erasto Kiswaga (C) leads yesterday's launch of a special agricultural insurance service NBC Bank will offer in the district. With him: NBC Bank's director of retail banking, Elibariki Masuke (2nd-L), Deputy Registrar of Cooperatives Augustine Semkurutu (2nd-R), Shinyanga Regional Cooperative Union (SHIRECU) chairman Kwiyolecha Mkilijiwa (L) and Western Zone Tobacco Growers Cooperative Union Limited (WETCU LTD) chairman Hamza Kitunga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NBC Bank launches insurance services in bid to help farmers, pastoralists and fishermen

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Commerce Bank of (NBC) in partnership with Jubilee Insurance Company has launched a special agricultural insurance service aimed at protecting farmers, fishermen and pastoralists in the country from suffering from unexpected losses which could have occurred because of unexpected disastrous incidents.

The launching of the agricultural insurance services took place yesterday in Kahama district in Shinyanga region and was graced by the district commissioner, Festo Kiswaga.

The launching also involved a training on the importance and benefits of the Insurance for various stakeholders including small local cooperative society (AMCOS) leaders from the region.

Speaking at the launch, NBC Bank's Director of Retail Banking, Elibariki Masuke said the launching of the agricultural insurance was part of the bank's strategies to revolutionize the agricultural sector in the country through banking services aimed at solving challenges affecting the crucial economic sector.

"At NBC Bank, we are well aware of the importance of agricultural sector and the contribution of farmers in the development of the country's economy," he said, adding:

"And because of this, we have decided to come up with crop insurance services for farmers."

"This insurance is the first of its kind in the country and we sincerely believe that through this insurance, farmers will significantly reduce the losses incurred by various unpredictable disasters that are beyond their control," he said.

He said the advent of the service will help Tanzanians who are 70 percent dependent on agricultural activities by providing them with the assurance of their expected best results(products) they expect through their agricultural activities, fisheries and livestock despite facing unexpected disastrous effects that are beyond their control," he said.

Speaking at the launch, Kahama District Commissioner Festo Kiswaga called on the farmers to use the opportunity and be insured to protect their products against unpredictable disastrous effects like floods, fire, pests and droughts.

"These are good news for farmers and pastoralists to celebrate as the agricultural insurance services have started to reach out to the farming services, constituting about 70 percent of Tanzanians in the most important sector," DC Kiswaga said.

"I urge all officials of farmers'

cooperative societies who are here to take this idea to different crop bodies so that they can start paying this insurance for their respective farmers," he said, adding:

"As people insure their valued properties like cars, it's imperative for farmers as well to insure their valued products.

"That is why I congratulate NBC Bank for coming up with such an innovative idea and that should make sure that it reaches out to a largest group of farmers in the country for effective results," he said.

Earlier explaining on the services, the Bank's Head of Insurance Services, Benjamin Nkaka mentioned that the agricultural insurance covers among others, all food and trade products such as cattle, goats and sheep as well as fish through fishing insurance specifically for fishermen.

"In addition to these insurances, we have also the so-called 'Forest Insurance', which aims to protect the forest products from natural disasters such as fires, explosions for them to be compensated when such incidents occur," said Nkaka.

Further, citing some of the benefits of the insurance that has already been provided to tobacco growers in Tabora, Kigoma and Kahama districts, Nkaka said it provides compensation to farmers and pastoralists when they incur losses due to various disasters and provides them courage and assurance to continue with agricultural activities without fear of loss.

"In addition, this insurance benefits the farmer and pastoralist in protecting their income, without retarding back their development when losses occur and thus having a sustainable agriculture," he said.

"This will also enable the farmers and pastoralist to learn more about the best practices of animal husbandry and farming," he said, disclosing that a farmer can pay as low as 25,000/- per hectare to insure his or her crops.

Speaking on behalf of the farmers, Kahama Cooperative Union (KACU) Chairman who is also an MP for Ushetu Emmanuel Cherehani said the service has come at the right time as farmers are in a move to revolutionize agriculture through modern agriculture that requires to take all the necessary precautions to avoid losses that have been holding them back.

"In the previous season, farmers here in Kahama district experienced a loss of about US\$100,000 because of unexpected disasters.

"And with such reason, I urge farmers' cooperative societies to look at better ways of helping farmers being insured to avoid such unexpected late hour frustrations."

No end in sight for Dar water's woes as drought bites - survey

By Guardian Reporters

THE on-going water rationing in Dar es Salaam is worsening as taps in some parts of the city have gone dry for over a week, with retailers selling a 20 litres jerry for 1,500/-.

Following the situation, some residents have resolved to use salt water from wells, which is also sold at a high price of 500/- per 20 litres bucket, compared to between 50/- and 100/- before the rationing started.

According to the Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) water production at major sources—Upper and Lower Ruvu River have gone down from 520 million litres to 460 million a day while the current city water demand stands at 544 million litres per day.

In its recent release water rationing timetable, DAWASA stated that Ilala district will get water four times a week on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, but the situation is different.

A Tabata-Bima resident, Mosi Joshua told

this paper that they are only getting water twice a week for a few hours. He said the water rationing is not respected, causing vendors to hike prices from 200/- to 1,000/- per 20 litres bucket.

"We were told that we will get water for ten hours a day, but we only get water for an hour a day which is not enough because our families are big and the demand for water is huge," he complained.

At Mwenge area, a 20 litres bucket of the precious liquid is sold at 1,000/- up from 300/-. While in Mbezi, a bucket of salt water is sold at between 250/- and 500/-. At some places in Tegeta Salasala water is sold at between 500/- and 1,000/-.

Elihudi Shabani from Mbezi Juu said they have not had water for over a month now, although the released water rationing timetable indicates that they will get the liquid once a week.

He said most residents are now purchasing water from private buyers at a cost of 20,000/-

per tank (1,000 litres) which is high compared to 12,000/- before the rationing.

Recently during his meeting with DAWASA officials, Water minister Jumaa Aweso urged the authority to ensure a fair rationing across the city. He insisted there should be no areas getting water many times contrary to the timetable.

Aweso directed DAWASA to set indicative water prices for private suppliers to avoid price hiking especially during rationing.

In Mbeya city some residents have complained of water woes whereas the price has gone up to 500/- per 20 litres of jerry can.

A resident of Nanenane in the city, Clinton Swilla said they are getting the liquid for a few hours a day.

Angelica Sulusi, a resident of Lwambi said: "We have had no water for the past two weeks despite the fact that we are staying near to Lwambi source which is managed by the Mbeya Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (Mbeya WSSA). In its statement, Mbeya WSSA said the water woes in the city are caused by power cuts.

Govt to invest heavily in wind and solar power

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY Minister January Makamba has outlined plans to enhance electricity generation in the country insisting to invest in wind and solar power to ensure enough sources.

He made the remarks yesterday during his meeting with Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Mette Norgaard Dissing Spandet at a meeting held at ministry offices in Dar es Salaam.

Makamba said that following an increased demand for electricity in the country; efforts should be made to establish other sources such as solar and wind power. He said the added sources would enable the country to have enough power.

The minister called upon investors interested in establishing electricity projects using renewable energy to do so to boost power generation in the country. He said Tanzania has many sources for renewable energy scattered in different regions.

He appealed to the embassy to continue cooperating with Tanzania in building the capacity of local experts, especially those engaging in

renewable energy. Makamba urged investors in various industries to start producing equipment which would be used in production of renewable energy.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Spandet said her country has been among the key development partners in Tanzania and that the Danish government will continue to support the government in various sectors including development of renewable energy.

She said Danish investors are ready to come in Tanzania whereas they will establish renewable energy projects. She said that most preferable, the investors will produce wind power.

Tanzania is bestowed

with ample solar energy and already the research shows that solar can be produced in several regions including Mbeya, Songwe, Singida, Shinyanga, Njombe and Dodoma.

Tanzania has a potential to produce 5,000MW geothermal electricity according to research conducted by Tanzania

Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) whereby a total of 52 areas have been identified that are fit for the production in 16 regions including Arusha, Dodoma, Iringa, Morogoro, Mbeya, Kilimanjaro, Kagera, Katavi, Shinyanga, Songwe, Manyara, Rukwa, Singida, Rukwa and Tanga.

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'Friends of children, youth recommend overhauling of Tanzania's school curricula

By Getrude Mbago

CHILDREN and youth stakeholders have called on the government to conduct major reforms in the education system by reviewing school curriculum and models so as to facilitate provision of quality education in the country.

Speaking during media engagement meeting with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Dar es Salaam yesterday, a representative from children and young people's agenda, Nabihah Kassim Ali said there was a need for an immediate action by the government and stakeholders to see how best they can do to ensure that children and youths access quality education that will help them achieve their future goals.

The media engagement meeting was part of the commemoration to mark UNICEF's 75th anniversary.

She said the country's education sector has been hit by a number of challenges which lead to mass failures in national examinations but also production of incompetent graduates.

Derrick Mwakyje, one of the youth champions said the government and stakeholders should also strengthen efforts on the provision of reproductive health information and services to enable children and youths to know themselves and be able to protect against violence and diseases.

"Comprehensive sexuality education and accessibility of gender-sensitive services should be central to youth-friendly services. It is important that young people are equipped to recognize their value so as to be respected," he said.

He said providing sexual and reproductive health education and life skills to young people in schools and those in the community will help reduce the problem of teen pregnancy as well as sexual violence.

Mwakyje noted that adolescents and young people are engaging in high risk sexual behaviours, exposing themselves to high rate of teen pregnancy, unsafe abortion and STIs including HIV/AIDS, so by providing right reproductive health information and services will greatly prevent the challenges.

Said Aman, another youth champion called on the government to come up with more strategies that will help produce more employment opportunities for the youth people.

"Life has been so difficult for the majority of youths due to the employment crisis facing the country, so there is a need for the government and stakeholders to come up with permanent solutions to address this challenge which include engaging them in various projects implemented in the country," he said.

Earlier, during his opening

remarks, Francis Odhiambo, chief of WASH at UNICEF-Tanzania, expressed the organization's commitment to continue promoting the rights of children which include advocating for better care and protecting them from abuse and exploitation.

He assured that UNICEF will continue to support the governments which include undertaking a number of programmes to support provision of quality education, access to reproductive health information and services as well as access to employment opportunities.

Salim Said Salim, a member of TEF executive committee said the forum through media practitioners will continue advocating for children and youth rights through publication of educational articles and TV programmes that will help shape the community and key players.

He said that TEF calls on the government to take the issue of school curriculum seriously and conduct major reforms that will help shape up provision of quality education in the country.

Jesse Kwayu, a member TEF said a national dialogue is needed to discuss deeply on how to reform the education system.

"Editors and all other media practitioners should take this matter seriously, work and push for the review of school curriculum so as to prepare graduates who will later be free and comfortable to initiate other income generating activities instead of depending on formal employment," he said.

Christabella Ngowi, principal social officer, from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said the government is planning to launch a special programme aimed to promote proper children development.

She said the programme has five major areas and will involve children from zero to eight years focusing on early childhood development and education, health improvement and child protection among others.



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Tanzania, Ireland agree to reinforce long-standing ties

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA and Ireland has agreed to continue promoting and strengthening the long-lasting bilateral relationships.

Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister ambassador Liberata Mulamula said yesterday after she held talks with Ireland ambassador to Tanzania Mary O'Neil at the ministry sub-office in Dar es Salaam.

Ambassador Mulamula said that the two leaders discussed a number of issues of development for the mutual interest benefit of people in two countries.

Minister Mulamula called on the Irish government to support Tanzanian government's effort in attracting investment and business in order to promote nation economy and bring about development to the people.

She also called on Ireland to continue supporting building capacity to the community especially women and to provide scholarship for Tanzanians abroad.

"Tanzania and Ireland governments had relationship for many years. During that time, Ireland supported our government in different spheres. I call on them to help us in building capacity to empower women to enable them to participate in the country's development," she said.

The Irish Ambassador to Tanzania Mary O'Neil promised that her government will continue collaborating with Tanzania government in attracting investment and business.

She said already one investor from Ireland has shown interest to invest in cashew nuts processing industry in Tanzania.

The envoy said her government through Rule of Law Institute is working in collaboration with the High Court of Tanzania on possible way of reducing gender harassment in the community.

"Our institute 'Rule of Law institute' is working in collaboration with the High Court of Tanzania to see possible ways of reducing gender violence in the community," she said.



Tigo Tanzania communications manager Woinde Shisael (R) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the firm's campaign dubbed 'Wagifitsho, Gift juu ya Gift'. The drive will see new customers buying the ITEL T20 handsets at 89,000/- each from Tigo shops across the country get free internet bundles of up to 72GB for a whole year. They could also win 12 smartphones daily and one motorcycle weekly for six weeks running. She is with an influencer with the campaign, Mzee Shayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Vice President Mpango reaffirms warm relations between Singapore, Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr. Philip Mpango has said Tanzania will continue to work with Singapore port authority for the benefit of the country's ports.

Dr. Mpango made the pledge yesterday when he visited the port of Singapore—the busiest container transshipment hub and the largest publicly owned port in the world.

The Vice President attended the Bloomberg New Economy Forum, which kicked off on Tuesday in Singapore, whereby 400 global leaders were expected to attend.

Dr. Mpango described the port of Singapore as one of the well-

developed ports in the globe that offers connectivity to more than 600 ports in 123 countries.

The VP said that the port of the Southeast Asian tropical island is well developed and Tanzania would send its port staff to learn a number of issues to boost efficiency.

"It's high time for staff of Tanzanian ports to come here and equipped with skills on how to operate the port professionally," he said, adding: "We would like to see port professionals from Singapore come to our country and team up with Tanzanian experts, hence together improve performance of our ports especially the port of Dar

es Salaam."

He said a five-year national development plan is determined to make Tanzania a major business hub for the land-locked countries that use the port of Dar es Salaam to ship their cargoes.

"That's why collaborating with Singapore is an important issue in improving all ports of Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar."

Vice President, Port of Singapore Authority (PSA), Ong Seow Leong, said the port has invested in training as well as innovations that have led to an increase in technology currently used in service delivery including being able to successfully download

and load 100,000 containers within a day.

Leong said the port of Singapore has grown to network with other ports in the world thus increasing the operational efficiency of the port, adding that the Port of Singapore has been focusing on finding markets as well as conducting research that could increase the port's users.

In another development, Leong explained that there must be long-term plans for port operations and that Singapore is already in the process of building a new and modern port that will in future years be able to provide more efficient services.



Anthony Nyange, a Kibiti district community development officer, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening a meeting at which CSOs and other stakeholders exchanged ideas on the place and role of the girl child in society. The event was organised by the Tanzania Coalition Against Child Labour. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Police launch guidebook on gender-based violence

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Moshi

Tanzania police force has launched a special book with directives on how to handle gender desks on its regional and district headquarters across the nation.

The Police Commissioner for community participation, Dr. Mussa Ally who graced the event which was held at the Moshi Police Training Academy, in Kilimanjaro, said the book will help raise awareness among local citizens regarding the importance of making use of these special desks that handle Gender and Children cases.

The event, held here towards observing 16 days of ending Gender-Based Violence, was organized by UN Women and involved members of the Association of Police Women

in Tanzania, as well as officers who handle Gender and Children Desks at Police stations around the country.

According to Police Commissioner Ally, most officers who are in-charge of the gender desks are yet to be fully trained on matters affecting women and children, especially regarding cases of Gender based Violence, thus making these departments less effective.

"I therefore instruct regional and district heads to identify special officers that can be fully committed and specialize on Women and Children affairs," said Dr Ally.

"It is also important for these officers to actually go into the society and follow up issues related to Children and Gender-based violence, instead of waiting for these

issues to be brought to their desks as not many people have the guts to report these matters," the Police Commissioner maintained.

"Still, this does not mean that we are transforming gender desks into investigation arms, because the responsibility of digging up issues remains in the Central Investigation Department (CID), where such matters should be taken to be addressed," he pointed out.

The Specialist for the UN Women Program, which deals with Ending Violence against Women (EVAW), Ms Lucy Tesha, said her organization was working with various institutions around the world to come up with blueprints on how they can jointly end Gender-Based Violence.

Tesha however pointed out

that, Tanzania still has few gender desks and those that are already established lack adequate or qualified officers to address and solve such cases.

Reports from the Legal and Human Rights Center indicate that there have been 26,544 Gender Based Violence attacks against women within the year 2020 alone. The center also documents cases of more than 32 women that were killed by their partners within the same period.

Last year alone, the country recorded 4397 cases of children being sexually defiled to the extent of being badly hurt, by mostly people close to them, relatives, guardians and even mentors. Some 7263 women were also violently raped in the course of last year.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds talks at State House in Dar es Salaam on Thursday with UBA Group chairman Dr Tony Elumelu. The Nigerian economist, entrepreneur and philanthropist promised to continue working with the Tanzanian government in promoting the country's economy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Healthcare providers call on general public to stop using medicines or drugs without seeking professional advice

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

HEALTHCARE providers and stakeholders have called on the general public to stop using medicine or drugs without seeking professional advice.

Speaking yesterday in Dodoma to orient journalists on antimicrobials ahead of the world antimicrobials awareness week they said that it is better for all people to use recommended medicines and drugs by health care providers.

Executive director of Roll Back Antimicrobial Resistance (RBA Initiative) Erick Venant explained that the advice cuts across all sectors of human, animals and the environment.

Venant who is also pharmacist said that the problem is being accelerated by different behaviours which are practiced by the communities without knowing that they are accelerating the problem of antimicrobial resistance.

"People should not use any medicines

or drugs to treat themselves, animals, and livestock or apply on the vegetables or the environment without seeking advice and instruction from health care providers," he said.

Citing an example, he said some groups of medicine such as antibiotics, anti-parasites, anti-fungal are currently not effective in treating different diseases which were once treatable.

He also advised the general public to change their behavior and adhere to some simple behaviours such as washing and cleaning their hand saying some infectious diseases are caused by unhygienic hands.

"I am also advising people to complete the whole course of the doses. Some people do not complete doses as advised by the healthcare providers as a result they fuel the infection problem.

We encourage people to prevent the diseases by using simple infection prevention like hand hygiene, adhering to different medicines

which are recommended by the government, all these are important measures of containing antimicrobials resistance, he said.

Explaining about the importance of world antimicrobials awareness week, Dr. Elibariki Mwakapije from FAO-Tanzania explained that the event is commemorated every year with the aim of raising awareness on antimicrobials resistance and encouraging the general public on the good practices on the use of medicines and the problem of antimicrobials resistance.

"In this week there will be different activities to educate and raise awareness in Tanzania. There shall be different statements and one of them will be given by the Ministry of health," he said.

