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'Anxieties handicap many HIV sufferers'

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

NEW research findings indicate that people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) are greatly affected by poor mental health, particularly anxiety, compared to other groups.

Dr. Frank Kiwango, a specialist in mental health and illness at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (KCMC) made this observation at the weekend, outlining findings of a study conducted last year by KCMC in collaboration with the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS).

Results of the study involving 593 participants, including 164 men, were highlighted at an online forum organised by the Tanzania Mental Health Stakeholders Community of Practice (TMH-CoP), hosted by administrators at the Muhimbili National Hospital at the weekend.

"There are serious repercussions for those suffering from this illness, as they may lose

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By Guardian Reporter

214.425bn/-, amounting to 31 percent of the total planned investment.

SINCE the Gulf port management firm DP World took over operations at the Dar es Salaam port container terminal, ship waiting times at anchor have dramatically decreased from an average of 46 days in May to just seven days, with zero waiting time for container ships and reduced waiting periods for bulk carriers and general cargo vessels.

This change was among numerous advantages gained in port operations since the shift, as Planning and Investment state minister Prof. Kitila Mkumbo explained in parliamentary remarks towards the end of last week.

He cited the introduction of advanced equipment, such as sea-to-shore gantry cranes (SSGs) and rubber-tyred gantry cranes (RTGs) as having significantly accelerated cargo handling operations.

As a result, the turnaround time for container ships has halved from seven days to three days while the number of ships waiting at anchor dropped from 35 in September 2023 to 15 one year later, he said.

As per the contract, DP World is committed to investing \$250m (675bn/-) over a period of five years, whereas within the first five months, the firm had already invested

This initial investment was directed at modernising equipment and enhancing information technology (IT) systems for port management, he stated, recalling that on October 22 last year TPA signed three investment agreements with DP World.

The accords covered operations in container handling, general cargo, bulk cargo and vehicle cargo where the Dubai-based firm set up a local entity, DP World Dar es Salaam to oversee operations, starting its work on April 15.

The successful integration of customs systems, that is the Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS) and the Tanzania Electronic Single Window System (TeSWS) have streamlined operations, reduced redundancies and improved cargo clearance times, thus enhancing transparency and communications, he said.

As a result, tax revenue collected by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) reached 1trn/- in September 2024, up from an average of 850bn/- per month, underlining the marked efficiency gains in expedited cargo processing.

The minister was enthusiastic about achieve

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Former president Jakaya Kikwete pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting an award and a certificate of appreciation to NMB Bank CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-R) in acknowledgment of the bank's contribution of 1bn/- towards the treatment of children with heart conditions at the city's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute. The event followed a fundraiser held specifically for the purpose. Looking on are National Assembly deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu (R) and Industry and Trade minister Dr Selemani Jafo. Story and related photo on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

South Africa, Tanzania linking up in DIT satellite launch drive

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SOUTH Africa is working with Tanzanian institutions on initiatives especially in

satellite technology, with hopes of jointly launching satellites in the future, a visiting cabinet minister has declared.

Dr. Bonginkosi Nzimande,

the Education, Science and Innovation minister for South Africa, made this affirmation in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, hailing prospects of extending support

to Tanzania in that field.

His remarks came as the Dar es Salaam Institute of

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Small-scale miners operating in the vicinity of Mwime Gold Mine in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, pictured at the weekend sitting by sacks of their newly 'harvested' pebbles believed to contain gold ore as they contemplated their fate. This was in the wake of reports of the 'impending' closure of the mine following controversy over the area specifically under the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project - from Uganda's Lake Albert oilfields right to Tanzania's Tanga Port. Photo: Correspondent Mohabu Dominick

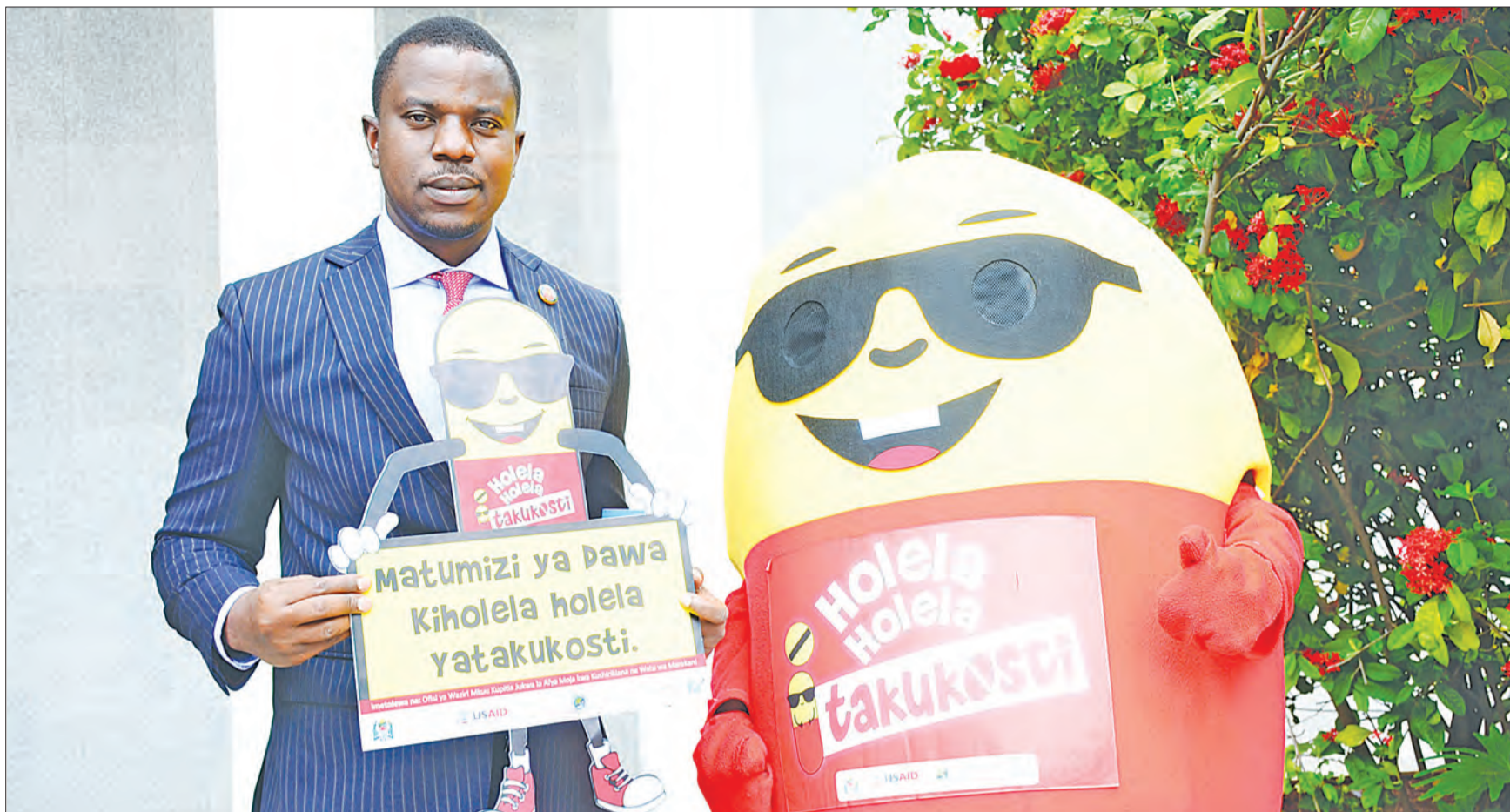
EAC activating experts' pool on viral outbreaks

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Works minister Innocent Bashungwa pictured with mascot KIDO, "ambassador" of the USAID-funded Antimicrobial Resistance awareness campaign at the National Assembly grounds in Dodoma city at the weekend. The thrust of the drive is on the dangers of misusing medicinal drugs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

EAC activating experts' pool on viral outbreaks

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE East African Community (EAC) is activating its rapidly deployable expert (RDE) pool for the first time in response to the ongoing Mpox virus outbreak, billed as a significant regional health intervention.

Veronica Nduva, the EAC secretary general, and Marcus von Essen, head of the East Africa Division at the Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) ministry in Germany presided at the launch event here over the weekend, attended by representatives from the DRC, Burundi and an RDE pool expert.

DRC and Burundi have been heavily affected by the disease outbreak as during the past month DRC reported over 7,000 confirmed cases, with nearly 40 per cent affecting children aged under 15.

To support health efforts in the DRC and Burundi, the EAC Secretariat is dispatching skilled regional emergency experts in three deployments in partnership with the German epidemic preparedness team (SEEG) over the

next six months, she stated.

At the official launch of the EAC RDE Pool, led by the South Kivu health department, in the DRC, the EAC team requested SEEG support for the deployments, building on an initial SEEG mission in June 2024.

It focused on infection prevention and control (IPC) measures for Ebola and Mpox outbreaks, where the mission outlined critical gaps in IPC training and supplies in local healthcare facilities.

In upcoming deployments, experts will provide vital training on IPC practices, risk communication and laboratory diagnostics to improve local health workers' and communities' responses to the Mpox outbreak, experts noted.

A training-of-trainers model will be used to multiply the impact within local health systems, with the deployments addressing shortages in essential medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE), equipping healthcare providers and communities to better manage the outbreak, the pool expert noted.

The EAC region has long been

challenged by infectious disease outbreaks, including Ebola, Marburg, Measles, Bird Flu, and COVID-19. To bolster preparedness and response, the EAC established the RDE Pool in 2019, as approved by the 18th EAC Sectoral Council of Ministers of Health (EAC/SC/Health/18/Decision 08). The RDE Pool enables a rapid, coordinated, and multidisciplinary response to health crises in line with the International Health Regulations (IHR).

The experience of the West Africa Ebola outbreak (2014-2015) highlighted the need for quick, coordinated cross-border responses. In June 2024, the EAC, alongside the partner states, centres for disease prevention (Africa CDC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), conducted a tabletop simulation exercise (TTX) in Nairobi, to test the RDE Pool's deployment mechanism.

Supported by BMZ through GIZ and SEEG, the exercise developed a roadmap to integrate EAC efforts with Africa CDC's umbrella initiative, advancing joint planning, deployment and capacity building for outbreak responses.

The current Mpox outbreak, originating in eastern DRC, has since spread to Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda, exacerbated by a Marburg virus outbreak in Rwanda. Shortages in PPE, IPC supplies and limited laboratory capacity underscore the urgency of deploying the RDE Pool to contain the outbreak.

The RDE Pool, now consisting of over 140 experts from the EAC partner states, is set for further expansion, marking a new era in EAC's capacity for regional health emergency response. Through these deployments, the EAC strengthens collaboration with key partners to safeguard regional public health and support cross-border outbreak responses.

At a press conference, the EAC secretariat chief emphasized regional coordination in tackling infectious diseases. The EAC region, with its continuous movement of people and goods, is particularly vulnerable to disease spread, she said, stressing the need for a coordinated response to mitigate health, economic, and livelihood impacts of outbreaks like Mpox and Marburg.

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ments recorded at the port of Dar es Salaam since the Dubai-based logistics company began operations in April, vastly increasing cargo flows and revenues.

The Minister of State in the President's Office made the remarks in the National Assembly when presenting the national development plan for 2025/26, affirming that notable advances in efficiency, revenue generation and overall operations have been witnessed at the port.

Cargo handled at the port has increased from 141,889 tonnes in May 2024 to 168,336 tonnes by September, a 18.6 percent growth within five months, while the number of containers processed, measured in 20 foot equivalent units (TEUs), surged from an average of 12,000 per month to 27,000 five months later.

It was a new record for the port, surpassing the previous highest level of 15,000 containers, he remarked, noting that in the five months since DP World began operating berths 0-7, the government has collected 325.3bn/- in revenue arising from agreements with the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA).

They relate to land rent, royalties and wharfage, he said, explaining that with increased revenue and reduced operational costs from the improvements made, the government has initiated investments valued at 1.922trn/-.

The projects include the construction of a single buoy mooring (SBM), a new port at Mgao Island in Mtwara, and dhow wharves in Dar es Salaam, he added.



Lindi Region elder Abdallah Livembe dresses Industry and Trade minister Dr Selemani Jafo in traditional attire during the launch of an agricultural exhibition in the southern region at weekend. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Govt launches midwifery training centre to reduce infant mortality

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has inaugurated Angel of Life Midwifery Training Centre, the first of its kind in the country aimed at reducing infant mortality rates.

The inauguration ceremony in Dar es Salaam at the weekend was jointly organized by Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association and Wenzhou Medical University of China.

Yang Qingjiu, Vice Governor of China's Zhejiang Province, along with a Chinese delegation, senior officials from the Chinese Embassy in Dar es Salaam and board members of Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association attended the event.

Joseph Kahama, Secretary General of Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association, expressed gratitude to China for establishing the midwifery

training centre, saying that it would contribute to lowering infant mortality rates.

"Midwives trained at the centre will be able to assist pregnant women who cannot afford costs and transport needed to reach health facilities for delivery," he said, adding that pregnant women in remote rural areas often have to travel long distances to access healthcare services.

According to the Ministry of

Health, Tanzania's infant mortality rate in 2024 is projected to be 33.021 deaths per 1,000 live births, down 3.36 percent from 2023.

Dong Qixin, Chief Executive Officer and General Coordinator of Angel of Life African Midwifery Training Programme, said that Chinese doctors will provide training for midwives in Tanzania, with 20 to 30 midwives trained per session.

South Africa, Tanzania set to link up in DIT satellite launch drive

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Technology (DIT), a facilitating institution for the government, was unveiling ambitious plans to launch three satellites within the next few years in a new drive to explore opportunities tied with space technology.

Dr Richard Masika, the DIT council chairman talked of these expectations at a meeting with the visiting minister, explained at a media briefing.

The visitor was exploring chances of enhancing educational collaboration among scientific institutions charged with portions of government plans in the fields of science and technology, as the government has tasked DIT with implementing initial steps to launch the first satellite in 2026, followed by two more in 2027 and 2028, the don affirmed.

The government is implementing space-related programmes to promote the use of satellite technology for convenient access to communication, highly important in fields like defence and security, research, disaster management and weather forecasting, he explained.

The country has been making strides in space-linked programmes, including securing an orbital position of 16W for use in broadcasting satellites and new frequencies to improve the reliability of air and maritime communications.

The visit provided DIT with a unique opportunity to leverage South Africa's expertise in space technology, he said, underlining that DIT is committed to aligning student training with industry demands.

DIT backs up national goals by developing competent engineers through a skills-based approach rather than focusing on conceptual problem solving, he said, pointing at the

DIT's 'teaching factory' approach as equipping students with practical skills.

This ensured that they are market-ready upon graduation as by the time they leave they are ready for involvement in industry, he added.

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hope and fail to adhere to their antiretroviral (ARV) medications. This can lead to increased anxiety and a further decline in their health, making life particularly challenging," he stated.

The study, conducted from September to October 2023, found that among the 593 PLWHA surveyed, 74 individuals, or 12 percent, exhibited intense symptoms of anxiety.

The number underscores the need for public education on mental health issues related to living with HIV, he explained.

"People with HIV are at heightened risk of developing mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression. Our research confirms that they are more vulnerable than those without chronic illnesses," he elaborated.

The study was located in the Moshi Urban District,

stated, while Dr. Petro Peshu, the DIT academic director, shared insights into DIT's roadmap for executing the space initiatives.

As part of this initiative, DIT established a space department in 2023 and is set to launch a center for space technology before the year ends, while preparing for its first satellite launch under the KiboCube programme by August 1, 2026, he said.

DIT experts have visited Russia and China to gather insights and build local capacity for satellite launches, he said, underlining the broader benefits of space technology, like economic gains, improved agricultural monitoring and enhanced border security.

Space technology enhances communication, directly impacting social and business interactions, protecting borders and wildlife, thereby reducing costs associated with national security, he elaborated.

The visiting minister emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation in space technology, noting that space science and technology links align with DIT focus, affirming that preliminary agreement had been established with Prof. Adolph Mkenya, his local counterpart, to explore further areas of cooperation.

This is possible due to South Africa's advanced capabilities in the field, he said, underlining that South Africa wants to see more African countries engaged in space science and technology.

Stressing the need to educate African societies about the role of science in everyday life to garner broader public support for scientific initiatives, he said that these countries need to ensure that society understands the significance of science. "Without that understanding, we cannot expect their support," he remarked.

South Africa expects to support Tanzania's efforts particularly in capacity building through staff and student exchanges, he added.

Kilimanjaro Region, at four comprehensive treatment centers (CTCs) providing HIV services, including KCMC and the Mawenzi regional hospital.

In response to the findings, initiatives to provide education through health programmes were drawn up, including media outreach and conferences, he said.

"There is a pressing need for the community to support this group, prevent further deterioration of their mental health and establish sustainable monitoring plans to ensure timely access to appropriate services," he emphasized.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) says that approximately 36m adults worldwide were living with HIV/AIDS in 2021, two-thirds of them in Africa, where Tanzania is home to about 1.6m PLWHA by WHO data for 2022, he added.



Muheza District medical officer Dr Fani Mussa (R) closes two-day training for healthcare providers from dispensaries and health centres at the weekend. Issues addressed included ways to handle cases of gender-based violence. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Govt open to stronger collaboration with EACOP to train oil, gas experts

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has called for increased cooperation with the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) to train skilled workers to effectively manage Tanzania's oil and gas industry.

During the launch of a master's programme initiative focused on engineering fields related to oil, gas and extractive industries in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, Prof Daniel Mushi, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, emphasized the urgent need for skilled professionals to maximize the country's natural resources.

"This significant investment from EACOP, costing approximately \$116,000, aims to cultivate experts who will oversee project execution. Many of the individuals may eventually join academic staff," he stated. He urged that master's scholarships be extended to ensure a larger pool of qualified personnel for resource exploitation.

Out of the 501 applicants for sponsorship, only 12 candidates were selected based on their professional capabilities. Applicants hailed from the University of Dar es Salaam, Mbeya University and Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT). The successful candidates will undergo a rigorous 18-month training programme funded by the Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Ltd (DOCG), EACOP's contractor for the Tanga tank and terminal.

The six programmes offered include chemical and process engineering, power electronics and electrical engineering, structural engineering, oil and gas technology, production engineering and petroleum engineering.

Prof Mushi praised the collaboration between EACOP and various education institutions, including VETA colleges, for the hands-on training provided to workers. He noted that EACOP has established a gas and oil institute, initiated an internship programme and sponsors workers' training abroad in gas and oil industry.

Prof. Bonaventure Rutinwa, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Dar es Salaam, pledged strong cooperation with EACOP in implementing the initiative.

"We appreciate EACOP's choice to partner with our university; they have selected the right institution. The students are likely to become future lecturers and we are committed to supporting them as much as possible," he said.

Chu Dayong, DOCG Tanzania Branch Manager, said that the 12 master's scholarships would enable talented Tanzanians to pursue advanced degrees in crucial fields for the country's economic future.

"Our responsibility extends to ensuring that Tanzanians play a leading role in the country's growth story," he said.

Neema Kweka, EACOP Local Content Manager, noted that the event exemplified EACOP's commitment to implementing Tanzania's local content

policy.

