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Samia joins others, applauds Ruto for victory in election

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is among the African leaders who yesterday sent congratulatory messages to Kenyan President-elect William Ruto (pictured) for winning the poll.

Samia's message came a day after the result was announced late Monday by Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) chairman Wafula Chebukati, while losing presidential candidate Raila Odinga and four IEBC commissioners rejected the results yesterday.

In his announcement on Monday, the IEBC chieftain stated that the President-elect along with Deputy President-elect Rigathi Gachagua won 7,176,141 votes, representing 50.59 percent of valid votes cast; beating the rival candidacy of Raila Odinga and running mate Martha Karua who polled 6,942,930 votes (48 percent).

In her twitter handle, President Samia said: "I congratulate the people of Kenya on their peaceful general election and the subsequent announcement of Dr @WilliamsRuto as President-elect. We look forward to continuing working together with our brothers and sisters in Kenya to strengthen our historical close ties. Tuko pamoja."

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni also congratulated Ruto and affirmed Kampala's commitment to continue working with Nairobi.

"Further to my telephone call last night upon your victory, I wish to reassure you of Uganda's commitment to continue partnering with Kenya in advancing regional and continental agenda through the East African Community, African Union and other multilateral platforms.

"Our bilateral cooperation will score tremendous achievements and I look forward to working more closely with you. God bless Kenya. God bless East Africa."

Burundi's Evariste Ndayishimiye said, "My

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Kili climbers assured of high-speed internet

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

MOUNT Kilimanjaro climbers will now communicate with ease following the installation of 4G broadband internet services on Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

Nape Nnauye, the Information, Communication and Information Technology minister, made this affirmation here yesterday when launching the service on the slopes of the mountain.

Using his verified Twitter handle, he said the move will enable tourists who climb the mountain to communicate globally with no obvious hurdles, expecting that the facility will serve 800 to 1000 tourists per day.

He asked the Tanzania Telecommunication Co. Ltd (TTCL) and the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) to liaise in ensuring that the services are reliably available.

"Strong communication facilities at mountain top will improve business and promote tourism," he said, noting that communication challenges must be addressed in other tourist spots. This will improve safety and increase the number of tourists, he affirmed.

The 5,895m mountain top is going to be served by the communication boost centre located 3720 meters above sea level, ensuring climbers of the mountain access to internet and phoning services easily.

"Several times, I have heard tourists and other visitors complaining that they take a long time registering due to low internet speed; this should come to an end," he said.

The service will now allow tourists to take digital photos, videos and other communication services and send them anywhere in the world, enhancing the destination's visibility, he stated, highlighting that the government is pursuing plans to ensure that 80percent of the population is linked to digital communication services by the end of 2025.

He asked the RC to ensure the infrastructure installed is protected, while TTCL director general Peter Ulanga said efforts to take the services to Uhuru Peak were at an advanced stage. The

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Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (in yellow head-cloth) has a word at Bombo referral hospital in Tanga city on Monday with a delegation of German legislators led by Dr Barbel Kofler (to her left), State Secretary to Germany's Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development. They are on an assessment tour of projects funded by Germany. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Ten die, scores injured after truck hits bus, lorry, saloon

By Guardian Correspondents, Mbeya

TEN people have died and an undetermined number injured after a truck carrying a consignment of gold concentrates rammed into three vehicles after its brakes failed at Inyala on the outskirts of Mbeya city.

The three vehicles were a passenger bus

on the Mbeya to Njombe route, another cargo truck and a saloon car, police said.

Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei told reporters that the accident occurred early yesterday as the cargo truck T.387 DFJ hit the vehicles due to failing brakes, pushing them out of the road as it crashed into a ravine.

Many of the dead were in the bus, with

the injured rushed to Igawilo Hospital in the city and Inyala health centre within Mbeya District, but the actual number of those injured was still unclear, he said.

Inyala area has steep slopes and the road is narrow, putting lorry drivers under pressure that fail brakes not to cause harm. Igawilo Hospital senior medical officer Dr Grace Dugo

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Minister lays accent on work supervision, tax compliance

By Guardian Reporter, Songea

REGIONAL administration officials in Ruvuma and elsewhere need to make sure they conduct strict supervision of work performance of public officials in order to enhance economic targets, in the wake of better opportunities arising from higher numbers of tourism and foreign investments.

Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) made this appeal here yesterday when addressing Ruvuma regional administration officials.

The minister was officiating at an event to voice support of efforts intended to facilitate

increased national income through 'The Royal Tour' documentary, a film initiated by a United States broadcaster where President Samia Suluhu Hassan featured extensively.

She said senior officials and other public servants are supposed to work diligently with a patriotic spirit and upright ethical conduct, as making Tanzania a reliable investment destination lends support to President Samia's efforts in advertising the country's tourist attractions and investment opportunities.

As for revenue collection in the region, the minister who is also a legislator from the region (Peramiho constituency) reminded the regional officials to use information technology tools to expand the revenue collection, while mobilizing traders to voluntarily tax compliance so as to fund development projects.

Similarly in focus in the minister's address was the need to acutely supervise the subsidized Fertiliser distribution procedure, to ensure that this initiative by President Samia to increase agricultural production is put to good use.

"In this area we do not expect to hear the

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Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (L) pictured yesterday at the site of Wami Bridge in Coast Region flipping through work plan documents on the strategic structure - which is undergoing major works. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presents an award to Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Limited (TMRC) CEO Oscar Mgaya in recognition of the firm's support to preparations for the national Housing and Population Census lined up for August 23. This was at a meeting the PM held with various private sector stakeholders in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Photo TMRC

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service will be ready before the end of October, he said.

The project cost 146m/-, targeting the setting up of access points to internet and voice communication across the various stopping centres along the climbing slope.

Mount Kilimanjaro is a dormant volcano in Tanzania with three

volcanic cones of Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira. It is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest free-standing mountain worldwide, 5,895 metres above sea level and 4,900 metres above its plateau base.

Upwards of 20,000 people climb the mountain yearly including foreigners, with climbers requiring an average of five days to reach the peak.

Back in March, the minister had affirmed that the ministry intends to spend over 170bn/- to expand national broadband connectivity to bridge digital lapses between regions, urban and rural areas.

The ministry is overseeing a memorandum of understanding with the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) enabling TTCL to use

power transmission lines to put up adjacent poles for communication equipment.

Readying to receive more investors and tourists, the government is strengthening communication services to make life more comfortable for visitors, alongside administrative dust up like fast tracking visa issuance at the major entry points into the country.



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (C) chairs a working session in Kinshasa on Monday. This was pending the Tanzanian delegation's participation in the 42nd Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government scheduled to be held today and tomorrow in the Democratic Republic of Congo's capital. The summit will be under the theme: 'Promoting industrialisation through agro-processing, mineral beneficiation, and regional value chains for inclusive and resilient economic growth'. Photo: MoFA

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said they received nine bodies and two injured people, where one of them died in the course of treatment.

Eyewitnesses said the lorry was speedy despite the risky road patch, which surprised those seeing it coming, and then the shock of the accident.

Marekani Mwashalemba, a witness, said he was on a tricycle when he saw the lorry at high speed. "When my driver saw the truck in the situation he decided to park beside the road to

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wait for it to pass, but unfortunately it ended up hitting other vehicles."

Another witness, Joseph Samwel, called on the government to expand the road in the risky area to prevent accidents often occurring there,

robbing people of their lives.

This accident comes barely a week after 20 people perished in a horrific accident involving four motor vehicles at Mwakata village in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region.

A few weeks ago eleven children perished when a school bus plunged into a ditch in the Mtwara-Mikindani municipality, triggering huge grief across the region, observers noted.

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heartfelt congratulations to the President-elect William Ruto and the people of the Republic of Kenya for holding free, fair and peaceful elections. We urge all the parties to preserve peace, and disputes be resolved by existing competent legal mechanisms. Idumu jumuiya yetu!"

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said: "My congratulations to William Ruto on your election as the President of the Republic of Kenya. I wish you best of luck in your endeavors ahead and we look forward to working closely with you on common bilateral and regional interests."

Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa added that he had faith in the new leadership. "Congratulations to @WilliamsRuto on his election as the next President of Kenya. I have no doubt he will serve his country, his people and our continent with distinction."

IGAD's Executive Secretary Workneh Gebeyehu said "I congratulate H.E. @WilliamsRuto on his election as the 5th President of the Republic of Kenya as declared by the country's electoral management body @IEBCKenya. I applaud Kenyans for the peaceful elections & look fwd (sic) to the peaceful conclusion of the entire electoral process!"

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good work done by President Samia has been infested with corruption. We must stand firm about that," she said, affirmatively.

The regional commissioner, Col. Laban Thomas said in earlier remarks that the event is part of conveying public regards to President Samia for her great vision to advertise Tanzania via the filmed documentary.

On April 28, President Samia inaugurated the film in Arusha after it premiered in two major cities in the United States, namely New York and Los Angeles, and is making a world tour, lately being shown on Hainan Television in China, said to have a total outreach to ten million viewers.

All this effort is meant to boost the drive to attract tourists and investors into the country, she added.

Independent observer group accepts Kenya's presidential poll results

By Tony Karumba, Nairobi

A group of independent observers has said that the just concluded Kenya's presidential election corresponds to their own tally.

The observation group by name of ELOG said they had dispatched over 5,000 observers across 290 constituencies in 47 counties in the whole of Kenya.

"ELOG notes that the results transmission system worked much better than expected with over 99% of scan images of the 34a and the 34b posted on the IEBC web portal. However, we are extremely concerned about the chaos that broke out at the national tallying centre at Bomas as well as the split within the IEBC leading to some commissioners quitting the tallying process and issuing their own statements prior to the announcement of the presidential results," said Anne Ireri, ELOG Chairperson.

ELOG further reiterated that it is up to the Supreme Court of Kenya to validate the declaration made by the chairperson of the Independent Electoral and Boundary Commission Wafula Chebukati.

Four of the seven electoral commissioners of Kenya's presidential election told journalists Monday they could not support the "opaque nature" of the final phase of the vote-verification process.

They spoke just before the declaration of Deputy President William Ruto as the winner of the election over five-time contender Raila Odinga. "We are here not at Bomas of Kenya, where the result is going to be announced, because of the opaque nature of how this phase has been handled," the vice chair Juliana Cherera said.

"We cannot take ownership of the result that is going to be announced," she added, without giving details.

Ruto received 50.49% of the votes with more than 7.1 million, the chairman said, while Odinga received 48.85% with more than 6.9 million in last Tuesday's peaceful election.

The next move for the former Premier Raila Odinga can see him move to the country's highest court to invalidate Ruto's win as per the electoral commission.



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Raila Odinga calls Kenya's election result a "parody"

NAIROBI

KENYAN opposition figure Raila Odinga said he would challenge the results of the close presidential election with "all legal options" after Deputy President William Ruto was declared the winner.

"What we saw yesterday is a travesty and a blatant disregard of the Constitution," Raila Odinga said.

"We will pursue all legal and constitutional options available to us. We will do so in view of the many flaws in the elections," he said, in his first address since the results were announced the day before.

The announcement brings further uncertainty to a country where last Tuesday's poll was widely regarded as the most peaceful.

Independent observer group backs Kenya's presidential poll results <https://t.co/Wrr6JZXZJA>

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now faces weeks of challenges and the possibility that the Supreme Court will order a new election. Already, religious and other leaders have called for calm in a country that has already seen deadly post-election violence.

It was Raila Odinga's first appearance since the chairman of Kenya's electoral commission on Monday declared William Ruto the winner with nearly 50.5 percent of the vote.

Four of the seven commissioners abruptly announced that they could not support the results, without giving details, and Raila Odinga's supporters clashed with the remaining commissioners at the venue.

Shortly before Raila Odinga spoke, the four commissioners claimed that the president's final calculation was 100.01% and that the excess votes would have made a "significant difference". They also said that he did not give them the opportunity to discuss the results before his statement.



Nachingwea district commissioner Hashim Komba (2nd-L) and NMB Bank Plc's Southern zone manager, Janeth Shango (2nd-R), launch a special forum dubbed 'NMB Mwalimu Spesho' in Nachingwea yesterday. Right is Ally Ngingite, NMB's senior manager for Personal Banking. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Uluguru spice programme improves lives of over 1500 farmers in region

By Getrude Mbago

THE implementation of the Uluguru Spice Programme (USP) in Morogoro Region has transformed lives of over 1500 farmers in various villages with essential new skills and knowledge on sustainable spice cultivation as well as marketing strategies.

Implemented by the Sustainable Agriculture of Tanzania (SAT) with support from the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the five-year USP focuses on working with farmers in the catchment area of Ruvu river in the Uluguru mountains.

In an interview with this paper recently Eliminata Marmetus, USP field facilitator said the project has greatly helped to install organic spice farming knowledge and skills to thousands of farmers, something which has helped improve individual income, villages and the country at large.

"We commenced the project in 2017 and we have reached a good number of farmers who are currently reaping big from their activities due to the skills and knowledge given by SAT experts," she said. She said the farmers are also benefiting well from the project due to the launch of a new factory to collect and process the species.

Eliminata said apart from receiving skills and tools support in farm preparation, cultivation and harvesting, the farmers are also assured of a reliable market of the produce to the presence of the factory which is located at Mtamba village in Kisemu ward, Morogoro District in the region. The factory was constructed by the SAT's Holistic Group Limited.

She noted that SAT Holistic Group Limited is a social business, co-owned by small-scale farmers in Tanzania and affiliated with the NGO "Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT)". The company's business directly connects farmers to lucrative local and international organic markets, promoting sustainable farming practices and reducing poverty.

According to her, farmers in the slopes of the Uluguru Mountains who have been engaging in spice farming

with many of them started to earn more income and as they are assured of a reliable market of their produce.

SAT's communication manager Joseph Masonda said the organisation has been implementing various projects to support farmers with adequate knowledge and skills especially in organic farming so as to promote mass production and consumption of non-chemical products in the country.

He named some of the projects as the Farmers and Pastoralists Collaboration (FPC) which aims to instill organic farming knowledge and skills among the groups thus promoting natural and conservation farming which eventually helped to improve income and reduce farmers and pastoralists conflicts.

"In this, SAT train farmers on conservation farming as well as smart livestock keeping, thousands of farmers and herders from Morogoro and other parts of the country have benefited from various organised trainings and changed their mindsets, we have projects that touches all groups and bringing positive impact in the communities and nation at large," he said.

He added: "We also have a new project dubbed Organic Value Chain Project (OVCP) which aims to support and empower farmers and small-scale entrepreneurs to increase production of organic foodstuffs as well as improve and certify the products."

Some farmers who visited SAT's pavilion at the ended Farmers exhibitions in Morogoro expressed their appreciation to SAT and all its partners for bringing the projects to the villages as they have greatly helped them improve their income with their lives changing for better.

The Uluguru Mountains provide habitat for various endemic plant and animal species and are therefore a biological hotspot in east Africa. Moreover, the Uluguru Mountains are of significant importance for the inhabitants of Tanzania because the steep slopes are the source of the most important water catchment area in the country.

'Motorists set to use Wami bridge after final touches'

By Henry Mwangonde

FROM next month, motorists will be using the new Wami bridge in Coast Region after completion of a few final touches during the construction project, the government has said.

Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa made this observation when inspecting progress in the bridge construction work, asking

the contractor to finalize the few remaining tasks at the facility.

Noting that finishing work was in top gear, he expressed the hope that in a little over a month (by 20 September) all the remaining tasks will have been completed "so that I can allow vehicles to start passing through."

According to the minister, the project was 86-percent complete in which it involved the construction of a

513.5 meters long bridge together with 3.8 kilometers long roads.

The Minister hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for injecting more money into the transportation sector which has led to improvement in infrastructure.

Issuing the progress of the project, acting manager for the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) Herisper Mollel said the construction

process was completed 100-percent but the construction of the upper side was 256 out of the 513.5 meters which is 50 percent of the bridge.

He added that the remaining side was the construction of three big culverts and seven other seven culverts and installation of 188 pipes out of the 206 pipes required, equivalent to 91-percent.

On the construction of the joining roads the Tanroad official said currently 3.4 kilometers of the section has been completed.

The construction of the Wami Bridge costs about 75bn/- from the government funds and is implemented by Power Construction Corporation for a period of 48 months.

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Basil Pesambili Mramba

Born: 15th May, 1940 Departed: 17th August, 2021

Dear Lord, we lost our father a year ago. We still feel his presence in all we do even though it has been one year since you left us. The heartache feels like it will never heal, but through the countless moments he touched our lives and those around us. We find solace in the beautiful memories we will forever hold. Those cherished moments came with a lot of love and care.

He knows we will always love and care for him even as he rests with the angels. Lord, please take care of him as he was the only one we had.

We miss you, dad. Your work touched many. You blessed many, and we are blessed to call you our dad.

Fondly remembered by your wife and children Mrs. Awaichi Mramba, Godfrey, Dr. Aifena, Remla and Lilian; your in-laws Kerri, Evans, Vincent and George; your grandchildren Mattias, Elisia, Alexia, Aris, Andre, Malia, Mwami and Sia and many other close families and friends.

Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not dismay, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

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 - Investor track record or experience in undertaking similar projects; and
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- Preferred Developer who meets evaluation criteria will be obtained inline within TIC land bank allocation procedures and guidelines;
- Applicants who had earlier on submitted their proposal prior issuance of this notice are required to submit their application in-line with this notice requirements;
- The deadline for Concept Note submission shall be on **Monday 15th September, 2022 at 02:00Pm (EAT)**. The hard copy of the proposal should be submitted to

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Dodoma inaugurates m-mama programme

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA region has launched m-mama, a programme that uses mobile technology to connect pregnant women to emergency transport.

At the core of m-mama is a cost-effective emergency transport system to significantly reduce maternal mortality in areas with limited or inefficient ambulance services.

The system uses a network of local taxi drivers to act as 'taxi ambulances' in areas where ambulances are rarely available.

When the patient makes a free call to a 24/7 dispatch centre, a call handler assesses the patient's condition using the m-mama app, which indicates whether the patient needs transferring to a health facility.

If healthcare is required, the nearest taxi ambulance driver is identified on the m-mama app and receives a request to take the woman to the closest health facility.

On safe arrival, the driver is paid instantly for the journey via M-Pesa (Vodacom's mobile money transfer system).

The development comes at a time when records show that the region recorded 63 maternal deaths between January and August, 2022. It has managed to reduce the deaths to 74/100,000 in 2021, down from 102/100,000 in 2020.

The m-mama, use mobile technology to connect pregnant women to care when they need it the most, and working to reduce rates of maternal mortality, identified as the number one health challenge by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The mobile service has developed by Vodacom Tanzania Foundation and Vodafone Foundation that provides emergency transport for pregnant and postpartum women.

Speaking during the launch, Vodafone Foundation's m-mama Director, Dolorosa Duncan said the program was co-created by Vodacom

Tanzania Foundation, Vodafone Foundation and the government and was successfully piloted in six districts including Shinyanga and Sengerema.

She said it was initially planned for 15 regions but funds have been increased and it will now be rolled in 26 regions in the country.

"We are grateful for the cooperation shown by regional officials on this launch and expect successful implementation within the given time frame."

Meanwhile, the Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule, thank Vodafone for the collaboration aimed saving lives of women in the region and the nation at large.

She said the effort is in line with the government's effort to reduce maternal death as was directed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The RC expressed optimism that from the reported success in Shinyanga, the programme will help bring the needed changes in Dodoma region.

"Urgent transport for expectant mothers and newborns is an important service that helps save lives and this initiation will help save money lives too," she said.

Regional Administrative Secretary, Dr Fatma Mganga noted that the programme launched in Dodoma in April, 2022 is real stakeholders' initiatives to improve maternal services.

She said: "If transport is well taken care of, helps save lives, especially of expectant women and children". She thanked Vodafone for the launch of the programme in the region, saying Dodoma cannot lag behind in such initiatives.

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Edina Chilimo, Foundation for Civil Society's project manager, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday standing as facilitator at a capacity building seminar meant to help participants better manage financial support extended to them by the agency. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Mbarawa wants Msalato International airport to be completed in agreed time

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

WORKS and Transport Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has directed the contractor constructing Msalato International Airport in Dodoma to make sure they complete the project in time and with high quality standards.

He issued the directive here on Monday when inspecting the project progress undertaken by Sinohydro Corporation in collaboration with Beijing Sino-Aero Construction Engineering and China Jiangxi

International Economic and Technical Cooperation.

"I would like to stress to all those supervising the airport project, including the Consulting Engineer, TANROADS and TAA that we must make sure the contractors implement the work to the required standards and if possible by June 2025 the project should be completed," said Prof Mbarawa.

He pledged to visit the project from time to time to see its progress and added that the aim is to see whether

the contractors implement the work in accordance with what was agreed in the contract agreement.

He explained that the airport is being built in two phases; the First Phase involves the construction of the runway, aprons, taxiways and installation of lights.

He said the Second Phase involves the construction of passengers' buildings and other infrastructures.