Different local and international organizations have teamed up with the government to commemorate the event. Some of them are WHO, FAO and UNEP. As they work together using one hand approach to make sure that the problem of antimicrobial resistance is contained.

World Bank supports the country's poverty eradication initiatives

By Guardian Reporter

WORLD Bank (WB) has reiterated its commitment to continue supporting Tanzania's poverty eradication initiatives that impact the lives of needy groups.

World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnership, Mari Pangestu made the statement in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday when she visited beneficiaries and activities of the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) in Temeke municipality.

She cited TASAF program as among the best-targeted interventions across the globe in terms of fighting and reducing poverty among vulnerable people in the country.

Pangestu commended government efforts for properly coordinating the program which has enabled the country to reduce extreme poverty by 2 percent.

"I am aware that at least 80 percent of the beneficiaries are a woman, what is important is that the program is not only fighting poverty but also ignorance and disease.

She said: "This can be witnessed through the tremendous strides achieved in the enrollment of children in schools from primary to higher level of education, children can access health services and infrastructure improvement." She pointed out that the current interventions have mainly focused on entrepreneurship, more capital and financial literacy.

"We are confident that through the programs, the lives of the people and those of the families will be improved," she maintained.

Speaking during the occasion, Minister of State, President's Office, Public Services Management and Good Governance, Mohamed Mchengerwa, also re-affirmed the government's commitment to end extreme poverty for all Tanzanians through various interventions coordinated by the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

He said that since independence, Tanzania has had a series of interventions to fight its three worst enemies which are poverty, ignorance, and diseases.

"Through the national poverty alleviation schemes positive progress has been achieved in the fight against poverty in the country, the goal of the government is to completely eradicate poverty in the country through TASAF supported programs, which the WB has been extending its hand," said Mchengerwa.

According to him, TASAF has not only improved individual incomes but rather boost the entire economy of the country, noting that through the three implemented phases social services have improved and human capital has strengthened.

Similarly, the program has increased impetus of development as it considered the most marginalized households by improving their levels of expenditures in basic items and increase clinic attendance for the mothers and young children.

The interventions have also increased school attendance and now the majority have enrolled into higher learning institutions - something that was not happening earlier.

The minister noted that the beneficiaries have also improved their homes with modern houses, created more assets of their sizes and improved their livelihoods with engagement in productive aspects.

He expressed the government's commitment in collaborating with the World Bank in its efforts to reduce poverty.

He, however, maintained that TASAF will remain one of the tools to uplift the poorest Tanzanians from the menace of poverty.

TASAF Executive Director, Ladislaus Mwamanga, noted that 16 poor households out of 61 households in Temeke Municipality have graduated from the program.

By Guardian Reporter

Govt set to open more opportunities to empower women to do business

THE government has vowed to continue opening up more opportunities for women to do business, including empowering them with skills on how to improve their undertakings.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary, Employment, Youth and the Disabled) Patrobas Katambi made the government's stand in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of 'Waendeleze' project, which is coordinated by the government in collaboration with

the Dutch Embassy in Tanzania.

The deputy minister said the government is determined to provide different opportunities for women to flourish in their business undertakings hence be able to contribute to the country's socio-economic development.

'Waendeleze' Project is one of the efforts of the Tanzanian government in collaboration with development partners, which is geared towards uplifting women businesses to reach higher levels.

Katambi added that in achieving

the 'Waendeleze' project, the Dutch Embassy has facilitated training for women entrepreneurs in collaboration with the Leadership Institute where women from the lake, central, western, eastern and southern highlands zones have benefited.

"We've witnessed here women entrepreneurs engaged in various productive activities including agriculture, animal husbandry, processing, but the challenge remains on how they can prosper in their businesses. So, the government

has chipped in to empower them with new skills that helped them open up many opportunities including promoting their business network and markets," he said.

Katambi also urged the women who benefited from the training to provide education and be a role model in the areas where they do business to inspire others.

At the same time, he encouraged Women, Youth and People with Disabilities to take advantage of 10 percent of loans provided by councils - (4 percent for youth, 4

percent for women and 2 percent for people with disabilities) to establish and develop income-generating activities or projects and fulfill their dreams.

Dutch Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, said that his government will continue to partner with the Government in improving and developing women entrepreneurs in the country through the 'Waendeleze' project.

For her part, Lindam Company CEO, Zuhura Muro said that the project has enabled women

entrepreneurs to gain the motivation to contribute to GDP and also through their economic activities have been able to provide employment opportunities for others.

Head of Agribusiness Business Unit from NMB Bank, Issack Masusu explained that the NMB bank has reduced interest rates in the agricultural and agribusiness sector where interest rates have dropped from 18 percent to 10 percent.

"NMB Bank has set aside 100bn/- for lending to businesses," he said.

Mbeya Region intend to build 2 special primary, secondary schools for children with disability

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AUTHORITIES in Mbeya Region intend to build two special primary and secondary schools for children with disabilities as part of creating better teaching and learning environment for them.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera disclosed this here yesterday when speaking during a session to discuss various issues facing people with disabilities in the region.

RC Homera said: "We'll build modern schools for children with disabilities that will have a friendly learning environment to meet their goals."

He said the schools would be exemplary in the country and that the government in collaboration with various stakeholders would complete the construction.

"We have seen the various obstacles faced by children with disabilities including classrooms and other educational facilities for these children now the construction of two Primary and Secondary schools will be the solution to the challenge," he said.

Mbeya Regional Academic Officer, Wilbroad Yanga said the government has provided a total of 15bn/- for the construction of classrooms.

He said Katumba II Special Primary School in Rungwe District has been allocated 80m/- for the construction of a dormitories, 90m/- for the construction of an administration building and three classrooms with the aim of reducing overcrowding at the school. He said Katumba II Primary School was facing a major problem with classroom infrastructure due to the overcrowding of students from various parts of the country.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA THE COMPANIES ACT, 2002 COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF DIRECT MAINTENANCE TANZANIA LIMITED REG:93129

Whereas the shareholders of Direct Maintenance Tanzania Limited (hereinafter referred to as "The Company" with registration number 93129 are desirous of voluntarily winding up the Company,

IT WAS RESOLVED.

1. That the Company be voluntarily liquidated and dissolved as decided by members.
2. That Alais Rundya Mwashwa be and is hereby appointed as a liquidator for the purpose of winding up the affairs and distributing the assets of the Company.
3. That Basil & Aired be and is hereby appointed auditor for the purpose of auditing the Liquidator's account of the winding up of the affairs of the Company.


MARIA WILHELMINA BRASSE
CHAIRMAN

Date: 7th June, 2021


JOHN CHARLES REIDY
COMPANY SECRETARY

Date: 7th June, 2021

DIRECT MAINTENANCE TANZANIA LIMITED

The companies Act, 2002 (Section 334)

MEMBER'S VOLUNTARY WINDING – UP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that DIRECT MAINTENANCE TANZANIA LIMITED a company with registration number 93129 dully convened a meeting on 7th June, 2021 and passed a special resolution in accordance to section 333 (1) (b) of the Companies Act, 2002 that the company be wound up voluntarily.

All parties concerned and who have claims are hereby notified to submit their claims in a closed envelop within 30 days to ALAIS RUNDYA MWASHWA of Basil & Alred, Ace Building, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 78661, Dar es salaam, Tanzania, who is appointed Liquidator of the Company.

Any claims lodged after 30 days from this publication will not be considered for admission.

ALAIS RUNDYA MWASHWA
Liquidator

For DIRECT MAINTENANCE TANZANIA LIMITED

Farmers supplied with 52 tonnes of improved sunflower seeds in war on edible oil shortage

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE government has dished out 52 tonnes of sunflower seeds to Singida region to address the country's cooking oil shortages, which plague the nation every year.

Speaking at the function to handover improved sunflower seeds in Singida, Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA) Chief Executive Officer Dr Sophia Kashenge said that in order to keep pace with the rainy season, the ministry of agriculture is in talks with the Ministry of Defence and National Service, to ensure that the vehicles of the Tanzania People's Defence Force are used to distribute the seeds to farmers on time.

Dr Kashenge clarified that the 52 tonnes of seeds are for Mkalama and Iramba districts, which represent the three strategic regions for sunflower farming—Singida, Simiyu, and Dodoma.

Singida Regional Commissioner, Dr Binilith Mahenge asked for more seeds, which will meet the regional demand of 465.2 tonnes annually, saying: "So far, the regional government has already received 279.9 tonnes."

"The Minister for Agriculture, Prof Adolf Mkenda has done a very good job as of now he has brought 279.9 tonnes of sunflower seeds. I believe the remaining amount of seeds will be realized," Dr Mahenge said.

For her part, Jacqueline Machangu of the International Fund for

Agricultural Development (IFAD) Tanzania Country Office said that the seeds will help farmers, who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Machangu said that since the Covid-19 pandemic hit the world, it has affected many productive activities, including in Tanzania, with farmers being among the victims.

As a result, Machangu said that the fund will continue to support farmers and the entire agricultural sector, with the aim of improving and uplifting the activities carried out by the farmer in the country.

Prof Mkenda said despite the government's efforts to enable seeds to reach farmers on time, ASA has continued to do well in making the exercise a success.

Prof Mkenda commended ASA for doing so in the national interest, with the aim of increasing the fight against the problem of oil shortages in the country every year.

Some of the farmers who have benefited from the seeds, including Zainabu Nkundu thanked the government and pledged productive agriculture to ensure they increase sunflower seed production to reduce the magnitude of the problem of edible oil in the country.

According to Mkenda, Tanzania spends more than 450bn/- annually to finance edible oil from abroad, which, if saved, will be used to implement various other development projects.



Singida regional commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge (R) briefs Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (2nd-R) in Singida earlier this week on the quality of sunflower oil produced in the region. It was at an exhibition on sunflower-based products that also saw the minister present some farmers with improved seeds. Photo: Correspondent Elisante John

Tanzania's judiciary wins Word Bank accolades

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Bank managing director for development policy and partnerships, Mari Pangestu, has commended the Tanzania judiciary for improving its services to the public especially mobile court services and the Integrated Justice Centers (IJC).

While in the country, Pangestu visited the Dar es Salaam's Temeke

one-stop centre for probate and family matters and she was also briefed on the mobile court services.

The World Bank official expressed her satisfaction with the services provided by the mobile court where she said: "I'm very pleased to see how the Tanzanian court renders its services to people including women and children through the mobile court, which was funded by the World Bank."

Pangestu admitted that she was pleased with the court's service which since its commencement of service in July 2019, has heard and completed more than 1,600 cases, in addition to hearing cases she has also been interested in other services provided by the court which include providing legal education and free legal advice in areas far from the court.

She further lauded the Tanzania

judiciary for introducing legal services integrated justice centers (IJC), inaugurated on October 6, this year by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"We visited the one-stop centre for probate and family matters in Temeke, one of the six centres built with the support from the World Bank. Those centres provide services such as divorce and inheritance," said Pangestu.

12 pct of children in five districts of Z'bar engage in early sexual practice, study says

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TWELVE per cent of children aged between 10 and 15 in five districts of Zanzibar—Mjini, Kusini, Kaskazini A, Micheweni and Chakechake engage in early sexual practice, which leads to various side effects including early pregnancy.

Coordinator of 'Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future (O3 Programme)' Hasina Bukheti revealed this over the weekend when speaking at the workshop organized for statistical officials from Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar on the response and testing of international indicators of HIV/Aids education, Sexual Reproductive Health, and life skills for education institutions.

The workshop was organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

The O3 Programme aims to support adolescents and young people in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) to realize positive health, education, and gender equality outcomes through a sustained reduction in new HIV infections, early and unintended pregnancy, gender-based violence, and child marriage.

Bukheti said the figures were in line with a study conducted by the Zanzibar Aids Commission (ZAC) in 2016 where there was still a negative trend for children to engage in sexual activity at an early age.

She said according to a study conducted in 2016 by UNESCO in Sub-Saharan African countries, 28 percent of girls give birth at the age of 18 and 12 percent get married.

"According to the study, between 5 and 25 percent of adolescent girls have had sex under the age of 15," the official said, noting that the study also found that new HIV infections had reached 141,000 men

and 290,000 women aged 15 to 24 in SSA.

Presenting a paper, an officer in charge of HIV/Aids from the ministry of Education Riziki Mohammed Juma suggested the need for reproductive health education to be provided from kindergarten to higher levels.

She said the education will help the child to protect him from abusive acts because most of them do not know the consequences of such acts.

"Currently there are many cases of child abuse because children do not understand the consequences of such actions so education will build their confidence and confidence by saying no," she stressed.

Riziki also urged teachers to teach children how to clean the body to avoid various bacteria that can cause damage to reproductive health.

Wrapping up the training, the ministry of education director of human resources, Omar Ali Omar, commended UNESCO for chipping and supporting the ministry by providing it with various opportunities.

He urged the statistics officers to work on the training to achieve the intended goal and achieve development, including keeping children safe without abuse.



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Sitholizwe Mdlalose (R), who recently took over as Vodacom Tanzania managing director, in talks in Dar es Salaam earlier this week with his predecessor, Hisham Hendi. He gave his priorities as including ensuring the firm's sustainability through the championing of profitability and the strengthening of interactions with partner agencies. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

VEGETABLE growers in Mbeya City have appealed to the government to build vegetable processing plant so that they can be able to secure market and get rid of poverty.

Speaking here yesterday, some of the vegetable growers in Ilolo basin on the outskirts of the city, said that they have been producing a variety of vegetables and selling them at cheap prices due to the lack of reliable markets.

One of the growers, Jane Mwakifwamba said if the government builds a vegetable processing plant it will be able to produce more productively including access to overseas markets and take advantage of Songwe International Airport

Gardeners in Mbeya want vegetable processing plant for reliable market

(SIA). "We also ask that we be enabled to obtain low-interest loans as agriculture requires a lot of capital especially access to inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides," he said.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said that the government has allocated 1.8bn/- for the construction of a vegetable processing plant in the area of the old airstrip.

He said that as the process progressed they were also continuing

to improve the infrastructure of the mall market with the aim of expanding the scope of economic activities.

"The government has invested heavily in major strategic projects, especially in the education, health and infrastructure sectors, which will enable the nation to be more responsible," he said, urging people to continue to join various entrepreneurial groups to get loans that will enable them to get capital that will help them run their crop

processing businesses after adding value.

He said the government through the community development unit, continues to provide education on the proper use of credit provided including discipline in the use or purchase of equipment that will facilitate productive activities.

RC Homera also urged Mbeya residents to take part in the population and housing census exercise to enable the government to do better in development projects.



Muhimbili National Hospital worker Robert Lukanga seated on the motorcycle presented to him in Dar es Salaam yesterday after he emerged a Bayport Financial Services Tanzania's 'Kopa na Ushinde' promotion raffle winner. With him are the Bayport's marketing and communications manager, Ngula Cheyo (L), and a representative of the hospital, Abdallah Kiwanga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

SUA to conduct research on climate change effect

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government has challenged researchers at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) to continue conducting research on how to combat the climate change which affects the agriculture sector.

Acting Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Halima Okash made the statement when closing the academicians' conference organized by the university with support from REPOA. The meeting was aimed to discuss successes achieved by the university as a result of its cooperation with the US Embassy in Tanzania for 60 years.

Okash who is the Mvomero District Commissioner said the government is pleased with the continued support from the US embassy through various programs including agriculture research.

"It is through research we can be in a position of deciding what to do to combat climate change impacts in agriculture. Research would help us to improve the sector for the benefit of farmers," he said.

According to him, good research would enhance food security through improved productivity for both food and cash crops. It is through agriculture that we can lift people out of poverty," he noted.

Earlier, Dr Donald Mmari, REPOA Executive Director said the country's think tank has been conducting research on several issues including agriculture in an effort to improve the sector.

Dr Mmari added that research would apart from enabling farmers to increase productivity, ensure increased value chain of the crops.

He gave an example of sugarcane farmers in Morogoro Region who despite cultivating big farms, their harvests

have been low, hence the need to assist them with improved sugarcane seeds for more harvests.

Dr Mmari said that agricultural research is also important in enabling farmers to engage in commercial agriculture as well as attract more youth. He said commercial agriculture would ensure reliable supply of raw

materials to industries.

US Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Donald Wright said Tanzania and the US will this year mark the 60th anniversary of its democratic cooperation.

Dr Wright said that agriculture is one of the important areas that the US government is cooperating with Tanzania.

SUA Vice Chancellor

(Academic) Prof Maulid Mwatawala said the US government has through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) been supporting the government's efforts in improving the agriculture sector. The support is due to the existing relationship between SUA and the US.

Villagers in Kilosa, Mvomero districts 'concerned' over Government Notice

By Beatrice Philemon, Morogoro

VILLAGERS in Kilosa and Mvomero districts in Morogoro Region are pushing for review of Government Notice 417 (GN) to help them benefit from forest they have been conserving through Community Based Forest Management (CBFM).

The GN 417 issued on May 24, 2019 refers to control of harvesting of the forest products from all types of forest land that include government land, village land and even land under community based forest management.

GN 417 in terms of implementation is that it goes contrary to the forest Act 2012 which gives power to the communities to prepare management plans, prepare by-laws, and also prepare harvesting plans and these are normally approved by the village assembly and later on endorsed by the respective district councils.

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Ndole Village Chairman, Adrian Paulo raised concerns when speaking to journalists from different media outlets who visited his village to see what has been achieved through Conserving Forests Through Sustainable Forest based Enterprises Support in Tanzania CoForEST (2019-2022). The main challenge they have and what they need from the government in terms of policy and regulations.

According to him, GN 417 has badly affected their charcoal business as buyers aren't buying sustainable charcoal they've producing. He said the tax imposed on a bag of charcoal is high as it is 12,500/- instead of 6,750/- per sack.

"Right now, we're in difficult time, we don't get funds to implement village development projects and villagers who are engaging in sustainable charcoal making and selling to traders face a hard time since the GM was introduced by the government," he said.

He said since GN 417 was introduced, Ndole villagers haven't sold a single bag of sustainable charcoal as there is no buyers, something that make lives of charcoal producers very miserable.

In 2019, the village produced 250 sacks of charcoal, but no buyer has come to buy the forest product.

"We are struggling to find money to implement different village development projects," the village leader said.

Ithombwe village chairman, Pius Mvulla noted that right now villagers who were engaging in producing sustainable charcoal, have switched to sugar cane farming, which is paying.

Acting Ndole Village Executive Officer, Ezekia Isaya thanked the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) and Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) for introducing the project in the village, a move that has created awareness to villagers on forest conservation.

"This has made our forest reserves free from encroachment, something that was not the case in the past," Isaya said.

According to him, the project has brought in positive changes to the villagers and village government as well because tax collection from the sustainable charcoal makes and timber harvesting has been used to implement village development projects in schools, households' level and other areas.