She explained that EACOP collaborates with local education institutions, having contributed to capacity building of instructors and improved infrastructure at the University of Dar es Salaam, Arusha Technical School and VETA campuses in Moshi, Shinyanga and Tanga as well as the Bandari College.

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Appointment of Mr. Godfrey Ng'urah as the Managing Director of the Co-operative Bank of Tanzania (CBT)



The Board of Directors and Management of the Cooperative Bank of Tanzania (CBT) are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Godfrey Joel Ng'urah as the Managing Director of the Cooperative Bank of Tanzania, effective October 2024.

Mr. Ng'urah is a seasoned banker with an illustrious career spanning over 18 years in commercial banking and cooperatives. His expertise encompasses business turnaround, digital transformation, credit portfolio management, and strategic project management. He has demonstrated a remarkable ability to drive results, lead with agility, and deliver measurable outcomes across various organizations.

Before this appointment, Mr. Ng'urah served as the Managing Director of Kilimanjaro Cooperative Bank Limited (KCBL), where he led the transformation of the bank from a struggling community entity into a full-fledged commercial institution, now known as the Co-operative Bank of Tanzania (CBT). His efforts at KCBL were further highlighted by a successful merger with Tandahimba Community Bank (TACOBAB), which expanded the bank's market reach and improved its operational efficiency. Mr. Ng'urah's strategic vision and leadership not only revitalized the bank's capital structure but also positioned it for sustained growth in the competitive banking landscape.

Prior to joining KCBL, Mr. Ng'urah had a successful career at CRDB Bank Plc, where he served as the Business Change Manager. He was responsible for spearheading transformative initiatives aimed at improving the retail banking model, optimizing processes, and enhancing service delivery channels across CRDB's branch network. Earlier, he served as the Senior Relationship Manager for SME Banking, where he played a key role in developing and operationalizing the bank's SME business strategy, driving portfolio growth, and ensuring portfolio quality.

Mr. Ng'urah holds a Master of Business Administration (Finance) from the University of Dar es Salaam. He is also a Certified Professional Banker and a Certified Executive, having completed the Executive Leadership Program at Strathmore Business School (SBS). With his extensive experience and strong leadership skills, he is well-equipped to guide CBT through its next phase of growth and success.

The Board of Directors is confident that under his leadership, the Cooperative Bank of Tanzania will continue to thrive and expand its impact within Tanzania's banking sector.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Ng'urah on his appointment and wishing him all the best in his new role.

Prof. Gervas Mathias Machimu
Board Chairman
Co-operative Bank of Tanzania (CBT)



Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, Trade, Agriculture and Livestock tour Dar es Salaam-based ALAF Limited at the weekend, mainly to assess progress in the implementation of the factory's various projects and to have a feel of the challenges it is facing which call for the government's attention. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Drug resistance awareness crusader enters parliament

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

In a spirited effort to combat the growing threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Kido, ambassador for the USAID-funded 'Holela Holela Itakukosti' (Reckless is costly) campaign, took centre stage during a special awareness visit to the National Assembly.

The visit on Friday aimed to engage lawmakers in the fight against AMR, a global health challenge that has increasingly jeopardized public health, agriculture and the economy.

Kido, a respected figure in the fight against AMR, addressed members of Parliament with passion and clarity, shedding light on the devastating consequences of unchecked antimicrobial use and misuse. He said: "Without immediate action, rising resistance to antibiotics could undo decades of medical progress and lead to un-

treatable infections, putting millions of lives at risk."

As part of his visit, Kido led an interactive session where parliamentarians discussed the need for more robust policies and greater public awareness of responsible antibiotic use.

The ambassador shared real-life stories of how AMR impacts communities nationwide, emphasizing the necessity for a multisectoral approach involving healthcare professionals, farmers and the public. The visit marked a significant advancement for the campaign.

Waziri Nyoni, Chief of Party for the Breakthrough ACTION project, praised Kido's role: "Kido's efforts as campaign ambassador have been transformative. His work connects policymakers with the realities of AMR's impact across Tanzanian communities, underscoring the need for a robust, uni-

fied response."

Kido spearheads the campaign, which seeks to raise awareness at all levels, from grassroots communities to high-level decision-makers. With the visit to the National Assembly, Kido and the campaign made a significant stride in advocating for more decisive legislative action and budget allocation toward AMR mitigation efforts.

Kido's role as an ambassador is instrumental in ensuring that the AMR crisis remains a top priority on the national health agenda by bridging the gap between policymakers and public health experts.

As the session concluded, parliamentarians committed to revisiting current policies on antibiotic use and exploring innovative solutions to tackle AMR more effectively. Kido's leadership and advocacy have invigorated the campaign, making the visit a pivotal moment in the national fight against AMR.



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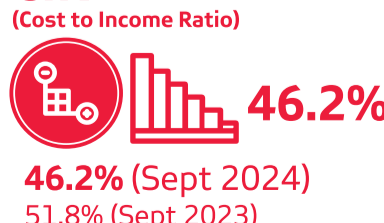


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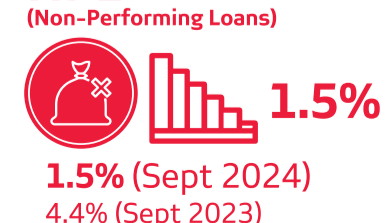
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Press clubs called upon to heed 2023/2025 strategic plan, avoid internal conflicts

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

PRESS clubs have been called to align with the 2023/2024 strategic plan set forth by the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) to attract stronger donor support and avoid internal conflicts that could hinder progress.

UTPC President Deogratius Nsokolo made the call at the weekend when speaking during the union's annual general meeting, emphasising the role of press clubs in shaping the institution's future.

He noted that journalists have the power to either build up or weaken UTPC, depending on their dedication or lack thereof to shared goals, citing the recent recommendation by donor to focus support on select, high-performing clubs rather than all clubs, underscoring the importance of unified efforts.



Union of Tanzania Press Clubs president Deogratius Nsokolo pictured in Singida municipality at the weekend addressing the union's annual general meeting. The event brought together the chairpersons, secretaries and treasurers of journalists' clubs from across 28 mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar regions. Photo: Correspondent Thobias Mwanakatwe

"The donor observed that some clubs are advancing while others are holding them back. It's essential to keep UTPC's vision and mission at the forefront and focus on the results that matter to our institution," he stated.

The 2023/2025 strategic plan titled 'UTPC from Good to Great' aims to elevate professionalism and establish supportive legal and

regulatory frameworks that advance media development and safeguard journalists' rights.

Nsokolo added that the plan is designed to enhance press clubs' effectiveness, efficiency and independence while prioritizing safety and wellbeing of journalists. To achieve the goals, UTPC is also focused on building robust systems, organizational structures and a dedi-

cated workforce.

He highlighted that the strategic plan's focus on project innovation and partnerships has positioned UTPC as a leader in raising standards and creating a better environment for media professionals in Tanzania.

Reflecting on past challenges, Nsokolo noted: "A few years ago, UTPC faced significant

setbacks. Major donors withdrew their support, expressing concerns over unresolved conflicts within our clubs."

UTPC Director Kenneth Simbaya echoed the call for accountability among press clubs, stressing that if they fail to fulfill their responsibilities, UTPC could be seen as an obstacle to achieving progress that is within reach.

Acquire quality mark to increase export chances, producers urged

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

TANZANIAN manufacturers have been urged to ensure their products bear quality mark issued by Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to facilitate smooth exports, including to countries within the East African Community (EAC).

Hamis Seleleko, TBS Western Zone Acting Manager, made the

appeal during a discussion with residents, manufacturers, traders and investors at the commemoration of the 3rd anniversary of Mwanakatavi Week held in Mpan-da from October 25 to 31.

He said EAC member states have agreed that products certified for quality by their national standards agencies and display quality mark do not need to be

retested when traded within the community.

Seleleko emphasized that the exhibitions aimed to promote economic opportunities in Katavi Region, particularly in agriculture, mining, tourism and livestock.

He explained that participating in the exhibitions helps educate the public about TBS services,

especially regarding issuance of quality marks for locally-produced goods which enhances both consumer acceptance and export potential.

"Products with quality marks can be sent to any EAC country without facing trade barriers," he said.

He also highlighted that TBS provides testing services for vari-

ous products at its accredited laboratories in Dar es Salaam which are recognized internationally. Therefore, any product tested in the laboratories is globally acknowledged and does not require further testing.

"Through the exhibition, we emphasize that products entering the market must meet set standards," he said.

The official further pointed out the challenges faced when selling products that do not meet standards, including removal of such products from Tanzanian market, particularly cosmetics containing harmful substances.

"We urge both consumers and traders to adhere to standards set by the government through TBS," he said.

Celebrating His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ally Mwinyi's Four Years in Office: A Time of Growth and Success for PBZ



As we look back on the past four years of His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, the People's Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ) has made tremendous progress. Since 2020, PBZ has achieved remarkable growth and outstanding success, thanks to the supportive economic policies and good governance provided by His Excellency's administration. Under his leadership, the bank has consistently exceeded its targets and set new records for performance.

PBZ's capital has seen a significant increase, growing from TZS 109.67 billion to TZS 232.19 billion as of September 2024, an impressive rise of 111.7%. This growth in capital reflects the positive environment created by His Excellency's administration, allowing the bank to invest in its future and support the government's wider goals for economic development.

The bank's total assets have expanded greatly, increasing from TZS 752.83 billion in 2020 to TZS 2.43 trillion as of September 2024, which is a growth of 223%. This increase shows how His Excellency's policies have helped the economy grow and provided PBZ with the opportunity to expand its reach, improve its services, and offer more to its customers.

PBZ's deposits have also grown tremendously, from TZS 578.36 billion in 2020 to TZS 1.99 trillion in 2024, a rise of 244%. This growth reflects the strong trust our customers have in the bank, made possible by the stable and supportive environment created by His Excellency's leadership.

When it comes to profitability, PBZ's profit before tax stood at TZS 18.36 billion in 2020. With the support of the government's policies, we are confident that we will close 2024 with a profit before tax of TZS 95.94 billion, which is an increase of over 422%. This shows that PBZ has not only benefited from a favourable environment but has also played a key role in the country's economic progress.



Managing Director, Arafat Haji

The bank's network has expanded significantly. In 2020, PBZ had 23 branches and service centres, with only four on the mainland. By September 2024, we had grown to 44 branches, including 15 on the mainland, and we plan to open two more on the mainland and one on the islands before the year's end. This expansion goes beyond branches, as PBZ has increased its network of agents from 86 in 2020 to over 1,350 today. We have also embraced digital advancements by upgrading our mobile app and expanding our ATM network, now providing access to over 960 ATMs across Tanzania, ensuring that financial services are available to everyone.

PBZ's loan book has also grown from TZS 469.71 billion in 2020 to TZS 1.23 trillion in September 2024, representing a 162%

increase. This growth shows that more people and businesses are getting the financing they need, which helps drive economic activity and development in Tanzania.

With these achievements, PBZ finds itself needing to go back to the drawing board to create a new strategy. Our current plan has seen most of its targets not just met but significantly surpassed. This is a clear sign of the bank's remarkable success during the past four years, which has been made possible by the stable economic conditions and wise leadership of His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ally Mwinyi, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council.

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PBZ's growth reflects the bank's commitment to supporting the government's economic goals, promoting financial inclusion, and driving economic development across Tanzania. We look forward to continuing this

journey under His Excellency's outstanding leadership, embracing new opportunities to serve our people, and setting even higher goals for the future.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

APPROVED BY THE CAPITAL MARKETS AND SECURITIES AUTHORITY (CMSA)
ISSUANCE OF AZANIA BANK PLC MEDIUM TERM NOTE (MTN)
PROGRAMME: TRANCHE 1 BONDI YANGU



Azania Bank Plc wishes to inform the general public that the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) in discharging its responsibilities conferred upon it under the Capital Markets and Securities Act, Cap 79 of the Laws of Tanzania, has approved the Information Memorandum in respect of Azania Bank Plc 5-Year Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme worth TZS 100,000,000,000 (One Hundred Billion Tanzanian Shillings). Accordingly, the CMSA has also approved issuance of Tranche 1 of the MTN Programme worth TZS 30 Billion (with a green shoe option of TZS 15 Billion). This will be a General Purpose Bond in line with the Azania's strategic corporate purposes to productive economic sectors.

Features of the Tranche 1 Bondi Yangu Notes are as follows:

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Tranche 1:	TZS 30,000,000,000 (Thirty Billion Tanzanian Shillings) with a green shoe option of TZS 15,000,000,000 (Fifteen Billion Tanzanian Shillings)
Issue Price:	100% of the Aggregate Nominal
Coupon:	12.5% per annum, paid quarterly in arrears
Minimum Subscription:	TZS 500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand Tanzanian Shillings)
Issue Date:	16 December 2024
Maturity Date:	16 December 2028
Interest Payment:	16 March, 16 June, 16 September, 16 December
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3.	Offer Open	Mon, 04 Nov 2024
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6.	Notification Date	Fri, 13 Dec 2024
7.	Issue Date	Mon, 16 Dec 2024
8.	Submission of Register to CSDR	Tue, 17 Dec 2024
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Serious doubts on total debt being below 11.1 pc of GDP

ADVICE by legislators on what the government needs to do in the next fiscal plan appears to be a mixed bag, pushing for economic expansion and thus borrowing, and then trying to keep external debt servicing below the current limit of 11.1 per cent of total income.

The Union legislative body's Budget committee is emphatic that on no account should the debt reach the critical threshold of 15 per cent of gross income. But given the dynamism that defines politics, MPs could later change goalposts - depending on circumstances.

What was perhaps instructive wasn't the total figures but the annual change, an 18.18 per cent rise or an additional 14.9trn/- where the total domestic debt stood at 31.9trn/-.

The committee's analysis affirmed that government debt remains sustainable in the short, medium and long terms with the reasoning having to be adduced by the public as to whether it is due to the percentage point being small or the government's projected income sources being sustainable and thus reassuring.

While the committee was on firm territory that the debt size jump was primarily driven by the depreciation of the Tanzanian shilling, it appears that acquisition of new loans to finance new projects bore greater consequence.

Adding one trillion shillings to the debt could arise from depreciation or currency slide, not a whopping 14.9trn/-, in which case the primacy slant ought to have been reversed.

With the ever-lurking danger of large debt exposure, the expected remedy did not ring out aloud, as MPs earlier rooted for the broadening and enhancing of domestic revenue collection to service debts to some satisfaction.

It is true that it would be beneficial for the government to direct all available loans towards projects that

stimulate economic growth and promote the export of goods and services.

Judging from the outward aspect, most loans we have been landing are just directed in this manner, until one starts exploring the pros and cons of the agencies involved.

That is when it is noticed that a change of agency could have done far better, even if the loans are obtained on concessional terms and medium-term conditions.

As President Samia Suluhu Hassan has had occasion to emphasize, the more the country is anchored and accepted as a lower-middle income economy, the fewer the loans of that sort it will access.

The explanation here is that those issuing such loans are multilateral agencies who need to plan how to distribute the limited resources in their hands.

Our country is blessed with with gold, natural gas and rare minerals, even if we skip tourism attractions as evenly distributed around the world.

Just how far there is need to allocate budget resources for the 2025/2026 financial year to conduct research on household income and expenditure to update poverty statistics to replace 2017/2018 data could be considered marginal.

The real test is stable or rising levels of sensitivity to price increases, as with the various forms of intermittent chaos experienced in a number of African countries.

Inflation is low at 3.0 per cent but it is less of massive supply than suppressed demand, in which case policy advisers need to find out how to keep taxes low so that businesses thrive.

There should also be consideration of opening up more state monopolies to create jobs and remove subsidy burdens that compel vigorous taxation. Yet, the tone at present largely appears to favour more tax vigour.

Snail's pace of CNG filling points risks hurting future options on tax

INSTEAD of moving with plans to allow private filling stations to stock compressed natural gas (CNG) suited for the purpose, policy makers are toying the line of keeping this shift wholly in state hands as many bureaucrats crave the widening of the role of state firms.

Now, the government has unveiled plans to open three more such filling stations by late next month, which will make some difference to those whose vehicles have converted to gas or will soon do so. The dangers inherent in this snail's pace of shifting to CNG, including how it relates to the absorption of price increases, are apparently not noticed clearly enough by policy advisers.

Were a large number of buses to start using CNG right away or within months, there would be a drop in bus fares.

Also, were there to arise any situation arises which would push up prices either fuel, the scenario would be different.

The refusal - or merely reluctance - to liberalise this aspect of the economy is reminiscent of resistance to liberalisation altogether, which advice was once sought from top bureaucrats and politicians and was backed by numerous overseas militant organisations.

As happened, we witnessed the shaving off of some plain loss making public agencies but some for only some time. Policy makers have often acknowledged the need to convert vehicles to gas, principally on account of cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits.

Yet, there is no push to make

this a generalised situation, first in relation to government vehicles to drastically cut costs and then for commuter vehicles to bring fares as low as realistically possible.

The strategic issue here is really the price factor and not environmental considerations. There are plans for starting to tag informal sector operators with electronic identifiers whose potential effects can be dampened if fuel prices come lower and costs are easily absorbed. Legislators have been told that the government, in collaboration with the private sector, expects to put in place more CNG-facilitated filling stations.

But we are not being told clearly enough how difficult it is for existing filling stations to offer natural gas with minimal alterations of a section of its chambers.

It is strange that not as much is being said on this option in policy discussion as applies to increasing the number of CNG filling stations.

It is also unclear which private sector service providers are ready, willing or lined up to establish such filling stations, as the specialised filling stations are - in effect - being built by a state monopoly.

Hopefully, those in charge of shifting to CNG will have the luxury of staking in several years before cheaper commuting materialises for routine consumables whose prices are affected by fuel prices.

Thus, if electronic tagging of informal traders becomes a reality, we'll need to guard against the 'mushrooming' of cheap but suspicious street-side consumables triggering explosions.

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The fall of free newspapers in Europe: Is it the end?

By Romain Chauvet

DIGITALISATION has taken over the majority of free printed newspapers in Europe in recent years. But for those still here, the battle continues.

They were everywhere just a few years ago - at the subway exits, street corners or even at the office. The most popular ones were probably 20 Minutes and Metro.

We took it, read it for a few minutes, and then put it back here and there. However, this period of democratisation of access to news is over. In recent years, many free print newspapers across Europe have died.

In France, for example, the last free newspaper - 20 Minutes - stopped its printed edition this (year 2024) summer and laid off a whole one-third of its digital workforce. This ended the model of free general information newspapers in France that began in 2002.

In the UK, The London Evening Standard printed its final paper last month - ahead of a move to weekly-only editions and a rebrand under a new title called The London Standard.

Launched in 1827, the newspaper became free of charge in 2009. After an increase in circulation when they transitioned to a free model, they have been recording a huge decline.

The British paper's daily circulation has dropped from 850,000 to 275,000 in the past five years, and it has lost £84.5 million over the past six years.

The disappearance of free newspapers raises questions about the plurality and diversity of information, which can lead to a monopoly situation in certain countries.

In the beginning, a real trend and competition for paid newspapers had developed. But, with digitalisation, few of them continue to exist.

In Switzerland, the free-printed newspaper 20 Minuten tries to resist. "In spring 2023, we upgraded the newspaper by publishing more lifestyle content, using thicker paper, and refreshing the layout," said Eliane Loum-Gräser, spokesperson for the newspaper, adding: "This has helped us to temporarily increase the number of print readers, and we have also received positive reactions from the advertising market."