The minister also thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for endorsing funds for implementing various

infrastructure projects in the country.

He also called on the people to support the contractors in the project so that it is completed as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, Dodoma Region TANROADS manager, Eng. Leonard Chimagu said that as of now the contractors were building the airport runway. The construction of Msalato International Airport whose runway will be 3.6km long is expected to be completed in June 2025 costing 165bn/-.



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Residents of Songea, Namtumbo districts ask govt to take measures against overloading of cargo trucks

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RESIDENTS in Songea and Namtumbo Districts in Ruvuma Region have called upon the government to take immediate measures against cargo trucks that have been overloading causing massive destruction of roads.

They are appealing for the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to initiate a special operation to ensure that the trucks carrying cargo that exceeds ten tonnes are monitored and controlled as they destruct the infrastructures which are depended on by the majority of people.

Speaking in different occasions, the residents from Peramiho, Maposeni, Nakahuga, Mgazini, Njalamatata, Mkongonakawale and Limamu villages said if the situation persists it will cause more destruction of the roads and thus affecting other economic activities in the areas.

"A lot of roads and bridges are at risk of totally being destructed, trucks are passing in these roads with huge cargo, we are worrying that our roads can badly be destructed for unnecessary reasons, we call on the government to

see this and take immediate measures so as to avoid incurring more costs to repair the infrastructures," said Peter Komba, a Peramiho resident.

Yuster Ngatunga of Nakahuga said the Peramiho- Nakahuga and Peramiho-Maposeni roads are important in facilitating execution of various economic activities but if they are left to continue being destroyed by the trucks, things will be worse in the very near future.

"I know that the government has spent a lot of money to construct these roads and bridges, we residents on our part have been protecting them, but these cargo trucks are uncontrollable, that's why we call for the government's support to prevent this," she said.

Issa Shabani of Njalamatata village hinted on the note that as the harvesting season is ongoing in various villages, transportation of the produce to town needs trucks, but the major challenge remains in controlling the appropriate loading of the vehicles.

Another resident Sofia Ngonyani of Limamu village said she has witnessed a flow of Lorries in the village to carry farm produce with the safety

of roads being low. The villagers however commended TARURA for implementing various projects which have greatly improved roads and bridges infrastructures but some few transporters are not playing their roles well to protect the infrastructures.

TARURA's manager in Ruvuma Eng. Wahabu Nyamzungu, acknowledged the presence of the challenge saying that his office in collaboration with security bodies are working hard to control it. He said they have been arresting and posing fines to those who are found carrying overloaded cargo and will continue strengthening efforts to ensure that the problem is completely addressed.

"We work to ensure that all roads are passable in both town and rural areas throughout the year, road users also have a role to ensure that they protect the infrastructures for them to last long and benefit more others," he said.

Eng. Nyamzungu said the government, through TARURA, is expected to spend 24bn/- to implement various road infrastructures in all districts in Ruvuma for the 2022/23 financial year.



Dar es Salaam's Mabibo mixed-foods market, usually a crowd-puller, all but an eyesore now - what with the stinking stagnant water all around it and the resultant pervasive bad smell. This scene was captured yesterday. Photo: Evarist, DJS



Editha John of Mufindi District in Iringa Region moves to open the door of the prize car she had just been presented with in Iringa municipality late last week for winning a Vodacom 'Tusua mapene' raffle. Looking on are Iringa district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo (L) and Vodacom's head of sales for the Southern Highlands zone, Ezekiel Nungwi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Farmers in Mbeya praise govt for fertiliser subsidy

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FARMERS in Mbeya Region have showered praise on the government for initiating fertiliser subsidy claiming that subsidy will assist them in increasing the production of crops.

Speaking to this paper early this week, some of the farmers said they have started registering themselves with the system.

Fabian Mwaluke, one of the farmers said the system will assist in bringing down fertiliser prices for them, different from how it was in the previous season.

He said as for now they have been told that they will now be buying the farm input at 70,000 per bag as opposed to 130,000/- during the previous season. "During the last season we failed to take care of our crops well due to the high fertiliser prices, some opted to grow crops that do not need much

fertiliser," he added.

Another farmer, Julius Sanga, said the government has greatly assisted them through the reduction of farming costs, adding that in the last season there weren't any crops that generated profits.

He said in addition to high fertiliser prices, crop prices were very low, and many farmers were barely able to recoup their farming costs.

Launching the fertiliser subsidy initiative in Mbeya during the Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition early this month, Agriculture Minister Hussein Bashe said all farmers should register themselves to benefit from the subsidy.

He said all fertilisers to be subsidized by the government will have special identification and added that anyone buying a bag of the fertiliser information will be transmitted to the government.

Census to help businesspeople assess capacity, Majaliwa says

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has said the Population and Housing Census will help businesspeople to assess their business or capital aptitudes for profit generation by looking for new investment avenues.

"From the census, companies' boards and management get correct statistics they use in making the correct and timely investment decisions," he said.

Majaliwa made the observations on Monday this week in Dar es Salaam as he addressed stakeholders from the private sector on the importance of their participation in the coming Census slated for August 23 this year.

He added that businessmen, both large and small, also depend on census results for making various decisions regarding investment including expansion of their businesses and

warehouses for goods storage, and inventing new products.

He thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her endorsement stressing on issues of statistics that made the government conduct the Population and Housing Census this year in accordance with the UN guidelines.

"The census is important because one of Tanzania's economic strategies is to attract investments and improve the lives of its citizens," he added.

He added: "For the business community, the census is a basic source for demographic reports and commodity markets growth in all world countries. "All businesses need statistics in regard to the population as a basic means in making investment decisions." The PM showered praise on the media for their "great participation in mobilising the public on the importance of the census exercise."

He said according to NBS, 98 per cent of Tanzanians recognise census exercise this year.

Earlier, welcoming the prime minister to address the meeting, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), George Simbachawene said so far the census preparations are 95 per cent complete. "The remaining five per cent should not be disregarded, because we will make efforts to attain the required 100 per cent in the remaining time," he said.

Also, TPDF vice Chair, Paul Makanza said they have collaborated with the government at various sittings and identified seven areas for cooperation.

He cited some of these areas as including, service delivery, and provision of education, transport, advertising and contribution of fuel for vehicles.

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Job Opportunity – Data Visualization Technical Lead

Location: Dar es Salaam
Application deadline: August 26, 2022
Start date: October 1, 2022

Background:
The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is engaged in a five-year Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Tanzania (CDC-Tanzania) to provide strategic information and health information systems (HIS) technical assistance to the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDEGEC) as well as the United States' President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and their implementing partners (IPs). We are recruiting an individual through our affiliated international NGO 'Global Programs' to serve as a Data Visualization Technical Lead.

This is a full-time position with an initial contract through September 2023 and the possibility of extension subject to continued funding. The position is expected to start on October 1, 2022.

Main duties and responsibilities:

Under the supervision of the HIS Director for Tanzania, the Data Visualization Technical Lead will support the Global Programs in-country team in their work with CDC to continuously improve the quality, analysis, and use of HIV and AIDS-related health data, including through data modelling, data analysis, and visualization. This person will translate programmatic questions into answers through visualizations and dashboards, providing guidance on how to best visualize data and how data can be used to answer programmatic questions and guide programmatic decisions.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Provide guidance on how best to visualize data to respond to programmatic questions and to communicate key findings and analysis results.
- Develop data visualizations using PowerBI and other data visualisation tools
- Support development of new and improved strategies for analyzing and visualizing routine HIV and AIDS data at all levels of the health system
- Lead customisation of DHIS2 implementation (Datasets and Dashboard designs)
- Lead the data modelling processes (using modular BI design)
- Oversee implementation of modular BI approach
- Lead documentation of data dictionaries for various data models
- Analyze routine HIV and AIDS-related health data

Experience, skills, and minimum required qualifications:

- A Master's degree in health informatics, public health, epidemiology, biostatistics, mathematics or related fields or a Bachelor's degree in computer science, software engineering, or information systems with 10+ years of experience in health-related M&E is required.
- Minimum of five years of professional experience working in public health in a data focused position that included both analysis and visualization work.
- Demonstrated data visualization and dashboard development skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge of routine HIV and AIDS health data, including national data collection systems, tools, and reporting.
- Intermediate to advanced knowledge of Power BI or Tableau.
- Knowledgeable on database modelling using entity relationship diagram (ERD).
- Knowledge of DHIS2 customisation and implementation.
- Advanced experience developing data-driven applications utilizing significant relational database engines as part of the overall application architecture (experience with at least two of the following is highly desirable: MS SQL Server, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MS Access).
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills.
- Advanced knowledge in Python and other common programming languages is an added advantage.
- Ability to work successfully in a team and lead a team.

Other desired skills/qualities:

- Excellent skills in critical thinking and analysis
- Excellent organizational and oral/written communication skills
- Ability to work independently and manage various tasks under tight deadlines
- Ability to prioritize, work under deadlines, work with minimal supervision and multitask
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili

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All applications must include the following:

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- Copies of academic and professional certificates

Applications and supporting documents should be sent via e-mail to info.tanzania@ucglobalprograms.org and must be received by August 26, 2022.

NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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THE CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING, NUTRITION AND HEALTH CARE COUNSENUTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2021

I. PROGRESS REPORT

This Progress Report provides an overview of the Centre's work for the period of 1st January to 31 December 2021, which is the 3rd year of implementation of COUNSENUTH's five (5) Years Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2023. All activities were fully and successfully implemented.

During 2021, the Centre progressed on implementation of its key ongoing programs - namely Gender-Nutrition program in Chemba, Community-Based Nutrition Interventions (ASRP & IMCN) in Mbeya, integrated community-based services project in Kigoma and Kijana jiongeze project in Tunduru. Others are enhancing youth employability project, Wasichana leadership project and counselling services at Ocean Road cancer Institute. Projects details are as follows:

- Gender-Nutrition Program in Dodoma**
Gender-Nutrition (Lishe Kijinsia) Program is a four-year (2018-2022) community-based gender-driven and learning based nutrition project supporting the LGA in Chemba, Dodoma region to accelerate reduction of childhood stunting among children 0-59 months by at least 5% from 37.7% in the 4 years using a gender-based approach with Irish Aid funding.
- Community-Based Nutrition Interventions (ASRP and IMCN) in Mbeya**
For the past five years CRS and COUNSENUTH consortium with the support from UNICEF have managed to work in close collaboration with the Mbeya Regional Secretariat and Local Government of Authorities (LGAs) in implementing and coordinating community based nutrition project known as Accelerating Stunting Reduction Project (ASRP) with a great success. ASRP phased out in June 2021. UNICEF extended its support for the period of one year (July 2021- June 2022) to strengthen the gains of ASRP.
- Integrated community-based services project in Kigoma**
The program focused on four key areas: Nutrition, Health, HIV and Child Protection to improve the health and well-being among adolescents and young children in priority regions of Tanzania. Due to extensive experience in Village Health and Nutrition Days in the Southern Highland, in 2019 CRS and COUNSENUTH were engaged to support four LGAs in Kigoma region to initiate Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHND) under the Jumuiya za Afya na Ujana Salama project supported by UNICEF up to June 2021. On its completion Primary Community Health System Strengthening Project was launched with a focus on improving health and wellbeing of children, adolescents and women of reproductive age in Kigoma.
- Kijana jiongeze project in Tunduru**
A one-year learning project (2019-2020) funded by MasterCard Foundation, which uses Participatory Performance Improvement Approach (PPIA) to address performance challenges and integrate ways to equip girls with soft skills that will help to unlock their potential, build their confidence and prepare them for work. No cost extension was granted up to April 2021.
- Enhancing Youth Employability**
In light of increasing University enrolments, completion, and shrinking job market, and the few places available requiring highly qualified personnel with several years of experience, which is lacking from young graduates, COUNSENUTH cognizant of this challenge is supporting young graduates gain employability skills through training and internships attachments
- Two projects are implemented by COUNSENUTH as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility**
 - The Wasichana Leadership Project**
Support Orphan girls with scholarships for college education to enhance their leadership skills. These are achieved through contributions from friends and staff members.
 - Nutrition Education and Counseling at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute**
A project being implemented through volunteers backed by staff. The project aims at preventing and enhancing management of cancer for cancer patients and providing preventive information to client families and the general public on the need for prevention of non-communicable diseases through healthy lifestyles.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Notes	31 December 2021 TZS	1 January 2021 TZS
ASSETS			(Restated)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	11	109,979,342	80,878,560
Intangible assets	12	14,214,478	17,037,211
		124,193,820	97,915,771
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	13	82,446,814	30,269,907
Cash and bank balances	14	1,625,201,696	1,278,161,381
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,707,648,510	1,308,431,288
TOTAL ASSETS		1,831,842,330	1,406,347,059
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Revaluation reserves		-	1,135,684
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUND		-	1,135,684
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred Capital Grants	15	124,193,820	96,732,887
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		124,193,820	96,732,887
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred grants	16	1,478,705,914	1,113,270,100
Accruals and other Creditors	17	228,942,596	195,208,389
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,707,648,510	1,308,478,488
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		1,831,842,330	1,406,347,059

Prof. Bendantunguka Tiisekwa
Chairperson

Date: 31ST MAY 2022

Ms. Rosemary Silaa
Executive Director

Date: 31ST MAY 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	Note	2021 (TZS)
Revenue from non-exchange transactions		
Grants from Donors	3	2,207,916,374
Other revenue	4	1,135,684
Total revenue		2,209,052,058
Expenditure		
Project expenditure	5	1,885,942,655
Program support & administration expenditure	8	323,109,403
Total expenditure		2,209,052,058
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		-

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Govt to come up with better approach to doing business

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE government is set to establish a single window of empowerment to allow all people who want to start a business to get all the necessary services under one roof to improve ways of doing business.

Deputy Minister for Investment, Industries and Trade Exaud Kigahe made the remarks yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the launch of Cross Border Trade report, which was organised by Liberty Spark Organisation in partnership with Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Tanzania Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture and Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA).

He said that currently people who want to start a business are required to go about many institutions in order to get necessary information and services which make them lose time in starting their businesses.

Kigahe noted that in making things easy for small businesses, "we have reduced more than 30 tax barriers out of 60, and that gives them chances to conduct business in countries such as Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, Zambia and DRC Congo."

He further noted that more doors to reduce obstacles will be opened as one of the major challenges facing African

countries is closing borders and imposing unnecessary obstacles to one another, stating that previously it was easy to work with European countries instead of working together with fellow African countries which is not good at all for African economic development.

The deputy minister said: "Currently it's easy to transport commodities to India, China, Europe rather than to our fellow African countries and this shows that there is need for us to cooperate with both private sectors, civil societies so that we have enough information that when worked on will boost the country's economic development."

University of Dar es Salaam senior lecturer Dr Petro Magai said that report have highlighted that currently there is duplication of VAT on each payment start from shipping line and others depending on the type of product produced and thus its VAT international transport services and other export related services should be zero rated and bilateral agreements made should be known to the general public.

Liberty Spark executive Director Evans Exaud said that the study helps them to understand the challenges that are facing traders across borders and so through the recommendation made the government will get clear information on how to deal with them and help the businessmen achieve their goal.



Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla picks a cucumber shortly before he closed the recent Nane Nane (Farmers' Week) agricultural exhibition held at Kizimbani Zanzibar. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Bus drivers in Moro given one month to use new bus station

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

DRIVERS of buses plying Morogoro Region districts and other passenger vehicles have been given one month to make sure they load and offload passengers at the new Mafiga Bus Station in Morogoro Municipality.

Mbeya Municipal Mayor, Paschal Kihanga issued the directives here on Monday at the ordinary councillors meeting saying the new bus station has cost millions of money, hence it must be used.

He called upon the Municipal Director, Ally Machelo to make sure he supervises the implementation of the directives by taking stern measures against all who will contravene the new arrangement.

Kihanga said the transfer of buses from the town centre to Mafiga aimed to reduce road congestion and that the municipality has been losing a lot of money through failure by commuter buses to offload and load passengers at

official bus stations.

Morogoro District Commissioner, Albert Msando said already they have hired 50 militia personnel who will work together with the police to enforce the directives.

Msando said it is now enough in regard to loss of revenue from commuter buses and tricycles (Bajaj), the revenue that is needed for development projects.

He also called upon councillors to supervise development projects in their wards.

"In regard to revenue collection supervision we shall not close our eyes on negligent officials, the money is so much needed for the development of the people, hence there should be strict supervision," he warned.

Meanwhile, Morogoro Town CCM chairman, Fikiri Juma called upon councillors to work together with officials in making sure council's revenues are collected.

Saudi Fund officials visit development projects in Tanzania, hold meetings

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

A delegation from Saudi Fund for Development, led by the Director of Eastern and Southern Africa Operations, Eng Azzam Al-Barrak has visited Tanzania to follow up on the progress of various development projects that the Fund supports their implementation.

Eng Al-Barrak said the delegation visited a project to supply drinking water to three areas and neighbouring villages in the Mara Region, which is financed by the fund with a total value of USD15 million.

The project contributes to enhancing water and food security and reducing drought, in addition to providing safe drinking water sources for all the population, which also helps reduce the spread of diseases and epidemics resulting from polluted water, and the project serves about 164,000 beneficiaries from the areas and villages located in the project area.

He also said that the delegation held bilateral meetings with officials from the Ministry of Water and the Ministry of Finance and Planning in Tanzania, to discuss technical and follow-up the progress of implementation work and the stages of completion in the projects being implemented.

"The government of the Kingdom

of Saudi Arabia pays great attention to supporting the development sectors in the Republic of Tanzania through development projects financed by the Saudi Fund for Development," he said.

Over the past years, the fund has contributed to the Republic of Tanzania by financing eight projects by providing nine facilitated development loans, valued at more than USD 92 million to contribute to the growth and prosperity of many vital and development sectors in several regions in Tanzania, in addition to raising the social and economic levels to achieve the sustainable development goals.



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By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

FRUITS and vegetables farmers in Mbeya Region are expected to embark on increasing the after harvest value of their crops after the construction of a processing plant thereof.

The processing plant is being constructed at the old airport here by HELVETAS, which is among institutions implementing the AGRI-CONNECT programme, the project that supports value chains in regard to coffee, tea and horticulture crops for shared prosperity sponsored by EU.

The goal for constructing the plant is to reduce loss of the stated crops to satisfy both internal and foreign markets.

Farmers praise fruit, vegetable processing factory construction

On Monday, various officials, including directors from various sectoral ministries inspected projects implemented by AGRI-CONNECT programme including the factory project.

HELVETAS Director, Daniel Kalimbya said so far the factory's construction has been completed; they are only waiting for the process to buy the crops.

He said the factory is divided into various areas including one for receiving fruits and vegetables after

being offloaded from vehicles, the area for cleaning, loading area and a cold room.

He said the building will also house various administrative offices, women's breastfeeding room, and a supermarket.

"The area has the capacity to serve 500 fruits and vegetable processors and we believe that the factory will be of great benefit to our farmers," Kalimbya said.

One of the processors, Fatma Mbanga said they own a firm that produces

spices and for a long time they did not have a place to process their products, and added that they will now have a place for that.

"We are thankful to AGRI-CONNECT for building this factory, we believe it will be of great assistance to us as we shall be producing our crops and sell them here," she added.

Daines Mtei, representative from the Ministry of Agriculture praised HELVETAS for supervising well the project, claiming that it is among better implemented project.



Coffee farmers under the Rungwe District's Mpumisa Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies pictured at the weekend drying coffee beans in the sun using modern tables donated by CODE-P in implementation of a coffee, tea and garden produce improvement programme. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

POPULATION and Housing Census clerks in Chunya District have been challenged to conduct the census with a patriotic spirit to assist the nation get correct population statistics.

The call was issued here by the Lupa Member of Parliament, Masache Kasaka on Monday this week.

He said the government has selected them because it has confidence they will perform the duty and called

Census clerks urged to embrace patriotism

upon them to work hard to prove to the government that it did not err in picking them.

He said the 19 days of training given to them were many and that the government has invested a lot of money, hence he called on them to adhere to all basics taught by their instructors.

"The government has confidence in you and that is why you were picked, hence exercising patriotism while

doing your work," he stressed.

In this regard, Chunya District Council chairman, Bosco Mwanginde said the Census will assist the government in its various development plans.

He said statistics to be obtained will help in improving various social services including education, health, water and road infrastructures.

The MP added that as of now they will continue mobilising people to emerge

in big numbers for the census as well for providing correct statistics that will help the government in implementing various projects.

Earlier, Mbeya Region census coordinator John Lyakurwa said the region will have more than 7,000 census clerks posted in various areas.

He said clerks training was preceded by training of their instructors who were now teaching census clerks, both in theory and practice.



With a better option nowhere around, these residents of Bondeni in Dar es Salaam's Ubungo ward make do with this makeshift bridge connecting Ubungo National Housing and Sinza Mawasiliano. Sources say it was assembled by one Azizi Madaraji. Photo: Owen Bariki of TUDARCO

Dar residents decry food price increase

By Abdallah Mfaume, TUDARCO

RESIDENTS of Kawe ward, Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam are complaining on the increasing prices of key products such as food, something which affects their progress.