He said in 2019 the village managed to earn 42m/- revenue collection from the sustainable charcoal making and timber harvesting.

"From this income, we have been able to make 31 desks for Ndole Primary school, build four classrooms, purchase solar panel worth 950,000/- that is now installed at Ndole dispensary, allocate land for football match and purchase football for youth.

The village built six pit latrines at Ndole Secondary School worth 900,000/-, 1331 hectares of village land for CBFM, and allocated 56 plots for charcoal making and timber harvesting inside the village land forest reserve. The village has also allocated 180,000/- to help pupils get porridge at school to improve their academic performance.

Kinda Ward Executive Officer (WEO), Fortunata George said: "We're very proud of this project because villagers are now aware on by-laws and regulations that prevent them to enter inside the forest reserve illegally until they get approval from the village government leaders and they know where they can access permit for charcoal making and timber harvesting."

ZANZIBAR UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR UNDERTAKING WATER COST OF SERVICE STUDY.

19th November, 2021

- This Invitation for submission of Proposals follows the General Procurement Notice for project which appeared in Zanzibar Leo Issue No. 6299 dated 30th July, 2021.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has allocated public funds for the cost of Consultancy Service for Undertaking Water Cost of Service Study and intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the Contract for which the Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued.
- Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) on behalf of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar now invites proposals from the eligible consultants to provide Consultancy Service for Undertaking Water Cost of Service Study. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.
- Therefore, Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) invite eligible consultants to submit Technical and Financial Proposal for the following consulting services: Consultancy Service for Undertaking Water Cost of Service Study. More details on the services are provided in the Terms of Reference.
- A firm will be selected under **Technical quality- and cost-based selection method (QCBS)**, and procedures described in this RFP, in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act of Zanzibar No.1 of 2016 and its Regulations of 2020.
- To obtain the document, firm required to pay Tanzania Shillings 200,000/= non-refundable and shall be paid through Account Name: **Mamlaka ya Udhiti wa Huduma za Maji na Nishati-Mapato, Account No. 0404 149 000, People's Bank of Zanzibar Limited (PBZ).**
- The deadline for submission of the proposal shall be 10th December, 2021 at 10:00hrs to the Secretary of Tender Board Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority located at 2nd Floor of ZURA Building at Maisara Zanzibar, P.O.BOX 2238 Zanzibar.

Yours sincerely,

Director General
Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority,
P.O. Box 2238, Maisara – Zanzibar.



SOLID EDUCATION'S 10TH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES SESSION IN TANZANIA

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<p>MWANZA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day - Wednesday Date - 24th of November 2021 Venue - Gold Crest Hotel (Mandela Hall) Time - 10:00AM - 18:00PM Lunch Break - 13:00PM - 14:00PM 	<p>KILIMANJARO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day - Thursday Date - 25th of November 2021 Venue - Kilimanjaro Wonders Hotel Time - 16:15PM - 21:00PM Coffee Break - 18:00PM - 18:30PM
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High interest rates may have links to bad loans issue but are not the cause

HARDLY two months pass before a public economic forum takes up the issue of the level of interest charges offered by commercial banks to borrowers, whether it is small and medium companies or it is individual entrepreneurs in informal sector situations. Not much is said about large borrowers for they have leverage with banks, either through the government as ministerial agencies (like TANESCO among other big borrowers) or having a track record of solid business with banks, as partners rather than mere lenders. It is those without these two identifying characteristics who continuously hanker after rates.

For once, it is usually believed that interest rates are the key issue that the government needs to solve, by regulatory action on commercial banks, which it must be admitted the government has always taken care not to push too hard.

This is likely to be taking place at the moment as financial sector stakeholders have been examining the state of credit in the country for the 'national financial services week' at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in the commercial capital. The Treasury and the central bank were apparently lamenting the level of interest rates charged by commercial banks, whereas they should be the first to grasp why.

One point raised on these concerns was the inability of so many borrowers to pay, one reason definitely being the level of interest

to be paid, where some borrowers said the rates are at times up to 25 per cent of the value of the amount lent to them. That level of interest charge is quite high, but there are situations where 'loan sharks' charge almost 100 per cent of the amount, in other words one borrows 1m/- and will return 2m/- by the time the payments are finished. At times there is periodicity payment making the amount to be returned even higher than the percentage quoted, especially if the borrower is late to pay.

The popular outlook has usually been the moral argument of asking commercial banks to lessen the charges so as to ease the burden for borrowers, which fails to see the core of the problem. It is clear perception that a whole category of loans demanded by people of a certain profile or series (echelon) of profiles stand a good chance of not being paid, so rates become high so that banks recoup all their costs even if a number of the loans will fail. It isn't that they charge high and earn hefty income from all loans.

The reason banks risk chalking up many non-performing loans is that nearly all sectors where operators need loans are doing bad business, even when they look profitable for instance in tourism, as many are doing poorly. The offer is high and demand is low, so shops have few customers, hotels, guest houses, function halls, taxis; all repaying loans. Money circulation is low in relation to the population seeking to trade.

International Day of Tolerance vital, but nations find it hard to learn this!

NOVEMBER 16 is the International Day of Tolerance that was mooted by UNESCO in 1994 to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian legendary non-violence leader, Mahatma Gandhi, a day that challenges world conscience. It strikes at the duality, not to say duplicity of human attitudes where we all want tolerance when we are at the mercy of other people, but are often short of it when it is others who expect it from us. Conflict, even chaos, arises from this dichotomy in human attitudes, and it isn't easy to see how it can be sorted out in coming years.

One debilitating result of intolerance is that we rush to blame others for failings in our private lives or as countries, for the simple reason that ordinarily few individuals can look squarely at their own faces or mirror images and say what's wrong with themselves. Age-old 'taking out the bolt in one's eye before seeing the speck in another's eye' has remained what it is, as brilliant wisdom, but scarcely available in day to day life. So we blunder on, but we learn in due course.

Anyone looking at the problem of tolerance doesn't need to go too far to see how difficult it is to learn lessons, and perhaps in due course start to learn how history is structured, why for instance that Haiti has had 200 years of independence but it is in every respect as chaotic as any ordinary African country. Reading

its history one finds that it was the first (and only) country in the Americas where slaves revolted and took away the country from White colonialists and slave masters, in this case the French. There are attitudes they adopted then which have failed them.

Looking at what is happening in the Mediterranean and along the Mexican border with the United States, one sees thousands of people trying desperately to be admitted into the West, either Europe or North America. Scarcely anyone tries to go to other countries but the proper West, and then one examines school books in Africa and other migratory pressure zones for what they are told in their education. They are told that the West is the source of their problems, but in reality it appears that the West is the solution; the learning curve isn't rapid but it is taking place.

Since, as they say, charity begins at home, we must admit that as we approach 60 years of independence we now have a few lessons more or less right, though we don't have the nerve to say so in public. We have blundered on a whole lot of things in the past, took development for granted and refused to admit that non-African population groups had their contribution to make. As for our own people living abroad, we offer something short of actual citizenship, so without jumping the gun on the matter let us hope for greater tolerance.

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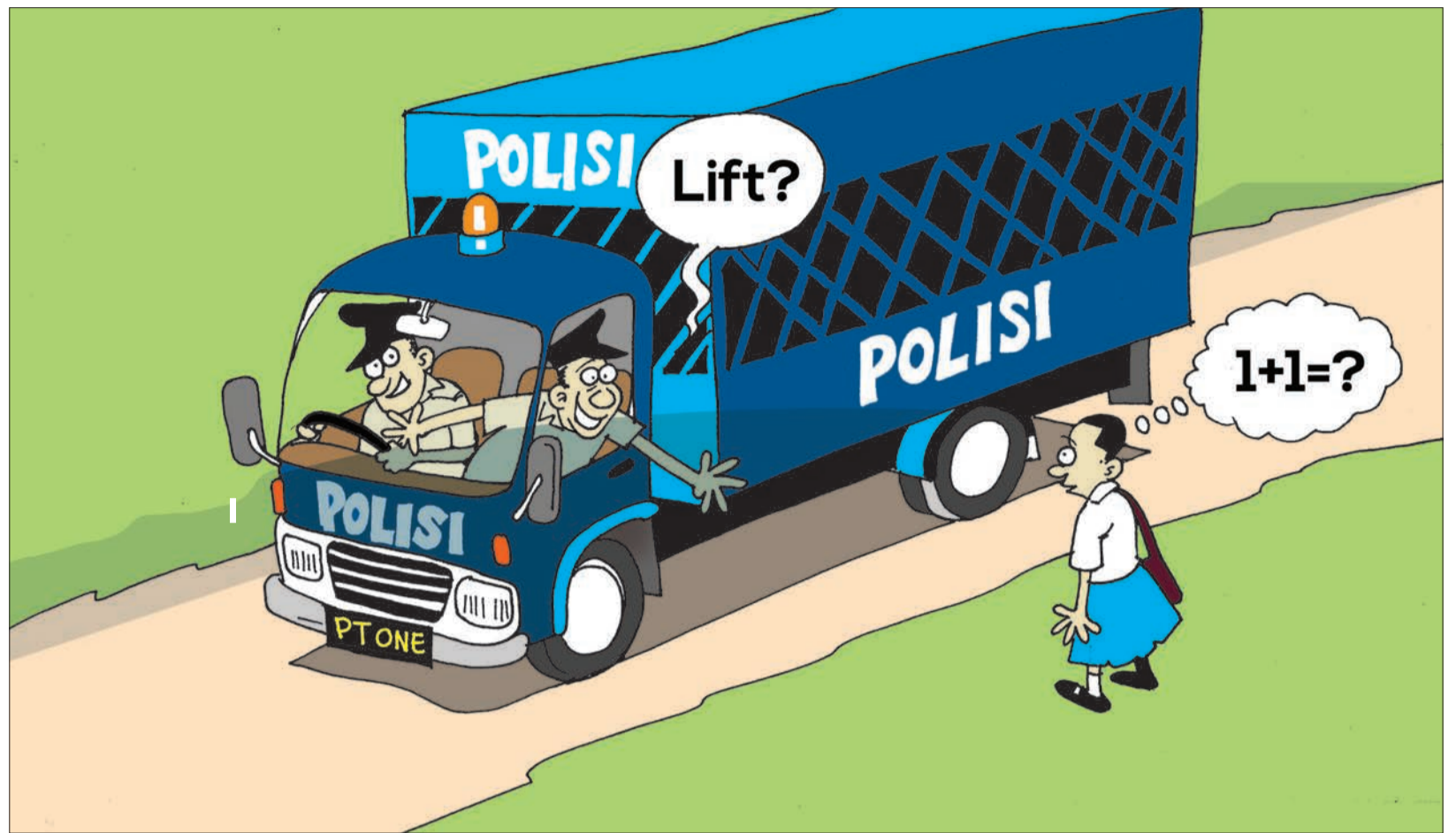
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By Cameron Duodu

I felt outraged when I heard of the death of Dr Hilla Limann, Ghana's former President. I had known Dr Limann (pictured) when he was a member of the Constitutional Commission in 1968-69. A mutual friend, a nice guy called Kambong, had introduced us and had told me in prophetic words: "This man is very learned. He will one day be Ghana's President!"

When he became President in 1979, he invited a group of journalists to the Castle, Osu, to have lunch with him, and he and I had engaged in a surreal tête-a-tête! He obviously mistook me for someone else he had met whilst he was a student in Paris. I tried to correct him, but he was in full flow, disclosing examples of student mischief-making that shouldn't pass the lips of a President, but which were a complete mystery to me!

I had to be at my diplomatic best, not letting him lose face by exposing his possible lapse of memory and yet trying not to bask too much in the reflected glory he was directing at me. A journalist called Osei Poku asked me, "So, as for you, you know everyone?" I laughed.

I managed to cut Dr Limann short by saying, "Please, Mr President, make sure that your men don't do anything that will embarrass you if I report it to the world as a journalist!" He laughed.

But only a year after he had ascended to the presidency, he complained to me in public that whenever he was abroad, he was told that "Cameron Duodu has reported this... .." Cameron Duodu has reported that!

I retorted, "But was it not true, Sir?" He didn't answer.

He was telling me that I had reported things that didn't please him! I wanted to remind him of what I had told him at our convivial luncheon party in the Castle. But I restrained myself.

I have already told readers about an encounter with Lt-Gen Joseph Ankrah, chairman of the National Liberation Council (NLC) that replaced the government of Dr Kwame Nkrumah in 1966. (After the abortive abortive counter-coup on 17 April 1967 led by Lt S B Arthur (the "Guitar Boy" coup). Ankrah nearly bit my head off when I asked him a question he didn't like, at an international press conference held to reaffirm that he was fully in control of the country.

That was not my only encounter with Ankrah. The dictator of Zaire, Gen Mobutu Sese Seko, visited Ghana during Ankrah's reign and he held a press conference, with Ankrah presiding.

Mobutu described his efforts to make peace in Zaire with his rebel generals who tried to secede - he boasted that he gave them big jobs

Speaking the truth to power



in Kinshasa! (This was a subtle hint about how General Yakubu Gowon of Nigeria could solve the Biafran secession problem, which was then the talking point in all Africa).

I got the hint and asked Mobutu: "Sir, will you be sharing your experience with Gen Gowon? And if he doesn't listen to you, will you recognise Biafra?"

Gen Ankrah immediately intervened. He exploded: "Don't ask embarrassing questions!" He yelled at me. "He is not Gowon?" Everyone looked at me. They all thought I was a goner (as the military government of Ankrah army could detain anyone at will!)

At the end of the press conference, the information attaché of a foreign embassy took me aside and said softly: "Cameron, remember you are living under a military regime!" I didn't pay attention to this advice. Anyhow, Ankrah was removed very soon. Gen Akwasi Afrifa, a more liberal chap, became head of state. Afrifa told me that Ankrah's inability to understand how journalists operated had made him "ashamed."

Indeed, Ankrah was a disaster all round. One of his military assistants, who travelled with him abroad, told me that that on a visit to Canada, Ankrah told the Canadian prime minister of the time, John Diefenbaker, that he thought the US should "drop an atomic bomb" on North Vietnam and end the war there!

Ankrah's military assistant

guy said the Canadian PM was extremely shocked by Ankrah's indifference to the loss of life that such a wanton act of brutality would cause. Diefenbaker sarcastically told Ankrah that when he arrived in Washington, he should tell that to the man in the White House - Lyndon Baines Johnson - who would be "very interested to hear that".

Ankrah's aide said he felt ashamed to have been serving a head of state who was such a crass ignoramus when it came to international politics. Had he not heard of Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Which American President would wish to repeat those barbaric mistakes?

But back to Limann. Shortly after the AFRC had handed power over to the Limann PNP Government, the Government's "macho" and unpolished Military Intelligence unit, under Major Annor Odjidjah, arrested Captain Nkrabeah Effah Dartey and a few soldiers, on suspicion of planning a coup! That was in 1981, and I was the Accra Correspondent of the BBC.

Now the announcement of these arrests, in a civilian regime, was bizarre: it was opaque to the point of being incomprehensible. So I commented that the omens for democracy in Ghana were not so good if "unnamed Ghanaian citizens could be arrested and tried at an unnamed location, by unnamed people, for an unspecified crime!"

After my dispatch was broadcast, Limann's officials hit the roof. Special Branch officers came to my house.

They said their director wanted to see me, so I went with them. The director told me that the government was not pleased with my report. I replied: "Then the government should stop doing things that would make me send reports that didn't please the Government!"

The director of the Special Branch said I could go. As I got up to leave, my professional instinct took over. I asked him: "By the way, what is the correct name of the captain who has been arrested?" He said: "I think it is Effah-LARTEY". ("You think?" I said. In my head.) Then I left.

Later, when I got to know that the correct name was Captain Effah DARTEY, I laughed. I wondered to myself: "If the director of the Special Branch (the political police) does not know the correct name of a person the Government he serves has arrested, then what sort of security service is being run in this country?"

We found out on 31 December 1981, when, although he was under 24-hour surveillance, Ft-Lt Jerry Rawlings was able to stage a coup and overthrow Limann's government. The causes of that putsch were glaringly related to the sense of insecurity that Odjidjah's outfit had created amongst the other ranks, many of whom still adored Jerry Rawlings at the time and didn't want any harm to befall him.

Other powerful people with whom I've interacted include: General Odumegwu Ojukwu, leader of Biafra, who died on 26 November 2011.



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL INSURANCE SERVICE TO GGML DAR STAFF

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The esteem to which any secondary school is held in this country is dependent on how many students it sends to universities. I remember the prize-giving days back in school. When the crowds would roar with thundering excitement on the announcement of how many students from the previous year were to proceed for higher education. As ongoing students, that prided us, momentarily turning universities into our highest aspiration. Every single relatives' advice had an emphasis on 'study hard so that you make it to the university.' The implication was subtle but clearly registered; the university was where all the answers were.

I was hardly in my first year when I began to question the myths around the hype. Back home, everyone was extremely proud of my newly acquired identity; a university student, while I myself was finding it hard to figure out what this newly acquainted freedom meant just like all first year students currently. There used to be a manual perhaps that had been lost through the years; an outline of sorts on how to navigate to the bigger purpose of this moment that all the years of education were culminating to. The lack of which, between the huge chunks of time in our far-between classes, we were collectively slowly drifting like planks on still waters, hardly going anywhere.

Upon arrival at the university, the first advice students receive is 'this is not high school, we don't study here.' That was to be the first in the series of lies that many of us woke up from by the time you get to your third year. In retrospect, teachers had been conditioning us to believe that throughout our "education." A revelation as to how far back the system had been broken. Teachers repeated time and time again that secondary school would be the only difficult part of our entire education different from University. They enforced it further with, "...you won't have to remember a thing after a semester is done because you won't ever use it again". But what exactly was the point of getting to study at the university then?

I like to call universities institutions of hire learning. In the same spirit as hire purchase, you're likely to be paying for the lies that sail you through the years way after you're done. Like how a degree is what you're after and how it translates to a high paying job.

Of everything that a university student will run out of is time, time is something he will always have in abundance. One ought to assume that with so much freedom comes the ease of decision but the opposite in fact. The university student is often in paralysis with regards to arriving at choices on how to consciously and effectively use his time. It's harder to decide when your options aren't narrowed down. We jumped from one thing to the next in the most defining period of our lives, some of us turning it into this plateau where no growth whatsoever happened.



Here for a good time, not a long time, right?

Our identities were based around our groups of friends. We formed communities, forged connections; the introverted from us got adopted by extroverts and collectively, we became highly unmotivated lazy master procrastinators who walked into exam rooms with nothing in their heads but confidence. All this while, everyone back home was so proud of us. The fresh brilliant minds expected in the workplace after all this was over.