According to figures provided by the company, 20 Minuten reaches over 2 million daily readers, online and in print, across Switzerland. The free newspaper is distributed via newspaper boxes located in high-traffic areas, among them train stations and shopping malls, and in different languages.

From Monday to Friday, the circulation is about 298,429 copies for the German-speaking part, 123,147 copies for the French-speaking part, and 23,565 copies for the Italian-speaking part.

"We are constantly optimising our printing and distribution costs. At some point, the print will probably have an expiry date, but new distribution channels, such as WhatsApp, are constantly opening up," said Loum-Gräser, who remains optimistic for the future.

"There is no European country where newspapers are a profitable

economic sector," said Roberta Carlini, part-time assistant professor at the European University Institute (EUI) and researcher at the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (CMPF).

She added: "The crisis is of course deeper in some countries, but the trend of decline is everywhere in Europe. The business model of the newspaper, and particularly for free newspapers, has been disrupted by the digital evolution."

The Covid-19 pandemic, with the lockdown, also accelerated this fall, as did Russia's war with Ukraine, which led to an increase in the price of paper and inks.

The model was simple at the beginning. Free newspapers relied on advertising revenue instead of sales. Readers do not have to pay anything to have access to this daily free press.

The costs of producing information and printing were assumed by the media, thanks to the advertisers. But it simply doesn't work anymore with digitalisation.

"The situation was different before. The newspaper, including free ones, didn't need revenue from the readers, because the advertising was so high. But, with the personalisation of advertising, advertisers are going more and more digital, considering that the services online offered by the platform are much more efficient," said Carlini.

Many newspapers have changed their model and have opted for pay-

walls in recent years. This turn was first initiated by the New York Times in 2011, through the implementation of a paywall on the meter.

The strategy bore fruit quite quickly since the following year the subscription revenues of the American daily exceeded those of advertising. This gradually inspires the entire world press.

However, for free newspapers, this is simply impossible.

The free press was born on the idea of being free and couldn't count on the second pillar of revenue - from the readers. Now it's too late, they cannot change their strategy.

However, Carlini emphasized that the free press, very engaged in small communities and with a strong identity, could continue to survive.

But in Loum-Gräser's view: "On one hand, we operate an extremely successful news portal and are active on social media ourselves in order to bring our verified news to a very young target group that hardly consumes traditional media anymore."

"But at the same time, a large share of online advertising money goes to the big tech platforms from overseas. This is, of course, a major challenge for 20 Minuten as a purely advertising-financed medium."

Loum-Gräser explained that they are now working on different strategic initiatives to diversify their revenue streams, with a view to surviving in the long term.

• The Fix Foundation

Local news deserts are expanding. But could there be green shoots?

By Tim Franklin

I have always considered myself to be an optimist, a glass-is-half-full kind of guy. Yet in my role overseeing the Medill State of Local News Project for the past three years, I have had to suppress my inner sunniness when describing our research findings.

If he were still alive, former US Vice President Spiro T. Agnew would surely call me a "nattering nabob of negativism". This year, however, is different. For sure, the new 2024 Medill State of Local News Report released on the Wednesday of Oct 23 is sobering.

The local news crisis is worsening. Newspapers are closing at an alarming rate, spawning new news deserts. Job losses last year were staggering. Nearly 54 million Americans have little to no access to local news. Grim stuff.

Yet even as arid news deserts expand, this new Medill report includes some green shoots. For the first time since we began tracking these statistics, we're seeing a significant net increase in the number of standalone local digital news sites. It's too early to

call this a trend, but it's certainly a welcome sight.

In our excavation of the local news landscape, Medill researchers hit a nugget that an optimist can seize. Does this mean that a historic, print-to-digital transformation is beginning to take hold? Or is it a statistical mirage? We need another couple of years to say for sure. But here's what I can say are my five key takeaways from our voluminous new report on the health of the local (US) news industry.

The collapse of local newspapers is showing no sign of slowing. The US lost 127 newspapers - nearly 2.5 per week - in the year ended September 30.

That's the same pace as the previous year. The US has lost more than one-third of its newspapers, about 3,300, since 2005.

News deserts will likely grow in the next few years. The Medill "Watch List," a predictive model developed by data scientists and journalism faculty, has 279 counties at high risk of becoming news deserts.

That's up 22 per cent from last year. This gloomy forecast reflects the grow-

ing number of one-news-source counties, now 1,563, teetering on the brink.

The local news ownership landscape is shifting. There were 258 newspaper transactions in the past year, up a skyrocketing 43 per cent from 2023.

The big chains are divesting, while the smaller and medium-sized chains are getting bigger. Could this be the beginning of a reordering of who owns local news organisations, or is just a shuffling of the chairs?

After remaining basically flat in recent years, there's been a major net increase of standalone digital local news sites in the past year - 81 in total.

Thirty of the sites are print newspapers that converted. Still, even a net gain of 51 local news sites is significant.

The majority of these are nonprofits. And we're now tracking 258 local news startups in the past five years, an encouraging sign.

The gulf between those with local news and those without it is widening. More than 90 per cent of the local news startups in the past year were launched in metro regions, not hard-hit rural areas.

And there are 740 national network sites producing local news, but those are highly concentrated in cities and the suburbs. The local news crisis in rural areas is acute, and there's no apparent solution.

One other important note: It's not just startups providing cause for optimism, it's also some legacy news organisations.

Medill put out a call earlier this year for nominations for its local news "Bright Spots" designation. In reviewing those nominations, we were inspired by the entrepreneurship that we saw in experimentations with new models. We profile 12 of them in our "Bright Spots" feature in our new report.

In addition to some outstanding newer local news outlets, we highlighted three legacy local news organisations that are growing and innovating.

• Tim Franklin is the senior associate dean and director of the Local News Initiative at the Medill School at Northwestern University in the US.

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Job creation and displacement amidst rapidly evolving employment landscape

RESEARCH on the employment landscape unveils how innovation is going to impact jobs, productivity and opportunities, according to David Autor, David Mindell, and Elisabeth Reynolds, the authors of a report titled "The Work of the Future: Building Better Jobs in an Age of Intelligent Machines" published in 2020.

"The central challenge ahead, indeed the work of the future, is to advance labour market opportunities to meet, complement, and shape technological innovations," their report says.

This, they say, requires modernising laws, policies, norms, organisations, and enterprises that set the "rules of the game." They explain that their report suggests a better alternative: building a future for work that harvests the dividends of rapidly advancing automation and ever-more powerful computers to deliver opportunity and economic security for workers.

According to them, technological advances, coupled with economic incentives, policy choices, and institutional forces, will alter the set of jobs available and the skills they demand.

"Inventing new ways of accomplishing existing work, new business models, and entirely new industries drives rising productivity and new jobs. Such innovations bring new occupations to life, generate demands for new forms of expertise, and create opportunities for rewarding work."

They say to enable workers to remain productive in a continuously evolving workplace requires empowering them with excellent skills programmes at all stages of life: in primary and secondary schools, in vocational and higher learning programmes, and in ongoing adult training programmes.

They suggest that investing in innovation will drive new job creation, speed up growth, and meet rising competitive challenges. "New goods and services will generate new industries and occupations that demand new skills and offer new earnings opportunities."

Moreover, the authors suggest that adopting new technology creates winners and losers and will continue to do so and the involvement of all stakeholders—including workers, businesses, investors, educational and social organisations, and government—can minimise the damage done to individuals and communities and help ensure that the jobs of the future offer benefits that are shared by all.

They see employment polarisation and diverging job quality. On the one hand, there is a growing cadre of high-education, high-wage occupations that offer strong career prospects, rising lifetime earnings, and significant employment security.

On the other hand, low-education, low-wage occupations provide little economic security and limited career earnings growth. "Traditional middle-tier jobs in production, operative, clerical and administrative support, and sales occupations are in decline."

They say this ongoing process of machine substitution for routine human labour tends to increase the productivity of educated workers whose jobs rely on informa-

tion, calculation, problem-solving, and communication – workers in medicine, marketing, design, and research.

"It simultaneously displaces the middle-skill workers who in many cases provided these information-gathering, organisational, and calculation tasks. These include sales workers, office workers, administrative support workers, and assembly line production positions."

World Economic Forum (WEF) in its report titled "The Future of Jobs: Employment, Skills and Workforce Strategy for the Fourth Industrial Revolution" published in 2016 says in many industries and countries, the most in-demand occupations or specialties did not exist 10 or even five years ago, and the pace of change is set to accelerate.

"In such a rapidly evolving employment landscape, the ability to anticipate and prepare for future skills requirements, job content and the aggregate effect on employment is increasingly critical for businesses, governments and individuals in order to fully seize the opportunities presented by these trends—and to mitigate undesirable outcomes."

As a result of overall job disruption, it is not surprising that, with current trends, competition for talent in in-demand job families such as computer and mathematical and architecture and engineering and other strategic and specialist

roles will be fierce, and finding efficient ways of securing a solid talent pipeline a priority for virtually every industry. They say if skills demand is evolving rapidly at an aggregate industry level, the degree of changing skills requirements within individual job families and occupations is even more pronounced.

"Overall, social skills—such as persuasion, emotional intelligence and teaching others—will be in higher demand across industries than narrow technical skills, such as programming or equipment operation and control. In essence, technical skills will need to be supplemented with strong social and collaboration skills."

They say mobility industries expect employment growth accompanied by a situation where nearly 40 per cent of the skills required by key jobs in the industry are not yet part of the core skill set of these functions today.

According to them, workers in lower skilled roles, particularly in the office and administrative and manufacturing and production job families, may find themselves caught up in a vicious cycle where low skills stability means they could face redundancy without significant re- and upskilling even while disruptive change may erode employers' incentives and the business case for investing in such reskilling.

Therefore, to mitigate adverse effects



on the workplace, their report recommends as immediate focus managing skills disruption as an urgent concern, utilising data analytics, talent diversity and leveraging flexible working arrangements and online talent platforms.

As long term focus, the report recommends rethinking education systems, incentivising lifelong learning as well as reskilling of existing workforces, cross-

industry and public-private collaboration because multi-sector partnerships and collaboration, when they leverage the expertise of each partner in a complementary manner, are indispensable components of implementing scalable solutions to jobs and skills challenges. Looking at the job trend in the country, the two reports serve as food for thought for decision-makers.



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US presidential race yields slew of chaotic 'surprises' leading up to Election Day

BEIJING

THE 2024 US presidential race has been filled with astonishing events, presenting chaotic "surprises" each month.

An annual survey by the American Psychological Association revealed in October that the election has become a significant source of stress for the Americans, who fear that the election results could trigger political violence and even lead to the "end of American democracy."

The election is predicted by US media to be the "most divisive" in history. As the Election Day approaches, the tense political atmosphere keeping the American public on edge will only increase.

January: Weaponizing immigrants

In January, the US federal government and the Republican-led state of Texas clashed over immigration issues. The Texas Army National Guard set up barriers such as barbed wire fences at the US-Mexico border to prevent immigrants from entering.

Meanwhile, it also denied entry of federal law enforcement officers, causing a standoff between the two sides to briefly escalate into an armed confrontation.

The "border crisis" highlights the conflict and division between the Democratic and Republican parties on immigration issues. Previously, Republican-led states such as Texas and Florida had repeatedly transported undocumented immigrants by bus or plane to cities governed by Democrats, using such moves as a weapon against the Democratic Party. Barbed wire fences and buses transporting immigrants have become symbols of partisan strife in the United States, as politicians from both parties continuously politicize the issue and seek selfish benefits at the cost of further dividing the American society.

February: Sneaker seller

On Feb 17, former US president Donald Trump made an appearance at a shoe exhibition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, showcasing his own brand of sneakers. Priced at \$399, only 1,000 pairs were available for limited release.

On the day before, Trump received a sky-high fine from the state of New York, where a judge ruled that Trump must pay a fine of approximately \$355 million for exaggerating his net worth to deceive banks into providing better loan terms.

Trump's fine should have hit the headlines, but was unexpectedly upstaged by "Trump selling shoes." Vanessa Friedman, chief fashion critic of The New York Times, wrote in an article: "It's easy to get distracted by the sheer absurdity of it all - a former president, selling sneakers!"

With sneaker culture popular in the United States, especially among young people and African Americans, the Trump campaign hoped to attract more young voters and minority voters, especially African American males, an article by the Associated Press said.

March: Quitting Congress

On March 22, Colorado Republican federal congressman Ken Buck officially resigned, ending his tenure in Congress several months ahead of schedule.

Buck, who served as a congressman for over nine years, criticized dysfunction on Capitol Hill in his interview with CNN. "This place has just devolved into this bickering and nonsense and not really doing the job for the American people," he said.

"It is the worst year of the nine years and three months that I've been in Congress and having talked to former members, it's the worst year in 40, 50 years to be in Congress," he said.

According to a March report by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), 48 members of the current US Congress have either resigned or announced their intention to resign, accounting for 11 percent of the total number of representatives and exceeding previous years.

The Washington Post said that in the past 40 years, there have never been this many Congress members voluntarily ending their terms early without plans to continue in other public positions.

Many of the departing lawmakers attributed their resignations to the bitter partisan battles and internal strife within their respective parties. From gun control to illegal immigration, the two major parties have been engaged in a constant cycle of attacking and obstructing each other on various issues, resulting in prolonged unresolved social problems that continue to escalate.

This wave of resignations from Capitol Hill largely reflects growing disillusionment among those at the top of American politics with the country's political system.



People at the US presidential debate media filing center watch a live broadcast of the first presidential debate between US Vice-President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump in Philadelphia, the United States, on Sept 10, 2024. XINHUA

April: 'Civil War'

The US movie "Civil War," released on April 12, depicts a doomsday scenario where the United States is once again plunged into a civil war.

While the movie is fictional, it reflects the current reality of division and opposition in the United States, echoing the anxieties of the American people.

Rolling Stone magazine said that the movie imagines "a future so very not-so-distant that you might accidentally mistake it for the present, in which the USA is once more at war against itself."

The Atlantic magazine said it is "a narrative with uncomfortable resonance in these politically polarized times."

In recent years, the United States has experienced political turmoil, social governance challenges, and sluggish institutional functioning, with extreme behavior and chaotic situations becoming the norm.

"The US is now more divided along ideological and political lines than at any time since the 1850s," said Bruce Stokes, an associate fellow at Chatham House. "America's friends and allies need to understand that the United States has become a Disunited States. There are effectively two Americas - and they are at war," he said.

May: Guilty ex-president

On May 30, a jury in a Manhattan court in New York City ruled that Trump had violated New York state laws by concealing a \$130,000 "hush money" payment to an adult film actress during the 2016 US presidential election and falsifying business records. He was convicted on 34 criminal charges.

It was the first time in US history that a former president has been in-

dicted or convicted in a criminal case.

Trump claimed that the case was a "witch hunt" and a "political attack" by the Democratic Party. Republicans also seized the opportunity to criticize the unfairness of the US judicial system, characterizing it as politicized and weaponized.

"Division," "resentment," and "anxiety" ... These are the words that the American media and scholars have chosen when discussing this year's election.

Against the backdrop of political polarization, the confrontation between the Democratic and Republican parties continues to escalate, and Trump's "historic" conviction undoubtedly intensifies the strife between the two sides.

June: 'Politicizing courtroom'

On June 11, a jury of 12 members in the US state of Delaware found Hunter Biden, son of US President Joe Biden, guilty of three federal gun charges, marking the first time a sitting president's child has been criminally convicted.

Hunter's conviction has fueled mutual attacks between Democrats and Republicans, escalating the already fraught atmosphere of the US presidential election. Hunter and Trump, now both convicted, assert they are victims of political persecution.

"This trial has been nothing more than a distraction from the real crimes of the Biden Crime Family," Trump campaign press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement.

"The case continued the trend of the courtroom becoming an extension of the campaign trail," CNN reported.

"In an era of intense political polarization, we could be headed down a dangerous road. Even the perception of the justice system becoming politi-

cized would be incredibly damaging, much less the reality," it said.

July: Assassination attempt

On July 13, during a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, Trump was targeted in an "attempted assassination" while delivering a speech. A few days later, Trump officially accepted the nomination to become the Republican presidential candidate for the third time.

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump said he was shot with a bullet "that pierced the upper part of my right ear."

"I knew immediately that something was wrong in that I heard a whizzing sound, shots, and immediately felt the bullet ripping through the skin," he said.

The attack was the most serious attempt to assassinate a president or presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan was shot in 1981, said the Associated Press, adding that it drew new attention to concerns about political violence in a deeply polarized United States.

"This is the worst sort of event that can happen in that environment, and I deeply worry that this presages much more political violence and social instability to come," said Ian Bremmer, president of political risk research and consulting firm Eurasia Group, said in a video posted on X, formerly Twitter.

With Americans perceiving existential threats to democracy, he said the willingness to use violence could get higher than at any point since 1968 when Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated, and perhaps since the Civil War.

August: 'Forced' withdrawal

On Aug. 22, US Vice-President Kamala Harris officially accepted the

Democratic Party's presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention held at the United Center in Chicago, "resetting and reshaping" this year's US presidential election.

On July 21, Biden was "forced" to withdraw from the race under pressure from party leaders, lawmakers and donors.

Before Biden's withdrawal, he and Trump exchanged accusations, each claiming the other was a "threat to American democracy." After Harris stepped in, she criticized Trump's policy proposals while repeatedly highlighting his criminal record, saying that it would lead the US into "chaos, fear, and hatred."

In response, Trump repeatedly asserted that Harris's status as the Democratic presidential candidate lacked "legitimacy."

Amid intense mutual attacks between the two camps, American media and experts believe that Harris and Trump will engage in a prolonged "contest" until the end, and the conflict between the two serves as a microcosm of the nation's divisions.

"When it is over, no matter who wins, we will be more divided, with our fragile democracy and our country's unity at greater risk," said James Zogby, president of the Washington-based Arab American Institute.

September: Polarizing debates

On Sept 10, Harris and Trump faced off for the first time in a 2024 US presidential debate in the city of Philadelphia.

During the debate which was scheduled to last 90 minutes, Harris spoke for a total of 37 minutes and 41 seconds, of which 17 minutes and 25 seconds were spent attacking Trump. Trump, on the other hand, spoke for 43 minutes and 3 seconds, with 12 minutes and 54 seconds dedicated to attacking Harris, according to The New York Times.

As the election race enters the "final sprint," this "reality show" of an election highlights the increasing political divisions and polarization in the United States.

A perfect storm has been brewing for years now - fueled by extreme polarization, political violence, historic prosecutions and rampant disinformation, US news website Axios reported, adding that mayhem is bound to rain down in November.

October: Big Money

On Oct 19, US billionaire Elon Musk gave a \$1-million check to an attendee at the rally in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to back Trump. He also announced a plan to give away \$1 million dollars each day until Nov 5 to a randomly chosen person who's signed a petition from his political action committee.

Musk, the richest man in the world, has given more than 75 million dollars to his pro-Trump super political action committee (PAC), according to CNN.