In separate interviews in different market outlets in the city over the weekend, they called upon the government to intervene and take immediate measures which will help lessen the prices.

They said if the situation persists, then they will not be able to execute other important development initiatives.

Asha Juma, a consumer and resident of Ukwamani in Dar es Salaam said: "Every day the prices of products are increasing, this situation costs us a lot, look at the rice, sugar and wheat, you can't touch them now, life has been so difficult to me and my family."

She said prices of key products such as rice, flour, edible oil, sugar, fish and other farm produce have sharply risen, which affect people as many of them can't afford them.

"We were purchasing rice at 1200-1500, but now we get it at 2500-2900, flour is also high, edible oil price has increased by 4000/- per one litre, the price of fish has also doubled," he asserted.

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Noshady Kweka, a shopkeeper at Ukwamani said they are also buying the products at high price which forces them to increase the price to at least get a profit.

"We are not choosing to raise the price on our own, no, the price has changed in the places where we go to buy at wholesale prices," he said.

Another trader, Msukuma said the increase of price in products has also affected flow of customers in the shops and the sales have greatly decreased.

"Previously, we were experiencing customers queuing to get services at my shop, but the situation has now changed as I serve very few customers in a day, sales have decreased," he said.

Mama Hassan, a fishmonger and resident of Ukwamani said she has been forced to stop her business due to the rising prices of fish and edible oil, something which has chased away customers.

"I am no longer doing the business, an amount of fish which I was selling for a day, is currently sold for three days, prices are high and customers are not coming anymore," she said.

The traders are calling upon the government to take measures to help address the situation as low income people who are the majority are the ones suffering from the challenge.

US DFC disburses \$83m to African data centres

By Chalk Burger

THE US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has announced the first disbursement of \$83-million to information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure company Africa Data Centres to boost the roll-out of ICT infrastructure across Southern Africa.

This is the first part of the DFC's loan of up to \$300-million, which is a key investment advancing US President Joe Biden's administration's

Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment.

Africa Data Centres will continue to expand its secure data centre facilities across Africa. This expansion is expected to unlock about 31.3 MW of information technology load capacity in the next three years and create more than 100 direct formal jobs.

The DFC's loan to Africa Data Centres is supporting the development, expansion and operation of data centers in South Africa, Kenya and other DFC-eligible countries. The first

disbursement primarily supports data centre expansion in South Africa, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced during his visit to South Africa on August 8.

Africa faces an ICT infrastructure deficit that impedes economic development throughout the continent.

"DFC's investment in Africa Data Centres helps expand critical ICT infrastructure in South Africa, Kenya and other countries in the region. Building secure, trusted information

technology networks will help enable development and economic growth throughout Africa," says DFC CEO Scott Nathan.

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End of water woes facing Tanga residents in sight

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

WATER woes are set to end in Tanga Region following the implementation of a \$500million-Exim funded water supply project in four towns—Korogwe, Muheza, Pangani and Handeni.

The water will be drawn from Pangani River to be implemented by Handeni Trunk Main (HTM) Water Supply and Sanitation Authority.

HTM Water Supply and Sanitation Authority Managing Director, Yohana Mgaza said the project is currently not doing well due to various factors including over population and worn-out of infrastructures.

He said the project which was designed in 1974 through National Water Utilities aims to supply water in two districts of Korogwe and Handeni and was projected to make 180,000 people access clean and safe water as of 1974.

"Until recently the project was not doing well because the infrastructure had not undergone major rehabilitation since it was constructed about the past 48 years and also the population density that depended on water from that source increased," he said.

"The expectation was to serve about 180,000 people but according to the 2012 Housing and Population census, there are about 400,000 people for about 78 villages of Handeni and 5 villages of Korogwe depending on HTM," he said.

He further explained that the infrastructures currently produce and supply about 5.5 million litres of water per day while the requirement is about 14 million litres per day.

"Implementation of this 28 towns water project will boost the HTM to produce about 52,000,000 litres of water per day that will end water woes facing residents of Handeni towns and neighbouring villages," stated Mgaza.

Tanzania and Indian companies on June 6, this year signed contracts for implementation of water projects worth \$500 million with an aim of improving access to clean and safe water in 28 towns in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar by 8 percent.

The agreements were signed between the government and JW INFRA Ltd, AFCONS Infrastructures Ltd, Larsen and Toubro, Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Ltd, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation and Jandu Plumbers Ltd.



Maxmilian Saku (in glasses), a horticulturist with Helvetas Tanzania, pictured in Igomelo in Mbarali District yesterday briefing officials from various ministries following up the implementation of projects under an AGRI-CONNECT programme whose thrust is on the improvement of the value chains of coffee, tea and garden products. This is at the site of the on-going construction of an Association of Onion Growers of Igomelo onion drying warehouse. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

WHO, Macron, African leaders appeal for closer cooperation in production of various vaccines

By Special Correspondent

THE European Union's (EU) and African leaders, including Emmanuel Macron and Paul Kagame, on Tuesday, called for "technology sharing" and "innovation support" to produce more vaccines locally in the world to combat pandemics.

The French, Rwandan, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Senegalese President Macky Sall, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus raised these concerns in an article published in Le Monde.

"It is high time to intensify collaboration, promote local production and build confidence in locally produced products, in order to be better prepared for the next crisis," they insist.

Africa is the world's least vaccinated continent against Covid-19, with less than 20% of its 1.2 billion people receiving two doses of the vaccine.

Africa's first messenger RNA vaccine factory opened in June in Rwanda, with the aim of producing treatments for Covid-19 and other diseases for millions of people across the continent by early 2024.

South Africa also opened a Covid vaccine factory in January. Senegal is also set to become a regional hub for vaccine manufacturing.

"It is difficult to build a vaccine production unit, but it is even more difficult to ensure its sustainability," said the signatories of the forum.

They call for more training of personnel, more regulation, in Africa and elsewhere in the world, and more investment "in pandemic preparedness".

mRNA technology can also be "adapted to fight other diseases, such as HIV infection, tuberculosis, malaria and leishmaniasis", they note.

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Africa ought to have more dynamic food systems for national economies

THE number of acutely hungry people in the world could increase by more than 100 million this year, according to WFP estimates.

"Without massive improvements in the food supply chain, many fragile nations are set to become increasingly vulnerable to financial volatility and climate shocks," WFP said.

For particularly fragile countries, a slide towards famine is a real risk, it warned, noting that in many countries, the socio-economic effects of the pandemic – particularly loss of earnings and remittances – are heightening existing threats linked to conflict and climate change.

The UN food agency said it has unparalleled experience in buying and distributing food as it yearly increases the amount of food it procures locally from smallholder farmers, providing training in post-harvest storage and in how to access markets.

It said the need for concerted action to improve agricultural production while enhancing global supply chains and ending food waste is reflected in this year's World Food Day theme: "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together".

Food security is a measure of the availability of food and individuals' ability to access it. Affordability is only factor. There is evidence of food security being a concern many thousands of years ago, with central authorities in ancient China and ancient Egypt being known to release food from storage in times of famine. At the 1974 World Food Conference the term "food security" was defined with an emphasis on supply.

Food security, they said, is the "availability at all times of adequate, nourishing, diverse, balanced and moderate world food supplies of basic foodstuffs to sustain a steady expansion of food consumption and to offset fluctuations in production and prices".

Later definitions added demand and access issues to the definition. The final report of the 1996 World Food Summit states that food security "exists when

all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life".

Household food security exists when all members, at all times, have access to enough food for an active, healthy life. Individuals who are food secure do not live in hunger or fear of starvation.

In the years 2011-2013, an estimated 842 million people were suffering from chronic hunger. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, or FAO, identified the four pillars of food security as availability, access, utilization, and stability. The United Nations (UN) recognized the Right to Food in the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, and has since said that it is vital for the enjoyment of all other rights.

The 1996 World Summit on Food Security declared that "food should not be used as an instrument for political and economic pressure.

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) has called for joint efforts from all stakeholders to improve food security in Eastern Africa.

WFP Eastern Africa regional director, Michael Dunford, made the call over the weekend in a statement issued to mark the World Food Day.

He said that the region is home to four percent of the global population but has 20 percent of the total number of acutely food insecure people in the world.

"There is a huge potential to improve food security across the region but this will require all stakeholders working closely together and adopting new ways of working if we are to build a future without hunger in Eastern Africa," Dunford said.

WFP, which last week won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to fight hunger also called for global action to improve the systems that produce and distribute the food we eat, so that they can better withstand shocks including the COVID-19 pandemic that can spark alarming surges in the level of hunger in the world.

Informed public is most effective way to countering financial crime threats

FINANCIAL crime is crime committed against property, involving the unlawful conversion of the ownership of property belonging to one person to one's own personal use and benefit. Financial crimes may involve fraud (cheque fraud, credit card fraud, mortgage fraud, medical fraud, corporate fraud, securities fraud including insider trading, bank fraud, insurance fraud, market manipulation, payment (point of sale) fraud, health care fraud; theft; scams or confidence tricks; tax evasion; bribery; sedition; embezzlement; identity theft; money laundering; and forgery and counterfeiting, including the production of counterfeit money and consumer goods.

Financial crimes may involve additional criminal acts, such as computer crime and elder abuse, even violent crimes such as robbery, armed robbery or murder. Financial crimes may be carried out by individuals, corporations, or by organised crime groups. Victims may include individuals, corporations, governments, and entire economies.

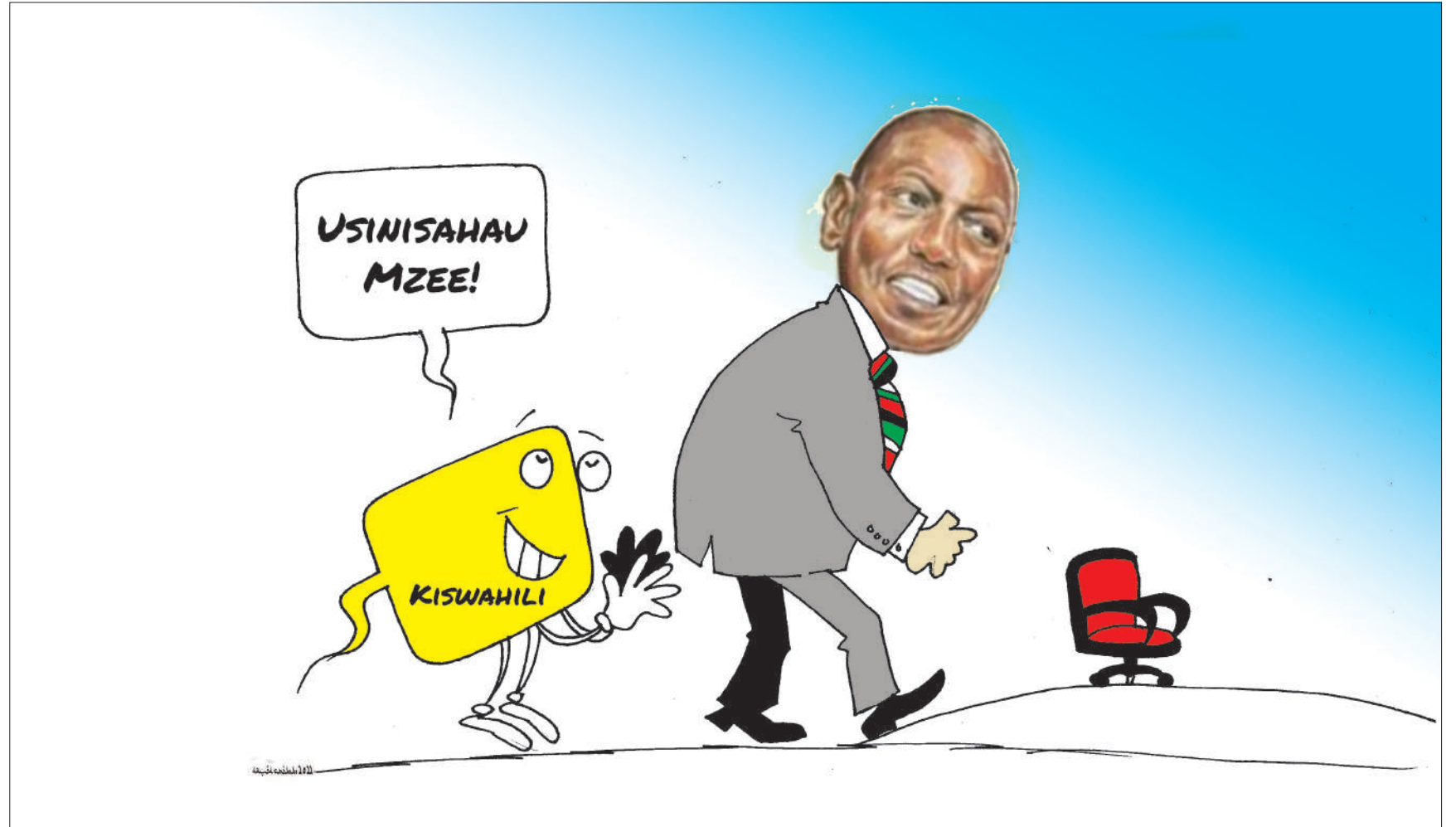
For most countries, money laundering and terrorist financing raise significant issues with regard to prevention, detection and prosecution.

Sophisticated techniques used to launder money and finance terrorism add to the complexity of these issues. Such sophisticated techniques may involve different types of financial institutions. Money laundering is, however, a fundamentally simple concept. It is the process by which proceeds from a criminal activity are disguised to conceal their true origin. Basically, money laundering involves the proceeds of criminally derived property rather than the property itself.

Recently Refinitiv has released its Financial crime in sub-Saharan Africa Report 2020, which highlights several noteworthy compliance trends.

Responses show a high level of awareness of financial crime and a desire to upgrade compliance systems. The survey highlights that the crime threat continues to evolve, with techniques used by organised crime groups and fraudsters becoming more diverse and sophisticated.

Africa is at the forefront of embracing mobile technology and is host to more than half the world's mobile money services. With this increased mobile access comes the threat of identity theft and money-laundering. In response, digital identity technologies are quickly evolving to meet this need.



Ten efforts to decolonise aid in Africa

By Heba Aly

CHANGING practices around funding, leadership, narrative and identity.

Since the Black Lives Matter movement re-emerged in 2020, there has been a lot of talk about decolonising aid but not as much clarity about what it means in practice.

While ideological differences in the debate remain entrenched, many initiatives are underway to further the decolonisation agenda in practical ways.

Here are 10 of them. If you're working on interesting decolonisation initiatives we've missed, please add them to this open database for others to read about.

Organisations like Mama Cash, the Decolonising Wealth Project, Thousand Currents, Global Giving, Give Directly, the African Visionary Fund, and the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project offer more participatory ways of channelling funding to grassroots organisations. They aim to rebalance the power between funder and grantee, invest in quality relationships, and place greater trust in those doing the work. Similarly, in the humanitarian sector, the Survivor and Community-Led Crisis Response approach - developed by the Local to Global Protection Initiative and used in East Jerusalem, Haiti, and Ukraine, among other places - seeks to give small cash grants to community groups to design and implement their own projects.

IPAS, a global reproductive health and rights organisation, has developed a roadmap to transform itself into a networked global organisation with authority, power, and leadership dispersed and shared across a network of offices rather than centralised in the United States. For its part, CARE has shifted from being a group of 10 members from the Global North to a confederation of 21 organisations, including eight in the Global South. The Start Network is shifting its membership from a centralised model to a series of national and regional hubs.

Outlined by USAID Administrator Samantha Power in November 2021, this new policy seeks to: attract people from more diverse backgrounds, including through a new Chief Diversity Officer; be more focused on the voices and needs of the most marginalised; and listen more to its partners in the countries where it works. It aims to provide 25 percent of its financial assistance to local partners within four years, and to spend at least half of its money on programmes where local communities co-lead the project, set priorities, drive implementation,

or evaluate its impact. The CEO of a philanthropic foundation described "USAID taking up the localisation banner" as one of the biggest recent successes of the localisation agenda, though observers are already wondering what will happen to the commitment when Power moves on.

DA Consulting, run by Somali-American aid worker Degan Ali, has created a framework to help international NGOs understand how to "get out of the core business of service delivery" and transition towards a solidarity role that advocates for changes to the foundational problems in geopolitics that make aid necessary in the first place. The framework guides NGOs through changes to their resources, finances, programming, and executive leadership. Ali is now considering creating a similar framework for donors. Meanwhile, the Start Network has launched its own "anti-racist and decolonial framework". Developed by Filipino aid worker Arbie Baguios, the founder of Aid Reimagined, it involves managing risk differently, providing interpretation at events, and defining success from the affected community's point of view.

A framework developed to help the Start Network address racism and colonialism in its work.

Still in the works, this index - being built by a voluntary collective of Black, Indigenous, and people of colour - claims to be the first accountability tool for racial equity within the global development sector. After inviting aid organisations to submit their data to gauge how they're doing, it seeks to be a barometer of how well international NGOs are measuring up against 11 indicators of racial equality, based on a mapping of community definitions around the world. Its first iteration aims to be live by mid-2023 (Listen to one of its co-founders on this episode of the Rethinking Humanitarianism podcast).

The Good Humanitarian Donorship grouping of 42 key government and multilateral donors discussed decolonising aid at their high-level meeting in December 2021 - the first time the topic was raised at a humanitarian donor forum. The International Development Innovation Alliance, which brings together eight bilateral agencies and three foundations, also discussed the topic at a December meeting. Many foundations and governments have been having discussions internally too. The Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a project to map the colonial aspects present within the institutional structures, processes, and cultural behaviours of Belgian development practice. Finland and Denmark have

recently strengthened requirements for the NGOs they fund to demonstrate how their projects build local capacities and how affected people are included in planning and implementation (others, like Norway, have long had this requirement). The UK's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office's Rapid Response Facility now is now instructs grantees to include overhead costs for their local partners. In their budgets, recognizing that they too need to finance the running costs of their organisations.

Many international NGOs are rethinking their roles in the humanitarian food chain, and more and more thought is going into how the role of "intermediaries" should evolve. For CARE Australia, it's about being a broker rather than a doer. For Oxfam GB, it's about shifting towards a global social justice network (as their CEO outlined in this podcast). The rethink has even led to a new acronym: RINGO (Re-Imagining the INGO). Aid agencies are also considering their composition and staffing. Médecins Sans Frontières led a consultation process during which thousands of staff discussed "The MSF We Want To Be"; while the International Committee of the Red Cross held town halls in different languages for staff to express their experiences of racism.

Spearheaded by Degan Ali, CEO of Adeso, and Mary Ana McGlasson, director of the Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, this informal grouping brings together the CEOs of several international NGOs for frank conversations about their organisations' role in maintaining neocolonial structures in the global aid system and strategies towards decolonisation. They will soon be announcing a pledge that looks at three specific areas: visuals (ie. poverty porn), language (ie. disempowering vocabulary), and partnership. Oxfam, one member of the collective, recently published its strategy for shifting power, outlining how its commitment to decolonise will be integrated into planning processes and shape: how they recruit and support diverse talent; how they tell stories; the way they fund Southern partners; and how they hold themselves accountable.

In 2020, the British anti-poverty charity Comic Relief announced it would stop raising funds by sending celebrities to African countries: "African people don't want us to tell their stories for them," its co-founder Lenny Henry said. In 2021, Africa No Filter published a handbook for the development community with eight tips for more ethical storytelling about the continent. The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation is funding the

development of a toolkit on improving storytelling practices in the social impact and philanthropic sectors, which is being produced by M&C Saatchi World Services. And as above, many NGOs are changing the way they tell stories about the work they do.

After watching "international organisations capitalising on a crisis" when Tropical Cyclone Pam hit Vanuatu in 2015, the Australian Red Cross shrank its international humanitarian operations significantly, laying off 100 of its 140 internationally focused staff to make room for local leadership. In 2020, Oxfam began withdrawing from 18 countries, in part to "shift power closest to those we exist to serve". Ignacio Packer, the executive director of the NGO consortium ICVA, has announced he'll be stepping down in 2023 to make way for new leadership from the Global South. In an interview with the Rethinking Humanitarianism podcast, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Martin Griffiths also expressed hope he would be the last Brit in the job. The composition of "Humanitarian Country Teams", the main inter-agency coordination bodies in crises, has also shifted in recent years to include much more local representation.

While some of these efforts have been underway for years, the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have both created opportunities for acceleration. COVID was arguably not as transformative as expected, but the humanitarian response in Ukraine has shown some signs of a more "decolonised" approach. The Disasters Emergency Committee, a fundraising network for UK charities, has allowed recipients of its funds to work with Ukrainian partners without doing their own due diligence (a practice known as "due diligence passporting"); and a collection of international charities has partnered with the UK Humanitarian Innovation Hub and Ukrainian organisations to set up a localisation learning and innovation hub in Ukraine. In what would be a precedent-setting move, the UN's emergency aid coordination body, OCHA, is also considering giving funding from its pooled fund directly to volunteer organisations. We'll be watching to see if these new ways of working last beyond this particular crisis.