I laugh hard at times when I remember the figures I used to draw up in my head as my entry-level salary.

I was lucky enough to get my first 'formal' employment a few months after graduation. It was less of a job than a contract really, for that research, that was even way past my estimated pay. A paycheck to ruin all paychecks. I'm still partly living off of it. In that program, I was lucky enough to interview an acquaintance, now a close friend and she walked me through her tarmacking experience; how hard it was for fresh graduates out here, breaking through to my ignorance, giving me a

glimpse of what to expect. "Saly," she said, "I know you're dreaming of your first salary being 40K at least but the earlier you lower your expectations to less than half that, the better." I took her seriously. So, I wasn't shocked when I saw the offer for my first 'allowance' at this starting position I got into. I simply smiled and remembered her.

So, imagine me, the most confident I've ever been. There's something about being an introvert in tight spaces that puts you in your element. I'm charming, I'm brilliant and full of wit despite my total lack of preparation. I seem to recall I was far much better in my first interview in January. I'm thinking if only I had watched those YouTube interview preparation videos more keenly, maybe I would have nailed that interview even better. They asked me about the salary I expected and for a moment, I blank out. All eyes are on me. There is always no right answer for this especially when you're an intern. Anyways, there I was, being all humble, no you go, no you, the back and forth dance with the C.F.O as the head of H.R, this young woman chuckled to herself as I reluctantly declined

to mention any amount and finally, I put my towel down and said a number judging by an article a friend had mentioned to me some two years back on the intern's pay.

As an intern, there's always this huge debate on whether you deserve to be paid or not and I do hear both sides. On one hand, you're nothing but potential, you're qualified, you'll be doing whatever every employee does for less the money and that's not fair. On the other hand, your lack of experience in that field makes you a liability, and company resources will be used in training you. You're nothing but potential but at the same time a liability that an employer is taking a gamble on. And that's extremely generous isn't it?

Although thinking of all I just wrote, I made the same mistake everyone else made, treating university as this place of specialized training for the field you'd like to get into and that's beside the point.

Society curves out this period for us, 3 years perhaps 4 that are never offered to us again well gives us this respectable identity of "university stu-

dent" and a lot of freedom that comes with it. Yet they fail to tell us the most fundamental thing to that. Cause anyone who says that they go to university to simply study and prepare for their career is probably lying. University is the place where we go to forge our identities. Like Jordan Peterson puts it, "I don't understand what's happening in the university. I can't believe that you're not told on the first day you come here that look mahn, you're here on a heroic mission. You're here to take your capacity to articulate yourself to levels that are undreamed of. You're going to come out of here, unstoppable. You're going to be able to do anything you want. That's what you're here for."

The biggest resource a university has is its unbelievable libraries. This wealth of knowledge by the most brilliant of men preserved to this moment, all for you to take. You don't know this yet but there's nothing as powerful as a man who can think and is articulate beyond comprehension. That is the big fuss about this place. I'm sorry if they didn't but that's the first thing, they should've told you.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RH170 MAJOR COMPONENTS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of Procuring 785C and RH170 Major Component and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment's as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01345	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RH170 MAJOR COMPONENTS FOR YEAR 2022

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.67%
Company Code of Conduct	1.67%
Company Code of Ethics	1.67%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.67%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.67%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.67%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.67%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.67%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.67%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.67%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.67%
List of Directors	1.67%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.67%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01345)	
Ability to supply O&K Genuine parts/OEM Specification	10%
Ability and evidence to carry warranties of supplied components	10%
Be able to provide after sales technical support/ provide evidence of an experience technical personnel's compliment and facilities.	10%
Proof of previous supply history of O&K genuine parts	10%
Proof of certificate of dealership of O&K parts supply	10%
Details of the approach to be adopted to ensure that components to be supplied to GGM will not be disrupted.	5%
Be able to provide testing and commissioning certificates of supplied components	5%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01345) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 29TH November 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS (GET's) FOR UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING MACHINES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01346	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GROUND ENGAGING TOOLS (GET's) FOR UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING MACHINES. THE GETs ARE TO BE USED ON THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: 1. TEREX O&K EXCAVATORS (RH170/ CAT 6040 Shovel and Backhoe) 2. TEREX O&K EXCAVATORS (RH340/ CAT 6060 Shovel) 3. CAT 992K LOADERS 4. CAT D10T Dozers 5. CAT 16M Graders 6. CAT2900G Loaders

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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01346)	
Ability to supply product that meet required OEM specifications	20%
Proof of supply similar products – with references	5%
Evidence of technical expertise and after sales support	5%
Ability to supply GETs with advanced installation system	10%
Ability to provide site product technical system	10%
Ability to provide proof of GETs performance experience	10%
Total	100%

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By-elections to test Zanu-PF's preparedness

By Special Correspondent

The decision that our public health measures are sufficiently good, even though vaccination rates are still well below the minimum needed for a reasonable degree of herd immunity against Covid-19, to allow by-elections to resume early next year is welcome.

The internecine warfare in opposition circles, coupled with the normal problems of MPs and councillors resigning or dying, has meant that there is a swathe of communities without representation in Parliament or their local council, and in some cases both.

Regardless of the quality of the MP or councillor they are missing, and some were quite awful, they still deserve to have their voice heard.

Such a large batch of by-elections will also provide a number of tests of opinion.

As President Mnangagwa, in his role as leader of the largest political party, Zanu PF, has noted, the by-elections will show how much Zanu PF has managed to reclaim the urban vote with three solid years of progress under the Second Republic in sorting out the financial and administrative shortfalls of the past.

If everyone voted rationally, and assuming that the candidates put forward by Zanu PF continue to be good ones with a proper background in both their communities and the outside world, the party should do well.

But the "populist" element cannot be discounted. There are still a lot of people who think anyone against the Government must be good, even if they are having to campaign from a jail cell after being convicted of corruption.

This in fact is likely to be the biggest hurdle that Zanu



PF will have to overcome. It can campaign on its record, and that is impressive in the way it has been sorting out the economy.

The Government has also been fixing infrastructure, having to get more into council territory at times such as when it took over urban transport and urban roads, as well as devoting the required resources to the farming communities who have been doing rather well recently.

The other set of tests will be establishing which of the two main opposition groups has the real support. The MDC-T, the official opposition in Parliament, has been sorting out its programmes and has largely joined the Government and the most other and smaller opposition parties in trying to help get Zimbabwe back on its feet.

Obviously it disagrees with the Government on a wide range of issues, which is why it is a separate party, but it presses its points within the Parliamentary system and can distinguish between national interest and a strong difference of opinion internally.

Thus we have the MDC-T backing the response to Covid-19, which is largely generated in any case by medical experts, and joining the general appeal to have all sanctions against Zimbabwe dropped.

Zanu PF manages pushing more first class candidates forward for political office by having a large, but formalised grassroots structure and running primary votes to get decent candidates to nominate for public office, people who have a standing in the world and who are recognised by their own communities as someone who can be trusted to at least be effective in representation.

On the other hand, the MDC-A appears to believe that its self-appointed leadership should be allowed to seize power through gimmicks and external pressures simply because, when they look into the mirror they see themselves as so wonderful. Looking behind the masks it is difficult to find much substance.

The sole policy appears to be to try and mobilise world opinion to wreck the economy, a curious policy for any political party that has any pretensions to one day becoming a government.

Thus most of the party effort goes into trying to create well-fed fake martyrs who are "victims" deserving of sympathy and, far more importantly, stashes of external cash that do not have to be accounted for, let alone audited.

So, along with what will probably be a group of independents or near independents representing minor parties, the by-elections are likely to be three-way fights between the candidate of a Zanu PF, already assured of a decent slice of the vote through the grassroots structures and who can campaign on Government record, a candidate of the MDC-T, and a candidate of the MDC-A whom no one knows and who will probably fake a disappearance and then complain no one loves them.

But as the President has pointed out, the batch of by-elections at least offer a mid-term test of opinion and will give both his party and the other parties a chance to see what has changed since the middle of 2018.

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In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

3 LETTERS: ORE, CRY, ICE
 4 LETTERS: LOAD, SOME, AIDE, GOLD, MALL, ODDS, RACE
 5 LETTERS: DODGE, ADAPT, SEMEN, ACRES, CHEER
 6 LETTERS: ASSIST, EMPIRE, AGENDA, ENDURE, MAIDEN
 7 LETTERS: MANDELA
 8 LETTERS: CLIMATES
 10 LETTERS: SUGARCANES

CLUES: Across

- 1 Young nation in Africa
- 5 female reproductive cells
- 7 a church decree
- 8 a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
- 10 a donkey
- 11 to choose, to pick
- 13 a chemical substance soluble in water, sour in taste, that reddens litmus paper
- 15 a literary composition expressing personal observation
- 17 Judges in sports
- 19 thought
- 20 something forming a border

Down:

- 1 a thick soup
- 2 a strong wish
- 3 freehold tenure based on uninterrupted possession
- 4 to awake
- 6 the exchange of goods for money
- 7 the middle
- 9 responded to something
- 12 lake Victoria in Kenya
- 14 fear, horror
- 16 a soft lustre on a surface
- 17 one of many narrow bones surrounding the chest
- 18 money charged for something

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TREASURY HANDS OVER BASOTU FARM TO HANANG DISTRICT FOR WHEAT PRODUCTION

By Property Watch Reporter

AN over 5,000 hectares defunct wheat farm which has been under liquidation since 2004 has been officially handed over to Hanang District Council for revival to start operations.

Treasury Registrar, Mgoya Benedicto said in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the 5,138 hectares farm which belonged to National Food Company was until 2007 under Tadayo Advocates for liquidation.

"But in 2007, the government changed its mind and decided to keep the farm and handed it over to Tadayo Advocates for liquidation," Benedicto said while stressing that because of the nature of crop that the farm produces, the government decided to hand it over to Hanang District Council.

"I would like to thank Tadayo Advocates for having kept this farm safe despite facing many challenges," he said adding that the farm includes 28 residential houses, two warehouses, six silos, an entertainment hall, tractors, milling machines and other properties.

The TR who handed over docu-

ments of the farm to Hanang District Executive Director, Jenifa Omolo for a short safe keeping while Treasury is completing a long term plan for future management of the property, challenged the district to make better use of it. "I also would like to thank Hanang district officials for accepting to take care of the farm for the time being while the government finds a lasting solution for its future," he added.

Speaking after handing over the farm to the TR, Tadayo Advocates chief, Joseph Tadayo expressed appreciation to state officials for the cooperation given during the period under liquidation. He said because of being abandoned for a long period, the farm was often invaded by villagers who wanted to conduct farming activities. "The invaders who were mainly pastoralists also stole some property during the raids," Advocate Tadayo who is also Mwanga lawmaker, said.

Other Nafco farms in the district including Gawal and Warret were also handed over to Hanang District Council while Satchet and Murjanda were privatised to Ngano Limited in 2005 and Mulbadaw was sold to Haydom Lutheran Hospital in 2006.



Treasury registrar Mgoya Benedicto (C) has an audience with Hanang District Council and Tadayo Advocates officials in Dar es Salaam earlier this week during the handing over of Basotu Wheat Farm to the district. Photo courtesy of TR

Mombasa SGR trains fully booked over a month to Christmas

NAIROBI

The standard gauge railway (SGR) passenger service from Nairobi to Mombasa is fully booked ahead of Christmas in a move set to force holidaymakers to seek expensive alternatives like road and air travel. The bookings register shows that the trains are fully booked between December 23 and 24 with the few seats available on December 25 set to be snapped up in the coming days.

This is set to boost bus companies and airlines like Jambojet and Fly540 as families look to enjoy the holiday at the coast. Airlines have also increased fares from Nairobi to Mombasa ahead of Christmas on early bookings and the ticket prices are expected to rise further in the coming days.

"The trains are fully booked up to December 24. We have seen a change in trend where passengers are booking for their tickets earlier" said the corporation in a statement yesterday. Increased bookings have also been witnessed barely a few days to Christmas, an indicator that more people will opt to travel to the coast, way before Christmas.

For instance, on December 22, the SGR train has a few seats available, mainly in the economy coaches as the first-class section is fully booked. Fares on the economy class section are Sh1,000 with first-class tickets going for Sh3,000.

Children below three years are not charged any fee to take a ride on the train while those from 3-11 years pay half the price adults pay on the economy and first-class tickets. However, the traffic on bookings eases from December 26 with availability on economy class and a few seats on first class.

Ticket prices for early plane bookings between December 22 and 24 have nearly doubled on some routes compared to reservations made a month ago while some flights are close to full bookings for the Christmas period.

This means that Kenyans intending to fly during the festive season will pay more, promising to boost revenues of the carriers that were hit hard by tight travel measures imposed by the State to curb Covid-19.

Those booking now to fly to Mombasa on December 24 on Jambojet are paying up to Sh17,500 on a one-way air ticket, up from about Sh8,000. Its rival in the domestic market Fly540 will be charging Sh15,940 fare on one a one-way ticket on December 24 if travellers book now, up from an average of Sh6,540 it was charging on November 16.

US salutes SUA graduates agribusiness internship programme

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

AN agribusiness internship program which allows young farmers to visit the US as part of capacity building has been hailed as a success story which will revolutionise the country's agriculture sector.

US Ambassador Donald Wright said in Morogoro this week while on a field visit to Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (Sugeco) farms that the over 200 young Tanzanian farmers who visited the US for agribusiness internships, will help change the country's agriculture sector.

He said the beneficiaries of the project who spent between 6 and 18 months in the US interacted with American companies which taught them a lot. Ambassador Wright witnessed some of the beneficiaries give testimony on new skills and tools that acquired and how they are using them to run their own agribusinesses.

"I am pleased to see that the youth have been empowered in different fields, and now they are back home starting their own businesses and giving back to their communities," he said. He said statistics on population growth is very promising because it gives them opportunities for growth of their agribusiness ventures.

"We will continue working with Sugeco in other aspects such as tourism industry. I understand the hospitality industry is rapidly growing, this is an area where young people need training as well," Ambassador Wright noted.

Earlier on when explaining about



US ambassador, Donald Wright (c) while on a field visit to Sugeco offices in Morogoro mid this week. Accompanying him are Sugeco officials. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu.

the program, Sugeco Executive Director, Revocutus Kimario commended the US for supporting skills development in Tanzania through the internship program. "We indeed appreciate the collaboration between US and Tanzania and as the US is celebrating its 60 years of partnership with Tanzania we feel that Sugeco has a big stake as one of the beneficiaries in this relationship," Kimario said.

He said since 2018 when Sugeco started building youth agribusiness skills in collaboration with US companies, over 226 graduates from different universities in the country have benefited saying the majority of them came from Sokoine University of Agriculture.

Other beneficiaries came from University of Dar es Salaam, Arusha Technical College and some agricultural training colleges in the country. Among the beneficiaries 60 are female and 166 male. "We truly thank the embassy for granting them visas to go to the US," he said.

Sugeco has been collaborating with different partners including the WISE Foundation and the CAEP International Exchange Program. In Tanzania Sugeco has been collaborating with the government through Ministry of Agriculture, Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office Ministry targeting youth and the disabled.

"The worthiness of the program, its contribution and the benefit gained, has

by far enhanced to address the skills gap for our graduates beyond expectations. It has contributed largely to the country's priorities in developing competent human resources in agribusiness. The milestone acquired as well as the potential for enhancing agribusiness growth in Tanzania is phenomenal," he explained. "We are undoubtedly very impressed by the hands-on support received from US government in bridging the skills gap to our youth in Tanzania.

He requested the Ambassador to grant more VISA to youth interns who have got the placement in the US. SUGECO feels that we need to do more and it's our wish to now establish After US Internship Program as an acceleration program to support the beneficiaries and increase their reach to support other youth.

Some of the beneficiaries of the program, namely; Francis Macha, Dickson Anthony and Mediana Mwakyulu explained that while in US they learnt a lot of new skills and knowledge on agribusiness opportunities. As a result, they have developed new hands on knowledge and skills which they are making use of in their daily activities.

In a vote of thanks, Sugeco board Chairperson, Dr Anna Temu urged the beneficiaries to be good role models and use their knowledge and skills to participate fully as investors in the agriculture sector.

SA's energy ministry preparing for the end of coal

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's energy department has said it will start preparing for the end of coal-for-power use in the country but cautioned that a retreat from the dirtiest fossil fuel must take account of the impact on the economy and the people who depend on it for a living.

In a presentation to a small group of business, government and research representatives on November 15, the department

said it plans to set up a Just Energy Transition unit to help deliver an outcome "which delivers social justice," according to a copy of it seen by Bloomberg. While the department declined to immediately comment on the presentation, four people with knowledge of it confirmed its veracity.

The presentation may mark a shift from the rhetoric of Gwede Mantashe, South Africa's energy minister, who has repeatedly said the country should continue

to exploit its coal resources and not be dictated to by developed countries who are urging it to reduce climate warming emissions. Mantashe's comments have been at odds with those of Environment Minister Barbara Creecy and President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The presentation also comes after it was announced this month at the COP26 climate negotiations in Glasgow that the US, UK, Germany, France and the European Union had offered

South Africa \$8.5 billion in concessional loans and grants to transition from coal. South Africa relies on the fuel for about 80% of its power and is the world's 12th biggest source of greenhouse gases.

"Stranded assets" "The global phase out of coal has started and will happen at different scale and pace," the department said in the presentation. "The transition will be disruptive - needs to be carefully managed and coordinated."

The department acknowledged that financial institutions have become reluctant to finance coal projects and acknowledged "the real possibility of stranded fossil fuel assets and ghost towns."

It spoke of the need to protect energy security and provide measures such as training so as not to exacerbate poverty and unemployment in coal-dependent areas. Still, the department said the country's existing energy policy, which includes 1 500 megawatts of new coal-

generation capacity, should be implemented.

It also suggested that the viability of retrofitting coal-fired plants run by state utility Eskom with nuclear reactors be assessed. Eskom has proposed using the site of the plants to generate power from gas or renewable sources such as solar. Many of Eskom's plants are nearing their scheduled decommissioning dates and the country will be in need of additional power generation capacity.

PETRA DIAMONDS TO SELL MWADUI-MINED ROUGH DIAMONDS THROUGH A TENDER IN BELGIUM

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

LONDON-listed Petra Diamonds announced that it will sell by tender rough diamonds mined from Williamson Diamond Mines located at Mwadui in Kishapu district of Shinyanga region, on November 19 in Antwerp, Belgium.

In a statement this week, the company said it will sell a parcel of 26,000 carats which includes a 32.32 carat pink stone of exceptional colour and clarity. In terms of section 87 (1) (b) of the Mining Act, a royalty of five percent is payable on the sale of diamonds mine at Williamson Diamond Mine.