The money is the latest example of Musk using his extraordinary wealth to influence the tightly contested presidential race between Trump and Harris, Reuters reported. After decades of sitting on the sidelines of politics, Bill Gates, one of the richest people in the world, has said privately that he recently donated about \$50 million to nonprofit organization that is supporting Harris's presidential run, The New York Times reported on Oct. 22.

Forbes has recorded 83 billionaires supporting Harris and 52 backing Trump so far until Oct 30. While many more billionaires may also financially back a candidate, their donations won't be learned until after the election.

The 2024 presidential election is on track to be the most expensive in history.

According to OpenSecrets, a nonprofit organization that tracks and publishes data on campaign finance and lobbying, the two major-party presidential campaigns, their related super PACs, and other aligned groups will spend more than \$15.9 billion throughout the 2024 election cycle, breaking the record set in 2020, which stood at \$15.1 billion.

This once again illustrates the famous quote from former California Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh in 1966: Money is the mother's milk of politics.

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Land rights infringements and insecure tenure drive small producers off their land

Infringement of land rights, insecure tenure are pushing small producers off their land

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

SMALL producers are the backbone of economic development but in Tanzania they face insecure tenure and as such their contribution to the country's economy and other sectors is not only negligible but also uncertain. The bulk of these producers comprising farmers, herders, miners and fishers, among others, have for more than three decades lived in fear of becoming landless and devoid of sources of livelihoods. They experience increase of habitat expansion, large scale farming, expansion of protected areas and infrastructure construction taking away large chunks of land that could otherwise be used for small scale production to raise the economy at family level and help communities to eradicate poverty.

Talk about economic sustainability of a community or a country in general, the picture that comes immediately is that of land ownership, land management, land rights and secure tenure. The situation on the ground reveals that small producers are uncertain of tenure and thus their future, as a result of which the full potential of production is not realized.

Economic development takes a snail's pace and failure to move out of poverty is imminent. Under the circumstances special groups of small producers including women and the youth also cannot access land rights and few have secure tenure rights. These are not protected.

"Small producers are not safe. Their land tenure rights are not protected partly because they are not aware issues relating to land rights and secure tenure but mainly because of forces outside the land they own. Their safety lies in their unity, knowledge and awareness of their land rights so they must unite and form a strong bond in order to protect their land rights and their tenure rights," explained Prof. Issa Shivji, (Prof. Emeritus) of the University of Dar es Salaam. He was speaking at the National Land Forum 2024 and the 30th Anniversary of HakiArdhi which was conducted in Bagamoyo recently.

He said that for about three dec-

ades small producers have felt the land they own is not safe from being grabbed by investors, agribusiness and government for various reasons. "The fear was first expressed in 1992 to the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters and it has grown even more today, what with increased awareness of the importance and value of land among the public, rise in agribusiness, the wave of expanding game reserves, national parks and other protected lands, as well other land based investments. They are threatened by land grabbing that is done by both official instruments and private individuals," he explained.

The fear that was expressed to the Presidential Commission by small producers still exists today as there is still no guarantee of secure tenure for small producers. Their land can still be taken away today without their consent or consultation, just as was the case three decades ago. According to Prof. Shivji the notion that all land belongs to the public has bred corruption and irresponsibility among land administrators who act in defiance of individual and communal land rights and do not give opportunity for small producers to participate in decisions of land use and how to protect their tenure rights, among others.

Failure to interpret the law has also led to infringement of land rights and insecure tenure. For example, it is generally understood that land is public property under the stewardship of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania who has powers to make all decisions on land matters.

The Land Act No. 4 of 1999 stipulates that all land is vested on the president as a trustee on behalf of the people of Tanzania. "This does not mean that the president owns the land and neither does it mean that the president can do whatever he/she desires or intends to do. It means that the power of the president as the trustee flows down to his/her subordinates who have been delegated powers and responsibilities on land matters. In this case the President's trusteeship is a legal aspect and not administrative. The president



Prof. Issa Shivji (3rd-L) shakes hands with Deputy Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements, Lucy Kabyemera after launching the Forum. From left are Cuthbert Tomitho, HAKIARDHI Executive Director, Hellen Philip, Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Alquin Senga HAKIARDHI Board Chairman and Bernard Baha, TALA Coordinator.

is not a beneficiary of the trusteeship," explained Prof. Shivji, adding that in the course of implementing their duties some government officials have been accused of being irresponsible and corrupt in administering land rights. Various processes of land administration do not involve small producers and the same are excluded in decisions made about their land, much as they are the owners of land.

Very often when land is taken from small producers on claims that it is taken for public interest. However small producers are part of the public and it is only fair that they should participate in all decisions related to their land. This would protect land rights and ensure secure tenure.

According to the Village Land Act (No 5) 1999, villagers own land and should have the final decision on who should be allocated land. "Village land is owned by small producers and the village assembly is the authority when it comes to allocation of land to individuals or groups of people. The decision on land matters rests with the owners and not the trustee and in order to guarantee secure tenure of small producers, villagers should be allocated land by the village assembly and subsequently be issued with a Customary Certificate of Right of Occupancy," stressed Prof. Shivji.

Now that the power of village assemblies to allocate land has been weakened, small producers must unite in order to protect their

land. Such unity must incorporate knowledge of their land rights and tenure rights.

Speaking during the forum the Executive Director of Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition Onesmo Ole Ngurumwa explained that ownership of land has changed hands from small producers to large scale producers and it is a matter of time before the former become landless and therefore be stripped of their sources of livelihoods. "We therefore have to undertake a revolution in the system of land ownership as the current system does not provide enough space for small producers to own land and have secure tenure," he said, adding that land seals the link between people and their lives and their development.

"To date land is owned by the government and the President is the chief steward who makes final decisions on land owned by small producers. Such a system neither protects land rights nor guarantees secure tenure. It does not provide room for participation of small producers in making decisions about the land they own," he said.

Speaking at the Forum, HakiArdhi Executive Director Cuthbert Tomitho explained that village land must be protected because all development whether economic, social or political depends on land. "Industrialisation depends on land for construction and raw materials of all kinds. About 80 percent of the rural population, mainly

small producers, are employed on land. However, these are now being squeezed out of land to pave way for urbanization, mining, estate farming and climate change. We must therefore protect village land from these and other threats. We need to protect village land for the country's development," he said.

Earlier when officially opening the forum, Deputy Principal Secretary Ministry of Land, Housing and Human Settlements Development Ms. Lucy Kabyemera highlighted the fact that all needs and development requirements of Tanzanians depend on land. "So we need to discuss existing challenges and emerging ones with the view to protecting interests of small producers as well as local and foreign investors," she said.

She commended civil society organisations for being in the forefront in protecting land owned by small producers and pledged government support in ensuring that their land rights are respected and their tenure is secure.

Ms. Kabyemera also informed delegates that the government had finalised the review of the National Land Policy which addresses land rights and secure tenure for individuals, communities, investors and other land users.

"The new policy incorporates views and opinions from institutions, individuals, civil society and other stakeholders. It also gives direction on how to resolve conflicts and equips the various sectors

with tools to expedite services as required so that conflicts are resolved quickly," she said.

She stressed that land is important for social and economic activities such as agriculture, pastoralism, mining, fishery, construction and transport, among others, as it provides employment opportunities for many Tanzanians.

"The government is committed to promote and protect interests of small as well as large producers who own land through customary law or through legal systems, for the benefit of the country as a whole. Government also recognizes CCROs as proof ownership of land and strives to protect such land owners so that they are given adequate, fair and timely compensation whenever their land is taken by the government, institution or investors. There is also a need to revamp educational and awareness campaigns on equal access to land rights for both men and women through CCROs in a bid to get rid of or reduce gender violence," explained the Deputy Permanent Secretary.

The National Land Forum is an annual event and this time it coincided with celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of HakiArdhi. This year's event was organized by HakiArdhi and Tanzania Land Alliance during which discussions revolved on land and development in Tanzania, focusing on customary land governance.

Ateker border community leaders sign pacts to enhance peaceful co-existence

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE Leaders of the Ateker border communities comprising of Kenya's Turkana, Uganda's Karamojong, and South Sudan's Toposa and Didinga have signed a joint report resolving to foster peaceful co-existence, deepen cultural linkages and amicably address community-based issues.

The Ateker leaders who convened in Moroto, Uganda, for the High-Level Meeting of Ateker Leaders and Border Communities Sensitisation on peaceful co-existence, agreed to support governments' efforts to mobilize the community to participate in the concurrent disarmament process. This is as the leaders noted that the illegal firearms within their community contribute greatly to the insecurity in the border areas.

They further resolved to use traditional and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to manage and resolve conflicts at the community level and agreed to establish joint resource management committees to address resource scarcity and prevent resource-based conflicts between communities.

The leaders further urged the Governments of Kenya and Uganda to prioritize the signing of a resource-sharing agreement to ensure equitable access and usage of shared resources, benefiting border communities. In addition, they urged their Governments to prioritize the construction of roads, markets, abattoirs and other essential infrastructure.

Dr. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, Uganda's 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of East African Community Affairs, reaffirmed the Government of Uganda's commitment to implementing the resolutions from the East African Community's first peace caravan.

The Minister emphasized that the government is dedicated to improving infrastructure, noting that the Suam One-Stop Border Post is nearing comple-



tion on the Ugandan side, while the 73km tarmac road from Kapchorwa to Suam has been completed.

Kadaga further outlined various security measures that the Ugandan Government has put in place including: inspections of police armories to ensure safe weapon storage, training law enforcement officers in physical security and stockpile management and marking firearms for easier tracing.

"The government has implemented a fingerprinting system for both police and civilian-owned firearms, creating a fo-

rensic database for crime investigations," she said, adding that the Anti-Stock Theft Unit (ASTU) has been deployed to combat livestock theft, while the Uganda People's Defence Force (UPDF) is conducting ongoing security operations to ensure public safety.

The Minister informed attendees about the recent negotiations between the Republics of Kenya and Uganda, resulting in a Memorandum of Understanding on the cross-border Transformation Agenda for Uganda (Karamoja and Sebei) and Kenya (Turkana and West Pokot), along with a resource-sharing agreement for the

communities involved. "These documents will be signed during the upcoming Summit of the Two Heads of State in Moroto, underscoring both countries' commitment to achieving lasting peace and development for these communities," she added.

This gathering follows the First EAC Peace Caravan for border communities of the Ateker community, held in June-July 2023.

The initiative aims to promote peaceful co-existence, good neighborliness, and peaceful dispute resolution among border communities through experiential learning from successful practices in the region.

Following the high-level meeting with Ateker community leaders, a series of sensitization sessions will be conducted to promote the peace caravan's resolutions, peaceful co-existence, and regional integration in Moroto (Uganda), Lokichogio (Kenya), and Narus (South Sudan).

On her part, Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for East African Community, Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (ASALs) and Regional Development, Hon. Beatrice Moe Askul, recapped several projects implemented by the Government of Kenya among the border communities of Turkana and West Pokot.

"We have constructed three peace dams namely: Naku'etum in Turkana County, Kases in West Pokot County and Forore- Aldere in Marsabit County. We also installed the Nasal solarized borehole in West Pokot and constructed Urum water distribution systems in Turkana County," she added.

The Minister also highlighted ongoing research into conflict dynamics and adaptation mechanisms among the Turkana, West Pokot, and Karamoja communities.

The Minister further urged leaders to en-

sure that these resolutions are communicated within their communities for support and implementation.

On his part, the Governor of South Sudan's Eastern Equatorial State, H.E. Louis Lobong Lojore, representing the country's Minister of East African Community Affairs, emphasized that economic cooperation is a key priority. He called for discussions to focus on enhancing cross-border trade and infrastructure development, particularly regarding shared resources like water and pasturelands.

"This program aims to improve livelihoods and foster integration along the borders. We have established border committees for delimitation and communities should leave border matters to their respective governments while focusing on their livelihoods. The Ateker should allow livestock to move freely and graze without conflict," he noted.

Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Infrastructure, Productive, Social, and Political Sectors, noted that decisions made in the meeting need to have a set timeframe to ease coordination.

He urged the border communities to allow infrastructure development to enhance the economic and social development of the areas.

Ariik further cited boundary contestation, delimitation, and demarcation as root causes of disputes that have allowed new conflict drivers to emerge, prolonging tensions.

"We need to come together to fight against the proliferation of illicit small arms and light weapons, climate change-induced hazards like prolonged drought, and the perceived presence of natural resources in the borderlands," he stated.

Beyond visibility: How data-driven policing strategies could revolutionise crime reduction in South Africa

By Asive Xali and Vanya Gastrow

SOUTH Africa faces some of the highest crime rates globally. Murders, carjackings, home invasions, violent robberies and extortion have become alarmingly routine in many areas. The idea of visible policing is increasingly being seen by the South African Police Service (SAPS) as essential to addressing the problem, especially through police patrols and boots on the ground.

The emphasis on police visibility raises an important question: could simply increasing police patrols on the streets play a part in curbing South Africa's crime crisis?

As a strategy, ramping up the presence of police through patrols is far from new – and can be problematic. It has been a foundational element of visible policing in South Africa for decades. However, the effectiveness of this approach is still up for debate.

At first glance, strengthening police visibility through more patrols seems an obvious and necessary means to reduce crime. A higher police presence should, after all, act as a deterrent while providing the public with a greater sense of safety.

But without a strategic framework guiding these efforts, the results may be underwhelming. Simply adding more officers without a clear focus generally wastes valuable resources and is unlikely to keep crime levels down in the medium term.

To make visible patrols effective, South Africa needs to adopt a focused approach driven by data analysis. This is where evidence-based policing (EBP) comes into play. EBP uses data, research and proven strategies to inform police operations. In addition to relying on traditional policing practices or individual experience or intuition, EBP stresses the need to monitor and test interventions to assess their ability to reduce crime.

EBP studies have shown that some visible patrols



SAPS members walk near the family home of slain five-year-old Ditebogo Phalane in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria, following the police minister's visit on 14 May 2024. The visit comes after Ditebogo was shot during a hijacking, as crime has left residents living in fear. (Photo: Phill Magakoe / Gallo Images via Getty Images)

– especially in urban areas – are more effective than others. For example, EBP experiments in the US suggest that increased random patrols have little, if any, impact on crime. In contrast, targeted data-driven pa-

trols are more effective.

A policing intervention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, found that targeted police foot patrols in specific hotspots saw greater crime reductions compared with control areas. A hotspot operation in Sacramento, California, which involved police carrying out frequent 15-minute foot patrols on high-crime streets, showed similar results.

These studies suggest that by using crime data to pinpoint hotspots down to street and block level, police can be deployed to areas where they are most needed, ensuring their resources are used efficiently. However, more research is needed in countries like South Africa, where crime overlaps with acute social, economic and infrastructural challenges.

The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) recently piloted EBP hotspot policing projects in Mitchells Plain, Delft, Khayelitsha, Nyanga and Gugulethu in Cape Town. The trial involved SAPS and Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP) patrollers from the Western Cape government and City of Cape Town. The evaluation is ongoing, but tentative findings show positive effects on violent crime levels in the hotspots.

The project offers a glimpse into what a more sophisticated approach to visible policing might look like in South Africa. It is not just about deploying more officers and resources on the streets. Instead, research and evidence must be used to understand where they are needed, how they can be most effective, and what effect their presence is actually having.

While visible patrols can work under these conditions, oversurveillance is a significant concern. Even the best data-driven police strategies will fall short if efforts to improve community relations are neglected. People living and working in areas subjected to constant police surveillance often feel criminalised, and this can foster distrust between residents and law enforcement.

This happened in the US, where overpolicing in

minority neighbourhoods in three Michigan cities led to feelings of alienation and resentment. This is relevant in South Africa, where levels of confidence in the police are low. Without attempts to engage and build trust with communities, oversurveillance could backfire, making people feel less secure and resentful towards law enforcement.

South Africa must avoid a one-dimensional approach to visible policing. Instead, a greater police presence must be informed by evidence-based methods to direct resources effectively. This involves using international experience in targeted patrols when designing hotspot operations, and monitoring their impact closely.

Interventions must also foster genuine trust within communities. In Bogota, for example, police combined intensive operations with municipal services projects to improve perceptions of police legitimacy. This approach delivered a 45.6% greater decrease in reported crimes in the hotspots than in the control areas.

Without these vital components, visible patrols may not work and could even backfire. By aligning policing strategies with data-driven insights and actively working with communities, South Africa can achieve a more effective and equitable approach to reducing crime.

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- past of rise
- a railway carriage
- a male fallow deer in its third year
- an uvular consonant
- Mango in Kiswahili
- name of lake Victoria in Kenya
- native of Asia
- Gaborone is her mother city
- an area of shifting sand dunes

Down:

- reddish brown
- rub hard so as to clean
- sum of six and five
- stop, cease in Kiswahili
- tall rounded vase with stem and base
- an Eskimo woman's short-handled knife
- forbidden city
- a metal container for cooking food
- a harsh cry
- less than ten
- spirit in the culture of the Horn of Africa
- male child

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Gold price surge now adds glitter to tarnished miners

NEW YORK

Gold price has gained nearly 35 percent since January. Shares in gold miners are up by around the same amount. Despite their recent run, the miners appear a more attractive inflation hedge than the lustrous metal they produce.

Anyone acquainted with the industry might find that hard to believe. Historically, gold miners have offered remarkably poor protection against rising prices.

Over the past three decades the index of US consumer prices more than doubled and the price of gold rose sixfold. Over the same period, the Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index of listed miners climbed by about 40 percent. The mining benchmark remains well below its peak in 2011. Since that date US prices and bullion have risen by 33 percent and 55 percent, respectively.

Few industries have a more dismal record of allocating capital.

After the gold price took off in the early 2000s, miners pursued growth at any cost. They borrowed freely, splurged on new developments, and pushed up costs by extracting gold from low quality mines - what's known in the business as low-grading. Debt levels at the four senior miners - Newmont, Barrick Gold, Agnico Eagle Mines and Kinross Gold - rose to an average 50% of net assets.

After the gold price dropped in 2011, the miners were left strand-



ed. Barrick, the world's largest miner at the time, announced some \$23 billion of asset writedowns between 2012 and 2015.

Over the past decade the miners have put their problems behind them, says Caesar Bryan, portfolio manager of the Gabelli Gold Fund. They brought in new management teams who ran the companies to generate cash rather than maximise output. They restricted capital spending and strengthened their balance sheets.

Currently, average debt for the largest miners stands at 14 percent of net assets. Unfortunately, however, they hit a rough patch during the pandemic when labour shortages and difficulties in sourcing mining equipment pushed up costs. Once again, their stock prices dropped sharply.

Having underperformed since time immemorial, gold miners are viewed with distrust - even by industry insiders. Therein, lies the opportunity, suggests Bryan, quoting an astute epithet from investment strategist Don Cox: "The most exciting returns are to be had from an asset class where those who know it best, love it least, because they have been hurt the most."

Gold miners may be doing well now but it does not feel like a genuine bull market to Bryan, who has been covering them since 1987. Exchange-traded funds tracking gold, and the VanEck Gold Miners ETF, have experienced regular outflows.

The mood of attendees at the Gold Forum Americas, the world's largest gathering of precious met-

als investors, held this September in Denver, Colorado, was subdued. They were clearly frustrated by the continued underperformance of gold mining shares relative to bullion - though the equities have since caught up.