See the results from our 2021 questionnaire for more on what aid agencies are doing at an institutional level to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion in their institutions.

And if you're working on interesting decolonisation initiatives, please list them in this open database for others to read about.

LONDON

UK pushes ahead with Rwanda migrant plan amid more arrivals

HOUSED in a detention center in southern England, Aladeen says he risked his life to travel thousands of miles from his homeland of Syria to escape being forced to fight in the military of President Bashar al-Assad.

Now the 21-year-old is battling to stay in Britain and avoid being sent across the world again, this time to Rwanda where the British government wants to send migrants who turn up illegally on its shores.

"It's the end of the world for me, I can't imagine it," he told Reuters by phone through an interpreter and declining to give his full name while his asylum claim is considered.

Aladeen, one of about 130 migrants initially given a ticket to Rwanda and now left in legal limbo, is caught in the British government's struggle to control its borders and manage voters' post-Brexit migration demands.

He is among more than 20,000 migrants to have made the precarious 20-mile journey from France to Britain this year on small boats across the English Channel, crossing one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

The status of migrants like Aladeen will be the subject of a legal challenge in London's High Court in early September when a coalition of human rights groups and a trade union will argue that the Rwanda policy is unworkable and unethical.

Governments across the world are wrestling with how to deal with an influx of refugees fleeing war-torn countries or persecution in their homelands. Britain is the latest country to attempt to outsource the settlement of asylum seekers.

Australia pioneered the concept and European governments have in recent years paid countries like Libya to stop migrants on their behalf. Denmark has signed a similar agreement on deportations with Rwanda, but has yet to send any migrants there.

Britain has portrayed its policy as humane, saying it will smash the business model of the people smugglers and end the emergency which has seen at least 166 people die or go missing, with 27 drowning in the worst accident in Nov.

But it has attracted widespread criticism - from lawmakers across the political divide, the United Nations and even heir to the throne Prince Charles - while the European Court of Human Rights issued injunctions to force the cancellation of the first deportation flight hours before it was due to leave in June.

The policy is also dwarfed by the scale of the challenge.

So far Rwanda has also only set up one hostel to accept UK arrivals, with capacity for about 100 people, representing 0.35% of all the migrants who arrived in Britain last year.

A British official said the government was in talks to acquire another three or four hostels in Kigali, but even those would only provide accommodation for about 1.6% of last year's arrivals.

"I'm not going to pretend that the Rwanda policy is the single magic bullet,



A protester holds a placard as she stands outside the Home Office in central London on June 13, 2022, to demonstrate against the UK government's intention to deport asylum-seekers to Rwanda. AFP

but I think it can make a big difference," outgoing British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said during a visit to Rwanda for a meeting of Commonwealth leaders in June.

Inhuman, uncosted and not working

In the meantime, the asylum seekers keep arriving, with 696 on Aug 1 alone. A report by parliament's cross-party home affairs committee said last month that there was no evidence the Rwanda policy was deterring asylum seekers.

The numbers have been rising for several years.

In 2021, 28,526 people were detected arriving on small boats - with the highest number from Iran followed by Iraq, Eritrea and Syria. That was up from 8,466 in 2020, 1,843 in 2019, and 299 in 2018, contributing to the 1.5 billion

pound (\$1.83 billion) annual cost of running Britain's asylum system.

Johnson said officials earlier this year believed a record 60,000 asylum seekers could arrive in Britain this year.

Both candidates to replace him have also pledged to pursue the Rwanda policy, and the favorite, foreign minister Liz Truss, has vowed to extend it to more countries.

A spokesperson for the UK government described the situation as "unacceptable" and insisted the strategy was needed to stop people "making dangerous, unnecessary and illegal journeys".

Britain argues that 90% of the asylum seekers who make the journey are men, many of who economic migrants rather than genuine refugees.

Leave as a friend

At the Hope Hostel in Kigali, arrivals

are greeted with a sign in English reading "Come as a guest, leave as a friend".

"As you can see, people will find it very comfortable here," manager Elisee Kalyango said of his hostel, perched on a hillside on the outskirts of the city, with its signs printed in English, Arabic, Farsi and Albanian.

About 20 people are employed to keep the rooms clean, the grass trimmed, and the facilities in working order even though there are no guests.

The plan is for deportees to spend nine months there, on a monthly allowance of about 90 pounds, while having their asylum applications considered before being moved to permanent housing in Rwanda.

The Rwandan scheme is intended to deter people like Aladeen from making hazardous journeys to Britain and

to end people smuggling.

With five brothers and two sisters, Aladeen says he didn't know about the Rwanda policy before he left. He says he was a farmer who had to flee when he was conscripted into the Syrian military.

He says he was kidnapped and tortured for four months in Libya until his family paid a ransom. He then headed to Tripoli where he had a cousin, but fearful of being kidnapped again, left for Britain where he had relatives, via a five-day boat journey to Italy and a train to France.

Asked why he had not sought asylum in France, a question often posed by supporters of the Rwandan policy, he said he understood he would not be treated fairly there.

"I don't have family there to support me, all the family I know, everything

I know - all the human rights ... that's why I came to the UK," he said.

In the northern French port of Calais, he says his family paid a people smuggler - he was not sure how much - and he made a seven-hour trip with 18 others on a small boat in mid-May.

Many others pulled out, too fearful to get into the boat.

On arrival in Britain, he was taken to a holding facility before being moved to a detention center. He was initially given a ticket to Rwanda but said his lawyers had been able to cancel it.

"I feel I am being treated like a criminal. I am not a criminal, all I am doing is looking to settle and start a new life," he said.

Asked what he would do if sent to Rwanda, he said: "I'm not sure - my life is ended."

US shadow hangs over Afghanistan, one year on

KABUL

AFTER another miserable day, 11-year-old Alyas calls out at the top of his voice in a Kabul street. As the sun sets, he takes his last opportunity to sell what remains of the melting ice cream in his cart.

"I'd rather be at school instead of selling ice cream on the street," Alyas said. Since last month, he and his elder brother have dropped out of school to work in the street.

However, their average income of less than 60 Afghanis a day looks like a drop in the bucket in face of rising prices.

As poverty and unemployment rise across the country, the number of beggars in Afghanistan's capital Kabul grows every day. Some 3 million Afghan children like Alyas have dropped out of school to earn money to support their families.

ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

Mohammad Hassan Khan farms about 4 hectares in east Afghanistan's Khost province. Or he used to, but today there is no water for his fields, fertilizers must be imported and the prices are too high for anyone to afford -- so he's now a porter in the streets of the capital.

Afghanistan, which is in urgent need of post-war reconstruction, has been facing a worsening humanitarian crisis, economic depression and terrorist attacks since the takeover by the Taliban on Aug. 15 last year. The United States, which hastily withdrew from Afghanistan in disregard of its responsibilities and obligations, deserves much blame for the mess it left behind. "We reported late last year that an estimated 97 percent of Afghans could be living in poverty by



Damaged vehicles at the site of the U.S. airstrike in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan. File photo

mid-2022, and regrettably, that number is being reached faster than anticipated," said head of the United Nations Development Programme Achim Steiner earlier this year. Afghanistan is facing a non-reversible economic collapse.

A frozen banking system and liquidity shortage mean as many as 80 percent of people are in debt. Assets worth more than 9 billion U.S. dollars have been frozen by the United States as part of its sanctions against the new government.

In addition, 20 years of war left severe shortages of infrastructure, power supplies and professionals. According to Abdul Nasir Rishitia, chief executive of Afghanistan steel mills union, 5,000 steel mills in Afghanistan are facing a shortage of key technical personnel.

GEOPOLITICAL GAMES

"The United States has brought death and blood to Afghans for 20 years. The tragedy they made here is still going on," said Najibullah Jami, a professor at Kabul University. He blames the U.S. for the humanitarian crisis.

During the 20-year war, the United States chose to fight terrorism according to its own geopolitical goals, which led to an increase in the number of terrorist organizations in Afghanistan.

"If the interest of the United States requires, it will add any group in the list of terrorists and if its interest requires to exclude a group from the list, it will also do so," said Abuzar Khapalwak Zazai, a professor from Kabul University, adding what the United States has left the Afghan people is a difficult position to get out of.

Since August last year, no major fighting has been reported in Afghanistan. However, the Islamic State has launched dozens of attacks. In Kabul alone, there is a bomb attack every two or three days. The Taliban-run administration has generally achieved stability national wide, but it is difficult to eradicate extremist and terrorist groups. *Xinhua*

BY DAVID BRUCE

The great crime of Marikana and the deadly mistakes made by police

ONE act was central to converting what had already been a week of killing and confrontation at Marikana in 2012 into a massacre. That was the instruction for the police to launch the operation against the strikers on the afternoon of 16 August. This led directly to the police killing 34 people and seriously injuring many others.

In the days before, there had been many other acts of violence. Three strikers had been killed by police. Seven other people, including two police, were murdered allegedly by people associated with the strike.

The Marikana Commission report provides a list of matters to be referred to the North West Director of Public Prosecutions for investigation "to determine whether there are bases for prosecution." One of these is "the possible liability of senior officers in the South African Police Services" for the shootings that took place on 16 August.

The National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) has initiated prosecutions for some of the killings that took place before that day. But 10 years after the incident, the NPA still has not indicated whether it will prosecute anyone regarding the 34 deaths.

Several South African Police Service (SAPS) tactical units – among them the National Intervention Unit and the Tactical Response Team – were deployed at Marikana. They were armed with R5s, a high-velocity rifle developed by the country's arms industry for use in the border wars of the 1970s and 1980s. Of the 34 miners killed at Marikana on 16 August, 33 were shot by R5 rifles.

There were over 600 SAPS members, including roughly 300 from the tactical units. They were facing a group of around 3,000 strikers, more than 300 of them armed with spears and other weapons. This was not a conventional public order operation intended to



A Liberian execution squad fires a volley of shots, killing cabinet ministers of Liberia. April 1980. File photo

disperse the crowd. Instead, the plan envisaged that police would break up the large gathering into smaller groups, which they would then encircle and disarm.

The police believed that they would be met with violent resistance if they tried to disarm the strikers.

Public Order Police (POP) units equipped with rubber bullets, teargas and stun grenades were involved in the operation. But police doubted they

could defend themselves effectively if attacked by the strikers. The deployment of the tactical units with their R5s was intended to ensure that the police could get the upper hand if the public order officials were attacked.

There was no immediate need for the operation to be launched that Thursday afternoon. Knowing there was a possibility of major bloodshed, the police went ahead. Their plans and preparations gave no serious attention

to minimising the risk of police relying on the weapons carried by the tactical units.

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The police envisaged being involved in multiple confrontations with armed strikers. If the operation had unfolded this way, more than 34 people could have been killed. Given that they were dispersing a crowd of 3,000, R5 bullets fired at strikers could easily have

struck many others in the vicinity who were not confronting the police. Police could also have died in the R5 crossfire.

The operation at Marikana didn't go according to plan. Instead, it appears that the police opened fire when there was no attack against them. However many of the police who killed strikers that day, at both Scene 1 and Scene 2, may have believed the miners were attacking or shooting at them.

This doesn't diminish the culpability of the senior SAPS commanders involved. Considering the massive potential for loss of life, the decision to proceed was reckless and grossly irresponsible.

Regarding accountability, one must consider the role of Zukiswa Mbombo, the North West SAPS provincial commissioner at the time. She was the most senior police member present at Marikana on 16 August and issued the instruction to start the operation.

It's widely believed that the decision to launch it that day emanated from a political directive approved by police leaders the night before. Nevertheless, Mbombo was informed of the risk of serious injury but insisted the operation go ahead. According to the Marikana Commission report, the provincial commissioner was warned that the action "would involve bloodshed. She reconciled herself to the fact that this was so merely asking for an assurance that it would be kept to the minimum."

Although she was likely acting on the instructions of her superiors and their political bosses, she seems to have failed to properly consider the consequences. In her 31-year policing career, Mbombo had only been involved in operational activities during her first year. After that, she held administrative and financial positions until she was appointed provincial commissioner in 2005.

Perhaps this lack of operational experience meant she did not appreciate the nature of her responsibility in the situation or the scale of the risk. Despite this, she should be one of those who face a formal legal process of accountability.

South Africa's criminal justice institutions face a heavy burden. They must deal with high levels of violent and other crimes, hold to account those who orchestrated the July 2021 unrest and pursue many corruption cases, including the numerous leads provided by the Zondo Commission.

Notwithstanding this workload, the unresolved accountability issues in relation to Marikana must be addressed if efforts to build the rule of law in South Africa are to have genuine credibility. **DM**

China's whole-process people's democracy contributes new model to international political spectrum

By Zhong Yin

A foreign journalist who has been living in China for 15 years recently shared a story about Chinese democracy on a TV show.

The story was about National People's Congress (NPC) deputy Wang Yan, who's also a bus driver in north China's Tianjin municipality. As a bus driver, Wang would always listen to her passengers' opinions while formulating suggestions, and her bus was thus turned into a "mailbox" receiving public voices.

The foreign journalist said Wang's story mirrored China's democratic system, a system that suits China's national condition.

The whole-process people's democracy is developed based on China's national conditions. It carries distinctive Chinese characteristics and reflects the common pursuit of mankind for democracy. It promotes China's development and the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and contributes a new model to the international political spectrum.

There's a saying in Chinese that "People should not wear shoes of the same size; they should wear shoes that suit their feet."

Democracy is formed by the human society over hundreds and even thousands of years. However, there is no fixed model of democracy as countries vary in history, culture and national conditions.

Rather than following the western ways of modernization, China has paved its own path. It didn't copy the western models of democracy,

but created a Chinese one.

The 1.4 billion Chinese people, accounting for nearly 1/5 of the global population, are the real masters of their country and enjoy extensive rights and freedoms. This has significantly reinforced the confidence of developing countries in developing their own democracy.

In judging whether a particular form of democracy works, one needs to see whether it is adapted to a country's history and culture, whether it conforms to the country's conditions, whether it can deliver political stability and social progress, whether it can improve people's lives, whether it can win public support, and whether it can contribute to advancing the progressive cause of humanity.

China's whole-process people's democracy is a combination of electoral democracy and consultative democracy, and is applied through a combination of elections, consultations, decision-making, management and oversight.

It ensures that the Chinese people can voice their concerns effectively and thoroughly in every step of the way. They can participate in state political affairs. From something as small as everyday needs to something as big as national reform and development, the Chinese people's will are reflected to the fullest extent.

In today's China, the Chinese people enjoy the right to stand for election, the right to vote, and the right to extensive participation. They have the right to express their expectations and the right to have those expectations fulfilled. They also have the right to contribute to national development and the right to share the fruits of de-



Wang Yan, deputy to the National People's Congress and a bus driver in north China's Tianjin municipality. File photo

velopment.

An important reason for China to have ensured political stability and social progress while promoting democracy is that the country devises the most suitable form of democracy in accordance with its characteristics and realities - a basic principle China adheres to for developing democracy.

Democracy is not only a way of domestic governance, but also a principle in global gov-

ernance. China is a faithful and exemplary actor in pursuing, exploring and practicing democracy. It endeavors to increase democracy both within its own territory and between nations.

China proposes to build a global community of shared future, and presses for a new model of international relations based on mutual respect, fairness and justice, and win-win cooperation. It promotes the Global Development

Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, and firmly supports the UN to play a greater role in international affairs. It calls for higher-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative, and advocates building an open world economy.

Facing profound changes unseen in a century, China always makes the future of humanity its priority, upholds the principle of democracy in international relations, and promotes democracy in international relations.

World affairs should be managed through consultation by governments and peoples of all countries. It is a principle of democracy in dealing with international affairs, and an inspiration for the world drawn from China's democratic practices.

As the Chinese saying goes, "delicious soup is made by combining different ingredients." Political systems vary from civilization to civilization, and each has its own strengths. China has full confidence in its democracy, and it also fully respects other countries' democracy.

Looking into the future, China will firmly safeguard democracy in international relations while improving its own democracy, and work with the rest of the world to create a better future for mankind.

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NIT to set up academic links with India's higher learning institutions

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) is set to establish cooperation with India's higher learning Institutions to enhance education opportunities and contribute to the preparation of a workforce needed to support sustainable economic development.

Speaking shortly after his meeting with India High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa said he has pledged to support NIT with the connections to Universities and Higher Learning Institutions in India to establish partnerships.

"The engagements that we are looking with Indian universities will be on the exchange of academic staff and students. We laud the support shown by the Ambassador to promote our Institute in India."

In the new agreement NIT academic staff will also receive specific scholarships from Indian government specifically in transport and logistics areas.

"We hope to see a number of our academic staff receiving specific scholarships from the Indian government specifically on transport and logistics areas so as preparation of a workforce needed to feed the country's strategic projects," he said.

The agreement will assist NIT and Indian varieties to send their students to either side for short-term exchanges.

The collaboration will also give room for both parties to invite lecturers from either institution to deliver lectures as well as participate in international conferences where necessary.

"Our aim is to produce graduates who are not only ready for demanding jobs but who will have the skills and the drive to act as entrepreneurs for the creation of new jobs," he said.

NIT has been playing a leading role in providing high-quality education and training, research, publication and consultancy services in the areas of logistics, management, and transport technology enabling the growth of the national economy.

He said NIT is making major transformations to make the Institute a truly centre for excellence in logistics, management and



India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (L), presents a souvenir to NIT rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa after paying a courtesy visit to the Institute's main campus in Dar es Salaam.

transport technology, linking what they do with the National Strategic Projects such BRT, SGR, revival of National Airline (ATCL), Development of Blue Economy, Oil Pipeline from Tanzania to Uganda, and Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station Project.

The institute is also encouraging innovative ideas to enable intersections of different disciplines and professions within our Institution. For example, NIT wants to see educators and transport professionals working together to prevent road crashes.

Prof Mganilwa said that the NIT wants to see business, government and civil society leaders building frameworks to protect the environment while promoting economic growth.

However, NIT is the only such training Institute in Sub-Saharan Africa excluding South Africa, mandated by the Tanzania to offer training in transport and communications.

The institute started way back in 1975 as training wing of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC). It was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of NTC subsidiary companies—National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar-as-Salaam Limited (UDA), Regional Transport Companies (RETCOs).

Ending violence against women: Using the law as a mechanism for prevention and justice

By Elske Joubert

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Lobola creates rigid gender roles, skewed beliefs of entitlement and ownership of women's lives and bodies, as well as asymmetrical power relations. This is what Pretty Mubaiwa, a recent PhD graduate, found based on her research, which critically interrogates the relationship between culture, violence against women (VAW), and the practice of human rights in Africa.

As part of Women's Month commemorations, UCT News interviewed Mubaiwa on her research, which specifically delves into the cultural practice of bride price (also known as Lobola) to understand whether the practice is a cause and/or consequence of VAW in family relations.

With her dissertation topic titled, "Human Rights, Modernity and Culture: Do the current hu-

man rights frameworks and discourse include traditional African practices such as Lobola as a form of violence against women?" Mubaiwa wanted to understand the intricacies of African customary marriages and why they expose women to violent and discriminatory practices and experiences.

Different tribes and countries practise it differently, which makes it more complex. Mubaiwa decided to keep it closer to home. "Of course, that is too wide a topic, so I decided to look at what is familiar to my Shona culture (among others) roora, also known as Lobola. This is such a hot topic among the youth in Southern Africa and a recurring discussion on social media platforms as well," said Mubaiwa, who graduated with her PhD in Public Law in July 2022.

"I wanted to bring together my ... academic training from the social sciences and law to critically investigate the correlation or causality between the practice [of Lobola] and VAW. My research was based on four country case studies: Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia and Uganda. Inherently, African cultural practices are not devoid of the history of colonialism and the outsider gaze, which is usually demonising without being critical of the role these practices



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play in communities. In this case, roora - before colonial and modern influences - was an act of bringing families together to symbolise marriage; it was not monetised. Over time, this practice has evolved and has created different entitlements and power dynamics that expose women to violence."

In short, Mubaiwa's research found that roora or lobola in and of itself is not a form of VAW.

However, the results from her analysis showed that lobola creates rigid gender roles, skewed beliefs of entitlement and ownership of women's lives and bodies, as well as asymmetrical power relations.

"Secondly, the legal dimension of my thesis established that international, regional and local laws have gaps that continue to leave women vulnerable to suffering from violence that

they may suffer in marriage," she said.

In addition, she said, historical and patriarchal concerns dissuade various stakeholders from questioning the role of culture and tradition in the perpetuation of violence against women on the continent. Asking whether the younger generation coming into roles of leadership will actively work to change this, Mubaiwa said she would like to believe so.

"From the research coming out from different institutions around the world on African cultural practices, young academics are providing new lenses to these studies including through using feminist and decolonial approaches. There is hope and it is refreshing!"