Petra is also required to pay corporate tax at the rate of 30 percent as per relevant sections of the country's Income Tax Act of 2014 together with an export levy of 0.3 percent of the diamond sold. This will be the first tender after the restart of the mine's operations in the country during the third quarter of this year.

The mine was placed on care and maintenance in April 2020 in order to preserve its liquidity, at a time when diamond prices were adversely impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. Cash on-mine costs, mainly associated with care and maintenance expenses, totalled around US\$12.7 million during the year, the company said.

Petra Diamonds in September this year announced that it had decided to review its strategic options at its local asset and had therefore classified it as an asset held for sale for 'financial reporting purposes,' the company announced in its unaudited results for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Petra Diamonds holds a 75 percent in Williamson Diamond Mine, while the remaining 25 percent stake belongs to the



Equity Bank Tanzania's CEO Robert Kiboti (L) and TPC acting postmaster general, Maurice Mbodo exchange contract documents in Dar es Salaam mid this week. Photo courtesy of Equity Bank

government. The company in August last year said that it had not yet received an offer even after launching the formal sale process.

Minerals Minister Doto Biteko said recently that the government, as a shareholder, wasn't satisfied with the

manner in which Petra Diamonds approaching the matter adding that there were discrepancies in the notice for sale of the mine that should be resolved before moving forward.

"We were in discussion with the mine and were at the final stages of signing

a framework agreement, so you can imagine our surprise when we saw the sale announcement," Biteko said. Williamson is an open pit diamond mine sitting on a 146 hectare Mwadui Kimberlite pipe, which is one of the world's largest. The mine's lifespan is up to 2031.

Chinese firm starts Sh12.5bn dualing of Eastern Bypass

NAIROBI

The expansion of the Eastern Bypass into a dual carriageway at Sh12.5 billion has started as the government moves to ease traffic on the key road linking Mombasa Road to Thika Superhighway.

Kura said that expansion of the 28-kilometre road, which stretches through busy centres such as City Cabanas, Pipeline, Utawala, and Ruiru will be done by the China Communication Construction Company Limited. Kura, however, did not provide details on when the project will be completed. A spot check yesterday showed that the contractor had begun construction at Utawala, Embakasi.

Traders welcomed the expansion saying it will boost trade and investments along the satellite towns of Utawala, Ruai, and Ruiru, among others. "Frequent jams have discouraged investors and tenants from moving to Utawala," Ms Mary Wambui, a trader at Utawala said.

Development of commercial and real estate projects along the Eastern Bypass and Kangundo Road have piled pressure on the road, curtailing movement of people and goods on the route. Some of the areas that have seen an uptick in new projects include Kamakis, Utawala, Ruai, Kamulu, Joska, Malaa, and Talaa.

The bypass, one of the Vision 2030 infrastructure projects, was designed during the term of the Grand Coalition government. The dualing of the road, announced by then Ministry of Transport Cabinet Secretary Macharia Kamau in 2017, took time to commence as the government sought funds.

However, Mr Kamau said the road should have been expanded initially. Treasury documents tabled in Parliament show that the State borrowed Sh2 billion to expand the road. However, the fund was yet to be disbursed to the government.

The dualing of the road is part of 11 infrastructure projects that the Kenyan government delegation showcased to global investors during the two-day Belt and Road Forum for International Co-operation in Beijing, China, in May 2017.

Others were the expansion of the Southern and Northern bypasses. Chinese firms have increasingly won multibillion-dollar road contracts in Kenya. China Roads and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) is at the tail end of completing the Sh59 billion Nairobi Expressway.

Smartphones galore as telco ushers in end of year festive season

By Property Watch Reporter

CUSTOMERS who buy an ITEL T20 smartphone from Tigo shops throughout the country stand a chance to win one of the 12 smartphones to be offered daily or get a motorcycle in a campaign dubbed, 'Wagiftishe-Gift juu ya gift,' which will last six weeks.

Customers can purchase the ITEL T20 smartphone from any Tigo shops across the country and stand a chance to win either one of the 504 smartphones or one of the six motorcycles on offer. Tigo Tanzania's Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael said in Dar es Salaam this week while launching the campaign that existing customers who buy the phone will also get 72 gigabytes of airtime to be used throughout the year.

"This campaign is aimed at increasing smartphone users in the country to support government ambitions of extending ICT accessibility from 45 percent in 2021 to 80 percent by 2025," Shisael said. She noted that the campaign also enables customers

to purchase new smartphones for themselves, family and friends, and experience the benefits that comes with it on the widest 4G network across the country.

"Over the years, Tigo customers have always enjoyed discounted smartphones during the holiday season, either purchased as gifts for themselves or their loved ones. We believe smartphone offers such as this one enables families and friends to connect and share memorable moments/experiences across the country," she added. The Tigo Communication Manager further noted that during the holiday season, the telco is launching 'Wagiftishe - Gift juu ya gift,' which echoes the spirit of giving.

Established in 1995, Tigo Tanzania is Tanzania's leading digital lifestyle telecommunications company. Through its distinctive and diverse product portfolio in voice, text, high-speed internet and mobile financial services, Tigo has pioneered digital innovations such as the first smartphone in Kiswahili and free Facebook in Kiswahili, among other feats.



An ITEL T20 smartphone on display.

Mauritius features third in Lonely Planet's annual best in travel list

PORT LOUIS

Lonely Planet has unveiled its top 10 countries to visit in 2022 with Mauritius named in its top three. The travel guide company published its annual Best in Travel list, sharing expertise on the most desirable destinations and travel experiences for the year ahead.

The list takes into consideration hundreds of recommended destinations worldwide, from which a shortlist is then selected by the guide's panel of five travel experts and enthusiasts. In the 2022 edi-

tion, the top 10 countries are each chosen for their topicality and readiness to welcome visitors in 2022, their offering of unique experiences and 'wow' factor and additionally their commitment to sustainable tourism practices.

This year's edition places particular emphasis on the best sustainable travel experiences and reveals how tourists can have a positive impact on the world by providing practical advice on sustainable travel choices and informing readers how they can support local communities and celebrate inclusivity.

Deputy prime minister,

Hon. Steven Obeegadoo commented: "We're delighted that Mauritius has been recognised by Lonely Planet as a must-visit destination for 2022. Mauritius has been consistently celebrated in recent years for developing sustainable activities and practices for incoming tourists. From our multitude of green zones, including forests, parks and nature reserves, to our offering of eco-friendly activities such as electric-biking and the banning of single-use plastics, Mauritius is an exemplary case of eco-tourism in

action."

According to Lonely Planet's VP of Experience, Tom Hall, the release of Lonely Planet's annual "hot list" of destinations and travel experiences could not be more timely. "After an enforced hiatus, it's time to take those long-postponed travel plans off the shelf and make them a reality." Hall also asserted: "The lists celebrate the world in all its wonderful enticing variety, from the lagoons and forests of the Cook Islands to the waterfalls and mountains of Iceland's Westfjords."



Traffic jam on Eastern Bypass.

CONSTRUCTION

UK'S HEATHROW REBOUNDS WITH MORE THAN 3 MILLION PASSENGERS IN OCTOBER

LONDON

More than 3 million passengers travelled through Britain's Heathrow Airport in October, the sixth consecutive month of growth.

It was a significant increase on the 1.2 million who used the hub in October last year. The relaxation of travel curbs before the half-term holiday unleashed pent up demand, with close to 100,000 travellers a day in October, Heathrow said, up 144 per cent compared with the same time last year.

However, despite the increase, passenger numbers are still 56 per cent down on pre-pandemic levels. Heathrow is urging the government to reassess testing regulations to help the UK compete effectively with European travel hubs.

"With air travel at other major European airports recovering faster, ministers should reassess testing requirements for fully vaccinated passengers and the passenger locator form at the next Global Travel Taskforce review, to ensure the UK is aligned with its European competitors," Heathrow said in a statement. Heathrow was battered by the pandemic, after global restrictions caused passenger numbers to plummet at the start of the crisis.

Last month, the aviation hub said it remains a loss-making airport despite its first full quarter of passenger growth since 2019, before the start of the Covid-19 crisis. The London airport said it has lost £3.4 billion since the start of the pandemic and is still losing £3 million a day.

However, it is easing into recovery mode after passenger numbers in the third quarter re-



London's Heathrow Airport.

covered to 28 per cent and cargo to 90 per cent of pre-pandemic levels. Now as the recovery gathers pace, the airport said its focus remains on the race to net zero, with sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) holding the key to cutting carbon.

To ensure a rise in the use of SAF, Heathrow urged the government to support investment by ensuring

price stability and requiring airlines to use SAF for 10 per cent of their fuel by the end of the decade and at least 50 per cent by 2050.

SAF is produced with materials other than crude oil, and produces up to 80 per cent less carbon emissions than traditional jet fuel. "As the journey to recovery accelerates, aviation's ambitions to decarbonise

must keep pace," Heathrow chief executive John Holland-Kaye said.

"We need to keep our foot to the pedal, working to make air travel guilt-free and government must act with a mandate for 10 per cent Sustainable Aviation Fuel by 2030 and a price stability mechanism to upscale SAF usage, if we are to tackle the industry's biggest challenge - carbon."

Earlier this week, British Airways demonstrated the capabilities of SAF by powering its first flight back to the US with 35 per cent SAF - the highest level for a commercial transatlantic flight ever used.

Heathrow, which last year lost its crown as Europe's busiest airport to Paris, has tried to claw back the losses made during the pandemic

by raising its charges to airlines. Last month Heathrow was given the go-ahead by the Civil Aviation Authority to increase passenger charges by up to 76 per cent.

However the airport is still facing issues with queues, with passengers arriving on Wednesday waiting as long as two hours after software issues caused automated entry gates to fail for the third time in less than two months.

A technical issue was affecting Border Force e-gates at a number of ports, according to a spokeswoman for the Home Office. "We are working to resolve the issue as soon as possible and apologise to all passengers for the inconvenience caused," she said. This is at least the third such border software outage, with previous failures in September and October.

How residences have pushed global real estate value to new heights

JOHANNESBURG

Driven by the residential property sector, the value of all the world's real estate reached \$326.5tn in 2020, a 5% increase on 2019 levels and a record high, according to a report from Savills. Residential property, accounting for 79% of all global real estate value, saw its value increase by 8% during 2020 to some \$258.5tn.

According to Savills, real estate is more valuable than all global equities and debt securities combined and almost four times that of global GDP. The value of all gold ever mined pales by comparison at \$12.1tn, at just 4% the value of global property.

Savills' report notes that China is the world's most valuable residential market and now accounts for 30% of total global residential value. Total residential value in SA grew by 13% in 2020, driven by strong price growth coupled with the delivery of new supply.

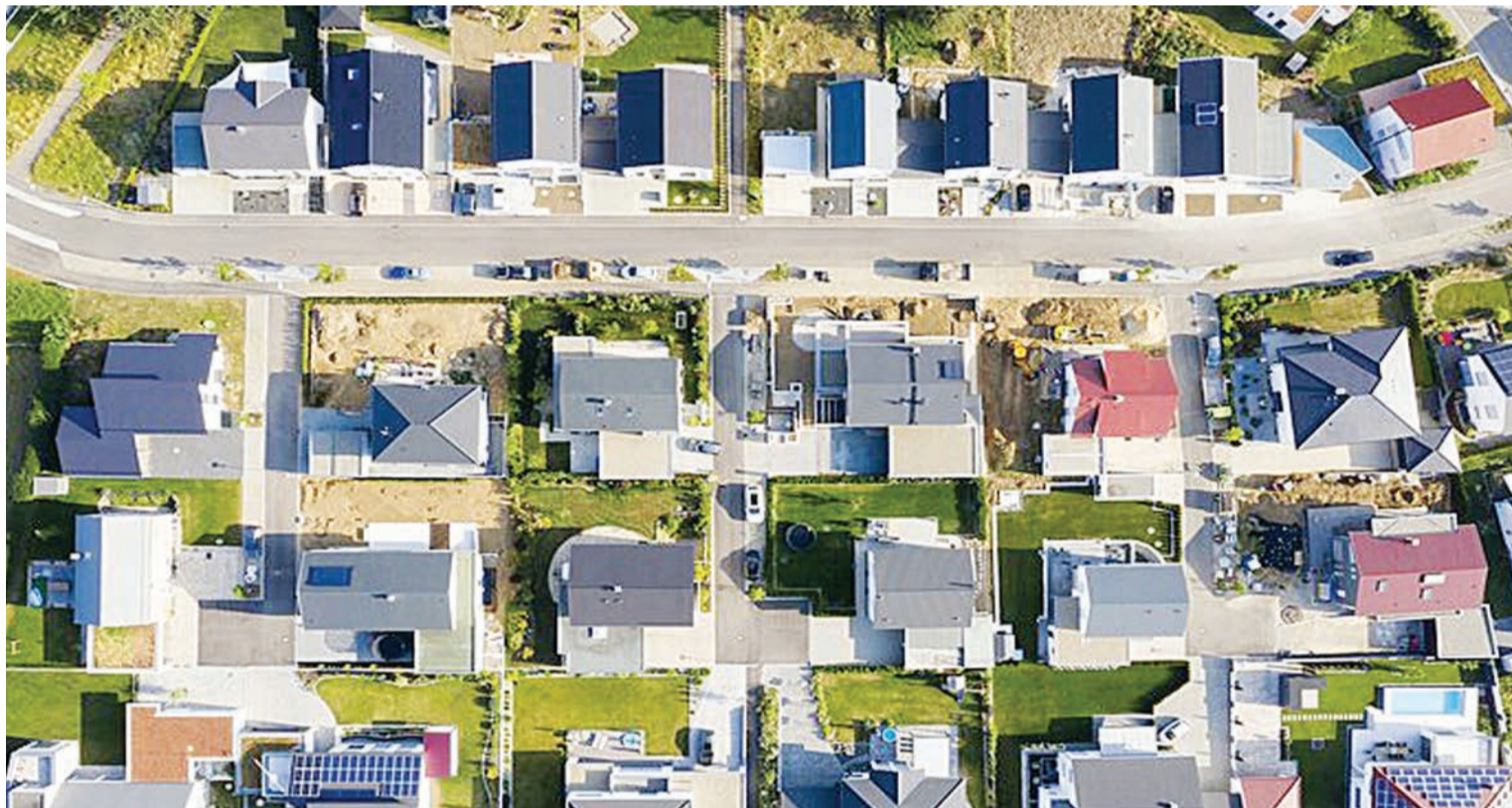
The US follows, accounting for 11% of world residential value, while just ten countries - China, US, Japan, Germany, UK, France, South Korea, Canada, Italy and Australia - make up 75% of the global residential total. At a regional level, significant residential wealth is concentrated in Europe and North America, accounting for 43% of value combined, despite being home to just 17% of the global population.

Residential wealth in SA In 2020 in South Africa, Dr Andrew Golding, chief executive of the Pam Golding Property group, which is Savills exclusive residential real estate partner in Africa, says the country's residential stock reached a total value of R6075bn.

Says Golding: "Housing stock in South Africa remains predominantly freehold, which comprises 81.2% of all homes, and sectional title homes 12.4%. However, while residential estate homes account for only 6.4% of all housing units, they account for 17.2% of the value of all homes in South Africa. "Over the past five years (2017-2021 year to date), the largest number of homes sold was recorded during the final quarter of 2020, when approximately 78,000 units were sold.

"While the pace of sales slowed during the early months of 2021, the total number of sales recorded during the first half of the year - approximately 128,000 units - is the highest sales number recorded during the first six months of the year over the past five years. This shows surprising resilience in the national housing market, despite the tough economic environment."

Adds Golding: "The total value of home sales across the market



Residential houses in Johannesburg.

in South Africa showed a far stronger surge after the hard lockdown was eased last year, soaring to R85bn in the final quarter of 2020, peaking at the same time as unit sales.

While the total value of sales has softened somewhat during 2021 to date, it remains elevated compared to the levels of the previous five years - unlike the number of units, which are now back to a similar level as recorded during the previous five years. This suggests that the average value of the homes sold during the first half of 2021 was higher than during the course

of last year - a view echoed by FNB research."

During the first half of 2020, estate unit sales declined by 47.6% compared to the first half of 2019. However, these then more than doubled (by +109.1%) during the first half of 2021, rising to the highest number of estate sales recorded during the past five years.

Notably, says Golding, during the first half of 2021, all three property types registered the highest level of sales over the past five years, with a particularly large increase in the value of freehold homes sold com-

pared to previous years.

Adds Sandra Gordon, Pam Golding Properties senior research analyst: "According to FNB, the strong growth in mortgage extension, despite the weak economy, reflects a shift in demand from first-time buyers to more affluent buyers purchasing more expensive properties."

"The first wave of demand from first-time buyers followed the initial relaxation of lockdown restrictions which saw young adults take advantage of the lower interest rates to purchase homes in the

lower price-bands - notably in the R750,000-R1.5m price range.

"The second surge, which FNB estimates began in the first quarter of 2021, has largely been driven by older, more affluent repeat buyers. FNB notes that the 14.5% rise in the size of the average mortgage loan processed by the bank in the 18 months to July suggests wealthier South Africans are trading up to more expensive homes. This shift to older, repeat buyers is also reflected in the decline in applications for 100% loans."



Gaw Capital bought the Standard High Line Hotel in 2017.

Gaw Capital sued by Wells Fargo, Apollo over High Line Hotel

NEW YORK

Gaw Capital Partners' investment in a hip New York City hotel has pulled it into a conflict with Wells Fargo bank and US private equity heavyweight Apollo Global Management, after the Hong Kong fund manager stopped making payments on a loan last year.

The US banking giant sued the holding company of the Standard High Line hotel in Manhattan's meatpacking district in a bid to seize the property on behalf of creditors, according to a document filed with a federal court on 1 November and cited by Bloomberg. Gaw Capital had acquired the 338-room property in October 2017 for \$323 million.

The plaintiffs allege that the Hong Kong fund manager has failed to make payments on a \$170 million loan since May of last year and now owes \$186 million in principal, interest and fees on the boutique hotel, which stands at 848 Washington Street and straddles the High Line, an elevated rail track turned urban park in lower Manhattan.

Gaw has put the blame squarely on Apollo Global Management, which owns an 18 per cent "sliver" of the loan and has rebuffed Gaw's settlement offers, "putting their financial greed above interests of all involved including the bondholders," Gaw Capital spokesman Kai Speth told Mingtiandi. But Apollo denied being a party to the foreclosure action, telling Bloomberg that the litigation was initiated by CW-Capital Asset Management, the special servicer assigned to manage the mortgage after it went into default last year.

Gaw had purchased the 19-storey property, which it refers to as The Standard Hotel Gaw New York, from AB Green Gansvoort, a hotel management group of Standard brand founder Andre Balazs, who personally owned 20 per cent of the hotel before the sale to Gaw.