Gold miners are generating cash, boosting dividends and announcing plans to buy back shares. But they still look cheap on most valuation metrics, Bryan maintains. Assuming the current spot price holds, he expects several intermediate gold miners - including Toronto-listed Endeavour Mining and Dundee Precious Metals - to generate free cash flow equivalent to 20 percent or more of their current market value.

Gold equities are also trading at historically depressed levels relative to their net asset values. This metric is arrived at by taking estimated reserves, subtracting mining costs and applying a 5 percent discount rate to the resulting cash flows. The calculation involves many questionable assumptions, but the key input - the forecast gold price - is conservative.

Mining analysts at investment banks are predicting that gold will fall back below \$2,000 an ounce by 2028, according to Beacon Securities - a drop of nearly 30 percent. The gap between the spot price and the analysts' forecast has never been larger.

"What this means is that the miners' net asset values are understated," says Stefan Rehder, founder and managing director of Value Intelligence Advisors, a Munich-based investment firm.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Turkiye expands reach into Africa

ANKARA

Turkiye is expanding its reach into Africa, banking on its defense projects and widespread trade network, its prospects enhanced by the lack of colonial history weighing on Europe, diplomatic sources say.

Speaking ahead of a ministerial meeting at the weekend in Djibouti, a diplomatic source in Ankara said Turkiye was a "sought-after partner" in Africa thanks to its "non-colonial" past.

Top diplomat Hakan Fidan will be in the tiny Horn of Africa nation on Nov. 2 and 3 for the meeting between Turkiye and 14 African nations in a body that was set up in 2008.

"Turkiye's biggest advantage is its non-colonial past. When anti-imperialist leaders are looking for new partners, they think first and foremost of us," the source said.

Although the Ottoman Empire ruled over many territories in Africa, it lost control of them in the 19th and early 20th centuries before the Turkish Republic emerged from the ashes of its collapse in 1923.

As a sign of its growing influence, Ankara has since taken on the role of mediator in talks between Ethiopia and Somalia, who have been locked in a feud over access to the ocean since June.

And with a significant level of regional mistrust toward "both major powers," Turkiye was "best-suited" to lead such negotiations as "no other actor had the confidence of both parties," the source said.

Despite difficulties, talks between Ethiopia and Somalia were moving forward "at their own pace."

Such confidence was born of a well-established Turkish foothold in Somalia for the past two decades, where it has invested in agriculture and built the airport in Mogadishu, a military training center, schools, and a hospital.

Last week, the Turkish exploration

vessel the Oruc Reis arrived in the Somali capital to start searching for oil and natural gas under an agreement that allows it to drill in three areas, each measuring roughly 5,000 sq. km.

Similar exploration agreements for oil and gas, as well as mining, were also signed between Turkiye and Niger in July and October.

Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan will be in the tiny Horn of Africa nation on Nov. 2 and 3 for the meeting between Turkiye and 14 African nations in a body set up in 2008. Turkish mining company MTA has three gold mines in the Sahel, also rich in uranium.

"There is also the potential for oil and natural gas," said Turkish Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar this summer.

The Niger military protects the mines, and Turkiye is widely regarded as a "security partner" by many countries in the region.

Over the years, Ankara has signed military cooperation agreements with more than 25 African countries, supplying them with weapons, including drones.

And its hostile stance toward sanctions on the regimes of Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mali has also helped its ties with these nations.

Turkiye is also the fourth largest arms supplier to sub-Saharan Africa, according to a March study published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

According to Turkish diplomatic sources, Ankara is involved in training the armed forces in many African countries.

The sources stressed the need to "simultaneously invest in economic development," particularly in the Sahel.

"West Africa is a region dominated by security problems," said Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye on meeting his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara, saying it was "necessary to strengthen defense cooperation."

Govt vows continued support for private sector

By Guardian Reporter

The dustry and Trade, Exaud Kigaha (pictured), has reaffirmed the government's commitment to fostering private sector growth, stating that the administration will continue to support industries with incentives to stimulate economic contributions through tax revenue, job creation, and technology transfer.

Kigaha made these remarks during a visit to Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) by the Parliamentary Committee on Industry and Trade, which was assessing industrial progress in Dar es Salaam.

The committee's chairman, Deodatus Mwanyika, highlighted that the visit was key to understanding challenges within the industry and supporting initiatives that align with Tanzania's broader economic goals.

Mwanyika noted, "Our visit to SBL is a significant step in promoting policies



that drive revenue growth, boost local production, and enhance economic resilience."

Mwanyika said the government vision is to ensure competitive industrial sector, as stipulated in the national development

to help drive Tanzania's economic transformation and build a self-reliant economy.

SBL's Managing Director, Obinna Anyalebechi, called for a more predictable tax framework that would encourage investment.

He expressed concern over the current excise tax policy, which he argued favors certain players and hinders industry growth. Currently, an excise tax concession of 620/- per liter applies only to beer made from local malt, while imported malt beer is taxed at 918/- per liter, a disparity that disadvantages smaller producers like SBL and East African Spirits Limited.

"Our smaller production volumes don't justify the investment in a local malting facility," Anyalebechi explained.

He proposed an intermediate tax band of 680/- per liter for beers with 75

percent local content to encourage broader industry participation.

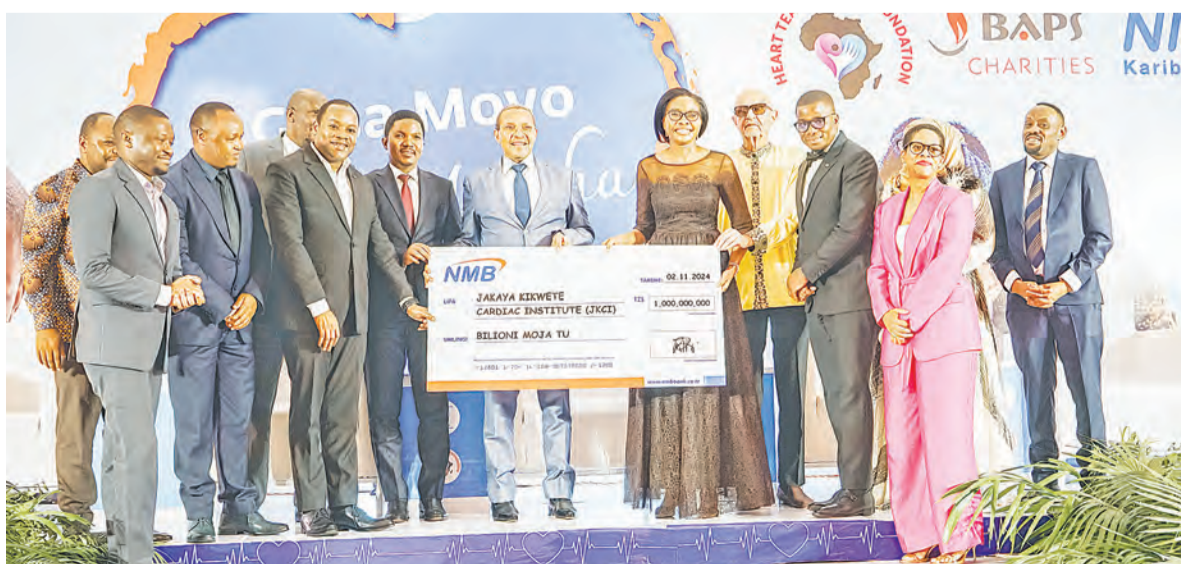
According to the MD, the proposed rate will stabilise the price of beer and carter for abrupt consumption of informal alcohol and might lead into the reduction the retail price by 26 percent per litre.

The company also warned that the tax disparity could result in price increases and a potential rise in illicit alcohol production.

Emphasizing the importance of supporting local sourcing and agriculture, Anyalebechi argued that this approach, rather than imposing additional taxes, would contribute sustainable revenue growth while maintaining industry stability and consumer affordability.

The brewery company estimates that such supportive measures could boost annual government revenue to 71.8bn/-.

Jakaya Kikwete lauds bank for supporting cardiac treatment



Former President Jakaya Kikwete receives a dummy cheque for 1bn/- from NMB Bank's Chief Executive Officer, Ruth Zaipuna during a fundraising dinner aimed at supporting heart treatment for underprivileged children at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Looking on are Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Mussa Hassan Zungu (4th-R), and the Minister for Industry and Trade, Dr. Suleiman Jaffo (5th-L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete has praised NMB Bank for its support of cardiac treatment for underprivileged children at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI), stating that the bank's contributions will significantly benefit families facing heart complications.

Kikwete made these remarks during the 'Night of Giving' fundraising dinner organized by JKCI, where the bank presented a symbolic cheque of 1bn/- following a recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Under the four-year agreement, NMB Bank will provide 250m/- annually to assist child

patients undergoing treatment at JKCI.

"I commend NMB Bank for supporting this noble cause that will bring hope to over 1,500 children diagnosed with heart complications. The current government, under President Samia Suluhu Hassan, covers 70 percent of all treatment costs, and contributions from NMB and other partners will ensure that underprivileged children receive the care they need," he stated.

Kikwete emphasized the urgency of the situation, noting that 500 of the diagnosed children require immediate treatment. "If funding for their care is not raised, their lives are at risk," he warned.

Ruth Zaipuna, the bank's CEO, reiterated the bank's commitment to support the health sector, emphasizing the high costs of cardiac treatment that many families cannot afford. "We decided to partner with JKCI to bridge this financial gap and bring relief to parents whose children are battling heart issues," she said.

Zaipuna also urged other corporate entities to join this noble cause, highlighting that collective efforts will help JKCI achieve its goals.

Dr. Peter Kisenge, Executive Director of JKCI, noted that more than 97 percent of heart complications are now treated locally, which was not the case in

the past. "Out of every 100 children born, 1 or 2 are diagnosed with heart conditions. We perform over 743 open-heart surgeries annually, which is unmatched in East and Central Africa," he said. Since its inception in 2015, JKCI has conducted over 4,839 heart surgeries and has treated more than 608,000 patients. Dr. Kisenge also mentioned the institute's "Samia Outreach Program," which has reached 17,000 people across 17 regions to provide cardiac services at the grassroots level.

Abdulmarik Mollé, a trustee on the JKCI board, announced that over 2.7bn/- was raised during the 'Night of Giving' gala event.

UDSM unveils cybersecurity club to tackle digital security threats

By Guardian Reporter

THE University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), in partnership with the local telecom company, has launched a special club aimed at increasing student interest in cybersecurity and providing hands-on experience in tackling digital security threats.

In addition to establishing the UDSM Cybersecurity Club, the two organizations hosted a Capture the Flag (CTF) Challenge at the College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT).

This competition allows participants to solve computer security-related puzzles in order to uncover hidden 'flags.'

During the launch in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Vodacom's head of cybersecurity, Joel Kazoba, underscored the significance of blending theoretical knowledge with practical experience.

He stated that the club will facilitate collaboration among industry experts, students, and government leaders.

"The club will offer students practical train-

ing and exposure to real-world challenges in digital security, ultimately contributing to the protection of Tanzania's digital future," Kazoba explained.

He added that the CTF format enhances skills in both hacking and system protection. "Each challenge represents a security vulnerability that teams must identify and address, promoting critical thinking and skill development. Through CTFs, students learn to think like cybersecurity professionals—analyzing weaknesses, assessing

risks, and developing solutions to real-world threats," he said.

Kinondoni District Administrative Secretary Warda Obathany emphasized the initiative's importance, noting that its establishment marks a significant step toward meeting Tanzania's increasing demand for skilled cybersecurity professionals.

"Cybersecurity clubs are more than just extracurricular activities; they serve as training grounds for tomorrow's digital defenders," Obathany stated. "With the nation's expanding digital landscape in-

creasingly vulnerable to global cyber threats, the need for local cybersecurity experts who understand Tanzania's unique challenges is critical. This initiative significantly advances our efforts to cultivate skilled professionals in this field."

Prof. Baraka Maiseli, head of Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering at CoICT, highlighted that this collaboration offers students a pathway into the cybersecurity industry, providing invaluable insights, mentorship, and networking opportunities to support

their career development.

"We thank the telecom company for investing in this initiative, which reflects a long-term vision for a digitally secure Tanzania, preparing young leaders to tackle evolving cybersecurity challenges," he said.

He noted that as cyber threats continue to evolve, proactive training and skill-building become increasingly vital.

"Through this initiative, the partners are not only nurturing skilled cybersecurity experts but also contributing to a safer and more resilient digital

future for all Tanzanians.

The club's activities and future CTF challenges will continue to inspire, educate, and empower students to become leaders in cybersecurity, ensuring Tanzania remains secure in the digital age," Prof. Maiseli concluded.

Cybersecurity in Tanzania is a growing concern as digital transformation accelerates across various sectors, from banking and telecommunications to government services.

Increased internet penetration and mobile money adoption have made digital infrastructure an

integral part of Tanzania's economy, but they have also introduced significant vulnerabilities.

Key challenges in Tanzania's cybersecurity landscape include limited cybersecurity infrastructure, a shortage of skilled professionals, and inadequate public awareness of cyber risks.

The government has established some legal and regulatory frameworks for cybersecurity, including the Cybercrimes Act of 2015, which criminalizes various cyber offenses such as fraud, identity theft, and data breaches.

Kilindi's livestock keepers seeking ministry support for grazing grass

By Beatrice Philemon, Kilindi

Livestock keepers in Lusane village, Kilindi District, Tanga Region, are urging the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to supply drought-resistant grass for their grazing areas.

Parkole Logani, chairman of the Lusane Pastoralists Association, made this appeal during a recent visit from journalists and representatives of the Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA) and the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) to assess the Integrated Forest Biomass Energy Solutions for Tanzania (IFBEST) project.

Logani stated, "We face drought and limited grazing, especially during dry seasons. Grass would significantly help our community." The village, funded by the European Union (EU), has designated 2,050.65 hectares for cattle grazing but still experiences shortages, prompting residents to seek pasture in neighboring villages like Kibati, Dibuluma, and Mmbogo.

Currently, Lusane has approximately 6,000 cattle and requires additional infrastructure, including three charco dams, cattle dips, and water wells for household use, along with training on modern livestock practices. With EU support, the village also resolved a 27-year boundary dispute with Kitingi village.

Before the IFBEST project, farmers encroached on livestock routes, leading to disputes and fines for pastoralists. "We hope the new land-use plan will reduce these conflicts," Logani added. Pastor Isaya Nyange of Nameloki Baptist Church noted improved security and development

in Lusane since the project's initiation, which has helped strengthen village boundaries and foster better cooperation with neighboring areas.

However, boundary verification between Kilindi and Mvomero districts remains incomplete. Residents have appealed to the Land Commissioners of Tanga and Morogoro to finalize these boundaries, as unclear borders have led to conflicts with individuals from Mvomero District, who reportedly cut down trees and farm within Lusane's village forest reserve. "They claim the land belongs to Kibati village when confronted," Nyange stated.

Access to safe water is another critical issue, with approximately 2,500 people in Lusane lacking reliable sources for domestic use and livestock. "Women and children often walk 6-8 km to collect unsafe water," Nyange explained, urging government intervention to provide safe drinking water. Health issues linked to poor water quality, such as typhoid and stomach ulcers, are prevalent, hindering community engagement in development activities as time spent gathering water could otherwise be used for development.

Lusane has established Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) to support economic activities, including livestock trading, but these groups require additional funding, seeking donor support to raise at least 400m/- to expand their operations. Rachel Tobias, a member of the village land-use planning committee, noted that the IFBEST project has helped allocate land for agriculture, residential areas, water wells, village forests, and grazing plots.



Isaya Nyange, Pastor of the Nameloki Baptist Church in Lusane Village. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

This structured land use has enhanced security and attracted neighboring villagers to Lusane, recognizing the peaceful resolution of past disputes.

The village has also set aside 1,897 hectares for sustainable charcoal and timber harvesting. According to Sadick Mungia, chairman of the natural resource committee, they seek equipment such as uniforms, transportation, and gumboots to aid their conservation efforts.

Logani emphasized that, despite 95 percent of Lusane's residents being livestock keepers, they still struggle with inadequate grazing land. Access to drought-resistant grass from the Ministry would enable them to cultivate their reserved grazing area and reduce dependence on pastures in other regions.

As the IFBEST project progresses, villagers hope for expansion to nearby communities, fostering a collective approach to sustainable resource management and development.

Lake Victoria's ports prepare for passengers surge after upgrades

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

Passenger numbers on Lake Victoria are projected to double next year due to significant port expansion and the anticipated launch of MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu, a high-capacity passenger and cargo vessel.

Erasto Lugenge, Lake Victoria Ports Manager, shared that the government's 60bn/- investment in Lake Zone ports aims to transform transportation across the region. Current ports handle approximately 1.64 million passengers annually, a figure expected to exceed 3 million following the upgrades.

The investment includes 18.6bn/- for Mwanza North Port, with the remaining funds allocated to Kemondo and Bukoba ports. These upgrades are tailored to support the MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu, set to be East Africa's largest passenger vessel upon completion.

This 92-meter vessel, still under construction, will carry 1,200 passengers, 400 tonnes of cargo, 20 small vehicles, and three heavy trucks—a significant improvement over the MV Victoria, which holds 600 passengers.

The expansion will also boost revenue. Currently, Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) collects 4bn/- from

Lake Zone ports, a figure expected to reach 8bn/- post-upgrade.

The project, launched in May last year with an 18-month timeline, is now 44 percent complete. Lugenge noted some delays due to the need for adequate space to continue port operations amid construction. Adjustments were also made to the port design to accommodate the new ship's specifications, which impacted the schedule.

TPA Public Relations Officer Enock Bwigane expressed appreciation for the government's prioritization of the Lake Zone's development.

"We thank the government for this crucial 60bn/- investment. Beyond revenue growth, the upgrades will increase cargo handling capacity and streamline transportation in the region," Bwigane said.

The upcoming Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) completion is expected to further ease travel between the Lake Zone and other regions, enhancing connectivity for both cargo and passengers.

By supporting efficient transport, the government aims to stimulate economic growth in the Lake Zone and beyond.



Ongoing renovations work on Kemondo Bay Port's depth and quay length. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TARI calls for further researches on improved seeds, technologies

By Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

The Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing research on improved seed varieties and agricultural technologies to boost productivity and meet national agriculture targets.

Despite progress in the seed production sector, TARI is focused on increasing farmer engagement to further enhance outcomes.

This message was delivered by TARI's Director General, Dr. Thomas Bwana, during a recent workshop in Dodoma that gathered agricultural experts to discuss market insights and seed systems for groundnut, sorghum, and bean crops.

The forum provided a platform for stakeholders to share feedback on the latest improved seed varieties released for these crops under the Accelerated Varietal Turnover for Pollinated Crops (ACCELERATE) project.

Dr. Bwana assured stakeholders that TARI would continue to develop solutions addressing key challenges in agriculture, including climate change impacts. Recently, TARI introduced 16 improved varieties for



TARI's Director General, Dr. Thomas Bwana

beans, groundnuts, and sorghum. These include TARIBEAN 6 through TARIBEAN II for beans, TARIKA 1 and TARIKA 2 for groundnuts, and TARISOR 1 and TARISOR 2 for sorghum.