Born in Harare, Zimbabwe, Mubaiwa attended Marondera High School before she came to South Africa to enrol for her BA in International Relations at Nelson Mandela University in 2008. She moved to Cape Town in 2012 to start her BA Hons in International Relations at UCT.

"It was a different pace, but I loved the vibrancy of academia at UCT. I worked in Zimbabwe for two years after my honours in order to find where exactly my passion was - and then I finally returned to UCT in 2015 to join the Department

of Public Law, where I completed a Master in Philosophy, specialising in human rights law," she said.

Pretty Mubaiwa is passionate about women's rights and being an advocate for the elimination of violence against women and girls in Africa.

"During my master's courses, I met Professor Rashida Manjoo, who became my supervisor for my thesis on the effects of the changing nature of electoral violence on women in Southern Africa. She nurtured my passion for women's rights and being an advocate for the elimination of violence against women and girls in Africa. During my master's graduation, Professor Manjoo told my mom that we would one day be back at the Sarah Baartman Hall for my PhD graduation, and on Friday, 22 July 2022, we certainly were back celebrating."

The highs and lows of a PhD journey

Her PhD journey has been a "character-building experience", Mubaiwa said. "The highs have definitely included having an amazing supervisor like Professor Manjoo, who is so knowledgeable and not afraid to share her experiences and opportunities with her students. Another high was going through the journey with a whole village around me, in-

cluding Canon Collins Legal and Academic Trust, friends, family and fellow students."

Another highlight, she noted, was the support she received from her parents, Chipso and Emanuel. "I always had a dream, and they did everything they could to support me to achieve my dream of becoming an academic doctor, despite where they came from, they never allowed that to be a barrier to achieve my dreams."

"Looking back, the journey stretched me to my core and limits."

Mubaiwa said, however, that she feels "there aren't many mechanisms to access when you are experiencing trouble with writing, academic loneliness, opportunities to share your research and to learn from the wider academic community". "I am certain this is a sentiment most of my fellow PhD students shared," she said.

"However, looking back, the journey stretched me to my core and limits while reigniting my passion to eliminate and contribute to eliminating VAW in our lifetime by using the law as a mechanism for prevention and justice."

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Livestock research body urges herders to use organic feed supplement for healthier animals

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TANZANIA Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) has advised Livestock keepers to use organic feed supplements for more nutrition, healthier, better taste and healthier environment.

TALIRI director for Southern Highlands Zone Dr. Edwin Chang'a said the organic feed supplements are safe, don't have chemicals which may cause diseases and are more nutritious.

Citing an example of Afri Bio Solution he said organic farming has brought needed revolution for animal feed impacting their overall health, wellness and the environment.

"Organic feed uses natural materials, they are nutritious and environmentally friendly, don't have antibiotics, they are natural and it works faster compared to other supplements," he said.

He said his research institute is currently studying more on organic feed supplements to get fast and precise solutions for livestock production in the country.

We have collected several samples

and are currently conducting research to come up with more organic feed supplements before introducing them to the public, he said.

"There are some organic feed supplements that have been tested and show that they are safe, and increase production for chickens and cattle within a very short time," he added.

For his part, Regional Director for Afri Bio solution Paluku Emmanuel said nowadays the world has been connected by technology. It has changed, many livestock keepers have moved from chemically made animal feed to organic feed supplements.

"This technology reduces risks of diseases and guarantees livestock keepers to preserve safe food and in safe environment. It's a revolution for the smallholder livestock farming who do not want to incur more costs of buying antibiotics and pesticides," he said.

Citing Afri Bio Solution, he said the technology which is currently working in Asia and in some African countries like Uganda has caused an organic farming revolution for investors and small-



holder farmers.

Unlike conventional feed, if you apply

organic feed supplement today, it will take you only 31 days for your chicken

for example to reach two kilograms and will not produce odd smell which

means you can even keep your chickens at home, he said

GENEVA.

We are in the toughest period the world economy has faced since the creation of the multilateral system more than three-quarters of a century ago.

As financial conditions tighten, even countries that had seemed on track to prosperity and stability now stare into the abyss of debt distress, fragility and uncertainty about the future.

Coordinated, multilateral action is necessary to tackle the crises we face. Both aid and trade have key roles to play in reversing the impacts of this quadruple shock and putting the world back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

We head the three international agencies that comprise the Geneva trade hub - the World Trade Organization (WTO), UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre (ITC).

The WTO makes and monitors the rules for global trade. UNCTAD delivers research and consensus-building to guide governments. ITC helps small business go global, especially firms led by women and young entrepreneurs.

All three of us share a deep commitment to trade-led prosperity. All three of us understand that a world in crisis means no more business as usual.

To guide aid and trade towards a better world, policymakers need to pivot in three fundamental ways.

A world in crisis needs both trade and aid



The production floor of an apparel exporting factory in Bangladesh.

First, make trade greener. Global trade can play an important role in a transition to a low-carbon economy.

Second, make trade more inclusive. Promoting greater trade by small businesses and greater participation by women and youth make companies and countries more competitive.

Yet ITC business surveys found that one only out of every five exporting companies is women-led.

show that micro, small and medium-sized firms represent around 95 percent of all companies globally but only one-third of total exports.

In our networked world, the future of trade is through digital channels and platforms, especially for small businesses. During the pandemic, we saw how doing business online went from being useful to critical for survival.

These themes were discussed at the Global Review of Aid-for-Trade, which took place 27-29th July in Geneva.

The event took place one month after the WTO's successful Twelfth Ministerial Conference, which put trade multilateralism back on track and delivered a landmark agreement on fisheries subsidies.

The data shows promising signs that aid-for-trade is tilting towards greater sustainability, inclusivity and connectivity. OECD and WTO data reveal a record high of nearly US\$50 billion in aid for trade disbursements in 2020.

Despite growing budgetary pressures at home, it is critically important to continue and increase these aid-for-trade flows. Apart from a stronger thematic focus on sustainability, inclusivity and connectivity, maximizing the contribu-

tion of aid for trade to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires a resolute focus on the "where" and "how" of delivering development results. This means a focus on those countries whose trade and development needs are highest - particularly Least Developed Countries and fragile/conflict-affected countries - and regional initiatives like African Continental Free Trade Area.

Last but certainly not least, it means mobilizing public and private finance. The IFC estimates a worldwide US\$300 billion financing gap for women, and the global trade finance gap has nearly doubled from an already-staggering \$1.5 trillion.

We want to end with a call to action. Creating a more sustainable, inclusive and connected future is the moon shot of our times. Aid, trade and multilateralism - working together - are part of the solution.

It is normal and understandable that governments act to shore up their own economies in troubled times. But we must act now to ensure that the world's poorest and most vulnerable can still see a pathway to prosperity through global trade.

IPS

Journalism under attack by neo-populist governments in Central America

SAN SALVADOR

PRACTICING journalism in Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador is becoming increasingly difficult in the face of the persecution of independent media outlets by neo-populist rulers of different stripes, intolerant of criticism.

The most recent high-profile case was the Jul. 29 arrest of José Rubén Zamora, founder and director of elPeriódico, one of the Guatemalan media outlets that has been most critical of the government of right-wing President Alejandro Giammattei, who has been in office since January 2020.

The union of Guatemalan journalists and the reporter's family say the arrest is a clear example of political persecution as a result of the investigations into corruption and mismanagement in the Giammattei administration published by the newspaper, which was founded in 1996.

"I definitely believe it is a case of political persecution and harassment, and of violence against free expression and the expression of thought," Ramón Zamora, son of the editor of elPeriódico who has been imprisoned since his arrest, told IPS from Guatemala City.

A case out of the blue

The 66-year-old journalist is one of the most recognized in Guatemala and in the Central American region, and has been awarded several times for elPeriódico's investigative reporting.

Zamora is being charged with money laundering, influence peddling and racketeering, al-

though the evidence shown at the initial hearing by prosecutors "are poor quality voice messages that show nothing," according to Ramón.

The preliminary hearing ended on Aug. 9 with the judge's decision to continue with the case and keep Zamora in pre-trial detention. Prosecutors now have three months to present more robust evidence before taking him to trial, while the defense will seek to gather evidence in order to secure his release.

"We are going to clearly demonstrate as many times as necessary that this case was staged, that the evidence, or rather the evidence they have, cannot be stretched as far as they are stretching it," said Ramón, 32, an anthropologist by profession.

He added that from the beginning President Giammattei showed signs of intolerance towards criticism of his administration.

"We knew he was an angry person, authoritarian in the way he acted, but we never thought he would go this far," he said.

Since the arrest, Ramón said that his father is in good spirits, upbeat, although he has had problems sleeping, while the newspaper continues to be published in the midst of serious difficulties due to the temporary seizure of its bank accounts and liquidity problems to pay the staff and other costs.

On Friday Aug. 12, elPeriódico gave key coverage to a decree approved by the Guatemalan legislature that gives life to a Cybercrime Law, which could become another governmental tool to silence critics.

The newspaper quoted the organization Ac-



Reporters and photojournalists cover an Aug. 11 press conference at the Supreme Electoral Tribunal in San Salvador. Independent media outlets in El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua suffer constant persecution and harassment by state entities and government officials in an attempt to silence them and discredit investigations into corruption and mismanagement of public funds. IPS

ción Ciudadana, according to which article 9 of this law "contravenes free access to sources of information - a right stipulated in the constitution; furthermore, it violates the Law of Broadcasting of Thought, restricting freedom of information."

Zamora Jr. regretted that in Central America journalistic work is restricted and persecuted by governments and other de facto powers, as is happening in Guatemala with Giammattei, in El Salvador with the government of Nayib

Bukele, and in Nicaragua, with that of Daniel Ortega.

"Ortega, in Nicaragua, is a mirror that we all have in front of us in the region, it is worrisome," he said.

Press freedom in free fall

In these three countries there is an openly hostile policy against the independent media, whose journalists suffer harassment, persecution, blackmail, intimidation and restrictions of all kinds in the line of duty.

Central America, a region of 38 million people, faces serious economic and social challenges after leaving behind decades of political strife and civil wars in the 1970s and 1980s, specifically in Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Further progress towards democracy is undermined by attacks on or harassment of media outlets that criticize corrupt governments, according to reports by national and international organizations.

In this regard, the World Press Freedom Index 2022 report by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) points out the decline suffered by Nicaragua, which dropped 39 positions in the ranking to 160th place out of 180, and El Salvador, which lost 30 positions, dropping to 112th place.

"For the second year in a row El Salvador had one of the steepest falls in Latin America," the report states.

And it adds that since he took office in 2019, Bukele, described as a "millennial" leader with a vague ideology and an "authoritarian tendency...is exerting particularly strong pressure on journalists and is using the extremely dangerous tactic of portraying the media as the enemy of the people."

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BUSINESS

Evolution Energy (T) wins approval for resettlement

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

EVOLUTION Energy Minerals Ltd has said that it is a step closer to the development of its Chilalo Graphite Project after the Government of Tanzania approved its Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the communities living in the area.

The RAP is a process to assess land and property values for the relocation of the Ambye, Lukowe and Nangurugai communities in Nachingwea district, Lindi region. Since it began in November 2021, Evolution has had extensive discussions with and received strong support from the communities, according to the company statement.

"Together with the binding offtake agreement and the pending framework agreement with the Government of Tanzania, Evolution is now strongly positioned to secure project finance," it says. "We recognise that working together

with the local communities is the foundation for the successful development of our Chilalo Project. From the outset, we committed to going beyond the minimum legislative requirement and meeting IFC standards. Applying such an approach, not only delivers the best possible outcome for local communities but enhances Evolution's social license to operate," Evolution managing director Phil Hoskins said.

"There is clear demonstration of continued support for the development of Chilalo, not only from the local communities, but also from the Tanzanian Government. Such support will assist the company in successfully developing the Chilalo Project."

With a binding offtake arrangement in place for Chilalo's coarse flake material, he said, completion of the RAP is an important milestone as we advance our efforts to secure project finance for the



The project hosts a high-grade mineral resource of 20.1Mt at 9.9 percent total graphitic carbon (TGC) for 1,991Kt of contained graphite.

development of Chilalo.

The company reports that all 'project-affected persons' (PAPs) will be relocated to properties with enhanced amenities, and compensation will include a five-year livelihood restoration program that consists of several initiatives targeted at delivering sustainable benefits.

The initiative will include supply of materials, training and ongoing coaching and mentoring to promote the development

of sustainable sesame, maize and legume agriculture among the local communities, propagation of alternative cashew trees for distribution to PAPs and provision of training and mentoring to support local communities in the development of cashew tree farms.

Other will include establishment of a vegetable nursery to produce seedlings to assist in the development of vegetable farms and the provision of vegetable gardens

with wells, tread pumps and seedlings in a large number of new dwellings as well as skills training for local youths, focused on brick laying and carpentry, as part of the construction of relocation dwellings, with a view to such youths being employed as part of construction and operations at Chilalo.

Evolution says has also completed several studies on how best to deliver the RAP, including a first-ever health impact assessment for the area, a water availability study,

a cultural heritage study, vulnerable persons assessment, human rights impact assessment, and a local biodiversity and ecosystem impact assessment.

The Chilalo Graphite Project is located in southeast Tanzania, within the Mozambique belt, which is well known for hosting some of the world's highest grade and coarse flake graphite deposits.

Equities seen regaining dominance in Tanzania's capital markets

By Guardian Reporter

THE equities market has regained its dominance in Tanzania's capital markets, after its value overtook the combined outstanding value of bonds market, issued by both the government and corporate.

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) market report has shown the value of equities market capitalization opened the week at 16.04trn/- against 15.97trn/- of the outstanding bonds market from 16.05trn/- against 16.09trn/- of outstanding bonds market on Friday last week.

Out of total equities market capitalization, domestic companies were valued 10.28trn/- on Monday this week, a slight gain from 10.27trn/- recorded on Friday last week due to increase of CRDB Bank Plc share price to 400/-

from 395/- respectively.

The slowdown of the bonds market resulted from the decrease of outstanding government bonds market to 15.86trn o Monday close, from 15.99trn/- recorded during the closing trading session of last week.

However, the combined value of corporate bonds and sustainable bond remained unchanged at 104.85bn/- during the period.

During the end of August last year, the value of equities markets amounted 16.61trn/- against 14.2trn/- of bonds market, but later the bonds market overtook equities market due to slowdown of share prices, mainly cross listed companies from Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive Officer Raphael Masumbuko, the domestic equity market has been



bearish in the last few weeks following good quarterly results published by a few companies.

"We expect more trading activities in the coming weeks. Investors have priced in better valuations for a num-

ber of counters hence stocks have started registering an upside movement. Resilience of the Tanzanian economy on inflationary pressures stemming from surging commodity prices is bringing optimism among stock market investors," Masumbuko said.

However, government bonds are continuing to remain attractive investment avenue for both local and foreign investors, but recently decision by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to reduce prices for bonds market caused many to venture into equities market.

The DSE data shows during the half of the third quarter of this year, a total equities market turnover of 13.8bn/- has been recorded against bonds face and transaction values of 253.23bn/- and 301.60bn/- respectively.

Local investors have continued to dominate the equity market participation

during this ongoing quarter of the year, as they accounted for 76.34 percent of the value of selling shares and 53.06 percent of buying shares.

During the last quarter, reports show, the value of turnover from shares bought by local investors was 37.80 percent while the share of turnover from selling shares was 32.51 percent of total market selling turnover.

During the last quarter, a total turnover in equity market amounted 40.23bn/- of which foreign investors injected 25.02bn/- through buying shares, which was 62.20 percent and 27.15bn/- through buying shares, which was 67.49 percent.

The report shows during the third quarter of last year, a total turnover of 34.48bn/- recorded of which foreign investors injected 19.8bn/- through buying shares and 20.5bn/- through selling shares.

More than 30,000 skilled youths benefit from ILO apprenticeship

By Francis Kajubi

MORE than 30,000 Tanzanians have benefited from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) led Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) 2021/22 apprenticeship programme.

ILO Tanzania Communications Officer Belinda Jathet told The Guardian that the programme implemented by the UN Agency in collaboration with the government from Mainland and Zanzibar, whereby 34,818 applied for enrolment in late 2020.

Out of the enrolled applicants, 73 were degree holders and 124 were diploma holders from the informal sector.

However, 32,320 were successfully certified after graduating from the programme at the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA).

The number of graduates is three-fold the 10,000 graduates of the 2019/20 programme.

"For a majority of young Tanzanians, learning takes place while working in the informal sector. Unfortunately, informal apprentices are not



32,320 were successfully certified after graduating from the programme at the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA). PHOTO/FILE

recognized by training institutions leaving the majority of them at a

disadvantaged space," said Belinda. According to her, the govern-

ment approved initiative allows informally trained skilled workers to

attain certification through VETA.

She said since 2014, ILO and the government through VETA and the Prime Minister's Office endorsed RPL as a successful process of identifying, documenting, assessing and clarifying informal learning against formal education and training standards.

"The training cuts across different sectors from food production, hospitality, construction and works. RPL gives employers access to qualified and skilled workers; it targets at improving workers' self-esteem and respect in business circles and wider society. However, RPL allows workers in the informal sector to meet regulatory requirements in specific sectors," said Belinda.

In line with the programme success stories, Belinda said there are challenges in expanding it.

She said there is a shortage of local trained RPL experts such as facilitators, assessors, moderators and developers. There is low participation of women in the programme that forms

about 15 percent of all beneficiaries. There are no common regional guidelines especially for the SADC region for graduates to explore unlimited opportunities.

On the way forward, the programme's development objective is to continue supporting the government in implementing the National Skills Development Strategy 2016/17 to 2025/26 which aims to develop and maintain a skilled and competitive workforce.

"A competitive workforce capable of effectively fostering inclusive and sustainable social-economic transformation for timely attainment of middle-income status by 2025," she noted.

The RPL programme started in 2014 and continued with the section of five occupations in 2015 in four regions of the country. In 2016 saw the development of RPL assessment tools and training of assessors.

Further expansion took place between 2017 and 2019 where the highest number of certified candidates topped 10,000.

Oil price decline in global slowdown, supply increase

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OIL price declined for a third day as a deepening global slowdown looked set to coincide with an increase in supply from OPEC producers.

West Texas Intermediate futures slid below \$89 a barrel after falling around 5% over the previous two sessions.

Mounting signs of an economic downturn swept through markets on Monday as bearish US data including rapidly cooling manufacturing followed weaker-than-expected Chinese numbers.

Investors are also facing the prospect of rising supply as demand moderates, while prompt time spreads are signaling concerns over tight global markets are easing. Libya is pumping more and Iran is edging closer to reviving a nucle-

ar deal that will likely see higher crude flows.

"Oil prices are being weighed down by a weaker macroeconomic outlook due to poor data from China as well as possible new supply from Iran," said Sean Lim, a Malaysia-based oil and gas analyst at RHB Investment Bank Bhd. "However, even if the Iran deal passes, any ramp-up in oil production could still take time, so its immediate effect might not be too strong."

Crude is trading near the lowest level in six months after giving up all of the gains following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which upended trade flows and drove prices as high as \$130 a barrel. The market has also been gripped by bouts of volatility recently, exacerbated by the lower levels of liquidity.

While the market is backwardated, a bullish pattern

Slump in Key Spread Signals Easing Tightness Brent's backwardation narrows to smallest since April

■ Brent prompt time spread



marked by near-term prices commanding a premium to later-dates ones, the gap has narrowed significantly. Brent's prompt spread was 72 cents in backwardation, compared with \$2.08 at the start the month.

Iran sent the European Union its official response to the bloc's proposal for reviving the 2015 nuclear accord after signaling it may be nearer a deal with the US. Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said an agreement can be reached with Washington to restore the beleaguered accord in the next few days "if the US shows a realistic approach and flexibility."

Adavale's eyeing aerial searches for nickel deposits in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter & Agencies

ADAVALE Resources is taking to the skies, launching a helicopter-borne electromagnetic survey at its Kabanga Jirani and Luhuma nickel projects in Tanzania.

The survey will test nine high-priority areas across 18 conductive targets generated from a recent gravity survey, illuminating around 2000km of ground to 500m below surface.

The survey is using high powered Time Domain EM, designed specifically to target nickel mineralised conductors.

Adavale's Kabanga Jirani and Luhuma projects will be watched closely by those in the industry given their proximity to what is the largest development ready nickel deposit in the world at the nearby Kabanga project.

Kabanga, owned by a London-based company of the same name, received a capital injection of \$50 million from the world's biggest miner BHP earlier this year.

It makes Tanzania a great postcode for a nickel explorer, with Adavale planning to use the HEM data in conjunction with an existing exploration database to prioritise targets for RC and diamond drilling starting late in the September quarter.

"We are delighted that this Heli EM program is now underway. With c.2000km being flown over 10 to 14 days, the program has been designed to allow our technical team to receive and interpret the data regularly so we can identify and then prioritise potential drilling locations," Adavale executive director David Riekie said.

"Drilling will be coordinated with local drilling contractors for the RC and DD campaign. Funding from the recent capital raise will enable us to be actively drilling over the coming months. We look forward to keeping the market informed of these important exploration activities and their outcomes."