Completed in 2009, the Standard High Line initially drew some controversy over its exhibitionist-friendly, floor-to-ceiling windows, which allowed guests to subject park-goers to nightly nude displays.

The 2017 deal marked Gaw Capital's first high-profile acquisition in New York, adding to a US hospitality portfolio that includes the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles, a landmark bought by Goodwin Gaw for less than \$10 million in 1995.

WORLD

US effort to show unity backfires as Japan, ROK officials walk out

BY BLOOMBERG

A US effort to show unity between two of its closest allies backfired, after Japanese and Republic of Korea officials walked out and left the No. 2 American diplomat to face reporters on her own.

Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman was forced to give a solo news conference Wednesday in Washington following three-way talks with her Japanese and ROK counterparts.

Sherman described the discussions on issues, including the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's nuclear weapons program, as "very constructive," and attempted to play down the dust-up.

"There are some bilateral differences between Japan and the Republic of Ko-

rea that are continuing to be resolved, and one of those differences, which is unrelated to today's meeting, has led to the change in format for today's press availability," she told reporters.

Japan Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said the government decided it was inappropriate to hold a joint press conference amid a dispute over an islet that both neighbors claim. Tokyo had earlier lodged a complaint over National Police Agency Commissioner-General Kim Chang-yong's trip Tuesday to Dokdo.

ROK First Vice Foreign Minister Choi Jong-kun said he decided not to take part in the briefing out of concern the dispute would overshadow other issues.

"If we held a joint press conference, Japanese media would have asked ques-



This handout photo taken on Aug 25, 2019 and provided by the Republic of Korea Navy shows the ROK Navy's Aegis-equipped destroyer, Sejong the Great, participating in a military drill near the Dokdo islets. AFP

tions related to the visit, and the two sides would have to rebut one another's position on Dokdo. We were worried about that," Choi told reporters in Washington.

Long-simmering tensions between Japan and ROK have worsened in recent years, with disputes dating back to Japan's 1910-45 colonization of the Korean Peninsula hurting trade and security ties between the two US allies.

The rights to Dokdo and its surrounding resources, which are controlled by ROK, are viewed as symbolically significant by both countries.

The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the talks in Washington had been held on the basis that bi-

lateral problems would be set aside. The three countries agreed to cooperate closely on DPRK nuclear weapons and missiles, the ministry said in an emailed statement, which didn't touch on the reasons for Vice Foreign Minister Takeo Mori's absence.

Sherman began the briefing by admonishing a reporter who asked two questions for exceeding a one-question limit. She said she didn't want the reporter "to set an example that is bad for your colleagues," but went on to answer both.

"What I think is very important is that the United States, Korea and Japan are of one mind in our work together to ensure global prosperity, peace and security for citizens in

Smiling Queen Elizabeth II holds first audience since hospital stay

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Queen Elizabeth, whose health has come into focus after the 95-year-old missed a Remembrance Sunday service, was pictured standing and smiling on Wednesday at her first in person public engagement since spending a night in hospital.



The monarch stayed in hospital for the first time in years last month for what Buckingham Palace called "preliminary investigations" into an unspecified ailment, and doctors have advised her to cancel most engagements since then.

She pulled out of the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph war memorial in London on Sunday with a sprained back which a palace source said was unrelated to the condition which has required rest and was an unfortunate coincidence.

However, she was back at work on Wednesday at her Windsor Castle home where she was filmed chatting to Nick Carter, chief of the defense staff and Britain's professional head of the armed forces.

He is due to step down from the role at the end of November.

"She's alright thank you very much," Elizabeth's son and heir Prince Charles told reporters while on a visit to Jordan. "Once you get to 95, you know, it's not quite as easy as it used to be. It's bad enough at 73."

The queen, the world's oldest and longest-reigning monarch, has missed a number of high profile engagements since being advised to rest, including the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow earlier this month.

The last time she had appeared at a public event was on Oct. 19 when she hosted a drinks reception at Windsor for billionaire business leaders. **Agencies**

Taliban ready to pay new visit to Russia, if receive invitation

KABUL

THE Taliban radical militant group is ready to pay a new visit to Russia, if it receives an invitation, Taliban Spokesman, Deputy Information and Culture Minister in the interim Afghan government Zabihullah Mujahid told reporters yesterday.



"As you know, our delegation visited Russia recently. And, undoubtedly, if we receive a new invitation, we will respond to it and will pay a visit," the spokesman said, replying to a question from TASS.

The Taliban radical militant group (outlawed in Russia) launched a large-scale offensive to seize control of Afghanistan after the United States declared its intention in the spring of this year to withdraw its troops from the country.

On August 15, the Taliban entered Kabul without encountering any resistance while Afghan President Ashraf Ghani stepped down and fled the country. The Taliban declared on September 6 that they had established control of the entire Afghan territory and on September 7 they announced an interim government in Afghanistan that has not been recognized by any country so far.

On October 18, a delegation of the Taliban's interim government led by Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Hanafi paid a visit to the Russian capital to participate in the 3rd meeting on Afghanistan in the Moscow format.

Syria's Mekdad says Western sanctions hinder refugees' return

DAMASCUS

SYRIA'S Foreign Minister Faisal Mekdad on Wednesday said that the Western sanctions imposed on Syria are preventing the return of Syrian refugees, according to the state news agency SANA.

The senior diplomat made the remarks during a press conference, where he also accused the Western countries of not wanting the return of refugees so they can use the refugees to exert pressure on Damascus.

"These countries are taking advantage of the pains of the Syrian refugees for their own political agendas," he said.

The minister stressed that the Syrian government is exerting "tremendous efforts" to facilitate the return of refugees and is inviting them to return without conditions.

"They don't even need an invitation because this is their country," he said, stressing that the Syrian government is providing all facilities with the help of friendly countries to realize a volunteer and safe return for the refugees. **Agencies**

UK urges EU to avoid trade war if Brexit deal suspended

BY BLOOMBERG

THE United Kingdom warned the European Union not to start a trade war if Boris Johnson's government suspends part of the Brexit settlement over Northern Ireland, saying a strong retaliation would exacerbate problems.

"I hope everyone can step back from that," UK Brexit Minister David Frost told BBC Radio on Wednesday. "I don't see why it would help for the response to that from the European Union to be sanctions, retaliation and making trade more difficult."

Both sides are again locked in talks to resolve the thorny question of how Northern Ireland fits into post-Brexit rules on commerce, with Frost call-

ing for a fundamental overhaul of the UK's divorce deal with the EU because it has caused a decline in trade between the region and mainland Britain.

The bloc has proposed concessions, including reducing the burden of customs checks, but Frost has said they don't go far enough.

The sticking point for the EU is that the UK is seeking to walk back on commitments it made only two years ago when it signed the original Brexit divorce deal, including agreeing to an effective customs border in the Irish Sea to avoid the creation of a hard border on the island of Ireland.

If the UK isn't happy with the outcome of the latest ne-



This Nov 15, 2021 photo shows tug master tractors at the Port of Belfast in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK.

gotiations, it has said it will activate Article 16 of the Northern Ireland protocol, which allows either side to suspend parts of the deal to address issues such as diversion of trade.

One potential EU reaction to such a move would be to terminate the wider trade agreement with the UK.

"I don't understand why that would help the situation here," Frost said. "Article 16 is

a legitimate option within the treaty."

The EU would consider Britain invoking Article 16 as an inflammatory move, since it would be a unilateral action while negotiations are ongoing to address the problems raised by the UK.

The British government's complaints about the role of the European Court of Justice in the protocol - a role to which Britain originally agreed - is another sore spot in the talks.

The EU argues the ECJ role is essential when it comes to interpreting questions related to EU law, while Britain says the setup is contributing to political antipathy toward the protocol. **Agencies**

Africa's flagship economic event to develop new ways of financing post-COVID-19 recovery

ADDIS ABABA

AFRICAN experts and policymakers are set to outline new ways of financing Africa's post-COVID-19 recovery and accelerating development in the upcoming African Economic Conference, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) said Wednesday.

The African Economic Conference, Africa's flagship economic event, slated to be held from December 2 to 4, bringing together African heads of states, ministers, leaders of the private sector, development actors and academics in Cape Verde, the UNECA announced on Wednesday.

According to the UNECA, for three days, African leaders, project leaders and thinkers will discuss innovative and sustainable options to finance

Africa's post-COVID-19 development.

African policymakers and experts "will reimagine development financing, discuss the reform of Africa's financial systems to meet development challenges and whether Africa is on the verge of a new debt crisis," the UNECA said.

The UNECA argued that the COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated the pressure on Africa's development financing challenges by making public finances more strained, debt unsustainable, and foreign direct investment retracting. Figures from the UNECA show that across Africa, the COVID-19 pandemic has left more than 30 million people in extreme poverty, living on less than 1.90 U.S. dollars a day.

African governments, in a bid to combat the effects of populations plunging into



extreme poverty, have announced fiscal stimulus packages ranging in cost from about 0.02 percent of GDP to about 10.4 percent of GDP.

It further stressed that the

supply and demand shock caused by the COVID-19 pandemic directly impacted the revenues of many African governments through reduced exports earnings and lower

domestic tax revenues.

"While these are lifesaving interventions, African governments need significant additional gross financing to respond to these needs in 2022," the UNECA said, noting that the gross financing needs exceed the critical threshold of 15 percent GDP for most countries.

During the upcoming conference, papers from prominent researchers are expected to provide innovative ideas to mobilize domestic public and private resources in the age of the digital revolution, enhance Africa's position in the international financial system, review the role of public development banks, explore sustainable finance solutions, regional integration and the role of the global financial safety net, it was noted. **Xinhua**

THE fourth China International Import Expo (CIIE) has demonstrated a more substantial spillover effect of the expo.

With a population of over 1.4 billion and more than 400 million middle-income earners, China imports goods and services worth about \$2.5 trillion annually.

Through the platform of the CIIE, more and more high-quality overseas products have been introduced into the vast market, which is filled with business opportunities.

At a special zone for new product launch during the 4th CIIE this year, over 60 exhibitors debuted more than 100 new products, cutting-edge technologies, and innovative services, ranging from Belgian red confer-

Spillover effect of CIIE continues to grow

ence pear and healthy cooking oil to heavy truck and energy-saving hydraulic power station. More than half of these new products, technologies, and services were unveiled to the public for the first time, with many of them tailored to the Chinese market.

Nearly 3,000 companies from 127 countries and regions participated in the 4th CIIE's business exhibition, among which 90 exhibitors from 33 least developed countries brought their characteristic products, including cotton and coffee, hoping to break into the global market via the platform of the CIIE.

The CIIE has built a bridge to con-

nect exhibitors and buyers accurately, yielding rich fruits in promoting cooperation and transaction. The 4th CIIE has witnessed the signing of numerous big deals, following tentative deals worth \$57.83 billion reached at the first CIIE, \$71.13 billion at the second CIIE, and \$72.62 billion at the third CIIE last year despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our company added 100 million yuan (\$15.65 million) for enhancing localization of our business in China at the beginning of this year," said Tang Xiaodong, an executive at Karcher, a German cleaning technology company which has participated

in the CIIE for four consecutive years.

Last year, a robot vacuum cleaner of Karcher made its global debut at the 3rd CIIE, and two months later, it was accessible in the Chinese market. During this year's CIIE, the company launched its third-generation robot vacuum cleaner jointly developed by the company and a Chinese visual navigation system team.

"We have every confidence in the prospects of the Chinese market," Tang said, who noted that the company's business revenue from the Chinese market has quadrupled since the first CIIE.

Thanks to the CIIE, an increasing

number of cutting-edge technologies and high-end equipment have flocked to the Chinese market, stimulating the country's innovation potential and promoting its industrial transformation and upgrading as well as high-quality development.

The Intelligent Industry and Information Technology exhibition area of the 4th CIIE has gathered a large group of advanced products from the world's sci-tech giants, including autonomous wheel loader and degradable and rechargeable solid-state battery. Many exhibitors launched their new products, among which nine made their world debut, and 28

made their China debut.

China doesn't simply mean a market to Honeywell, but an investment destination where the company can benefit from a complete industrial chain covering designing, R&D, production, and logistics, said Shane Tedjarati, president of Global High Growth Regions (HGR) of American multinational conglomerate Honeywell, adding that most of the company's orders from China are developed and produced in the country.

With the help of China's policies to facilitate trade, New Zealand dairy brand Teland has shortened the time it takes to bring fresh milk from pastures onto Chinese people's dining tables from 7 days to merely 72 hours. **People's Daily**

US secures GSK-Vir COVID-19 antibody drug doses worth \$1b

PARIS

THE United States has signed contracts worth about \$1 billion to secure the antibody-based COVID-19 treatment developed by Britain's GSK and US based Vir Biotechnology, the drugmakers said on Wednesday.

GSK said the deal brought the total number of doses secured for the treatment, sotrovimab, to more than 750,000 globally, adding that supply was expected by Dec 17. The United States would have an option to buy additional doses through March 2022.

The companies did not specify how many doses the US government had signed up for. However, other deals include 10,000 doses for Canada and up to 220,000 doses for the European Union.

Sotrovimab is authorized for emergency use in the United States to prevent mild or moderate cases of COVID-19 from worsening. The European Medicines Agency has given its go-ahead for use by member states although EU-wide approval is still

pending.

The treatment has shown to cut the risk of hospitalization or death by 79 percent in adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

While vaccines remain at the heart of the fight against COVID-19, treatments including oral antiviral pills offer options to contain infections.

Last week, partners GSK and Vir said the drug was shown in a trial to work as well when given as a shot in the arm when administered via the standard infusion, potentially offering more convenience.

"Given ongoing evidence, which demonstrates its ability to maintain activity against the tested circulating variants of concern, including Delta, we are confident sotrovimab will continue to be important," Vir Chief Executive George Scangos said in a statement.

The treatment, branded Xevudy, had brought in sales of 130 million pounds (\$175 million) for GSK in the first nine months of 2021.

Similar products are offered or being developed by Eli Lilly, Regeneron and AstraZeneca.



West violates Minsk-2 by promising military aid to Ukraine – Russian Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

THE Western countries violate the Minsk Accords by saying they are ready to send their military and to supply weapons to Ukraine, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told a news briefing on Wednesday.

"Regrettably, we have to say that Kiev's warmongering receives support from the United States and its NATO allies. They are stepping up efforts to increase their presence in Ukraine and in the Black Sea region in military terms," she said.

"From the European countries one can hear statements they are ready to move extra contingents to Ukraine, although the package of measures to implement the Minsk Accords, in particular, paragraph 10 requires pullout of all military units, equipment and mercenaries from Ukraine under OSCE observation. It turns out that not only Kiev, but the Western countries, too, violate the Minsk Accords," she said.

The United States and its allies held an unscheduled exercise in the Black Sea at the beginning of November.

"It was a provocation staged in pursuit of an obvious aim - to send a message to Kiev its aggressive policy enjoys support. In this way NATO directly involves Kiev, and it does so in every possible way, in its plans for Russia's containment. Regrettably, the authorities in Kiev are still unaware that their country is being used. The West does not consider their country as a sovereign state. It is being treated as an instrument," she said.

NATO's statements about higher combat readiness in the Black Sea region, Zakharova said, "are being made in order to conceal or excuse one's own actions and preparations."

Moscow, she recalled, is calling upon the Western partners to refrain from fanning tensions, fraught with serious consequences for regional security and



stability.

Situation in Ukraine

Zakharova said that the OSCE's Special Monitoring Mission had registered a considerable increase in ceasefire violations in Ukraine. In October, there were about 6,000 cases, while in the first week of November, more than 8,000, Zakharova said.

"The Ukrainian military systematically bombards civilian infrastructure in Donbass, in the first place, gas, power and water supply facilities. They shell educational establishments, too. In fact, they have never stopped doing that. As a result, civilians, including children, get killed or wounded. There has been a considerable increase in the number of flights by reconnaissance drones. All this indicates the authorities in Kiev are getting ready for an attempt to handle the conflict in the East of Ukraine by force," Zakharova said.

In defaulting on its obligations under the Minsk Accords, she stressed, the Ukrainian authorities rubberstamp decisions that have not been discussed with Donetsk and Lugansk. For instance, the bill on the "the state policy of the transitional period" in fact ruins the Minsk Accords, which in practice will be tantamount to Ukraine's pullout from the agreement and the collapse of the whole process of negotiations".

China seeks to expand imports from Africa: MOFCOM official

CHINA-AFRICA trade has been well-balanced over the long run, and China never aims for a trade surplus with Africa and will take steps to expand imports from the continent, a senior official with China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) said on Wednesday, as China steps up communication and cooperation with Africa, despite certain foreign interference.

"China will continue to support African countries and Chinese companies to take advantage of measures to further expand the scale of imports from Africa, and promote the high-quality development of China-Africa trade," Qian Keming, vice minister of the MOFCOM, said during a press conference on Wednesday, when responding to a question about concerns among some African countries over their trade deficits with China.

Qian said that China-Africa trade has generally been well balanced. Since 2000, China's imports from Africa reached \$1.2 trillion cumulatively, with exports of \$1.27 trillion. In recent years, bilateral trade stood at \$200 billion each year, with China's imports from and exports to Africa each reaching \$100 billion.

"Africa has 54 countries at varied stages of economic development, with varied industrial structures and trade policies. China has maintained deficits for a long time with some resource-rich countries, while some non-resource countries, which import large amounts of daily necessities and industrial products from China, will have deficits," Qian said.

Qian noted that China has sought to increase imports from Africa, including setting up exhibition centers for African products in Central China's Hunan Province and East China's Zhejiang Province, as well as allocating \$5 billion to support Chi-



nese companies to import products from Africa.

According to Qian, China has encouraged Chinese enterprises to invest in Africa's agriculture, manufacturing and services sectors, with industrial parks becoming an important platform for China-Africa investment and cooperation.

Chinese officials are also stepping up engagement with African leaders to enhance cooperation.

On Tuesday, Premier Li Keqiang addressed the 4th Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation via video link, saying that China and Africa should expand their pragmatic cooperation to create a better future for the 2.7 billion Chinese and African people, according to the Xinhua News Agency on Wednesday.

Li said that China is willing to further align its own and African countries' development strategies, and to strengthen the exchange of experience in urban governance, poverty eradication, social construction and agricultural modernization.

At the press briefing on Wednesday, Chinese officials said that the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation will be

held at the end of November in Senegal, where officials from 55 members will meet to further deepen cooperation. The Vision for China-Africa Cooperation through 2035 will be released at the forum.

At the forum, Chinese officials usually reveal new measures to bolster cooperation with Africa.

This year, China will focus on three areas: coordination between long-term development strategies, specific cooperation in various areas such as the digital economy, and green development.