Emmanuel Thomas, National Coordinator for the AVISA project, emphasized the workshop's role in

guiding stakeholders on the adoption of new varieties and the importance of market intelligence. He noted that this collaboration would help unlock market opportunities and enhance farmers' access to climate-resilient seeds.

The ACCELERATE project focuses on promoting improved, climate-resilient seed varieties across Tanzania and Africa, aiming to boost adoption among small-scale farmers.

Chamwino-based farmer Olipa Mahala shared her success with the improved TARISOR 1 sorghum variety, which increased her yield from 4.5 to 15-20 sacks per hectare.

Agatha Lazier, a peanut butter processor from Dar es Salaam, urged farmers to seek expert guidance from TARI to optimize crop selection and enhance productivity.

The workshop attracted researchers, farmers, and entrepreneurs involved in the groundnut, sorghum, and bean value chains, fostering knowledge exchange.

Similar workshops in Arusha and Dar es Salaam also drew participation from 224 stakeholders, organized in collaboration with the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT).

New payment system to offer inbound remittance services

By Guardian Reporter

Kuda, the fintech company behind the money app for Africans, has secured a Payment Service Provider (PSP) licence in Tanzania.

With the licence, issued by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Kuda can now offer inbound remittance services - which currently cost an average of 6.35 percent of the amount sent - to the Tanzanian diaspora in the UK, the EU, the US, and Canada, furthering the fintech company's goal of making financial services accessible, affordable and rewarding for Africans across the world.

With this newly obtained PSP li-

cence, Kuda will make it easier for Tanzanians to receive personal and business payments from abroad.

Kuda customers in the country will also have access to a variety of payment methods, including cards, mobile money, bank transfers, USSD, and EFT. In addition, Tanzanian businesses can accept payments securely and efficiently through Kuda's merchant services.

This development is set to significantly benefit the Tanzanian diaspora, who frequently send remittances to support family members, fund local businesses, or contribute to their communities back home.

According to the Bank of Tanza-

nia (BoT), remittances to Tanzania reached \$569.3 million in 2021, demonstrating the importance of cross-border payments in supporting the country's economic growth.

Babs Ogundeyi, Group CEO of Kuda Technologies said, "Obtaining the PSP licence in Tanzania is a landmark achievement for Kuda as we continue expanding our footprint across Africa. Tanzania is a critical market for us, and this licence enables us to provide innovative and cost-effective solutions for cross-border payments. We are committed to empowering the Tanzanian diaspora and supporting economic growth in the region by delivering secure, seamless remittance services that foster greater financial inclusion."

Tanzania is a key market for Kuda, and obtaining a licence is the most important step towards supporting the country's growing economy and fostering deeper connections with the Tanzanian diaspora.

Founded in 2019 by CEO Babs Ogundeyi and CTO Musty Mustapha, Kuda is a fintech company on a mission to make financial services accessible, affordable and rewarding for every African on the planet.

The company has been at the forefront of innovation and financial inclusion in Nigeria since its launch five years ago, with over 7 million B2C customers and over 100,000 B2B customers.



WORLD

Harris tops Trump in Iowa in latest Des Moines Register poll

WASHINGTON

US Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris has surpassed Republican Donald Trump in a new poll in Iowa, with likely women voters responsible for the turnaround in a state that Trump easily won in 2016 and 2020, according to a Des Moines Register/MediaCom Iowa Poll released on Saturday.

The poll of 808 likely voters, who were surveyed Oct 28-31, has Harris leading Trump 47-44 percent in Iowa, which has been trending deeply Republican in recent years. It is within the 3.4 percentage point margin of error, but it

marked a turnaround from a September Iowa Poll that had Trump with a 4-point lead, the newspaper reported.

"The poll shows that women – particularly those who are older or who are politically independent – are driving the late shift toward Harris," the Register said.

Trump won Iowa in his past two presidential campaigns by more than 9 percentage points in 2016 and 8 points in 2020.

The Trump campaign released a memo from its chief pollster and its chief data consultant calling the Des Moines Register poll "a clear outlier,"



This combination of file photos shows Democratic presidential nominee Vice-President Kamala Harris (left), speaking at a campaign rally Oct 18, 2024, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Republican presidential nominee former president Donald Trump, speaking at a campaign rally Oct 22, 2024, in Greensboro, North Carolina. AP



and saying that an Emerson College poll – also released Saturday – more closely reflected the state of the Iowa electorate.

The Emerson College Polling/RealClearDefense survey of a similar number of likely voters Nov 1-2 had a starkly different result, with Trump leading Harris by 10 points. This poll also has a 3.4 percentage point margin of error.

The Emerson College survey had Trump with strong leads over Harris among men and independents, while Harris was performing well with those under the age of 30.

Nationally, Harris and Trump are seen locked in a tight race for the White House, with early voting well underway. Election Day is on Tuesday.

Whoever wins Iowa will collect six Electoral College votes. A total of 270 are needed to capture the White House. Both parties have been concentrating their efforts during the closing days of their campaigns on "battleground" states such as North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

UK's Starmer pledges more growth reforms after budget hit markets

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Keir Starmer promised reforms to speed up the economy and overhaul the public sector after the Labour government's first budget failed to boost the growth outlook and sent government bond prices into a two-day dive.

Finance minister Rachel Reeves announced a plan on Wednesday that included big increases in tax, borrowing and spending, but Britain's budget watchdog judged that economic growth beyond next year would be weaker than it previously thought.

British government bond prices fell in the hours after her speech and again on Thursday, sending borrowing costs up sharply, before stabilizing on Friday.

Writing in the Financial Times on Saturday, Starmer said the budget was a "first step on our mission for growth" but also opened the way for reform of "our creaking central state" and its public services as well as more private sector investment.

"Just as we cannot tax and spend our way to prosperity, nor can we simply spend our way to better public services," he wrote, addressing concerns that the health system and other services needed more than just extra cash to improve.



Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer (right) and Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves (L) speak with members of staff during a visit to University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, in Coventry, central England, on Oct 31, 2024. AP

Some analysts have said that without reform the government may need to raise taxes again in future to fix the public sector, despite Reeves' pledge that her budget was intended to "wipe the slate clean".

Starmer listed plans to meet his promise to voters in July's election to double Britain's economic growth pace such as

housing targets, planning system reforms, quicker approval of clean energy projects and a review of how regulators operate.

"This process involves detailed, often painstaking work. For that reason, it is not yet ready to be included in the OBR's forecast for growth," he said, referring to the Office for Budget Responsibility whose

forecasts underpin the budget.

"However, we should be optimistic about the potential," Starmer wrote, focusing on the importance of private sector investment alongside a big increase in public infrastructure spending.

The budget was quickly welcomed by the International Monetary Fund and on Saturday it also won applause from Mario Draghi, the former European Central Bank president who recently advised the European Union on how to boost competitiveness.

"The UK government has chosen to significantly raise public investment over the next five years and has adopted precise rules to ensure that borrowing is used only to fund this investment," he wrote also in the FT.

"Moreover, in order to ensure the quality of spending, transactions will be validated by independent authorities. This increases the likelihood that public investment has a positive net present value and so supports fiscal sustainability." Agencies

Russia fully supports North Korea's actions to curb US aggressive policy – MFA

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov at a meeting with North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui expressed full support for Pyongyang's actions to deter the West's aggressive policy, the Russian diplomatic ministry said in a statement following the ministers' talks on November 1.

"The parties acknowledged that the aggravation of tensions on the Korean Peninsula, as well as in Northeast Asia and other regions, is primarily due to provocative actions by the US and its allies. The Russian side reaffirmed its full



North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

support for North Korea's measures aimed at countering the aggressive policies of the US and its partners, emphasizing

the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the region," the ministry noted.

Lavrov and Choe Son Hui

reaffirmed their firm commitment to the implementation of the comprehensive strategic partnership treaty, which secured "bringing the traditionally friendly Russian-Korean relations to a new level."

The ministry also pointed out that Moscow and Pyongyang agree in their assessments of the current situation in the world on key international issues.

"The strategic consultations between the foreign ministers of the two countries play a vital role in advancing and expanding bilateral relations, reflecting the comprehensive strategic partnership between Russia and North Korea," the

statement reads.

"The two sides agreed to continue strategic consultations between foreign ministers, as well as dialogue and exchanges between the foreign ministries of the two countries at various levels," the department added.

The ministry also pointed out that the parties discussed practical issues of bilateral relations development during strategic consultations. "Meanwhile, the parties focused on the implementation of the agreements reached during the state visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to North Korea in June," the ministry said. Agencies

Lawsuit of its kind involving two giants' minerals firms set for healing in Dar

JOHANNESBURG

A lawsuit of its kind involving two giant companies in graphite mining, Pula PLC and African Rainbow Minerals Limited, is set for healing in Dar es Salaam at the High Court Commercial division today.

The case was initially adjourned following a request by the first and second respondents to file an application at the Court of Appeal requesting a revision of the main suit. Pula Plc has sued African Rainbow Minerals Ltd. for breach of contract and demands \$195 million in damages.

South African billionaire Patrice Motsepe and his associate companies are being sued for \$195 million in Tanzania, with one of the biggest suits to appear in front of the country's commercial court set to resume.

Tanzanian mining firm Pula Group is suing Motsepe and his associate companies – including African Rainbow Minerals, African Rainbow Capital, and ARCH Emerging Markets – for allegedly breaching a non-compete contract when it invested in Australia's Evolution Energy Minerals, located next to Pula's graphite project, said the company chairman Charles Stith.

"The amount was based on a third-party valuation of what Pula stands to lose due to the competitive disadvantage resulting from the Motsepe associated companies' violation of confidentiality and non-compete agreement," Stith said in an interview.

Motsepe and associated companies have denied any breach and said Pula's allegations and claims have no merit.

"ARM was considering investing in minerals that it had not mined in the past when the Pula graphite project was presented to it for its consideration," an ARM spokesperson said. "ARM concluded a confidentiality agreement with Pula and subsequently decided not to invest in the project, and communicated the decision to Pula."

The company declined to comment further on the matter now before the court.

Pula said a two-year non-compete contract had been in place, and that Motsepe companies talked to and did the deal with the Australian company within that period.

Stith, a former US ambassador to Tanzania, said the majority of exploration in Tanzania is done by Australian and Canadian companies, and that unfair and predatory practices of companies like ARM perpetuate the disparity in the mining sector, to the detriment of Tanzanians.

"A similar dynamic existed across the continent of Africa, and the case is expected to set a legal precedent in protecting the rights of local mining and exploration companies competing against international counterparts in Tanzania," he said.

Pula has been trying to get the case off the ground with some back-and-forth from the Motsepe group of companies, which claimed they weren't properly served or that Tanzania doesn't have jurisdiction, Stith said. In some instances, ARM's legal team has failed to appear in court, he added.

The lawsuit under Judge Abdallah Gonzi is set to give an order today on whether to continue with the main suit while there is a pending application from the first, and second respondent who seek litigation to have a revision of the main suit. Agencies

Chinese spokesperson: Foreign leaders to attend 7th CIIE

BEIJING

AT the invitation of Chinese Premier Li Qiang, foreign leaders including Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov, Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico, Kazakh Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov, Mongolian Prime Minister Luvsannamsrai Oyun-Erdene and Serbian Prime Minister Milos Vucevic will attend the opening ceremony of the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE) and relevant events, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced yesterday.

The 7th CIIE will be held in Shanghai from Nov 5 to 10. Xinhua



This photo taken on Saturday shows the south square of the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the main venue for the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE), in east China's Shanghai. The center has been fully decorated to welcome the upcoming 7th CIIE, which is scheduled to take place in Shanghai from Nov. 5 to Nov. 10. Xinhua

Battle over 'life' in power struggle of American politics

BEIJING

U.S. media revealed in September a tragic death case that happened in 2022: 28-year-old Amber Nicole Thurman from the state of Georgia took abortion pills but, due to complications, still needed surgical procedures to complete the process.

Just in that year, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a landmark decision in 1973 that secured the country's constitutional right to abortion. The state of Georgia then made routine

procedures of dilation and curettage a felony, with doctors facing up to a decade in prison for violations. Thurman thus had to wait for long hours and eventually died of infections in a hospital that could have saved her.

The New York Times commented that when such stories are exposed, they "can be used by either side of the political spectrum to advance its causes." Currently, ten U.S. states have made abortion rights a key topic for the 2024 elections. With the debate over "life" now being

completely partisan, abortion rights have been transformed into a political symbol, further widening the divisions splitting the American society.

ABORTION AS POLITICAL, NOT HEALTH ISSUE

Prior to the 1970s, U.S. politicians' views on abortion didn't break down along neat party lines.

In Congress, Republicans voted against abortion at about the same rate as Democrats. The turning point came in 1972 when Republican Richard Nixon used an anti-

abortion stance to win Catholic voters and other social conservatives.

The shift against abortion rights was aimed to portray the Republican Party as pro-family and mobilize socially conservative voters, gradually making abortion a partisan issue.

A May study by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) showed that Republicans and Democrats are deeply divided on abortion, with a 50 percentage point gap between them, a figure that is "larger than ever."

The abortion issue is now deeply embedded in U.S. politics, with both parties using legislative and executive orders to influence abortion rights as tools to sway public opinion and build voter bases.

In 2021 alone, nearly 600 abortion restrictions were introduced nationwide, with 90 of them enacted into law. "We're seeing the largest partisan gap we've ever seen when it comes to Americans' attitudes about abortion legality," said Melissa Deckman, the CEO of PRRI. While Republicans shore up their conserva-

tive base with an anti-abortion stance, Democrats supporting abortion rights have strategic moves of their own.

According to The New York Times, during the 2022 midterms, Democrats seized the opportunity of the Roe v. Wade reversal to link abortion rights with family and healthcare issues.

By tapping into voter concerns over the rise of conservatism, they shifted focus away from economic issues and strengthened support among women and young voters, ultimately preventing

a Republican "red wave" in the midterms.

POLITICAL PARTY-INTEREST GROUP ALLIANCE

Chloe Thurston, political scientist from Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University, believes that as abortion becomes more central to Congress and presidential elections, alliances between political parties and interest groups with clear stances on abortion have become more common, further widening the partisan divide on the issue.

Spanish floods kill at least 205, PM pledges comprehensive support

MADRID

SPAIN remains deeply shaken by the deadly flash floods that have left 205 people confirmed dead and wrecked havoc across the regions of Valencia, Castilla-La Mancha and Andalusia in the east and southeast parts of the country. As of Friday, many more are still unaccounted for.

With the ground too dry to absorb the intense rainfall, which exceeded 400 liters per square meter in many areas and reached up to 600 liters in some, the torrential overnight downpours on Tuesday led to devastating flash floods.

Videos posted on social media have shown torrents up to three meters high sweeping cars down the streets to pile them up as if they were toys. Bridges were swept away, railway tunnels collapsed and fields were swamped as people climbed onto roofs of their homes and cars to seek refuge, but not all survived.

The official death toll, initially 12 on Wednesday morning according to the Center for Coordinated and Integrated Operations, has now soared to 205, with 202 fatalities in the region of Valencia, two in Castilla-La Mancha and one in Andalusia.

The Feria de Valencia exhibition center has had to be used as a temporary mortuary. With many people still missing, the number of fatalities is expected to climb further.

The Spanish newspaper Eldiario.es reported on Friday that 1,900 people are still missing. Witnesses in the affected areas said many people had gone into underground garages to save their cars, only to be trapped by the extreme deluge.

The media outlets are filled with heart wrenching stories, with loved ones making final calls from vehicles trapped in rising waters. Moreover, over 130,000 homes lost power during the floods, and by Friday, power company Iberdrola confirmed that 23,000 homes still remained without electricity. The floods left the



People clean up a flood-hit street in Valencia, Spain, Nov. 1, 2024. Spain remains deeply shaken by the deadly flash floods that have left 205 people confirmed dead and wrecked havoc across the regions of Valencia, Castilla-La Mancha and Andalusia in the east and southeast parts of the country. As of Friday, many more are still unaccounted for.

Valencia region in eastern Spain almost isolated, with the high-speed rail link between the capital city of Madrid and Valencia closed for up to three weeks following the collapse of two tunnels.

Around 80 km of local rail lines and 100 roads were damaged, prompting the government to allocate 25 million euros (27 million U.S. dollars) on Friday for emergency repairs.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez visited the affected areas on Thursday and pledged comprehensive aid for recovery efforts. The government declared three days of official mourning as sporting events in the

Valencia region were all postponed. Meanwhile, nearly 2,000 military personnel, supported by 400 vehicles and 15 helicopters, have been deployed to assist in rescue and recovery operations. Hundreds of mud-caked Valencia volunteers were seen helping clear streets and homes with shovels and brooms.

However, police also reported that approximately 60 people have been detained for looting in the wake of the floods. Relief support has poured in from across Spain, with funds being set up by the Red Cross and other agencies to aid rescue and recovery. Additionally, the international com-

munity, including the European Union, has offered assistance.

Three days after the deadliest floods in decades, Valencia remains under alert for further downpours, with high warnings issued for Huelva, Castellon, Mallorca, and Catalonia.

Healthcare: Hot topic left cold by both US parties

BEIJING

NOBEL laureate Angus Deaton used his hip surgery as a chance to study U.S. healthcare firsthand, and he turned out to be disillusioned.

Costs were extreme – over 10,000 U.S. dollars per day for a shared room – with little price transparency.

Although his insurance covered 90 percent of the negotiated price, he still faced nearly 2,000 dollars in out-of-pocket costs due to additional fees. Reflecting on his experience in his book *Economics in America*, Deaton noted that without insurance, he'd likely still suffer from his painful hip.

For many Americans, high costs and limited access mean essential care remains out of reach.

SKYROCKET COSTS

A September Gallup and West Health survey showed that over two-thirds of Americans wor-

ry that a major health event could lead to medical debt. "Issues with healthcare costs and access impact voters directly, regardless of party affiliation," the survey noted.

A Commonwealth Fund report also found that the United States, despite spending more on healthcare than any other high-income country, ranks lowest in accessibility, life expectancy, and preventable deaths.

Without universal insurance, most Americans rely on employer-provided or private plans. Those uninsured face exorbitant out-of-pocket costs. The KFF-Peterson Health System Tracker, an online resource evaluating the U.S. healthcare system, estimates that around 20 million Americans – nearly 1 in 12 adults – carry medical debt.

Collectively, Americans owe at least 220 billion dollars in medical debt. Approximately 14 million individuals owe over 1,000 dollars each, while around 3 million owe more than 10,000 dollars individually. In 2022, health expenditures per person in the United States reached 12,555 dollars, exceeding the spending of any other high-income nation by over 4,000 dollars. On average, other large, wealthy countries spent about half as much per person on health as the United States, according to the KFF-Peterson Health System Tracker.

POLITICAL CALCULATIONS

A September poll from the Pew Research Center found that healthcare is the second most prioritized issue for voters, following economic concerns. However, during the 2024 party conventions, not a single day was devoted to addressing the challenges faced by uninsured individuals or middle-class families struggling with high premiums.

During the September presidential debate, when the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, was raised, both presidential candidates offered little in terms of specific policy proposals. "This is the first election in maybe decades where health reform has not been a central issue," Larry Levitt, the executive vice president for health reform at KFF was quoted by The New York Times as saying.

The New York Times commented that both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris have learned the hard way that proposing major changes can alienate some voters even as it thrills others.