Cape Town based New Resolution Geophysics is completing the HEM survey using a high powered system capa-



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ble of detecting conductors 500-600m below surface depending on ground conditions.

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The company holds 8 granted licences plus 2 x "Luhuma" Farm-in licences contiguous to Adavale's

Kabanga North East adding a further 99km², totaling 1,267km², surrounding or proximal to one of the world's largest undeveloped high-grade nickel sulphide resources of 58Mt.

The Luhuma Farm-in Licences are considered very prospective as they contain the Luhuma intrusion, a

known mineralised intrusion, enabling us to extend our exploration footprint to capture the area which includes the 8km Luhuma corridor.

The "corridor" was identified as part of Adavale's 2021 exploration program and will feature heavily in the company's 2022 exploration programme.



Pound still suffers from UK's weak economic outlook

LONDON

THE UK's weak growth outlook has been weighing on sterling all year. This has meant that it has not seen much benefit from the Bank of England starting its rate rise cycle sooner than many of its G10 peers.

The pound has dropped around 10 per cent against the dollar and a little under 1 per cent against the euro.

Economics textbooks indicate that higher interest rates are supportive for currencies. That said, there has been clear evidence around the world recently that the tone of central bank policy statements has been having a key directional influence on currency markets, almost irrespective of

interest rate announcements. What matters is the commentary on the outlook.

And that tone from the UK has been pretty bleak. In May, the pound tumbled following the BoE's 0.25 percentage point rate rise announcement, primarily owing to the market's shock at the central bank's coincident downward revision for UK growth.

And in an astoundingly candid policy statement on August 4, BoE governor Andrew Bailey warned that the UK economy was set to drop into a 15-month recession in the fourth quarter this year. The pound lurched lower against the euro as a result, although it ended the day a little higher.

This grim outlook is being accompanied by a warning by the BoE's Monetary

Policy Committee that it will continue to raise rates in order to curtail inflation that is now expected to peak at about 13 per cent. At Rabobank, we expect 1 percentage point of additional rate increases: 0.50 points in September, 0.25 in November and 0.25 in December.

There is a high likelihood this tightening will be reversed from the second half of 2023 onwards to boost demand if supply-side issues that are lifting inflation are resolved. But still, current warnings on UK growth come at a time when investors are assessing the shape of post-Brexit Britain.

In a report published in June 2021, the BoE concluded that both Covid and Brexit have had a large impact on business

investment. It estimated that the UK's decision to leave the EU increased uncertainty and lowered the level of investment by almost 25 per cent in 2020-21, with the effects having built up gradually since the 2016 Brexit referendum.

In a speech last month, outgoing MPC member Michael Saunders stated that Brexit and Covid have reduced growth potential because of lower labour supply, weak investment and, owing to leaving the EU specifically, through reduced trade openness.

The fact that the pound has never been able to recover to the levels traded against the euro before the Brexit referendum corresponds to the weakness of investment in this period.

More startups lining up for Mbadala Impact Fund's cash

By Francis Kajubi

THE Dar es Salaam-based SSC Capital said has started receiving and considering applications from start-ups seeking funds to expand their businesses, after mobilizing \$5million (11.66billion/-) for its Mbadala Impact Fund.

Mbadala, which was introduced to the general public two months ago, is an impact fund targeting to support start-up enterprises established with financial viability, compliant with environmental, social and governance (ESG) models.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of SSC Capital, Salum Awadh (pictured) told The Guardian during an interview over the weekend in Dar es Salaam that the \$5million will be extended to the maximum of 15 qualified start-ups with tickets worth between \$150,000 (349.79million/-) and \$350,000 (816.30million/-).

"The process could last almost three months from now. Mbadala fund targets at empowering enterprises start-ups in food and agribusiness, renewable energy, healthcare, education, technology and water, sanitation, and hygiene," Awadh said.

Awadh said the fund is a sector-agnostic using a holistic approach to promote 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs).

He said selected applicants will be awarded as high as \$500,000 just depending on the stipulated criteria such as financial position of the applicant and detailed business plan.

According to him, other criteria for accessing the funds called for enterprises that have been operational at least for one year, post-revenue, with strong financial logic, must have a scalable business model and must address one or more sustainable development goals (SDGs).

"The applicant must have a great working team, potential exit in a particular business or field for three to five years, applicant to embed the environmental, social, governance (ESG) model and must demonstrate innovation," he added.

Speaking of venture capital and private equity developments in Tanzania, he said it is a fairly new industry.

He said there's a need for all stakeholders to join forces in increasing investment flow, and unlock the industry, which currently stands at around 17 percent of US\$2.4bn, which is the regional industry size.



Only 19pct Ugandas borrow from formal financial institutions

KAMPALA

ONLY two out of ten Ugandans borrow from formal financial institutions, according to Ministry of Finance permanent secretary Ramathan Ggoobi (pictured).

Speaking during the Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy Forum in Kampala last week, Mr Ggoobi said that whereas the number of Ugandans who borrow from formal financial institutions was still low, it almost doubles that of sub-Saharan Africa, which stands at 10 percent, and far above some countries such as Tanzania - 4 percent.

Therefore, he said, there is

need to improve financial inclusion, which will result in an increase in uptake of formal financial services, noting that while the poor have made progress, they still lag behind the rich while, according to the Uganda National Household Survey, the level of education remains a key determinant in financial literacy and inclusion.

For instance, the survey indicates 65 percent of Ugandans without a primary level education have no access to financial accounts, compared to just 23 percent of those with a secondary level education.

Mr Ggoobi also noted that, ac-



ording to the World Bank's Findex database, the share of Ugandans with access to a financial account - either with a formal institution or a mobile money provider - has risen from 59 percent in 2017 to 66 percent in 2021, although it remains below Kenya's 79 percent.

"Our target is to increase this number to 80 percent by 2027. We must redouble our efforts to ensure all Ugandans have access to essential financial services and the skills they need to use them," he said.

Digital innovations and technology have become central to financial inclusion, allowing at least 61 percent of Ugandans, according

to Bank of Uganda, to use digital payments, up from 51 percent in 2017. Out of these, at least 47 percent use mobile phones or internet to access a financial account, which is more than double the average sub-Saharan Africa of 21 percent.

The progress has been achieved through different interventions such as Profira - the Project for Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas - which, as of June 30, according to Mr Ggoobi, had supported establishment of 15,000 community savings and credit groups and strengthened 3,000 existing groups, 76 percent of which are composed of women.

Speaking at the same event, Finance Minister Matia Kasajja said to drive financial inclusion, financial services must be established at the lowest level of society with at least every parish forming a Sacco.

"Every parish must form a village Sacco. We shall be having small banks in every parish in this country in the next five years," he said.

The Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy Forum, themed Enhancing Financial Inclusion through Digital Financial Literacy, is jointly undertaken by Bank of Uganda, Ministry of Finance and other stakeholders.

DR Congo opens oil and gas auction round

KINASHASA

THE Democratic Republic of Congo will allow carbon credit and cryptocurrency companies to bid in an oil and gas licensing round that has been criticised by environmentalists who say drilling in the country's rainforests and peatlands would risk releasing vast quantities of carbon dioxide.

Last month, Congo put 30 oil and gas exploration blocks up for auction. Some of the exploration areas are in Virunga National Park and the Cuvette Central, the world's largest tropical peatland, which naturally absorbs carbon from the atmosphere.

Companies have until February to submit bids.

Didier Budimbu (pictured), the hydrocarbons minister, told the Financial Times he would accept bids for exploration rights in the rainforest and peatlands from carbon market start-ups with no links to oil and gas majors as long as they had solid financial backing.

Rather than explore for hydrocarbons, such groups propose keeping any oil and gas in the ground and instead generate revenue by selling carbon credits to companies looking to offset their emissions.

"If it can help our economy and the country, why not?" Budimbu said. "We're not doing this to destroy the rainforest, we're doing it for economic gain... With or without oil, what's important is that we earn [money]."

Congo produces about 25,000 barrels a day of crude oil from a small number of onshore and offshore blocks along its Atlantic coast. The government's long-held ambitions to produce oil in other parts of the country's interior have previously been held back by environmental concerns, corruption and a lack of export options.

Those challenges mean it remains uncertain how many oil and gas companies plan to participate in the licensing round. France's To-



talEnergies, which has a project in neighbouring Uganda, and Italy's Eni, which is active in other parts of Africa, have both told the FT they will not bid.

Hydrocarbons minister Didier Budimbu: 'If it can help our economy and the country, why not?' © YouTube

Flowcarbon, a start-up co-founded earlier this year by WeWork co-founder Adam Neumann, is among the carbon credit groups to have expressed interest.

Phil Fogel, Flowcarbon's head of cryptocurrencies, said the company had contributed staff and resources to RedemptionDAO, a campaign organised over messaging platforms Telegram and Discord and founded two days before the auction launched in July.

RedemptionDAO aims to buy at least one of the blocks in partnership with an oil company or through crowdfunding, and use it to issue "avoided emissions" carbon credits. It hopes to raise at least \$50mn, but has so far only raised \$2.57mn and obtained pledges of \$74,000, both in USDC, a so-called stablecoin digital currency pegged to the dollar.

Venture capitalist Thomas Annicq said he had contacted the Congolese government separately on behalf of another coalition of carbon market companies that wanted to mount a joint bid on the blocks.

However, there is at present no official methodology for bringing credits from foregone oil and gas exploration to market and analysts say that developing one could take up to two years.

Taxation on winning bets decreases by Sh1.4 billion

NAIROBI

WITHHOLDING tax on winning bets, which was paid to the Kenya Revenue Authority in the year ended June, dropped by Sh1.42 billion reflecting a slump in an industry amid clamping down on the addictive sector.

The taxman said it collected Sh5.67 billion in withholding tax from winning bets in the period under review reflecting a drop of 19 percent from Sh7.09 billion a year earlier.

The fall reflects a slowdown in the industry on increased taxation on gamblers as the government moves to tame the betting craze mostly among the youth and jobless Kenyans.

Gamblers pay 20 percent of every winning bet in addition to a 7.5 percent tax on each betting stake that was re-introduced in July last year.

Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB) chief executive Peter Mbugi says the heavy taxation has served the government's intention of clamping down on the betting craze.

"Licensed operators are increasing but most of them are doing zero-sum business. The market is no longer expanding. The average amount spent by gamblers also reduced last year compared to three years when the industry was at its peak," said Mr Mbugi.

A drop in the tax can be attributed to a reduction in winning bets or a decline in the number of bets placed by gamblers.

The taxman takes WHT which is calculated at the rate of 20 percent on the winning bet after subtracting the amount staked.

The government also re-introduced a 7.5 percent tax on every betting stake meaning that for every Sh100 staked, KRA takes Sh7.5.

Betting firms pay tax at a rate of 15 percent on the gross gaming revenue—turnover minus winnings paid out. They also pay corporate tax on profits at a rate of 30 percent.

The government also formed a multi-agency team that draws memberships from the betting regulator, KRA, and the Financial Reporting Centre among other State agencies.

Data from the KRA shows that tax on gross gaming revenue rose 13 percent to Sh3.294 billion in the year ended June from Sh2.907 billion a year earlier.

Gaming is popular among the youth with some funding their betting addiction through digital loans. The jobless have also turned to the craze in the hope of striking it rich.

Betting peaked in recent years as jobless Kenyans and the youth used billions of shillings to place bets in the hope of making quick money to pay their daily bills.

Safaricom revealed that punters pushed Sh169 billion through M-Pesa to bet in the year ended March, translating to Sh469 million per day highlighting the extent of the habit that prompted strict regulation and increased taxation from the government.



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ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
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WORLD

US monkeypox cases on sharp rise 'due to government setbacks'

LOS ANGELES

MONKEYPOX cases in the United States have kept climbing rapidly, topping over 11,000 cases, while media and experts have been blaming the Biden administration's response to contain the outbreak.

A total of 11,177 monkeypox cases had been reported across the country as of Friday, according to the latest data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New York had the most cases, with 2,295, followed by California with 1,945 and Florida with 1,085.

So far, the United States has the world's highest tally of monkeypox cases.

Since the CDC confirmed the first

monkeypox case in the United States in a Massachusetts man on May 18, the country has seen a continuous surge of cases, according to the trend map on the CDC website.

Health experts said given the testing bottlenecks in the United States, monkeypox cases are likely being tremendously undercounted.

A series of setbacks in the Biden administration's response to addressing monkeypox allowed the disease to gain a foothold in the country, said a report of Politico.

The setbacks include clunky early testing protocols, slow vaccine distribution, a lack of federal funding to help state and local governments respond to the outbreak, and patchy communication with communities



Vials of the JYNNEOS Monkeypox vaccine are prepared at a pop-up vaccination clinic in Los Angeles, California, on Aug 9, 2022. AFP

most affected by the virus, said the report.

"It may be too late to stop monkeypox from circulating in the US permanently," said the report.

Epidemiologists, public health officials and doctors are warning that the US government is running out of time to stop the virus from spreading in the US population more broadly.

Monkeypox is yet another global health crisis fueled by US governmental neglect, said an op-ed on the website of American media Truthout.

If the US government had acted with a sense of urgency right away, and distributed the vaccine immediately to those most at risk, then it is possible that monkeypox would not have become such a crisis, said the report.

Three months into the monkeypox outbreak in the United States, the federal government finally declared monkeypox a health emergency on Aug 4.

"But the decision may have come too late," said a report of VOX, an American news and opinion website.

Accurate data is critical for public health, and the United States does not have it, said the report.

"With monkeypox already a global public health emergency, it's vital for the data to be available, promptly and accurately, to coordinate an effective public health response," said the report.

West deliberately destroying European security system - Putin

PATRIOT PARK

THE collective West is purposefully destroying the European security system, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in his address to participants and guests of the Moscow Conference on International Security.



"The so-called collective West is purposefully destroying the European security system, putting together more and more new military alliances," Putin said.

"The US and its vassal states grossly interfere in the internal affairs of sovereign states through organizing provocations, coups, and civil wars. They use threats, extortion, and pressure to force independent governments to obey their will and follow rules that are foreign to them," he added.

Putin stressed, "All this is being done with one goal - to maintain its dominance, the model that allows to feed off the entire world, as it was centuries before, and this model can be maintained only by force."

He drew the attention of the conference participants to the fact that the NATO bloc is moving to the East, bolstering its military infrastructure, including the deployment of missile defense systems and increasing offensive forces' attack capabilities.

"On paper, this is hypocritically declared as a need to boost European security, but in reality, the exact opposite is happening. At the same time, Russia's proposals from December last year were simply ignored once more," Putin concluded.

Agencies

EU working to increase economic, security ties in Pacific

WELLINGTON

THE European Union is working to boost its presence in the Pacific through economic ties and new security commitments as geostrategic competition in the region intensifies, the bloc's ambassador to Pacific Island nations said yesterday.

Ambassador Sujiro Seam told Reuters in an interview during a visit to New Zealand the EU had long been seen as a development partner in the Pacific and that it wanted to be perceived as an economic and strategic partner as well.

The EU's push comes as major powers are vying for influence in the region.

"The geostrategic importance of the Pacific is recognized by everyone, including the European Union," Seam said.

The European Union has long had a presence in the Pacific, mostly via France's ties to French Polynesia.

In 2021, the European Union set out a formal Indo-Pacific strategy and announced a 300 billion euro (\$305 billion) global infrastructure fund that Seam said was helping to boost ties.

The EU has several development projects underway in the region and is looking at more, he said, noting it is finalizing plans to spend 5 million euros on a feasibility study for a wharf on Kiritimati Island in Kiribati.

However, when countries make decisions on who to partner with it is important they assess the consequences such as whether they are being offered development aid or loans.

Part of the strategy to boost the EU's presence in the Pacific is to provide economic opportunities, Seam said, and it has signed a number of trade partnerships with Pacific governments and is negotiating a similar agreement with Tonga to allow it better access to European markets.

He said the EU also planned to step up its footprint in maritime surveillance in the Indo-Pacific. The French military, which often has assets in the region, has been used to provide EU support in the past. Agencies

'Some US politicians 'openly play with fire' regarding Taiwan issue'

QINGDAO

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday met via video link with visiting diplomatic envoys of developing countries from Asia and Africa to the UN Office at Geneva.

Wang said that China is willing to uphold the vision of a community with a shared future for humanity, and work in solidarity with other developing countries to achieve common development and prosperity and to make the planet even more beautiful.

"In the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the turbulent international situation and the resurgence of the Cold War mentality, we need a strong UN more than ever," he said.

He said all sides should firmly uphold the international system with the UN at its core, the international order underpinned by international law, and basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

The representation and voice of developing countries should be enhanced and multilateral institutions should not be reduced to tools for

certain countries or groups of countries to manipulate and decide international affairs, the Chinese diplomat stressed.

He introduced China's achievements in the development of human rights cause, saying that China is willing to carry out human rights exchanges and cooperation with other countries on the basis of equality and mutual respect with an open attitude, so as to learn from each other and make progress together.

He expounded on the historical facts of the Taiwan question and China's solemn position, stressing that China must make the necessary and legitimate responses to every blatant provocation by the United States.

This is exercising the legitimate right to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as safeguarding the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs, he said.

The envoys lauded China's world-renowned achievements and strong leadership, commending China's efforts on promoting development, progress and social equality.

They said the one-China principle established by the United Nations



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets with visiting diplomatic envoys of developing countries from Asia and Africa to the UN Office at Geneva via video link in Qingdao, east China's Shandong province, on Monday. XINHUA

General Assembly Resolution 2758 is the consensus of the international community and the political basis for developing bilateral relations between all countries and China. Taiwan and Xinjiang are both integral parts of China, and China's internal affairs brook no interference.

They also said that human rights issues should not be politicized, and measures taken by China to defend its legitimate rights should be firmly supported by the international community. Xinhua

CIA sued over spying on lawyers, journalists who met Assange

WASHINGTON

A GROUP of journalists and lawyers sued the CIA and its former director Mike Pompeo over allegations the intelligence agency spied on them when they visited WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange during his stay in Ecuador's embassy in London.

The lawsuit said that CIA under Pompeo violated the privacy rights of those American journalists and lawyers by allegedly spying on them. The plaintiffs include journalists Charles Glass and John Goetz and attorneys Margaret

Kunstler and Deborah Hrbek, who have represented Assange.

"The United States Constitution shields American citizens from US government overreach even when the activities take place in a foreign embassy in a foreign country," said Richard Roth, the lead attorney representing the plaintiffs.

The CIA, which declined to comment on the lawsuit, is prohibited from collecting intelligence on US citizens, although several lawmakers have alleged that the agency maintains a secret repository of Americans' communications data.

Assange has appealed to the



High Court in London to block his extradition to the United States to face criminal charges in a legal battle that has dragged on for more than a decade.

Monday's lawsuit was filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The filing said the journalists and lawyers were required to surrender their electronic devices to Undercover Global SL, a private security company which at the time provided security to the embassy, before their visits to Assange. The lawsuit alleged the company copied that information and provided

it to the CIA, which was then headed by Pompeo. Assange spent seven years in the embassy before being dragged out and jailed in 2019.

Pompeo and Undercover Global SL could not immediately be reached for comment.

Assange is wanted by US authorities on 18 counts, including a spying charge, related to WikiLeaks' release of confidential US military records and diplomatic cables. His supporters say he is an anti-establishment hero who has been victimized because he exposed US wrongdoing in conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Agencies



Flags of the European Union fly outside the EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, May 21, 2021. File photo

GUANGMING village sits on the top of the Cangshan Mountain in Yangbi Yi autonomous county, Dali Bai autonomous prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan province. People of five ethnic groups, including Yi, Han, Bai, Dai and Lisu, are living there.

Covered by ancient walnut trees and always blurred by tree shadow, Guangming is also known as a "village over the cloud."

Yangbi Yi autonomous county is a renowned production base of walnuts. In Guangming village, ancient walnut trees are seen everywhere and each one has an identity card hanging on it to prove its age. The oldest walnut tree in the village has a history of 1,165 years.

Ecotourism leads Yunnan village to prosperity

With a long tradition of walnut planting, the village is home to more than 10,000 walnut trees that are over 100 years old and 6,000 that have lived at least 200 years.

In recent years, a number of walnut seedlings have been planted in the village, which brought the contiguous planting area of walnut trees to 10,000 mu, or 667 hectares.

There are currently 304 households in the village divided into seven villager groups. Though the village suffered poor transportation, a lack of arable land and an under-

developed economy, it enjoyed a well-grounded walnut business and a sound ecology with 85 percent of forest coverage.

However, the price of walnut plunged in 2013 and young villagers started seeking job opportunities outside the village, which hollowed out the village.

To find a new path of development, Guangming village began to boost rural with ecotourism and made vigorous efforts to drive the walnut business.

In 2015, a local tourism company in

Yangbi Yi autonomous county invested in Guangming village, encouraging villagers to run agritainment businesses and B&Bs. It launched a series of rural tourism experience projects highlighting farming, agricultural processing and leisure activities.