China provides zero-tariff treatment for 97 percent of the products that it imports from 33 African least-developed countries, and the country will further help Africa increase the added value of its exports, in order to support its transformation from a supplier of raw materials to a producer of industrial goods in the global value chain, thus improving its overall export capacity, Qian said.

From January to September 2021, China-Africa trade

reached \$185.2 billion, up 38.2 percent year-on-year, with China's direct investment in Africa totaling \$2.59 billion, up 9.9 percent year-on-year, exceeding the level in 2019 before the pandemic.

Moreover, China's new direct investment in Africa reached \$4.2 billion in 2020, up 56 times from 2003. As of the end of 2020, total Chinese investment in Africa had exceeded \$43.4 billion, covering more than 50 African countries, which will help expand imports from Africa, analysts said.

"Since the 1950s, China has been an important booster of Africa's development. China, as a major importer from Africa, has strengthened cooperation in the fields of investment and trade with the continent," Song Wei, a research fellow at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, told the Global Times on Wednesday.

China and Africa will continue technology exchanges in areas including green and low-carbon sectors, clean energy and the digital economy, in order to achieve the sustainable development of China-Africa trade, Song said.

Global Times

China's Tianwen-1 orbiter starts remote-sensing exploration of Mars

THE orbiter of China's Tianwen-1 Mars mission completed its fifth braking near Mars and entered its remote-sensing orbit around the red planet on Nov. 8, starting to carry out global remote-sensing exploration of Mars.

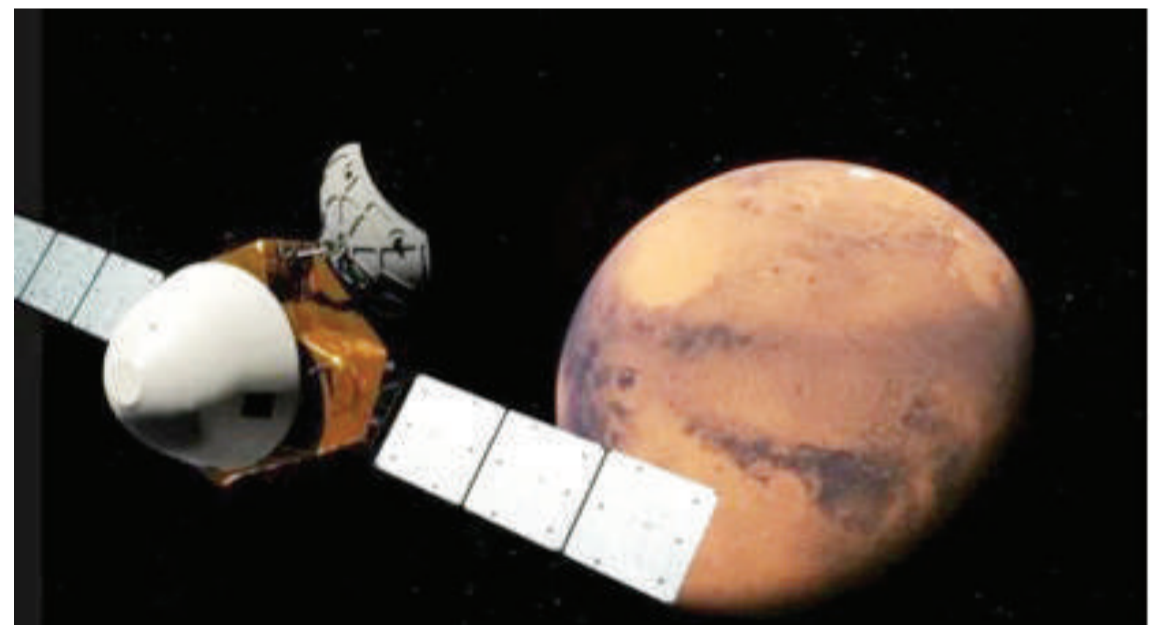
China's Mars rover Zhurong, part of the Tianwen-1 mission, had accomplished its planned exploration and detection tasks and is now conducting additional tasks in good condition.

The research and development team of the mission optimized the design of the orbit according to the needs of the orbiter in conducting Mars detection and relaying communications between the Mars rover and Earth.

With the periareion, the point in the orbit that is closest to Mars, and the apoareion, the highest point of the orbit around Mars, adjusted to about 265 km and 10,700 km respectively, and the orbital period to around 7.08 hours, the improved design enables the Mars orbiter to carry out scientific exploration around Mars while better relay the communication for the rover, thus increasing the efficiency in the implementation of relevant tasks.

The Mars orbiter separated from the lander and rover of the Tianwen-1 mission on May 15. On the same day, the lander touched down on the red planet. After that, the orbiter entered orbit to relay communication between the rover and the Earth.

After relaying communication for the rover for more than four months, the orbiter shifted its or-



A mimic diagram of the orbiter of China's Tianwen-1 Mars exploration mission. (Photo/Courtesy of the China National Space Administration)

bit recently at the periareion and successfully entered its remote-sensing orbit around Mars.

According to experts, the relay orbit is a recursive orbit along which the orbiter orbited Mars three times a Martian day and passed over the landing site of the Tianwen-1 probe each Martian day, thus relaying communications between the rover and the Earth twice within a Martian day at the periareion and the apoareion, respectively.

With a shorter orbital period than that of the relay orbit, the remote-sensing orbit allows the orbiter to orbit the red planet 3.47 times a Martian day and pass different substellar points to carry out detection tasks in different regions, experts pointed out.

During the remote-sensing exploration of Mars, the scientific payloads aboard the Tianwen-1 orbiter can conduct relatively high-resolution observation of the planet at low orbital altitudes. By leveraging the drift of the periareion caused by orbital perturbations, the orbiter can carry out detection tasks covering the whole planet in the remote-sensing orbit.

In general, the periareion drifts from south to north, and then from north to south, which helps the orbiter complete a probe of global coverage into Mars within about 200 days.

The seven scientific payloads aboard the orbiter, including a medium-resolution camera, a high-resolution camera, a subsur-

face detection radar, a mineral spectrum analyzer, a magnetometer, an ion and neutral particle analyzer, and an energetic particle analyzer, will help it implement comprehensive scientific exploration and detection tasks around the red planet while continuing relaying communications for the Mars rover according to the rover's visible arc.

The Tianwen-1 orbiter will operate in its remote-sensing orbit for 14 months, conducting high-resolution detection to obtain scientific data relating to morphology and geological structure, surface material composition and soil type distribution, the atmospheric ionosphere and the space environment of Mars.

People's Daily

Space junk spreads, creating risk of no-go zones for satellites

By Bloomberg

THE Russian missile test that shattered a dead satellite this week highlights a growing threat of space debris just as companies such as SpaceX and Boeing Co make plans to launch as many as 65,000 commercial spacecraft into orbit in coming years.

The anti-satellite weapon smashed a Russian orbiter into at least 1,500 pieces, forming a belt of debris hurtling around the Earth at speeds up to 17,000 miles an hour. It forced ground control to awaken the sleep-

ing crew of the International Space Station and ask them to close hatches and scramble into docked spacecraft for safety.

It also added to the amount of junk speeding through space thanks to failed satellites, discarded rocket boosters and weapons tests. This just as technology entrepreneurs and defense companies have announced plans to deploy constellations of satellites, adding to about 4,550 from all countries currently in orbit.

The Russian anti-satellite test "just makes everything worse," said Brian Weeden, director of

program planning for Secure World Foundation, a group that works for sustainable use of space.

"It's not like the movie 'Gravity' where one thing happens and everything goes 'boom,' Weeden said. Instead there is "a tipping point, where it starts to accelerate" and the orbital environment deteriorates over decades.

Low-Earth orbit is an area of major concern because that's where companies want to locate small observation and communications satellites. These include Elon Musk's Space Ex-

ploration Technologies Corp, which has more than 1,700 Starlink satellites already orbiting and plans is asking regulators for permission to add 30,000 more to provide broadband internet from space.

The US Federal Communications Commission is reviewing a slew of applications from SpaceX and other companies rushing to take advantage of lower launch costs and growing appetite for data. Low orbits offer minimal lag time for data to bounce between a user on the ground and the spacecraft. Boeing, Amazon.com Inc's Kuiper

Systems LLC, and Astra Space Inc were among companies submitting recent applications at the FCC for more than 35,000 satellites.

Already in some low-Earth orbits, the number of new objects and fragments generated from collisions exceeds those removed by natural atmospheric drag, the FCC said last year as it adopted rules to ease the threat from orbital debris. The agency regulates satellites because the spacecraft use wireless frequencies.

Other regions have sufficient densities of orbital debris to lead

some analysts to conclude that they are close to or have already reached a "runaway" status, where the debris population will grow indefinitely, the FCC said.

"We're at a time of transformative change in the human use of space," said Jonathan McDowell, an astronomer at the Center for Astrophysics Harvard & Smithsonian research institute. "We are seeing more and more satellites getting damaged by orbital debris hits. Occasionally satellites get destroyed."

There are about 4,550 operating satellites in orbit, with 3,790 in low-Earth orbit, according to a

Sept. 1 tally by the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Satellite operator Viasat Inc has warned of dangers from large constellations, saying failure risk of at least some satellites is high when thousands are in orbit.

With huge orbiting fleets, "dramatic increases in space collisions, and new space debris, are expected within just a few years," Jim Bridenstine, a Viasat board member and former NASA administrator, told lawmakers at a US Senate hearing last month.

Agencies



Hemed Suleiman

Namungo FC coach seeks to end Yanga's winning run

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NAMUNGO FC head coach, Hemed Suleiman, has opened up that he knows the shortcomings of the NBC Premier League leaders, Yanga, and said they are well prepared to use their weakness and defeat the latter to get three points.

Suleiman's outfit will host Yanga at Ilulu Stadium Lindi tomorrow in search of a second league victory after losing two games and settling for a draw in two matches.

The tactician said: "Yanga has started well and the squad looks to be in good shape, if you look at the technicalities they are not complete by all percentages."

"We can't put our tactics open to our opponents, but we are determined to go in with different styles and different tactics which were not in use in five matches we played."

"We have strengthened every department and we will not give the opposition strikers a chance to torment us, seeing to it that we get three points in the game and keep ourselves safe in

the standings," Suleiman revealed.

Namungo FC kept only one clean sheet in its last five games while Yanga has kept four in its five matches.

Yanga's head coach, Mohammed Nasreddine Nabi, said they continue to work on their woes and Namungo's quality to ensure they continue to do well.

Nabi stated: "We had a great time in Zanzibar, we had a chance to plan our affairs despite the victories we had on the Isles in our two games, there are many things we have been able to improve with a few players."

"We did not have an easy match for us, we have seen Namungo FC play and we have started working on our shortcomings and the quality of Namungo FC to ensure we continue to get positive results and achieve the desired goals of winning the silverware."

Namungo FC sits 11th in the league log after playing five games and collecting five points while Yanga is the league leader with 100% victory after winning all five matches and collecting 15 points.

Why speculative plans, headaches on clubs, national sides are all irrelevant

By Correspondent John Kimbute

LISTENING to discussions on Taifa Stars' 3-0 home game result against DRC in African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup's match, one overarching matter coming up, similarly to what was being said when Galaxy of Botswana downed local champions Simba SC 3-1 a bit earlier, was 'plans' that the side is now putting up.

This point was being insisted upon in the period that Emmanuel Amunike was in charge of Taifa Stars, where it succeeded in reaching the African Cup of Nations finals, but our ambitions did not stop there. Thus with a disappointing performance at the higher level, the coach left.

Looking at the matter one sees that the problem was not that the coaching had problems but it did not enable us to attain our plans, and pundits discussing the departure of coach Didier Gomes da Rosa were saying more or less the same thing.

They maintained that he failed the contract, which was saying that as the club side had reached the CAF Champions League quarterfinals the previous year, this time the goal was to reach the semis and failing even to reach the quarters, he had implicitly 'breached' the contract.

Strictly speaking, it is not a contract that was breached but club dreams that were not realized, and ordinarily, there must be a fall guy.

Still, this sort of practice is so widespread that it is taken as a norm in coaching or club hiring methods, but it is different from one place to another.

In some areas, there is greater tolerance than in others, and on the whole, Africa is fond of victimizing coaches for team weaknesses and failures, while in the UEFA circuit when a coach leaves it is more or less evident that he is not up to the job.

It is not that he isn't up to the soccer or coaching profession but something is not working in how he is handling the side, for instance, if there are four successive defeats with teams



Senior national football squad 'Taifa Stars' defender, Dickson Job (L), dribbles past Democratic Republic of Congo's players when the squads faced off in African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup's Group J match at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

playing at nearly the same level, or technically even poorer.

The departure of the head coach is in customary law terms a sort of sacrifice that the club makes, and amid the pain of this ritual, it expatiates all its regard, concern, and appreciation for the coach, while also reiterating club expectations and trust for the future, etc.

It is a psychological renewal, a cathartic moment that the club needs both as leadership and fan base so that they start afresh with the man in charge, and when he begins to deliver some good results, they expect that this will go on.

Until he also fails, of course - as it is beside the point that he will keep delivering, or that the club will stop dreaming, to dream higher.

With coaches, they know that they are hired to be fired, that

they are the ones to be blamed when something is not going the way people have been dreaming, and each moment a team is in a competitive game is a ritual moment.

The club relives its dreams or sees opportunities for this going forward, and things are happy so long as the dream has not been clouded, at which point the whole club congregation or possibly tribesmen have to go back to ritual grounds. Drawing blood, as they often say - calms their anger demons.

What however isn't learned in these rituals is that there was an error from the start, of unrealistic dreams that help to cement club solidarity, zeal, and sense of pride, confidence, and loyalty to the emblem, leadership, and technical bench.

Ruining all this rhapsody and make-believe is unacceptable

and thus blood has to be drawn so that the dancing starts again, to whatever outcome and at whatever moment.

All this while the pundits pick up lessons on the game or team, and even start to appear to be realistic, for instance when Tanzania lost to DRC where there was scarcely anyone to blame, least of all the former's head coach Kim Poulsen.

Surprisingly this sort of leniency or comprehension was absent in the case of Amunike, perhaps because Poulsen has a higher standing with the national team that no one has reached so far - with the exception maybe of his namesake, Jan Poulsen, and some will say the late Syllersaid Mziray.

That said, there is still a need for pundits to grasp that linear plans of going from lower to higher are unworkable, for soccer, like human beings, has tall people and short people.

So they should avoid a 'tabula rasa' mentality, that each tournament will have its own rules or capacity to achieve, not quite, all occur within clear stratification.

One can look at teams participating in a tournament from two angles, either as divided into two categories (for instance upper 10 sides and lower 10 sides in the England Premier League) or in three groups, the top group, the middle group, and the lower group.

When a top group side is performing well it maintains its position within the top group (for instance being assured of UEFA Champions League slot).

There is an attitude in Tanzania that a top group team has performed well only when it has taken the cup - an outlook arising from the city archrivals' mentality, making it so hard for a club side to accept defeat with dignity.

Grand Malt upbeat about 2022 Kilimanjaro Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

GRAND Malt, the title sponsor of the popular Grand Malt 5km race, one of Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon's events, is proud to join its co-sponsors in marking the race's 20th Anniversary in style come February 2022.

It is one of the key sponsors that have played a big role in making the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon a success.

Grand Malt is among the three top sponsors of this prestigious event and has been sponsoring the 5km race for eight years in a row.

The event started as a 10km race when the organizers held the first marathon in 2003, it was just a fun event and hardly attracted 500 runners.

In 2004 it changed to a 5km race which has over the years grown and now attracts more than 5500 runners from different parts of the world.

The quality of sponsorship and consistency by Grand Malt, which is a non-alcoholic drink produced by TBL Group, has given the event a major boost.

"We have seen this race grow in numbers and popularity as it incorporates people of all ages who run for fun," Grand Malt Brand Manager, Irene Mutiganzi, says, adding that the 5km race comes with a lot of fun events where people from all walks of life take part.

It is normally according to Irene, a time for families and friends to get together, run or walk together and participate in the pre and post-marathon activities which participants combine with tours of the various attractions in and out of Moshi.

She says this year Grand Malt has a lot in store during the February 27, 2022



Some of the participants of the Grand Malt 5km race battle it out in a past Kilimanjaro Marathon event which took place in Moshi.

event where as usual they expect a huge turnout of people from in and out of the country.

"By now most hotels and guest houses are already fully booked ahead of the event next year, that just goes to show how big the event is as it is a time for booming business for different business people," Irene reveals.

The beauty about the 5km Fun Run, according to Irene, is that one can decide to either do the actual run or walk to the finish and still fulfill the mission.

"The Fun Run has helped a lot in inculcating an exercise culture in the society and to us, the Grand Malt 5km race is special because it grooms the young lads

and ensures they adopt healthy lifestyles at a tender age," she says.

According to Irene, Grand Malt is the appropriate drink for the race as it can be consumed by all people from children to adults and it has nutrients that help restore the lost energy while running.

"This is so far the leading non-alcoholic drink and the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon is one of the best marketing platforms for this brand as participants get to taste and enjoy it as we normally have plenty of it on the ground," she says.

According to Irene, Grand Malt will also have plenty of games and fun activities for children who are expected to attend in huge numbers. "We want this to be an

exciting and memorable experience for participants."

As part of the 20th Anniversary, Irene says that this time the organizers will host the first-ever Kili Marathon Expo Fair that will start four days before the event at the Moshi Cooperatives University (MoCU) venue and will go along with race number collection.

"We urge all attendees and participants to ensure they do not miss out on this special experience as sponsors will have a lot to showcase. For us Grand Malt it will be time to tell the Grand Malt story and journey with the Kilimanjaro Marathon, sampling of our drink, and many other fun events," she says.

On registration, she calls on participants to register on time as online registration has already started through www.kilimanjaronmarathon.com and TigoPesa by dialing *149*20#, and registration will only be confirmed upon payment after which a confirmation message will be sent to the participant.

She says for those who do not have Tigo lines, can request their friends who have Tigo lines to register for them but keep the confirmation messages so they can collect their numbers at a date and venues that will be announced by the organizers.

Irene is also grateful to other sponsors who have made the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon bigger and bigger over the years.

They include Kilimanjaro Premium Lager-42km, Tigo- 21km, water table sponsors, Absa Tanzania, Unilever, TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro Water, Kilimanjaro Leather Industries Company Limited, and official suppliers GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles.

Next year's event will be held on February 27, 2022, at the Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) venue.

The event is expected to attract more than 12,000 runners from more than 55 countries worldwide to mark the Kili Marathon's 20th Anniversary in style.

The event is organized by Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and is nationally coordinated by Executive Solutions limited.