Trump's unsuccessful effort to repeal Obamacare in 2017 was followed by major Democratic gains in the 2018 midterms. Harris faced intense criticism after a 2019 Democratic primary debate in which she appeared to endorse abolishing private health insurance.

A joint Gallup and West Health poll indicated that two-thirds of Americans feel

healthcare is under-prioritized in this election, and one-third express distrust in both candidates on this issue. "Republicans think they can ignore healthcare, and Democrats think they've solved it. But neither is correct," noted Michael Cannon, Cato Institute's director of health policy studies.

SYSTEMIC TRAPS

Both Democrats and Republicans seem unable or unwilling to pursue substantial healthcare reform, with national initiatives frequently stalling due to entrenched conflicts as low-income groups advocate for expanded public coverage, while high-income groups resist tax increases. Meanwhile, the public wants lower healthcare costs, but industry groups oppose more regulation. These tensions lead to complex legislative and administrative battles, not only between the parties but also within them, creating divides between reformists and conservatives.

At a deeper level, the U.S. healthcare industry prioritizes profit over patient care. Esteemed medical professionals often transition to roles as directors or partners in private firms, while nonprofit health organizations increasingly adopt for-profit models to secure capital.

Russian diplomat says Ukraine took back just 279 POWs, although 935 were offered

MOSCOW

THE Russian Defense Ministry offered to hand over 935 Ukrainian prisoners of war this year, but Kiev took only 279 of them, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

"This year, the Russian Defense Ministry handed over to the Coordination Headquarters for the Handling of Prisoners of War a proposal to give back 935 Ukrainian prisoners of war to the Ukrainian side as part of exchanges," the diplomat said in an online news conference.

"How many of this number of people do you think the Kiev regime took back? I will emphasize they are its own citizens. Only 279."

"These are practically 700 people who could have returned to their families in Ukraine," Zakharova went on to say. "They were simply shrugged off by the Kiev regime, and yet its representatives continue to travel to Canada and around the world and supposedly call on, and negotiate with the international community for mediation efforts and, as [former Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmit-



ry] Kuleba said, for protection of Ukrainian nationals in Russia."

The spokeswoman called such actions of the Kiev regime "political tourism on the blood of its own citizens, its own servicemen."

"Not those who have been experiencing hatred for years, not the thugs who are ready to kill everyone with weapons in their hands – both Russian citizens and residents of the African continent, as it now turns out, but those whom they literally forcibly mobilized, telling them that Ukraine must be saved, sending them into these human wave attacks. They are not interested in their fate," Zakharova said.

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Surging crime in US society fuels public insecurity

NEW YORK

JADEN Thakur will never forget the day his uncle nearly became another victim in America's gun violence crisis.

The college student, who grew up in New Jersey, recounted the nightmarish scene: One day, while strolling down the street, Thakur's uncle accidentally bumped into someone, sparking a heated altercation between the two.

"At first, it was verbal, and then the guy kind of showed his gun and made my uncle back down," he said. At that critical moment, a passerby intervened, drawing his own gun to defend Thakur's uncle, ultimately preventing the situation from spiraling out of control.

"It was just crazy," said Thakur, his voice still laced with disbelief. "It's far too easy to acquire weapons in the United States than in other places."

In Thakur's view, gun violence is "probably the biggest safety issue" confronting the United States. Official statistics underscore this grim reality: in 2023 alone, the Gun Violence Archive recorded 18,854 fatalities from gun violence, excluding suicides.

Mass shootings, defined as incidents with four or more casualties, have doubled over the past decade, peaking in 2021 at 689. Schools are becoming increasingly unsafe due to the prevalence of guns. According to a CNN report, by Oct. 15 this year, at least 58 school shootings had

left 28 dead and 72 injured across American schools, from kindergartens to colleges. In recent years, school shootings have sharply increased, with 2021, 2022, and 2023 each marking record highs not seen since at least 2008.

Today, American civilians own more than 400 million guns, exceeding the country's population. Deep partisan divisions and influential lobbying groups, such as the National Rifle Association, have routinely stalled gun control laws in Congress.

However, gun violence reflects only one aspect of the rising crime rates in the United States in recent years. In 2020, the United States saw a nearly 30 percent increase in homicides, marking the

largest annual rise on record, according to data released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2022, murder rates remained well above pre-pandemic levels, and property crimes, such as burglary, rose to a staggering 1,954.4 incidents per 100,000 people.

A growing sense of public insecurity has made violent crime one of Americans' top policy concerns in this election year.

A Pew Research Center report in February revealed that 68 percent of Republicans and nearly half of Democrats deemed crime reduction as a policy priority.

Even political violence is on the rise, with presidential candidates becoming targets. Since July, the Republican

candidate Donald Trump has escaped three assassination attempts, while the suspect accused of shooting at Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign office in Arizona was found to possess over 120 guns and over 250,000 rounds of ammunition in his home and was preparing for a "mass casualty" act, according to U.S. media reports. Both candidates have been framing the crime issues in their favor ahead of the election. Harris said in September that violent crime has declined to a "near 50-year low," citing FBI data on crimes reported by police departments, while Trump claimed that violent crime has "skyrocketed" during the Biden-Harris administration, citing a Justice Department survey. Such a crime land-

scape underscores deeper ills of the U.S. society, such as systemic racism, economic inequality, and political marginalization, all of which are often prolonged and ignored by politicians.

According to an analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice, the number of shootings doubled in the neighborhood of East New York and nearly tripled in Brownsville in 2020, both hot spots of violence for more than a quarter-century.

The center noted that these increases reveal a more troubling pattern, which sociologist Patrick Sharkey described as the "rigid geography of violence." In this pattern, crime remains relatively concentrated in specific areas even as overall levels decline. A Brookings Institution study

links high rates of violent crime and police shootings to socioeconomic inequities, particularly in marginalized communities. Structural racism has fostered conditions where Black populations disproportionately reside in under-resourced areas, with limited access to quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. This concentration of disadvantage thus feeds cycles of violence.

With election day approaching, Thakur said he remains undecided over which candidate can make America safe as neither appears capable of solving gun-related issues. "Overall, I don't think anyone's going to change anything."

Xinhua

After 50 unbeaten games, Yanga's new tactical era faces first test

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YOUNG Africans' extraordinary 50-match unbeaten home streak in the NBC Premier League ended on Saturday with a 1-0 loss to Azam FC at the Azam Complex.

This defeat brought an end to a run that began in April 2021 under former head coach Nasreddine Nabi.

The streak, a testament to the club's dominance, highlighted a robust defense that had consistently kept opponents at bay.

However, a noticeable issue this season has been the inconsistent performance of Young Africans' front line, an area which has become increasingly concerning for the club and its fans.

***Striker Struggles**
Under the leadership of head coach Miguel Gamondi (pictured), Young Africans' strikers have yet to find their rhythm. While the club has scored 12 goals across nine matches, only three of those have come from the strikers.

Forward players like Jean Baleke, Clement Mzize, and Kennedy Musonda have been unable to make significant contributions, despite ample support from the club's creative and skilled midfield.

This challenge isn't new. Last season, several strikers, including Augustine Okrah, Hafidh Konkoni, and Joseph Guede, also struggled to make an impact in front of the goal.

The issue even dates back to previous coaches like Mwinyi Zahera and George Lwandamina, who saw strikers such as Gnamien Yikpe fail to produce consistent results.

The recent drought among strikers suggests a recurring issue at Young Africans in maximizing striker output despite varied tactical approaches over the years.

***Tactical Transformation Under Gamondi**

Gamondi's arrival has brought a notable shift in tactical focus. Unlike his predecessor, Nabi, who relied heavily on striker Fiston Mayele to lead the attack, Gamondi has decentralized the offense, pushing the responsibility for scoring onto midfielders and wingers.

This tactical change has led to increased contributions from midfielders like Maxi Nzengeli, Pacôme Zouzou, and defender Ibrahim Bacca.

Gamondi's strategy emphasizes midfield control, creativity, and flexibility, which has strengthened the team's attack but at times sidelines the traditional role of the striker.

This tactical shift has not gone unnoticed among fans and analysts. By positioning players like Clatous Chama, typically a central attacking midfielder, on the wings, Gamondi has added versatility and unpredictability to the team's playstyle.

Chama's deployment as a winger has proven



effective, as have contributions from Nzengeli, who has thrived in a dual role as both midfielder and winger.

***Evolving Roles in Attack**

The new strategy has also seen Denis Nkane, a natural winger, used in a wing-back role, further bolstering the midfield's attacking capabilities.

This approach reflects Gamondi's emphasis on creating a squad-oriented team rather than relying on a rigid starting XI. This fluid setup allows various players to step up as offensive contributors.

Last season, for example, players like Stephanie Aziz Ki and Nzengeli were pivotal, with Aziz Ki alone netting 21 goals and Nzengeli adding 10.

***Striker Reinforcements and Expectations**

Despite the tactical success, the club has been proactive in attempting to address striker concerns. In a bid to add firepower, Young Africans signed Baleke and Prince Dube, players who bring distinct strengths to the team.

Baleke, known for his goal-scoring ability, has managed to score once this season. Though his role primarily revolves around finishing, he has limitations in build-up play and pressing.

On the other hand, Dube excels in positioning and teamwork but lacks the clinical touch to finish scoring opportunities, often thwarted by narrow misses or the woodwork.

Dube, in particular, has faced scrutiny from fans who expected immediate impact following his high-profile signing. The season, however, is still young, and Gamondi remains hopeful that Dube and Baleke will find their stride as the team continues to refine its approach.

Nonetheless, fans have voiced concerns about the lack of impact from these forwards, adding pressure on Gamondi to find a more effective formula that will unlock the team's full offensive potential.

***Defensive Solidity Amid Offensive Adjustments**

While Young Africans' attacking line has yet to fully ignite, their defense has been a standout. They have allowed only one goal in nine matches, underscoring the effectiveness of Gamondi's tactical setup.

The team's defensive resilience places them at the top of the league in terms of goals conceded, demonstrating Gamondi's success in building a formidable backline.

Yet, balancing this defensive prowess with a potent attack remains a challenge. Gamondi's tactical approach has contributed to the team's continued success, keeping them at

the top of the league standings, but there is a growing need for offensive balance.

Fans and analysts alike believe that adjusting the tactics to incorporate more off-ball movement and enhancing service to the strikers could unlock greater potential in attack.

***Looking Forward**

The club has made significant investments to create a competitive squad across all positions, leading to healthy internal competition.

Moving forward, Gamondi and his coaching staff may consider making tactical modifications to allow for a more balanced approach that integrates the strengths of the midfield and forwards.

Enhanced service, combined with greater movement off the ball from the strikers, could help create more scoring opportunities and improve the team's finishing.

Ultimately, the club's strikers will be evaluated at the season's end, with their contributions weighed against the club's success.

Gamondi's commitment to his tactical philosophy remains steadfast, but he may need to be adaptable to ensure Young Africans achieve both defensive stability and offensive firepower.

As the season progresses, Young Africans' fans will be watching closely to see if the attacking line can rise to meet the expectations set by the club's illustrious history and recent successes.



National Sports Council (NSC) Sports Officer Charles Maguzu (R) hands over the national flag to Tanzania's senior men's cricket team skipper Abhik Patwa at an occasion for bidding the team farewell in Dar es Salaam last Saturday. The squad will take part in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B in Kampala from Wednesday to November 16. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Tanzania plots Italy's downfall in ICC Men's CWC Challenge League B

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

TANZANIA'S senior national cricket team would open its campaign in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B on November 7, meeting Italy in Uganda.

The regional showdown - slated for November 6-16 - will witness six teams battle for a spot in the following stage of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League.

They are Bahrain, Hong Kong, Italy, Singapore, Tanzania, and Uganda. Entebbe Oval and Lugogo Oval are the venues slated to be used for the tournament.

In the second fixture, Tanzania would come up against pre-tournament favourite and host Uganda at Lugogo Oval on Saturday.

Tanzania would then take on Hong Kong at the Entebbe Oval on November 12.

Tanzania's senior national cricket team, coached by Pushpa Kumar, is made up of skipper Abhik Patwa, Ally Mpeka, Amal Rajeevan, Harsheed Chohan, Asuri Rajendra, Kassim Nassor, and Ivan Selemani.

Khalid Amiri, Maker Mukesh, Mohamed Omary, Mohamed Yunus, Sanjay Thakor, Laksh Bakrania, and Akhil Anil are the other cricketers constituting the squad.

The cricketers were, according to a Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) official, slated to travel to Kampala last Saturday.

They were flagged off at the Muhimbili Cricket Academy in Ilala, Dar es Salaam.

The flag-off ceremony, aiming at honouring and motivating the squad, was graced by National Sports Council (NSC) Sports Officer Charles Maguzu.

Maguzu, the occasion's chief guest, proudly handed over the national flag to senior national cricket team skipper Abhik Patwa.

The symbolic handover, the TCA official stated, marked not just the team's official send-off, but also the hopes and support of an entire nation as the team takes on the challenging road to the 2027 Men's Cricket World Cup.

The event was also attended by the TCA vice chairman Ashish Nagewadia, board members, and other key lead-

ers, all rallying behind the team as the cricketers carry the nation's dreams and ambitions.

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B is viewed as the first stage of the road to the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

ICC Cricket World Cup Challenge League is the second edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup Challenge League and a cricket tournament which forms part of the 2027 Cricket World Cup qualification process.

Tanzania's senior national cricket team is featuring in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B whilst boasting a successful run in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier A, held in Dar es Salaam in September.

Tanzania managed to confidently defend its 119-run total and lift the trophy in the ICC Men's World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier A, fending off a stiff challenge showcased by the never-say-die Malawians.

The well-attended final, which took place at Gymkhana Club's oval, witnessed Tanzania bat first, securing 119/10 in 19.4 overs.

A section of Tanzania's trusted top-order players surprisingly crumbled because of a spirited bowling showing by Malawi, forcing gifted low-order batsmen to step up their game.

Skipper Abhik Patwa was the batsman with the most runs for Tanzania having notched 30 runs consisting of two fours and a sixer.

Even though Gershon Ntambalika (11 runs, one boundary) did all he could to have Malawi stay within reach of the target, fellow batsmen lost steam and were dismissed in quick succession.

Malawi, in the end, ended up suffering the loss to secure the second place.

Both Tanzania and Malawi have sailed through to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Main Africa Qualifier, as the two teams finished with the best Net Run Rates.

Before the regional showpiece's final, Tanzania was the leader - boasting a 6.2467 Net Run Rate, whereas Malawi (4.5766 Net Run Rate) was sitting second.

Ghana (0.6776), Lesotho (-1.9125), Cameroon (-2.5147), and Mali (-6.2679) were sitting third, fourth, fifth, and last respectively.



Hazina International Primary School pupils pictured over the weekend in Dar es Salaam showing their circus skills. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Ambassador Anne-Sophie Avé inspires Tanzanian girls at U-14 football match

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

YOUNG girls in Tanzania have been encouraged to pursue both sports and education with dedication to build successful lives.

This empowering message was delivered by French Ambassador to Tanzania, Anne-Sophie Avé, during a friendly football match in Dar es Salaam between the Zanzibar Sparks U-14 girls' team and a French school team.

Addressing the young players, Ambassador Avé emphasized the importance of hard work and re-

silience, telling them they can achieve their dreams if they persevere.

"Girls, don't let anybody tell you that you are not able. Because, yes you can. MNAWEZI!" she affirmed, urging them to believe in their potential.

Petra Karume, co-founder and executive director of Women Empowerment Zanzibar (WEZA), expressed excitement about the match, noting it was a competitive and skillful encounter that saw the Zanzibar Sparks emerge victorious with a 2-1 win over the

French school's U-14 team.

The experience, she added, would be invaluable for the Zanzibar Sparks as they prepare for the upcoming East African Chipukizi Cup in Arusha, one of Africa's largest youth football tournaments.

"This event was generously supported by the French Embassy as part of the Twende Olympics project - a two-year initiative aimed at promoting sports among Tanzanians. The NGO Women Empowerment Zanzibar is proud to partner in this impactful project," Karume said, highlighting the broader

goals of the event.

Through WEZA, girls in Zanzibar gain not only sports skills but also essential life skills, fostering inclusivity and personal growth.

"Our holistic approach equips girls with knowledge about gender equality, child rights, and health, addressing crucial issues like menstrual hygiene, nutrition, gender-based violence, and early pregnancy in an engaging way," she explained.

Karume shared that the Zanzibar Sparks team was founded last year as part of the Twende Olym-

pics initiative and has rapidly become a symbol of inclusivity, welcoming girls of all backgrounds and skill levels.

Within six months of its inception, in May 2024, the team gained international attention when they travelled to France to compete in the Mondial Pupilles, one of the world's most prestigious youth tournaments.

This experience, according to Karume, allowed the girls to challenge stereotypes and prove that skill and determination transcend gender boundaries.

The event was also supported by the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

Robert Manondolo, Sports Officer and Scout Coordinator with the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, represented the government, commending the initiative.

He emphasized the importance of partnerships in uplifting the next generation of female athletes in Tanzania, noting that events like these illustrate the transformative power of sports.

Real Madrid ace still feeling the sting of Ballon d'Or defeat

Madrid Universal

IRRESPECTIVE of whether or not the results of the Ballon d'Or were leaked in reality, the fact remains that Madrid and Vinicius Jr. were confident the award was landing in the winger's hands this year.

To go from such confidence to being told he is not the winner a few hours before the ceremony, needless to say, is heartbreaking for the Brazilian star who always dreamt of winning the prestigious individual award.

Close to a week after the ceremony, Vinicius has still not healed from the wounds he received during the Ballon d'Or snub as revealed by AS.

"Time to heal

As relayed by the Spanish outlet, the Brazilian is very disappointed after missing out on his chance at glory and is still in his healing phase.

The cancellation of the game against Valencia, thus, comes at a much-needed time for Real Madrid although the conditions that led to the cancellation are indeed devastating.

Mestalla has not been easy ground for the winger in recent years, from the racist events that occurred in May 2023 to chants being prepared against him in last season's encounter.

The Valencia fans, in fact, were preparing songs about Vinicius losing the Ballon d'Or for the game that was supposed to be held last night and even aimed to prepare a sea of yellow balloons to mock him.

Skipping the game at Mestalla, thus, will not rub salt into Vinicius' wounds and help him recover in the comfort of home.

The Santiago Bernabeu side will defend him for the next two games, against AC Milan and Osasuna, and he will then move to the comfort of the Brazilian national team where he will again be surrounded by well-wishers.

AGENCIES

Van Nistelrooy has no issue with ex-team-mates' moans

By Simon Stone

RUUD van Nistelrooy feels his former team-mates' criticisms of Manchester United are so intense because they care about the club.

Van Nistelrooy has been given the job of leading United to the next international break until new boss Ruben Amorim takes over.

The Dutchman's immediate task was to try and beat Chelsea at Old Trafford and move United away from their current 14th place in the Premier League.

Gary Neville and Roy Keane are likely to be watching the game for Sky Sports.

The pair have been withering in their assessment of United in recent years, while Paul Scholes, Patrice Evra and Rio Ferdinand have also been outspoken in their assessment.

Van Nistelrooy shared a dressing room with them all. He understands where they are coming from.