Besides, the village coordinated resources and made a unique development plan for every single agritainment facility, from roast sheep and chicken services to walnut feast. In 2019, Guangming village became an "online celebrity," receiving 4,000 to 5,000 visitors a day at most.

"The vegetables we cook are all fresh plants I get from the wild, and we also raise chickens and pigs for our meal service. Our business is so great. We built a new house recently, and it will expand our agritainment facility," said Zha Shouli, who runs an agritainment facility in Guangming village.

She always gets up early in the morning to pick wild vegetables on the mountain near her house, so that her guests can enjoy the most authentic taste.

Yangbi Yi autonomous county was

officially removed from the poverty list on April 30, 2019. A total of 3,897 registered impoverished households from 24 villages in two townships were lifted out of poverty. Two years ago, the village was named a national beautiful leisure village released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

Modern, green and leisure agriculture, as well as rural e-commerce, are emerging in the village, and more and more young returnees hoping to start businesses in their hometown. The youngsters establish e-commerce platforms and develop local ecotourism to contribute to rural vitalization. People's Daily

Kenya braces for legal battle after Ruto declared election winner

KISUMU/NAIROBI

KENYA braced yesterday for a protracted legal battle after William Ruto was declared the victor in a closely fought presidential race over the objections of more than half the electoral commission, stoking fears of political violence.

In the western city of Kisumu and Nairobi's huge Kibera slum, both strongholds of rival candidate Raila Odinga, calm returned to the streets after protesters battled police and burned tyres on the road overnight.

The dramatic events of Monday, which saw Ruto declared president by a tiny margin as a split emerged in the electoral commission overseeing the Aug 9 vote, has raised fears of bloody violence like that seen after previous disputed polls.

The veteran opposition leader, making his fifth bid for the presidency, is under local and international pressure to seek peaceful legal remedy for any concerns over the election outcome. The United Nations and the US embassy in Kenya both urged all parties to work together.

The four commissioners who disowned the election results also said the parties should seek resolution through the courts.

Businesses were open as normal in most of the country, and people in areas that voted overwhelmingly for Ruto were still in a celebratory mood.

Kenya, East Africa's richest and most stable nation, has a history of post-election bloodshed, with over 1,200 people killed in widespread violence after the 2007 presidential vote.

More than 100 people were killed after the Supreme Court overturned the

result of the last presidential election in 2017 due to anomalies in the voting process.

Odinga's next move

Odinga supporters have denounced Monday's result although Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o called for calm as protests in parts of the lakeside town turned violent after Ruto's victory was declared.

Makau Mutua, the head of Odinga's campaign think-tank, said officials of his Azimio La Umoja (Declaration of Unity) Alliance were discussing a course of action.

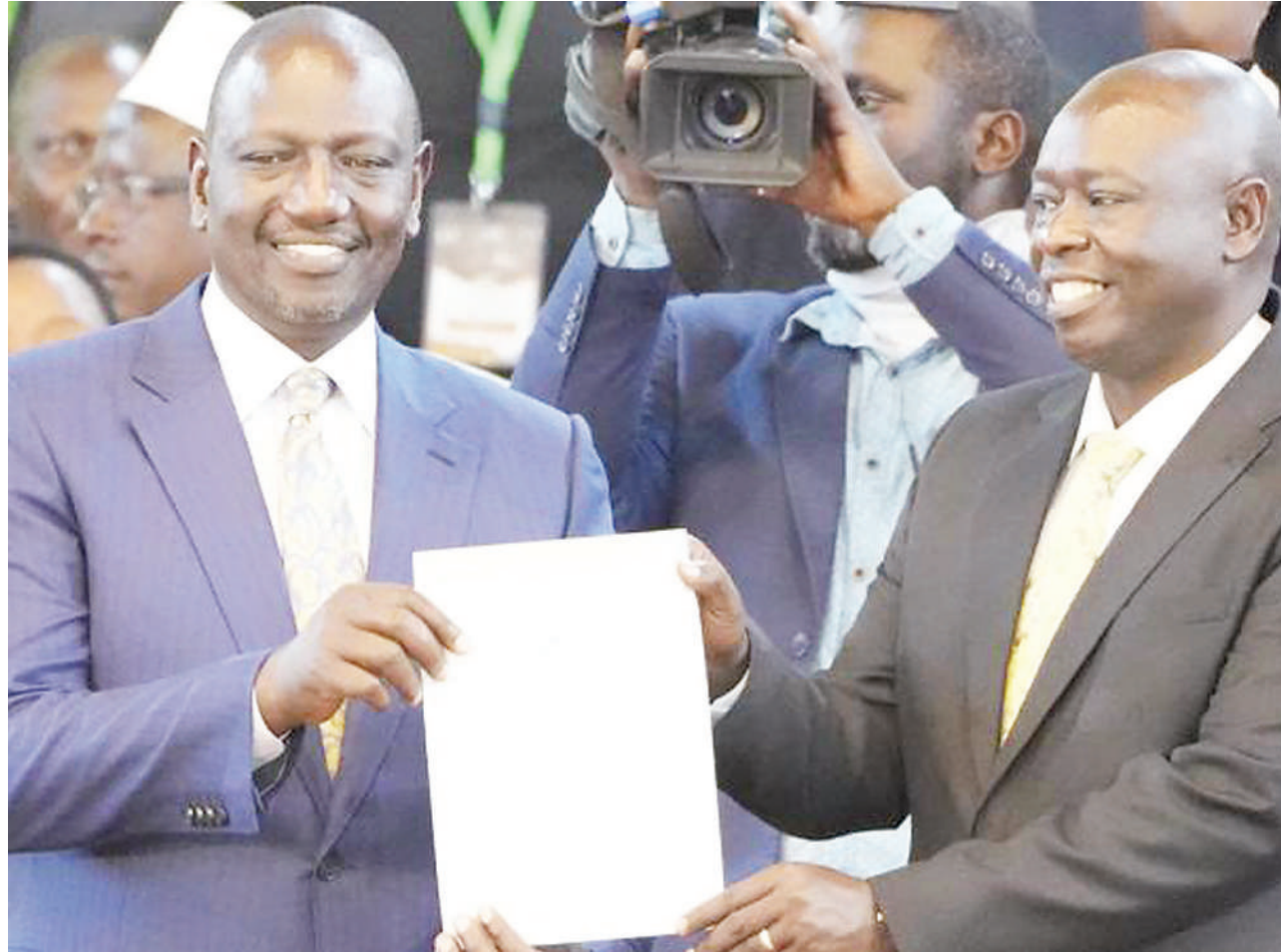
"We are consulting among ourselves," Mutua told Reuters by phone. "It is a top line issue ... all options are on the table. No option has been ruled out at this moment."

He said the message sent by the four commissioners who disowned the results, was that "the chair of the commission does not have the authority to decide unilaterally the final results of the election".

Neither the chairman of the electoral commission, Wafula Chebukati, who declared Ruto the winner with 50.49 percent of the vote against Odinga's 48.5 percent, nor the four commissioners who disowned the results responded to a Reuters request for comment.

Ruto, the current deputy president and head of the Kenya Kwanza (Kenya First) Alliance, had appeared to be leading Odinga as Kenyans awaited final results of the election.

Once in office, he will have to confront an economic and social crisis. Poor Kenyans already reeling from the impact of COVID-19 have been hit by global rises in food and fuel prices while a devastating drought in the north has



William Ruto (left), and his deputy Rigathi Gachagwa, show the certificate after the announcement in the presidential race at the Centre in Bomas, Nairobi, Kenya, on Monday. AP

left 4.1 million people dependent on food aid.

The 55-year-old had made Kenya's class divisions the centerpiece of his campaign to become Kenya's fifth president, promising to reward low-income "hustlers."

Anxious wait

In Kisumu, the mood was subdued, with many shops shuttered and roads dotted with large stones and marks from burned tyres.

Some residents said they were waiting for Odinga's signal.

Nancy Achieng arrived on Tuesday morning to find the wooden stall from which she sold foods at the side of the road in the Kondele neighborhood destroyed.

"I've lost the election and I've also lost my business," said Achieng, who had been selling beans, chapati and roasted maize there for two years. "I don't even know where

I'm going to get the cash from (to rebuild)." Across the road stood a supermarket with its windows broken.

Achieng said she might protest on Tuesday, depending on what sort of statement Odinga and his party made.

"We need him to speak soon ... there is a lot of anxiety," she said.

UK first to approve Omicron COVID shot with Moderna nod

LONDON

BRITAIN, the first country to approve a coronavirus vaccine in late 2020, has now also given the first green light to a variant-adapted shot that targets both the original and Omicron version of the virus.

The UK medicines regulator gave the so-called bivalent vaccine made by US drug company Moderna conditional approval as a booster for adults on Monday.

Later on Monday, the UK's Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation backed the use of the variant-adapted shot in the country's booster campaign starting September.

The MHRA's Moderna decision was based on clinical trial data that showed the booster triggered "a strong immune response" against both Omicron (BA.1) and the original virus, it said. Moderna in June said trial data showed that when given as a

fourth dose, the variant-adapted shot raised virus-neutralizing antibodies by eight-fold against Omicron.

The MHRA also cited an exploratory analysis in which the shot was found to generate a "good immune response" against the currently dominant Omicron offshoots BA.4 and BA.5.

According to Moderna, trial data showed its variant-adapted booster generated virus-neutralizing antibody levels against the

subvariants that were 1.69 times higher than those given the original booster.

However, the correlation between neutralizing antibody levels and vaccine effectiveness against disease - in particular severe disease - remains unclear. No serious safety concerns were identified with the new Moderna formulation, the MHRA added on Monday. While existing COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide good protection against hospital

admissions and death, vaccine effectiveness has taken a hit as the virus has evolved.

"What this bivalent vaccine gives us is a sharpened tool in our armoury to help protect us against this disease as the virus continues to evolve," MHRA Chief Executive June Raine said in a statement.

However, the virus is unlikely to stand still and Omicron-targeted immunity might push the virus down other evolutionary

paths, added Jonathan Ball, professor of molecular virology at the University of Nottingham. European Medicines Agency officials expect COVID variant-adapted vaccines to be approved in the European Union by September, and have signalled the regulator is open to using shots targeting the older BA.1 variant this autumn, given those specifically targeting newer subvariants are further behind in clinical development. **Agencies**

Culture of 'Gypsies of the sea' well protected in China's Hainan province

THEY live on junks and boats. They build boat dwellings and make a living by fishing. They are the Tanka people, also known as the "gypsies of the sea."

The Tanka people are Han Chinese. Living on seawater for generations, they have developed unique customs different from those on land, such as wedding ceremonies hosted on the water and Tanka ditties, a type of short simple song that expresses the emotions of the Tanka people.

In Xincun township of Lingshui Li autonomous county in the southernmost province of Hainan, there are several "floating villages" inhabited by the Tanka people. At present, the township is home to 456 seafood farms and 1,475 junks. There are over 5,000 Tankas living and working on the sea in the township.

At the port of Xincun township, rows of houseboats are floating by the shore, and beyond them are many seafood farms, which are made of net cages. These houseboats and seafood farms, adjacent to each other, form a broad "floating village."

As small as these houseboats are, they have everything from living rooms and bedrooms to kitchens and bathrooms. They offer a place for fishermen to rest after spending a tiring day on the sea.

To better facilitate transportation in the floating village, the Tanka people invented "taxi boats" that shuttle between seafood farms and the port, and the taxi boats are frequently taken by villagers,



Photo shows a "floating village" of the Tanka community in Xincun township, Lingshui Li autonomous county, south China's Hainan province. File photo

students and tourists.

The Tanka people living at the Xincun port pursue their traditional livelihood of fishing. Fishermen go fishing at dawn and return to the port just hours later to sell their harvests, while their family members staying at home sort the catches, wash seafood farms and weave fishing nets.

The Tanka people always sing the Tanka ditties, or the "salt-water songs," one of the most known types of folk music in Hainan province. The ditties carry the memories and express the emotions of the Tanka community.

To protect and inherit the Tanka culture and make it into a cultural industry, Lingshui Li autonomous county has taken

great efforts to restore the marine ecology and encourage fishermen to move onshore, as well as develop deepwater fishery and seaside leisure businesses. The county, combining culture and tourism, is striving for both ecological and economic benefits.

Cleaning the polluted seawater and tidying up the seafood farms, the Xincun port has gone through drastic changes and is embracing an increasing number of visitors.

A museum of Tanka culture is currently under construction and B&Bs with Tanka characteristics are also developing. It is reported that the museum, together with other tourist attractions in Hainan, such as the Nanwan Monkey

Island and the Xinying Mangrove National Wetland Park, will jointly form a network that promotes local tourism clusters and enhances regional economic strength.

Shen Xiaoming, Party chief of Hainan, said during an inspection tour to Lingshui Li autonomous county that the autonomous county should shoulder the responsibility of protecting and developing the Tanka culture and develop new business models centering on the characteristics of the Tanka community.

According to him, Lingshui Li autonomous county will develop a series of tourism projects to better inherit and protect the Tanka culture. **People's Daily**

Russian military commanders strictly follow Geneva conventions, Shoigu says

PARK PATRIOT

THE observance of the Geneva conventions during the Russian special operation in Ukraine is the priority for Russian Army's commanders at all levels, Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu said yesterday.

"I would like to separately speak about the humanitarian aspects of the special military operation," Shoigu said speaking at the 10th Moscow Conference on International Security. "The observance of the Geneva conventions on the rules of warfare in the focus of commanders at all levels."

"Since the launch of the operation relevant orders were issued stipulating the guidelines for military personnel's conduct in regard to civilians and enemy's prisoners," he said.

According to Shoigu, Russian troops are actively involved in deliveries of humanitarian cargo to the liberated

territories, in the restoration of the infrastructure and maintenance of the public order.

"This is how it was in Syria, in Nagorno Karabakh and this is how it is now in Donbass," the minister stated.

Shoigu also said that the ministry is very grateful to the United Nations and The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for their constructive and depoliticized cooperation in regard to the humanitarian aid deliveries during the special military operation.

The situation along the line of engagement in Donbass escalated on February 17. The Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) reported the most massive bombardments by the Ukrainian military in recent months, which damaged civilian infrastructure and caused civilian casualties.

On February 21, President Vladimir Putin announced that Moscow was recognizing the sovereignty of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics. Russia signed agreements on friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance with their leaders. Moscow recognized the Donbass republics in accordance with the DPR and LPR constitutions within the boundaries of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions as of the beginning of 2014.

Russian President Putin announced on February 24 that in response to a request by the heads of the Donbass republics for assistance he had made a decision to carry out a special military operation in Ukraine. The Russian leader stressed that Moscow had no plans of occupying Ukrainian territories, noting that the operation was aimed at the demilitarization and demilitarization of Ukraine.

The DPR and the LPR launched an operation to liberate their territories under Kiev's control.



Russian Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu

SPORT



Yanga's followers cheer when the club confronted age-old rival, Simba SC, in the 2022/23 Premier League's curtain raiser, the Community Shield clash, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga won 2-1. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Why 2022/23 Premier League title race is set to be thriller

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

LAST Saturday's sensational Community Shield clash, a curtain-raiser for Mainland Premier League, known as NBC Premier League, laid down a tremendous marker for the top-flight campaign ahead.

The Community Shield encounter had Yanga confronting age-old rival Simba, in which Yanga commanded a 2-1 win.

The NBC Premier League's big kick-off is set for a spectacular round of opening day fixtures this week.

Will Yanga do a record-extending 29th Premier League title? Well, the defending champions face fierce competition with Simba SC and Azam FC all exceedingly well equipped to steal the NBC Premier League title away from Jangwani Street club.

Arafat Haji, Yanga vice-president, recently spoke with confidence about the new season: "We are ready to defend all our titles. We have to repeat last season's success and go a step higher."

The pressure is on Yanga, but that is what they thrive on. However, they look set to face tough competition from several directions this season and know one of Simba SC and Azam FC will be there to pounce if the defending champions do not get it right.

The defending champions have strengthened to add greater depth and quality to their squad to try and prevent any slips, with the signings of Congolese international Joyce Lomalisa in the left full-back, Burundian Gael Bigirimana in defensive midfield, Burkinabe Stephane Aziz Ki, Bernard Morrison, and Zambian Lazarus Kambole upfront.

Despite the comings and goings, club top scorer Fiston Mayele will still be the focal point of everything in the team.

The Congolese international will be hoping for a little more support from another center forward this time around.

Congolese international Yannick Bangala has penned a new deal until 2024 on the back of his excellent debut season at Yanga which saw him voted the NBC Premier League's Player of the Season. Compatriot Djuma Shaban has done the same.

Yanga's evolution and improvement should re-energize a squad at the top of their sport.

Vodacom awards one-year insurance cover to people with special needs, dependants at CRDB Bank Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

VODACOM Tanzania, the leading technology service company in the country, on Sunday awarded three winners with special needs an insurance cover known as 'Faraja Yangu' under 'VodaBima' product that will cover them and their three dependants for one year, in the CRDB Bank Marathon in which the cover is worth about 30m/-.

The CRDB Marathon which is themed 'Kasi Isambazayo Tabasamu' was organized in partnership with Vodacom Tanzania Foundation and other partners in which Vodacom dished out 10m/- for the event.

The beneficiaries of the overall monies raised are Comprehensive Community-Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) and the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

The monies will go towards treating women with fistula at CCBRT and covering surgery costs for underprivileged children with cardiac diseases getting treatment at JKCI.

Vice-President Phillip Mpango who was the guest of honour handed over cheques to Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute and CCBRT Hospital executives.

The VP stated: "The government's policy prioritizes mother and child health. I am relieved to see that this race is aimed at helping

Making it to the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage is the focus for Yanga this season, although anything less than the top spot domestically will be a disappointment for a team aiming to set higher standards.

The club's head coach Nasreddine Nabi who guided them to their 28th top flight crown, finishing 13 points clear of Simba last season, has renewed his contract with the club.

There is not much new to say Nabi, he will demand perfection and anything less will leave him furious.

For Simba, although they finished as runners-up last term, 2021/22 was a disappointing campaign for those in Red and White.

They have now reset things for the coming season, including bringing in a new head coach in Zoran Maki.

The club made it very clear coach Maki has been given the mandate to reclaim the Premier League title, Federation Cup, and Community Shield, as well as make it to the 2022/23 CAF Champions League group stage.

Ahmed Ally, Simba SC information officer said: "Coach Maki has signed a one-year contract with an option to extend, but we will only extend the contract if he achieves the set goals."

The official revealed: "We want to reclaim the Premier League title, the Azam Sports Federation Cup, and the Community Shield. In the CAF Champions League, we want to reach the semi-finals."

For Azam FC, while there would not be much public talk about a title push, they do have a team on paper that could have a say.

The squad has the quality and impressive depth after having good signings, though there is a touch of the unknown about Azam FC this season, with head coach Abdihamid Moallin starting a first full campaign at the Chamazi-based side.

His objective is to turn the one-time champions into serious title contenders again.

A person feels the coach has been given the tools for the job, but he has to get them clicking over a full 30 matchdays.

It is something football followers in the country have not seen from talented Azam FC since the club's title-winning side of the 2013/14 season.

to strengthen this area by making sure the intended goal is achieved."

He went on to urge other institutions and stakeholders to continue such support to help vulnerable communities, especially women, children, and the elderly.

Rosalynn Mworira, Vodacom's Corporate Affairs Director who is also Vodacom Tanzania Foundation Director said: "Vodacom aims to raise awareness on its 'VodaBima' products and get more users to use the service and products offered and the benefits that come from accessing insurance products through 'VodaBima'."

She said the main aim is to build inclusivity in all aspects of Tanzanians' lives and more specifically in financial services and economic activity.

According to Rosalynn, with insurance now being available via mobile services, it will serve to get more Tanzanians who otherwise would miss this vital service to get the coverage they deserve and need.

The official pointed out that the insurance cover under the 'Faraja Yangu' product that was presented to the winners and their three dependants will cover three areas, life insurance, hospital cash, and personal accident.

SPORTS

Yanga serves fair notice of its intentions

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipoke

LAST Saturday the traditional curtain-raiser to the new season took place at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, with Yanga taking on their fierce foes Simba SC in a one-off face-off.

With bragging rights being up for grabs, both teams headed into the encounter with a steely resolve to carry the day and set the tone for a brand new league campaign.

On D-Day, the atmosphere at the stadium was electric as the assemblage of fans who support both teams shouted themselves hoarse to back their team.

Thankfully, the clash fully lived up to its top billing as both teams played an entertaining brand of football in what was a genuinely pulsating encounter.

Sorrowfully, though, at the end of the day, Simba SC fans were left decidedly out of sorts as Yanga emerged victorious with a 2-1 win over the Msimbazi Street side.

Regarding the bigger picture, though, one fervently hopes that the new 2022/23 football season serves up a tsunami of thrills and spills as all teams in our national top-tier league fine-tune their preparations for the new campaign.