FIFA politics a new challenge for Ellis over biennial World Cups

LONDON

SINCE capping three decades coaching by lifting a second World Cup with the American women, Jill Ellis has taken time to reflect and embark on a different path, with new career challenges.

"I'm not saying I would never go back to the sidelines," Ellis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But I feel a bigger purpose."

Advice given by the head of a university sports project – "be a voice, be visible, build a community" – led to Ellis taking on the role of president of a National Women's Soccer League expansion team with the San Diego Wave debuting next year. It also saw Ellis accept a leadership role from FIFA to explore a transformation of the women's game.

The centerpiece of that project is the idea to double the frequency of World Cups – to play the finals of each event every two years. It was a vision first floated during the 2019 tournament in France as Ellis was winning her second title, with little immediate dissent.

But resistance has grown, driven by concerns in men's football with European officials bemoaning limited consultation before FIFA chief of global football development, Arsene Wenger, revealed potential new men's calendars to accommodate biennial World Cups.

"My hope is that the people within women's football aren't influenced by the decisions on the men's side," Ellis said after a meeting in London of the FIFA technical advisory group she leads. "My hope is we're not seeing the politics of it on the men's side, we're looking at what is actually best for our game."

UEFA, the governing body overseeing European football, has even threatened to boycott World Cups if FIFA gains support more widely to implement the restructuring of the sport.

"Let's just put politics aside right now, and let's look at what actually affects and changes lives," Ellis said. "What's going to really grow our sport? And I think my job is not to look at it with one region, it's to look at it around the world."

Concepts for biennial World Cups for men and women have become intertwined despite differences.

Wenger envisages reducing the number of windows for international games annually from five to two. But Ellis is exploring removing only one period set aside for international games to leave five windows, highlighting the different needs of the women's game with far fewer, well-resourced domestic competitions.

"So many countries around the world don't have organized (women's) leagues and infrastructure, so the touchpoint is the national team," Ellis said. "Still the biggest driver for women's football are ... the international tournaments and the national teams."

It's why, in the wake of her first World Cup win in 2015, Ellis convinced the U.S. Soccer Federation to create their own tournament, with the She Believes Cup starting in 2016.

"One of the things I looked at is in the four-year footprint between World Cups, and we've got one major event and that was the Olympics," Ellis said. "And so how was I going to get my players used to the idea of competing and getting on a podium? And so I actually went to my bosses and was like, 'We need to create a tournament other than outside just a friendly where I'm managing playing time and minutes and points. So it prepares me for a world championship, but it also prepares our players in how to manage the rhythm of a tournament.'"

That is particularly necessary when qualifying for World Cups is such a breeze for teams like the United States.

Opponents being steamrolled has been a hallmark of qualifying in Europe, with few competitive games for the elite highlighted by England scoring 32 goals without reply in its opening four games on the path to the 2023 tournament.

"It's not just about a biennial World Cup," Ellis said. "We're looking at creating a reworked pathway for qualifiers so you don't see the scores that you've seen most recently here in Europe. Nobody benefits when it's 10-0 either way. It doesn't grow our sport."

As she consults across the world, Ellis also points to Hong Kong being out of contention after playing two qualifiers.

"Football in their country could shut down," Ellis said. "How can we create more events, more opportunities for a country to continue to develop? Do they now go to a pathway to maybe a different event, different tournament?"

But leading women's leagues – including in England, Germany and Italy – say more World Cups would be detrimental to their growth by saturating the sponsorship opportunities and they claim the calendar cannot fit in another tournament. England, though, has created its own four-team tournament in February in the buildup to hosting the European Championship in July.

"What becomes challenging is that people become very territorial about their own piece of the landscape," Ellis said. "My job is to try and say, 'Hey, there's enough of the landscape for all of us, but let's see how we can grow the game.' If the game grows globally, I think everyone wins."

Ellis must also, though, overcome opposition from the International Olympic Committee, which is concerned about the strain on player welfare, additional men's tournaments overshadowing women's events and clashes with other sports trying to avoid being eclipsed by football.

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Mbappe, Pogba, Rudiger, Dybala top list of best free agents in 2022

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

The winter transfer window opens in just under two months, and some of the biggest stars in football will enter the final six months of their contracts, enabling them to agree to terms with clubs outside their own leagues starting on Jan. 1. Players like Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba, Antonio Rudiger and Paulo Dybala are all on course to become free agents next summer, with the likes of Jesse Lingard, Angel Di Maria, Luis Suarez and Alexandre Lacazette also able to negotiate as a free agent in the months ahead.

There is no such thing as a "free transfer" in football nowadays, with out-of-contract players able to command huge wages and signing-on fees, with clubs also facing potentially big payments to the players' representatives for getting a deal done.

But for those clubs prepared to scour the market for free agents and spend nothing on transfer fees, there are a number of top players available in every position who could be signed on a free next summer. ESPN has picked the best free XI of those stars whose contracts expire in June 2022 in a 4-1-2-3 formation.

GK: Hugo Lloris, Tottenham

World Cup-winning France captain Lloris has yet to negotiate a new deal at Spurs after nine years at the club, but his future could become clearer following Antonio Conte's arrival as coach earlier this month. Lloris will be 35 in December, and sources

have told ESPN that the former Lyon keeper is interested in a free-agent move to MLS at the end of his contract. With his experience and reputation, however, he will not be short of offers.

Ajax No. 1 Andre Onana, whose nine-month doping violation ban ended on Nov. 4, is another keeper on course to be a free agent next summer and could sign for Inter Milan, with Villarreal's Sergio Asenjo also nearing the end of his existing contract.

RB: Noussair Mazraoui, Ajax

Arsenal and Leeds United are both monitoring Mazraoui's situation at Ajax, with the Morocco right-back able to negotiate a move to a non-Dutch club in January.

The 23-year-old, who has been with Ajax since the age of 8, has made an impressive start to this season, scoring four goals and registering three assists from his defensive position for Erik ten Hag's team. Chelsea's Cesar Azpilicueta offers a more experienced free-agent option at right-back, while Serge Aurier's one-year deal at Villarreal runs out next June.

CB: Antonio Rudiger, Chelsea

The Germany international is the subject of interest from Bayern Munich and Real Madrid. Having fallen out of favour under former manager Frank Lampard, the 28-year-old has reestablished himself at Chelsea under Thomas Tuchel and was a key figure in the club's Champions League win last season. But he has yet to commit to a new deal, and big clubs are already lining up to try to negotiate a free transfer move.



Kylian Mbappe

CB: Niklas Sule, Bayern Munich

Bayern's interest in Rudiger is partly influenced by uncertainty of the future of Germany international Sule, who has rejected the club's attempts to extend his contract beyond next summer. At 26, Sule would be highly valued as a free agent due to his ability to play at the top level throughout a potential four- or five-year contract.

Andreas Christensen (Chelsea), Jason Denayer (Lyon) and Matthias Ginter (Borussia Monchengladbach) are also entering the final six months of their contracts.

LB: Marcelo, Real Madrid

At 33, Marcelo could leave Real Madrid after 15 years at the Santiago Bernabeu when his contract expires next June. The Brazil international's age will deter some clubs, and his wages are unlikely to be cheap, but he is undoubtedly still one of the world's top left-backs.

Lille's Reinildo Mandava, RB Leipzig's Mar-

cel Halstenberg and Real Sociedad's Aihen Munoz are all younger and lower-salary alternatives potentially hitting free agency in the summer.

DM: Marcelo Brozovic, Inter Milan

Sources have told ESPN that Manchester United have made signing a defensive midfielder a priority next summer, and the good news for the Old Trafford scouts is that there is plenty of potential value in the market.

Inter midfielder Brozovic arguably tops the list of free agents, with the Croatia international already being linked with a move to Spurs to work with former boss Conte. Marseille's Boubacar Kamara, Monchengladbach's Denis Zakaria and Borussia Dortmund's Axel Witsel are also likely to be free agents next summer.

CM: Paul Pogba, Manchester United

Sources told ESPN last month that United have accepted that Pogba will run down his contract and become a free agent next summer. United also have no intention

of letting the 28-year-old leave in January.

A thigh injury sustained while on international duty with France this week could force Pogba to miss up to two months, so by the time he's fit to return, he could be able to negotiate a free summer switch to a non-English team.

Real Madrid, Juventus and PSG all have a long-term interest, but if he becomes a free agent next summer, an English team could yet make a move to keep Pogba in the Premier League.

CM: Franck Kessie, AC Milan

Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester United have both been heavily linked with AC Milan midfielder Kessie who, approaching his 25th birthday next month, is likely to offer excellent long-term value as a free agent next summer.

The Ivory Coast international has rejected Milan's attempts to secure him to a new contract at San Siro, and it could be a case of a club offering a fee for Kessie in January in order to tempt the Milan hierarchy prior to the summer window. But if he holds firm and runs down his contract, Kessie will be one of the most in-demand free agents after the season ends.

FW: Paulo Dybala, Juventus

Although it has been reported throughout the season that Dybala is close to agreeing to a new contract at Juventus, the Argentina international has still not put pen to paper. As it stands, the 27-year-old will be able to agree to a free summer move to a non-Italian club from January onward, and it's a risk that Juve have so far been unable to coun-

ter. Dybala came close to joining Tottenham in 2020, and there will be Premier League interest alongside potential options in France and Spain for the forward given his scoring prowess.

FW: Kylian Mbappe, Paris Saint-Germain

PSG forward Mbappe attempted to force a move to Real Madrid during the final days of the summer transfer window, but a deal could not be done and he's now expected to run down his contract in Paris. Although a move to Real seems the most likely outcome for the France international, PSG are determined to negotiate a new deal with the 22-year-old.

Real Madrid also face competition from the Premier League, with Liverpool and Manchester City both long-term admirers and potential rivals should Mbappe hit free agency.

FW: Ousmane Dembele, Barcelona

Dembele, 24, has endured an injury-hit career at Barcelona since making a €105m move from Borussia Dortmund in 2017, making just 119 appearances in all competitions over four years at Camp Nou. In spite of his fitness issues, Dembele is young enough to retain the interest of leading clubs across Europe, and he could be an interesting gamble for a top team next summer.

Lorenzo Insigne (Napoli), Angel Di Maria (PSG), Jesse Lingard (Manchester United), Alexandre Lacazette (Arsenal) and Luis Suarez (Atletico Madrid) are also possible options for teams next summer.

'One thing that doesn't change is the desire to fight', says Alves

BARCELONA

DANI Alves said he has returned to Barcelona to fight for his place, not "put his feet up", after the 38-year-old was presented to almost 10,000 fans at Camp Nou on Wednesday.

A grinning Alves bowed, waved and kissed the badge in front of adoring Barca supporters chanting his name, before signing a contract on the pitch alongside club president Joan Laporta.

In a press conference shortly afterwards, Laporta even kept open the possibility of more former stars returning, in response to a question about the futures of Lionel Messi and Andres Iniesta.

Alves is back five years after leaving Barcelona, having won six La Liga titles and three Champions Leagues with the club. He played in the same team as Xavi Hernandez, who has made his own sensational comeback as a coach.

"One thing that doesn't change is the desire to fight," said Alves. "I have a little less hair but that desire remains the same."

"I know what this club is. I'm not here to put my feet up or enjoy life in

Barcelona, I'm here to fight for my place and to play."

Alves has signed on a free transfer and will reportedly accept the lowest salary in Barcelona's first-team squad. He will be available to play in January, with his contract initially running only until June.

"I was doing everything I could with the president, insisting that I wanted to come back and that I could help," Alves said. "In the end I received a call from Xavi saying that he would count on me if I wanted to come. The rest was very easy."

Laporta said Xavi was in favour of Alves coming back. "I told Xavi that Dani was available and wanted to help," Laporta said. "Xavi told me Dani is one of those people you always need in your team."

Laporta was also asked about the possibility of bringing back other legends like Messi, who is at Paris Saint-Germain, and Iniesta, who is playing for Vissel Kobe in Japan.

"I don't rule it out," said Laporta. "They are icons who have made the club great, Leo and Iniesta are two spectacular players. I cannot predict



Dani Alves (right) was presented in front of Barcelona fans on Wednesday after making an incredible return to the club (AFP)

the future and they have contracts with other clubs, which we have to respect, but you never

know."

Alves made light of the suggestion Messi might be wishing he was part

of the reunion.

"If you give me a couple of hours, I will go and find him," Alves

said, laughing.

Barcelona are a very different outfit to the one Alves left. They are sitting ninth in La Liga and grappling with debts of more than a billion euros.

The club's chief executive Mateu Alemany admitted Barca are unlikely to be able to make signings in January.

"The reality is that today we can register Xavi and his coaching staff but we have nothing left over," said Alemany. "In January we'll see if there are more departures and if that fits with the needs of the coach."

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Djigui Diarra. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Yanga keeper, defender eye World Cup qualifiers' feat

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA players, goalkeeper Djigui Diarra and full-back Djuma Shaban, will be on the verge of setting history, should their respective countries' squads book a place in the 2022 World Cup finals.

Diarra is turning out for Mali national team, Djuma features for DR Congo national team, with both squads progressing to African Qualifiers for 2022 World Cup third round.

They will become the footballers from Tanzania's NBC Premier League that are bound for the World Cup finals if their respective countries' squads excel in the continental event's third round.

Participating in the World Cup finals while playing in the NBC Premier League stands to be a feat that has yet to be achieved.

Diarra is likely to travel to Qatar, if Mali qualifies for the World Cup finals, despite not getting a chance to start in the squad.

The shot-stopper has been one of three goalkeepers that head coach Mohamed Magassouba has been calling up for his squad.

Ibrahim Mounkoro, who plays for TP Mazembe of DR Congo, is Mali's first-choice goalkeeper, while the team's second-choice keeper is Ismael Diawara, who plays professional football for Malmo in Sweden.

In the last six Group E matches of World Cup qualifiers that Mali took part in, shot-stopper Mounkoro played in five matches while Diawara stood between the sticks in one match, with Diarra restricted to bench.

Except for Diarra, Djuma could also get a chance to go to the World Cup finals if DR Congo will be among the five African teams that will advance to the finals.

However, the chances are slim for Djuma as he has not played regularly in the DR Congo squad, unlike Diarra.

DR Congo's coach Hector Cuper has been keen to make the most of defender Mukoko Amale, who plays for Morocco's Difa'a El Jadida.

However, the NBC Premier League has one player, who has played in the World Cup, although he participated in the tournament as he had not featured in the top flight while playing in World Cup.

The footballer, keeper Daniel Agyei, was in Ghana's national squad that participated in the 2010 World Cup final in South Africa and was registered and served Simba SC in the 2016/17 Premier League season.

Former Simba SC coach and star, Abdallah Kibadani, said that the presence of such players like Diarra adds value to NBC Premier League.

"A foreign player must have qualities which could not be likened to the locals', so when you see a player play in the Tanzanian league and he is called up to a prominent national soccer team like Mali signifies that our league has developed."

Martin: Simba SC ought to beat Ruvu Shooting



Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

PABLO Franco Martin's first NBC Premier League outing as Simba SC head coach takes the Spanish tactician to CCM Kirumba, Mwanza today afternoon as the defending champions will be looking to close the gap with leaders, Yanga, to one point with a win against Ruvu Shooting. Simba SC is the only side besides Yanga that is unbeaten

this season and is coming off the back of having not conceded in five games.

In the Msimbazi Street club's last league outing before the international break, Simba SC nipped Namungo FC 1-0 thanks to a late header executed by forward, Meddie Kagere.

The Spaniard is aware this is a must-win game to avoid finding themselves trailing Yanga by more points.

Speaking to the press ahead of the

game, Pablo said they have no excuse not to emerge with maximum points.

Pablo noted: "It is going to be our first game so we are excited. It is the first opportunity to see the players in the real competition and to get their first three points for the team."

"We have many injuries and some players who were with their national teams haven't reported back and those who are back from international duty

are not in their best fitness levels or they didn't train with us but for me, that is not an excuse and I am sure the team is going to be ready to play their best game."

"Defensively it is a solid team but offensively they are finding it hard to score goals and this is the first point for us to try to improve."

"We need to try to keep the wall good and need to start taking more advantage of the situations we are creating or create more situations and be a little more accurate."

Pablo, who took over the team from Thierry Hitimana, who was in charge on an interim basis following the sacking of Didier Gomes da Rosa, insisted he is going to give all players a chance to impress to raise competition for places within the team.

"It is important to create competitions, I now need to see all players. Everybody is starting from scratch. What I saw is that most of the players playing the same games."

"Now, from the very beginning, when I have all the players and if we have the opportunity we want to play them."

Meanwhile, Ruvu Shooting is in 10th position with six points after registering two wins and three losses in their opening five games of the season.

The Coast Region squad lost 3-1 to Yanga in its last fixture.

Azam FC assistant coach pours praise on forward

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi



Vivier Bahati. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Azam FC assistant coach Vivier Bahati has said they believe that the team's striker, Idris Mbombo, has what it takes to excel despite many criticizing him after five NBC Premier League games.

Bahati's statement comes after Mbombo scored two goals and helped his team emerge with a 4-1 win against Zanzibar's JKU in a friendly match played at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam recently.

"He is a good player who knows how to score and has the good mental ability so it will take him some time due to him being new in the league but the more he scores the more he regains his confidence," he said.

Bahati said the challenge for the star is due to being compared to the team's top scorer last season, Prince Dube, who has been plagued by injuries since May 26, this year.

"Every player in Azam has a great level because we focused on a lot of things in the registration this season to find players who will fulfill what we want," he said.

Mbombo has scored only one goal in five NBC Premier League fixtures with a lot of expectations on the striker because of his goal-scoring prowess.

Born in Lubumbashi, DR Congo, Mbombo kicked off his career at the Zambia team, Kabwe Warriors, before making a big move to Zambian giants Zesco United FC in December 2015.

Mbombo joined Azam FC from El-Gouna, the Congolese joined El-Gouna from Nkana FC as a replacement for Walter Bwalya, when the latter left for Cairo giants, Al Ahly, however, Mbombo failed to replicate Bwalya's successes.

During his journey in Egypt, Mbombo made 14 appearances but failed to score or contribute to any goals in either the Egyptian Premier League or the Egypt Cup.

Less than two years later, his performances attracted the Saudi side, Al Shabab, which signed him for a reported fee of €250,000, loaning him to the Albanian side, KF Laçi, and Zambia's Nkana FC, after he struggled to make an impact for them.

Azam FC, which finished third in last season's Mainland Premier League campaign, will play struggling Kinondoni Municipal Council FC on November 21 to make amends from its slow start to Premier League.

Eighth-placed Azam FC has emerged victorious in two outings, notched draw in one and conceded loss in two.

KMC FC, sitting 15th, has yet to notch a victory in its five ties.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