"Basically, they care for the club, want it to do well and are disappointed if it doesn't," he said.

"I don't have any problems with that. We all do our jobs and they have opinions. It is absolutely fine.

"I don't take it personally. I am still in touch with some of them. When I see them I have a cup of coffee with them."

Van Nistelrooy turned down the chance of a managerial position at Burnley to return to Old Trafford as Erik ten Hag's assistant in the summer.

The season has not turned out as Van Nistelrooy hoped.

Although the 48-year-old has stressed he signed a two-year contract, it is difficult to see where he fits in Amorim's backroom team and the likelihood is he will move on.

For now, Van Nistelrooy wants to play a part in restoring United's fortunes.

He accepts it is not going to be a speedy process.

"We are not going to turn it around from today to tomorrow," he said. "But I think we will get it done. I believe in that over the longer future."

BBC

Marcelo leaves Fluminense as contract terminated

BBC

FORMER Brazil and Real Madrid defender Marcelo has left Brazilian Serie A club Fluminense by mutual consent.

Although the club confirmed the 36-year-old's departure on Saturday, it did not disclose why his contract has been terminated.

Marcelo had a disagreement with coach Mano Menezes during Friday's 2-2 draw with Gremio at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro.

The full-back, who won 25 trophies in his 15-year spell with Spanish giants Real, was about to come on as a substitute when Menezes reacted to something Marcelo said and ordered him back to the bench.

"I was going to put Marcelo in at that moment, but I heard something I didn't like, so I changed my mind," Menezes said in a post-match press conference, without giving further details.

Pep Guardiola: Manchester City couldn't handle Bournemouth

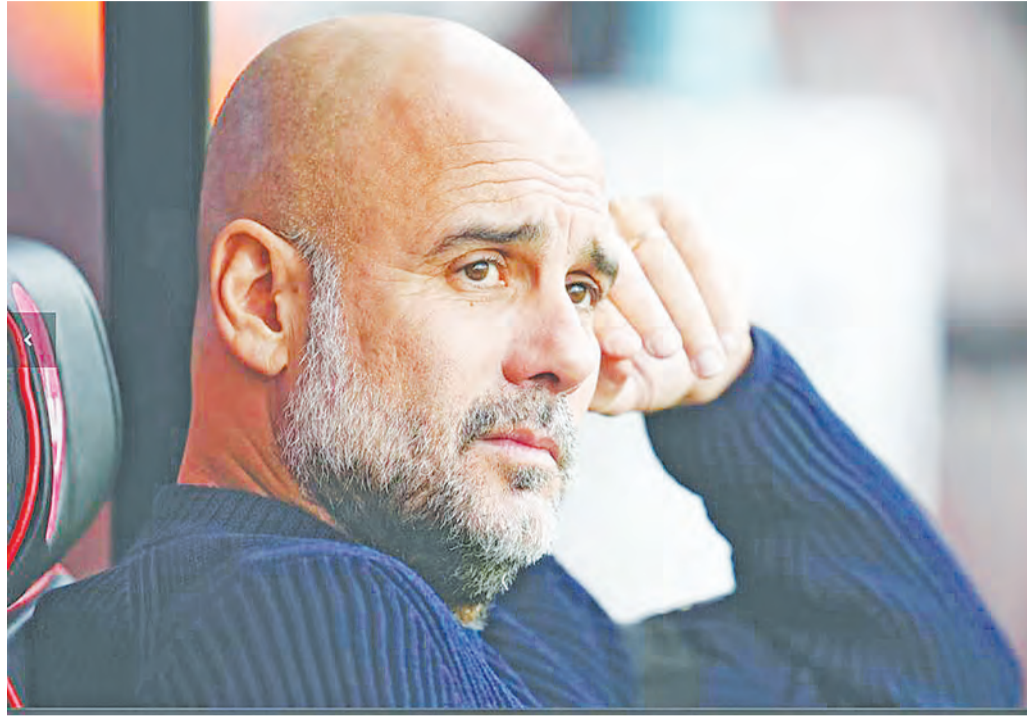
By Robert O'Connor

PEP Guardiola admitted Manchester City "couldn't handle" Bournemouth as his injury-hit side lost 2-1 at the Vitality Stadium to see their unbeaten run in the Premier League ended after 32 games.

The champions were without key players, and in the absence of John Stones and Ruben Dias fielded a makeshift defence into which Bournemouth ripped with a fearless attacking display, capped by goals from Antoine Semenyo and Evanilson to beat City in the league for the first time.

Josko Gvardiol, one of a number of players to feature despite having been a doubt pre-match, scored with a late header to set up a frantic finish, but it could not preserve City's run as they slipped behind Liverpool at the top of the table.

Of particular concern will have been the ease with which Bournemouth's attack, led by the excellent Semenyo and Justin Kluivert, tormented Nathan Ake and Manuel Akanji, neither of whom were at full fitness.



Pep Guardiola said Man City "couldn't handle" Bournemouth as their long unbeaten run was ended. (PA Wire)

"Ruben will be out until the international break," said Guardiola. "Manu and Nathan made an incredible effort to be there in a demanding game, Kyle (Walker) as well, 18 or 19 days without one training session.

"Rico (Lewis) has had a lot of minutes and was tired as well, so this is the position that we have, we try to

handle the minutes. But we couldn't handle it. They were another pace today and we could not handle it."

The champions were also without Kevin De Bruyne and Jeremy Doku, fit enough only for the bench, and at times were overrun. Milos Kerkez made the opening goal, dashing round the outside of Phil Foden on the left and cutting

it back centrally for Semenyo to turn Gvardiol and angle a finish wide of Ederson.

Ake in particular found the speed and direct running of the Bournemouth attack nearly impossible to contain and City were breached again midway through the second half, Kerkez racing clear and crossing to where Ake and Gvardiol had aban-

doned Evanilson, giving the Brazilian room to pick out the finish.

"Sometimes we have to accept that the opponents make a type of game," said Guardiola. "Sometimes you handle it and sometimes you struggle a little bit. Today it happened."

"(The players) make an incredible effort. They are players that are not in the best way and they made an incredible effort to be here.

"Manu and Nathan were not in good condition. Until the last moment I didn't know Nathan could play, he said I want to try.

"During the season sometimes, this kind of thing happens more than during other seasons. We have to handle it. People will come back and sooner or later the team will be back."

Bournemouth boss Andoni Iraola, whose team climbed to eighth having taken seven points from their last three games against City, Aston Villa and Arsenal, reflected on a fearless display from his players.

"We had to feel the pressure and it was tight at the end," he said. "I'm very pleased. One thing is to beat City but another is to play better."

"We played with no fear, tried to press when we could and defend when we had to.

"It was dangerous in the last 10 minutes. You don't enjoy that at all. There was so much pressure."

THE INDEPENDENT

'A long way back now' - what is going wrong at Arsenal?

By Harry Poole

TIPPED by many to take the next step and end their long wait for a Premier League title this season, is Arsenal's challenge already over?

Mikel Arteta's side, runners-up to Manchester City in the previous two campaigns, trail leaders Liverpool by seven points after 10 games following their 1-0 loss at Newcastle United on Saturday.

Blackburn, in 1994, are the only team to come from further back after 10 games and win the title. They trailed Newcastle by eight points but had played a game fewer than the leaders.

The only other clubs to recover a similarly sizeable gap as the one Arsenal must now overcome were Manchester United in 2002-03 and Manchester City in both 2013-14 and 2020-21, with each of those sides trailing by six points after 10 games.

Now three games without a win in the league, and having dropped almost half the number of points as they did in the entire of last season, Arsenal have fallen to fourth - below Nottingham Forest.

"There is still a long way to go in the season but it is a long way back for Arsenal now," former Gunners captain Martin Keown said on BBC's Final Score.

"They only have themselves to blame for that. They have kept pace with City for the last two seasons but they just were not at the races. It is going to be a difficult dressing room.

"Arsenal didn't turn up, didn't play like champions and they are now nursing their wounds."

'Arsenal's poor form in numbers'

- Arsenal have fallen 1-0 behind in four of their past six Pre-



mier League games, as many as in their previous 31 games beforehand.

- The Gunners have conceded the opening goal in three successive away matches in the Premier League for the first time since December 2019, which was prior to Arteta's arrival as manager.
- Having only lost one of their first 25 Premier League games in 2024 (W21 D3), Arsenal have since lost two of their past three (D1).
- The Gunners have lost successive away matches in the league for the first time since May 2022.
- In their five Premier League away games this season, Arsenal have had just 37 shots (7.4 per game); only Brentford (30

shots, 7.5 per game) have managed fewer shots on the road in the competition this term.

'We weren't our best version'

Over the past seven seasons, the top-flight champions have

dropped an average of 20 points during the course of their title-winning campaigns.

Arsenal have already dropped 12, having surrendered 25 when they finished two points behind City in May.

Manager Arteta (pictured), whose side went

unbeaten and dropped just six points in their first 10 games last term, said: "After eight, nine or 10 games last year we didn't [talk about points] and we won't talk about it now.

"It's about how you react to that. We're not going to find the right words or answers to describe how we feel. We have to put it on that field on Wednesday night against Inter [Milan in the Champions League].

"It's not about the hope of winning the title, it's about being our best selves every single week. Today we weren't our best version."

Fortunately for the Gunners, Manchester City, champions in six of the past seven seasons, also suffered defeat on Saturday as Pep Guardiola's side lost 2-1 at Bournemouth.

Speaking on TNT Sports, former England midfielder Joe Cole said: "I think this league title will be won by less points than for a long time because there are too many good teams.

"A lot of people tipped them for the league but I am second guessing that now."

When making their predictions before the

start of the season, 11 of the 30 BBC TV and radio pundits said Arsenal would win a first title since 2003-04.

But, in the absence of captain and playmaker Martin Odegaard, who suffered an ankle ligament injury while on international duty in September, they have not made the start many anticipated in pursuit of ending City's dominance.

Keown said: "They didn't show any of their personality and Odegaard was missed more [on Saturday] than I have ever seen.

"It was a seventh different back four in the past 10 games for Arsenal but the Newcastle goal was basics. They have been so good at that before."

Former Liverpool defender Stephen Warnock said: "Odegaard is the key player for Arsenal. He is not afraid to give the ball away by hitting that killer pass. He is the one missing.

"They had overtaken one of the best teams in the world and people were tipping them to win the league because they thought you were ready for that next step.

"It shows what pressure does."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Coach Davids eyes tactical shift to overcome Simba's away match struggles

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA Sports Club's head coach, Fadlu Davids, has voiced concerns over his team's recent away game performances, particularly the difficulties they encounter on challenging pitches that disrupt their preferred style of play.

After narrowly clinching a 1-0 win against Mashujaa FC on Friday, Davids is exploring new tactical adaptations to help Simba maintain their form in challenging away matches.

In their recent match at Lake Tanganyika Stadium, Simba struggled against Mashujaa FC, needing a stoppage-time goal to secure the victory.

Davids (pictured) noted that uneven and difficult playing surfaces have impacted the team's ground-passing game, which relies on quick, fluid movements.

Recognizing the importance of overcoming these conditions, Davids is preparing alternative approaches to ensure that Simba can achieve positive results on less ideal pitches.

"These away matches are tough, and we have to adapt our techniques to suit the conditions we face," Davids remarked. "Despite these challenges, I'm pleased with how every player steps up to fulfill their roles, no matter the circumstances."

Simba's recent away record has been marked by a series of close victories, often by slim margins. Out of four away matches, the club has managed three narrow 1-0 wins against Dodoma Jiji at Jamhuri Stadium, Tanzania Prisons at Sokoine Stadium, and Mashujaa FC at Lake Tanganyika Stadium.

They also registered a 2-0 victory over Azam FC at the New Amaan Complex, showing their resilience to secure points in challenging settings.

With three more points secured after the Mashujaa FC encounter, Simba are set to return home to face KMC at the KMC Complex tomorrow.

This fixture could be pivotal, as a win would potentially return them to the top of the league standings, tightening the championship race.

The recent 1-0 upset of Young Africans by Azam FC has kept the top of the table competitive, with only a two-point gap between Simba and Young Africans.

Davids emphasized the importance of consistency, particularly in home matches, as they aim to avoid any stumbles in their pursuit of the title.

"It's essential that we don't drop points, especially at home," Davids stated. "The team has worked hard to secure points on the road, and now we need to keep that momentum going in front of our fans."

Simba's away form has been particularly impressive, with a 100% winning record on the road so far this season.

Ironically, the team has dropped five points on home ground, with a 1-0 loss to rivals Young Africans and a 2-2 draw against Coastal Union.

Simba currently hold 22 points from nine matches, with a record of seven wins, one draw, and one loss. They have netted a total of 17 goals while conceding only three, underscoring their solid performances on both offense and defense.

Following the KMC game, Simba will take a brief break due to the international FIFA calendar, which pauses league action for two weeks.

This intermission will allow Davids and his squad to regroup and refine their tactics before resuming league play on November 21 against Pamba Jiji FC.

Shortly after, Simba will face a major challenge in the CAF Confederation Cup group stage, where they are set to meet Angolan side Bravos do Maquis.

As the season progresses, Simba fans will be closely observing how Davids' tactical adjustments impact the team's performance, especially in crucial away games.

With a focus on adaptability and resilience, Davids remains determined to steer Simba towards success, ensuring that their ambitions in both domestic and continental competitions remain intact.

Can't win them all: Gamondi shrugs off Azam defeat



Azam FC striker Nassor Saadun (front) battles for the ball with Young Africans defender Bakari Mwamnyeto during their Premier League match held at Azam Complex in Dares Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Courtesy of YASC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

IN a stunning upset, Azam FC ended Young Africans' (Yanga) impressive three-year unbeaten home streak in the NBC Premier League, defeating the champions 1-0 on Saturday evening.

The loss marked Young Africans' first league defeat in 50 home games and broke their 26-match undefeated streak across all competitions this season.

The match quickly turned challenging for Young Africans, who were reduced to ten players just 22 minutes in when center-back Ibrahim Bacca received a straight red card.

The dismissal came after Bacca pulled down Azam's Nassor Saadun in what the referee judged as a denial of a clear goal-scoring opportunity.

This decision left Young Africans with a major tactical adjustment as they scrambled to maintain their defensive line against an aggressive Azam side.

With the numerical advantage,

Azam capitalized on the opportunity just 13 minutes after Bacca's red card.

Gibril Sillah, a frequent scorer against Young Africans, struck again, delivering a powerful shot past Young Africans' goalkeeper, Djigui Diarra.

Sillah's goal marked his third consecutive league game scoring against Young Africans, further solidifying his reputation as a consistent threat to the champions.

Despite going into half-

time with a one-goal deficit, Young Africans struggled to gain control after the break.

The Azam defense remained resolute, consistently thwarting Young Africans' efforts to equalize. Without their usual full squad, Young Africans attempts at creating scoring chances were limited, resulting in their first league loss since March 17.

Reflecting on the defeat, Young Africans head coach Miguel Gamondi empha-

sized the need for resilience.

"Nobody wants to lose, but we need to accept that defeat is part of the game. We have to be good sportsmen - sometimes the result doesn't go our way," he stated. "I always tell the players that we'll lose points one day; it's part of football. I'm still satisfied with the team's performance overall."

Gamondi voiced his disagreement with the referee's decision, citing in-

consistencies compared to previous calls.

"In the first half, when it was still 11 versus 11, we created more chances than them. Then the referee took this decision, which I find a bit inconsistent. In our game against Simba, Dube faced a similar situation and only received a yellow card, but today it's a red for us," he noted.

"I don't say it was wrong or right; I need to review it on television. But the criteria seem different, which is frustrating."

Even with ten men, Young Africans created opportunities in the second half, with Gamondi adjusting his team's approach.

"In the second half, I felt we were in control. We created two or three clear chances, one particularly for Kibabage, which was incredible but just unlucky not to go in," he explained.

Before this defeat, Young Africans had gone unbeaten in 18 consecutive league matches and had won 26 out of 30 games last season, with only two losses.

The team remains focused on maintaining their strong season start, as this setback, according to Gamondi, will not derail their overall objectives.

Looking ahead, Young Africans will aim to quickly regroup and regain momentum, with upcoming matches presenting an opportunity for redemption.

Tactical discipline key to Azam FC's win over Yanga, says coach Taoussi

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

IN a tightly contested NBC Premier League clash on Saturday, Azam FC emerged victorious with a hard-fought 1-0 win over defending champions Young Africans (Yanga), a win attributed to tactical discipline and a well-executed strategy set by coach Rachid Taoussi.

This win at Azam Complex ended Young Africans' undefeated league run and highlighted Azam's effective game plan, especially after gaining a numerical advantage.

The match shifted in Azam's favour in the 22nd minute when Young Africans' center-back, Ibrahim Hamad 'Bacca', received a straight red card after a foul on Nassoro Saadun.

This early dismissal forced the champions to play the remainder of the match with ten men, an opportunity that coach Taoussi's side capitalized on.

The breakthrough goal came through a precise strike by Djibril Sillah in the first half, marking Sillah's third consecutive goal against Young Africans.

This strike not only extended Azam's winning streak to five games but also preserved their unbeaten run over the last six league matches.

Despite their numerical advantage, coach Taoussi (pictured) chose



a more cautious approach in the second half, reflecting an awareness of Young Africans' attacking strengths, even with a player down.

Taoussi's tactical adjustments were evident as he directed Azam to close down spaces effectively and concentrate on defensive solidity.

By limiting Young Africans' for-

ward momentum and tightening the midfield gaps, Azam managed to neutralize any potential threats while maintaining their lead.

"I'd like to congratulate my players on this hard-earned victory," Taoussi said. "It's a significant win, especially considering Young Africans' quality and experience."

"Our focus on defensive discipline and strategic positioning helped us keep control and exploit counter-attacking opportunities that led to the decisive goal."

Azam's focus on defensive organization and counter-attacks paid off in maintaining their lead.

Taoussi explained: "We made sure to close down spaces and adjust our lines to contain their attacks, and that tactical approach was crucial in neutralizing their fast plays and fluid passing game."

This season, Azam have become one of the toughest teams to break down, having conceded only three goals across ten matches.

Their defensive stability, coupled with an ability to capitalize on scoring chances, has propelled them into the top-four standings, with Taoussi emphasizing a balanced game plan that includes defensive resilience and attacking efficacy.

"It's encouraging to see our hard work on finishing translate into

results on the pitch," Taoussi remarked. "We've put in considerable effort to sharpen our scoring, and that's clearly paying dividends."

Their recent successes over Young Africans are a testament to their growing dominance, with this season's 1-0 win following a similar 2-1 victory last season.

However, Young Africans had the upper hand in the Community Shield final, dealing Azam a heavy 4-1 defeat. That loss broke Azam's eight-match clean sheet record, demonstrating the fierce rivalry between the two clubs.

Following this win, Azam now sit in fourth place with 21 points from 10 matches, closing in on leaders Young Africans, who have 24 points from nine matches.

The title race remains wide open, with both teams determined to maintain strong performances as the season progresses.

After the upcoming international break, Taoussi's side will resume their domestic campaign on November 23rd in a home fixture against Kagera Sugar.

Azam's continued focus on tactical discipline and resilience will be essential as they strive to maintain their winning momentum and remain competitive in the league title race.

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