Having put that issue to bed, let us now revisit our standout displays at the recently concluded Birmingham Commonwealth Games which saw us claim a respectable number of three medals. Indeed, just like our silver-winning marathoner Alphonse Simbu recently remarked, our sublime showings at this year's Commonwealth Games were the product of lengthy, intensive, and thorough preparations.

At this juncture, it is critical to point out that there is no complicated science that one has to master to ensure that a grand haul of medals is unflinchingly and successfully secured at prestigious sporting championships.

The ideal blueprint for glorious success across the extensive spectrum of sports can be boiled down to three all-important watchwords, preparation, preparation and yet even more preparation.

Thus, even though it took us ages to firmly grasp the simple lesson that preparation or the lack thereof can either make or break a team's overall performance at a sporting event, it



Yanga's Congolese attacker, Fiston Mayele, jubilates after scoring against Simba SC in the 2022/23 Premier League's curtain raiser, the Community Shield clash, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga garnered a 2-1 victory. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

is vital that we now continue in the same laudable vein where our preparations for competitions are concerned. As noted earlier on these pages, the fact that the authorities have thrown their weight solidly behind local sports is a heartwarming development.

Having said that though, it is crucial to recognize that there are some sports on the local scene that have experienced a downturn in fortunes.

Indeed, these sports which are in dire straits are mostly low-profile games that are in sore need of a shot in the arm.

They include table tennis, field hockey, volleyball,

badminton, and squash among a few others. In addition to being beleaguered by chronic cash-flow crises, these sports are also facing an alarming level of stagnation as tournaments hardly ever take place these days. In light of this, one would like to call upon the authorities, well-wishers and would-be sponsors to join forces and support the aforementioned sports, which are ailing and in great need of rapid attention.

Gymkhana golfer out to realising consistency in tourneys

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN professional golfer Neema Olomi, the second overall winner of this season's Coast Open golf tournament which took place in Kenya, has noted the tournament has strengthened her.

Neema issued the comments after returning, having taken part in the showdown that was held in Mombasa.

"This competition was very difficult, it has however increased my motivation to work hard in other competitions," Neema revealed.

The golfer noted the event was highly competitive because of the presence of the best players that came from various parts of the region.

"I came up against prominent performers from Kenya and Uganda I was not lucky to be the champion of this competition," Neema noted.

The performer stated this season's Coast Open showdown was held in five courses, namely Leisure, Mombasa, Nyali, Malindi, and Vipingo.

Neema mentioned the results she got at the showdown, revealing she secured first place at the Leisure Club event after notching a 76 gross score, and, at the Mombasa Club she was third after scoring 78 gross.

The competition held at Nyali which witnessed contenders play a 36-hole event in the morning and afternoon, culminated with Neema ending eighth.

She later notched a 79-gross score in the morning at Nyali Club and in the afternoon, she got a 76-gross score.

She went on to score 83 gross and 85 gross respectively when the performer participated in the event at Malindi and Vipingo clubs.

Six players from Tanzania including the golfers turning out for the national women's team, Hawa Wanyeché and Angel Eaton participated in it.

Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU) Secretary-General congratulated Neema for finishing second in the international competition.

After the completion of this season's Coast Open in Kenya, the golfers will take part in another high-profile showdown, namely the All Africa Challenge Trophy (AACT), slated for



Neema Olomi

September 5-8 at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's course.

Kenya's team consisting of popular golfers including Naomi Wafula, Joyce Wanjiru, and Chanelle Wangari was present at the Coast Open to form a squad that will participate in the coming showdown.

One of the biggest golf stakeholders from Mombasa, Joel Nyakundi, said that aspect which will help golf players from Uganda and Kenya is their participation in various competitions on

regular basis, as opposed to their Tanzanian counterparts.

Nyakundi issued the statement, pointing out that there has so far not been intensive preparation made for Tanzania women's golf team.

"I have seen every player play in her club, I know this situation can cause problems for them in the tournament, given it is understood that Tanzania is the host of the tournament," the stakeholder revealed.

Ten Hag discovering the mess he has inherited at Man United

By STEVE DOUGLAS

MAYBE Ralf Rangnick was right, after all. Maybe Manchester United does require soccer's equivalent of "open-heart surgery" to fix the glut of issues currently afflicting England's biggest club.

That was the blunt assessment offered in April by Rangnick, United's interim manager at the time, as he prepared to hand over the coaching reins to Erik ten Hag ahead of this season.

And it's taken just two painful Premier League games for Ten Hag to understand quite the mess he has joined.

Underperforming and – in certain cases – unmotivated players. An imbalanced, poorly assembled squad. A faltering recruitment team unable to bring in its primary targets. American owners increasingly loathed by the fans.

Ten Hag, meanwhile, is adding to his own problems with some questionable decision-making in his first weeks in English soccer.

"Rubbish" was one of the words the Dutchman used to describe United's abysmal performance in its 4-0 loss at Brentford on Saturday that marked a new low point in the club's recent history.

Moments after the final whistle at Brentford Community Stadium, as the joyous home fans celebrated one of their team's best ever results, Ten Hag was seen standing motionless on the touchline, both arms behind his back, unable to believe what had transpired.

Ten Hag didn't flinch as a moody-looking Cristiano Ronaldo walked past, or as he was serenaded with chants of "You're getting sacked in the morning" from Brentford supporters.

Sunday was supposed to be a day off for United's players but Ten Hag insisted they come in for training, with British broadcaster Sky Sports reporting that the manager wanted to make his players run 13.8 kilometers, matching the difference in total distance the two teams ran during Saturday's match.

These are still very early days in the Ten Hag era but the problems are mounting, some of them of the Dutchman's making.

Why, for example, was Christian Eriksen – a midfielder playmaker – deployed as a "false nine" in the 2-1 home loss to Brighton on the opening weekend, then as a deep-lying midfielder against Brentford?

Was Lisandro Martinez, a short center back in modern-day terms, the wisest pur-

chase for nearly \$58 million considering the renowned physicality of the Premier League? Exposed against Brentford, he didn't make it out for the second half.

Why is Harry Maguire, clearly lacking in self-confidence on the field, still United's captain when he shouldn't really be assured of a starting spot?

Then again, Ten Hag hasn't been helped by those above him. How has United gone into the new season without a new holding midfielder, a position the team has desperately needed to upgrade for years? United looks likely to miss out on Frenkie de Jong despite a summer-long pursuit of the Barcelona midfielder and still must rely on the underwhelming Fred and Scott McTominay.

Indeed, upgrades are needed all over the team, especially in attack with uncertainty still swirling around Ronaldo, who pushed for a move away during the off-season and – despite his renowned goalscoring prowess – doesn't have the mobility to suit a typical Ten Hag-managed team.

With Anthony Martial injured, Ronaldo is United's only out-and-out striker and played the full game against Brentford even though he cannot have been match-sharp. Tellingly, he left the field without even looking at Ten Hag.

Also notable Saturday were some of the banners held up by United supporters at Brentford calling for the departure of the Glazer family, the club's owners. "Time 2 Go, Glazers Out" read one, and the atmosphere promises to be toxic when United returns to Old Trafford next week for its third match of the season.

That is on Monday against fierce rival Liverpool, which scored nine goals against United across two games last season in humiliatingly one-sided meetings. The previous season, a protest against the Glazer family forced the unprecedented postponement of the Premier League game against Liverpool at Old Trafford after the stadium was stormed and thousands more supporters blocked access into the venue as they demanded the Americans – buyers in 2005 in a leveraged takeover – sell the club.

Loss to Liverpool and that would mean United opening the season with three straight defeats. The last Ajax coach to join a Premier League team was Frank de Boer, who lost his first four matches in charge of Crystal Palace and was promptly fired after the team struggled to adapt to his tactics and demands.

Why Premier League would be foolish to ban Tuchel, Conte for full-time feud

By Gab Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

WATCHING Antonio Conte and Thomas Tuchel square off at the final whistle following Chelsea's 2-2 draw with Spurs on Sunday, the mind went back to another handshake gone bad involving Conte at Stamford Bridge.

It was October 2016 and Conte was in charge of Chelsea, who had just thrashed Jose Mourinho's Manchester United 4-0. Like on Sunday, Conte was looking for a quick shake of the hands, nothing more, and like on Sunday, the opposing manager wouldn't let go until he had given him a piece of his mind. Mourinho told Conte, who had celebrated long and hard after each goal, that it was inappropriate to behave like this after such a big victory – advice of the "act like you've been there before" variety.

Unlike on Sunday, Conte simply looked nonplussed and a little confused. But it was the first spark in a what would turn into a nasty, needling feud that would degenerate into Mourinho saying he "did not need to act like a clown" on the sideline, Conte suggesting his rival was suffering from "senile dementia" (Chelsea would later suggest he meant "amnesia" instead), Mourinho referring to Conte's four-month ban for failure to report match-fixing (even though he was later acquitted) and Conte saying Mourinho was "a small, small man."

That felt like real aggro – genuine bile between two men who don't like each other. In wrestling parlance, this was no work, but a genuine shoot.

Tuchel and Conte? Not so much, which is why it would be silly if the Premier League were to follow up with a touchline ban after both men were sent off. It's not as if their anger at the final whistle wasn't real, because it was; it's just that this is unlikely to devolve into anything like the Conte-Mourinho feud. It came and it went. These two guys are too laser-focused and not calculating enough to play mind games via the media or mess with each other's heads. They are more alike than they care to admit.

It's true that they'd gotten in each other's faces earlier in the game,



Chelsea's head coach Thomas Tuchel argues with Tottenham's head coach Antonio Conte during the English Premier League soccer match between Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge Stadium in London, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022. (AP Photo)

and that Tuchel was equally furious at the officiating and gutted that his team had conceded an injury time equalizer. Conte gives off the impression that he treats the postgame handshake the way he treats the nod you might direct at the doorman of a hotel as you walk inside.

Sure, it's polite and what's expected, but you don't know the guy, he doesn't know you and deep down, neither of you care if you exchange nods. But that's what society – or, in this case, the Premier League – expects, so he'll play along. Just don't ask him to pretend it means anything, that it has anything to do with respect, or even that it is somehow a chance for him and his opposite number to share a laugh and their thoughts on the game.

That's where the breakdown came. Tuchel was emotional; he had things to get off his chest and felt slighted when Conte gave the most perfunctory of shakes without even looking at him. To Conte, it was about going through the motions. It's not a form of respect when everybody does it.

Conte knows whom he respects and whom he doesn't. (My guess is he has a ton of respect for Tuchel, both as a man and as a coach, and

the question of showing it via a postgame ritual performed after every single game doesn't even cross his mind.) As for the post-handshake melee, we can probably take Conte at face value. He sensed aggression when Tuchel wouldn't let go and he hit back because when you're aggressive with him, he's aggressive back.

And Tuchel? Well, he's been wound tighter than a drum for the past six months. From Chelsea's battle for a Champions League spot at the end of last season, to the sanctions imposed on the club, to Roman Abramovich (and Marina Granovskaia and Bruce Buck and Petr Cech) leaving, to the uncertainty of this summer's transfer window when it's basically been him and Todd Boehly running the show, he's had a ton on his plate, which may explain why he looks more gaunt than usual.

(Lest we forget, Boehly – for all his goodwill, financial savvy and learning-on-the-fly smarts – is a guy who, until the spring, thought of a dugout primarily as a place where guys in spikes and baseball caps chew gum ... that's how steep his learning curve is.) So yeah, if Tuchel does get emotional and boil over a little, I think

we can be a little bit understanding, no? Besides, the Premier League walks a fine line here. On the one hand, it wants managers to maintain decorum and respect. On the other, these types of flashpoints fuel interest and are part of the show.

It's not just the ex-pros-turned-pundits waxing about the passion of the best league in the world, and how brilliant the Premier League is as it approaches its 30th birthday (yes, some do lay it on a bit thick), but it's the simple fact of seeing two middle-aged men acting like teens outside a high school dance that reminds us: For all their professionalism, these guys really, really care.

It doesn't matter that they're multimillionaires many times over or that in a few years, they'll be coaching somewhere else. Right here, right now, they are as invested as any of the players or fans. And that's what drives the show.

There's no reason to punish that. Both are big boys who know they have nothing to gain from a feud. It ends here.

And if it doesn't? Well, then that's when you can throw the book at them. But a touchline ban now would simply be performative from the Premier League. You could say it would be as performative as a postgame handshake.

Liverpool rally for Palace draw after Nunez red

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LIVERPOOL came back from a goal down to draw 1-1 with Crystal Palace after Darwin Nunez was shown a straight red card at Anfield on Monday night.

Jurgen Klopp's side came into the match after starting the Premier League season with a disappointing 2-2 draw against Fulham and, despite dominating the opening half hour, fell behind when Wilfried Zaha beat Alisson with a fine finish following a quick-hitting counter from Palace. Best and worst Premier League kits of last 30 years

The visitors fought off a late flurry of chances from Liverpool – who took 17 shots in the opening 45 minutes – as half-time approached and took their 1-0 lead into the dressing room.

Matters got worse for the hosts as they chased a second-half equaliser when Nunez was shown a straight red card for head-butting Palace defender Joachim Andersen shortly before the hour mark, leaving his team to chase the game with just 10 players.

Liverpool got back on level terms minutes later despite going down a man with a brilliant individual effort from Luis Diaz, who picked up the ball on the left flank, beat multiple Palace defenders as he tiptoed across the top of the penalty area and unleashed an unstoppable shot past Palace keeper Vicente Guaita.

Zaha had a glorious chance to put Palace back in the lead in the 78th minute, but his shot at the back post from Cheick Oumar Doucoure's cross through the area went wide of Alisson's net and the teams were forced to settle for a draw.

"Obviously we always want to win our games and especially at home," Liverpool midfielder James Milner said after the match. "I thought we started pretty well and then we lost our way a bit in the middle. They've obviously got quality, they're always going to cause you problems on the break, which we could have defended better."

The result leaves Liverpool in 12th place on two points from their first two matches, four behind leaders Manchester City, while Palace sit in 16th with a single point.

Liverpool also saw their streak of nine straight wins in Premier League home openers snapped and failed to win either of their first two top-flight matches for the first time

since 2012-13.

Palace boss Patrick Vieira was delighted to leave Anfield with a point, despite having an extra man for the last 30 minutes.

"Overall we keep our organisation our discipline – this is a really tough place to come and try to perform," Vieira said. "It was a really good team performance and I'm really happy with the team, the way they played today."

Meanwhile, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp was left facing a striker crisis following a straight card for new signing Darwin Nunez in a 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace on Monday, with fellow forwards Roberto Firmino and Diogo Jota already missing through injury.

Starting his first Premier League game since arriving from Benfica in the close season, the red mist descended on Nunez in the second half when he headbutted defender Joachim Andersen, which resulted in a dismissal and a likely three-match ban.

That leaves Klopp short of striking talent ahead of the visit to Old Trafford next Monday to face Manchester United.

"It's really tricky in a moment with injuries and players with little things and how you manage them and all those kinds of things," Klopp said.

"We have to use the next week to maybe bring one or two back. I'm not sure if we can do that. But now we lost Darwin today. That doesn't help. Bobby [Firmino] might be ready for next week," he added.

Firmino missed Monday's game at Anfield as a precautionary measure and, though Nunez's ban will force Klopp to shake up his squad, the German coach was mild in his criticism of the Uruguay international.

"It's absolutely not a reaction you want to see. I don't know exactly how long he will be suspended, but that's the situation and so we will use it for physical work – not as punishment – just to make him even stronger," Klopp said.

Liverpool winger Luis Diaz struck a brilliant equaliser four minutes after the sending-off and the Colombia international may have to shoulder more of the attacking burden away to United.

"Incredible, incredible goal, and of course, we needed that," Klopp said.

(Agencies)

Willian's exit from Corinthians due to threats, online abuse should be a lesson for Brazilian football

By Tim Vickery, ESPN South America correspondent

AFTER an admittedly disappointing spell with Arsenal, Brazilian winger Willian had a romantic idea of going back home and joining Corinthians, the Sao Paulo club where he developed before heading to Europe in 2007. His time back home was not an unmitigated disaster on the field. He probably expected to score more than one goal. Injuries did not help. But he had his moments and Corinthians, while never brilliant, have at least been solid.

But it is all over. Willian (pictured) had a contract until the end of next year. But last week he ripped it up. He will not be back, he said. Not with Corinthians, or with any other club in his native country. He hopes to return to London, where he has been linked with Fulham.

The priority, though, is to find a new club outside of Brazil – and the sincerity with which he is dealing with the subject is both entirely positive and a warning to Brazilian football.

"I'm leaving because of the threats that I and mainly my family suffered," he told Globo Esporte last week. "The threats never stopped. Whenever Corinthians lost, and if I hadn't played well, my family would receive threats and curses on social media. It happened to my wife, my daughter, and after a while they started attacking my father and my sister."

"I didn't come to Brazil to be threatened or to have my family threatened. It caused a big impact and a mental cost, especially on my daughters."

He was by no means the only player in his team to suffer this kind of treatment. But in his case there is an important difference. He was away for 15 years. Coming back quickly for holidays is one thing. Returning to play for a big club like Corinthians is quite



another.

The country he left in 2007 is not the one he went home to in 2022. While he was making his name at European clubs Shakhtar Donetsk, Chelsea and Arsenal, social media was making its presence felt.

The problem here is the space and the impact that social media gives to certain fans who mistake online abuse and criticism for passion. All too often, conventional media also finds its agenda driven by this type of interaction – the spectacle means nothing, the result is the "be all and end all." The force of passion, its potential dangers ignored, becomes seen as a virtue in itself.

For this reason, one of Willian's observations is especially important.

"The situation is becoming normalised," he said, "and aggressions are being romanticised."

An absence of a decade and a half gave Willian perspective. Threats and aggressions were unacceptable, and in his time with Corinthians he would go down to the police station to register complaints. But like frogs slowly being boiled in water, too many in Brazilian football have become accustomed to the rising temperature in which the game is being played and watched, and excesses of anger have come to be seen as unremarkable expressions of the passion that keeps the circus on the road.

And it is not just words. Teams are being attacked by fans on the way to the stadium, including by their own supporters. They are being attacked by their own fans at airports after flying back from a disappointing game. They are being attacked by their own fans at the training ground.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Azam FC takes aim at tricky Kagera Sugar

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC will aim to win against tricky Kagera Sugar when the teams meet in an opening round of 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam today evening, kick-off at 19h00.

Kagera Sugar has been a tricky opponent for Azam FC in recent seasons, the latter have lost two of their last five matches against Kagera Sugar.

Last season Kagera Sugar claimed a 1-0 home win in Bukoba, while the return game ended in a thrilling 0-0 draw at Azam Complex Stadium.

Last season was a disaster at Azam Complex Stadium, but Azam FC did ultimately secure CAF Confederation Cup qualification on the final day of the campaign.

Ahead of his first full campaign in charge, Azam FC head coach Abdihamid Moallin called for decisive action in the transfer market.

There has been a flurry of transfer activity at Azam FC and a person would expect them to start the new campaign with high hopes.

Azam FC will be pleased with what they have done so far in the window, nine arrivals, couple these signings with a series of departures, and the squad is going to look very different in the 2022/23 season.

Azam FC has built up a lot of expectations for the coming season, given the number of players they have recruited and the upgraded technical bench at the helm, the onus is on the team to mount a credible title challenge and Kagera Sugar will be their first test of the season.

Thabit Zakaria, Azam FC information officer paid respect to Kagera Sugar while at the same expressing confidence in getting the desired results.

The official noted: "The team is gelling together on the pitch with every passing day. We don't know what Kagera Sugar is, we don't know what to expect, what changes they have made while they have watched us and have a better chance to analyze and prepare to battle against us... we have to work to do against them."

Zakaria said: "However football is about two things, one is making sure your opponent does not score more goals than you and the second is not conceding more than your opponent."

Azam FC's new signing Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' will miss the opener after suffering an injury in pre-season training in Egypt. Winger Iddy Selemán 'Nado' is continuing his recovery from an ACL injury suffered in October but is back in the gym.

In head-to-head stats, Azam FC and Kagera Sugar have met in 24 league matches, the Ice Cream Makers have claimed 14 wins compared to five for their visitors, while five matches have ended in a draw.



Alliance Caravans' all-rounder Akhil Anil (L) receives the Man of the Match award from Gautam Raghani of Black & Decker firm when the former's side came up against Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club in 2022 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans Cup tournament last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Alliance Caravans stretch winning run in 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup

By Guardian Reporter

ALLIANCE Caravans comfortably secured a seven-wicket victory over Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club in the Group B match of the ongoing Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, held at Leaders Club last weekend.

Electing to bat first after winning the toss, Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club began its campaign against Alliance Caravans by sending openers Kishen Kamania and Riken Patel.

In his second over, Adersh Dileep of Alliance Caravans consumed Kamania by having him caught and bowled for just one run with the team score at six runs.

Riken Patel drove straight to Jitin Pratap Singh from the bowling of Suraj Kumar when the team score was 18 runs.

He could not score in double digits and due to some excellent and economic bowling, batsmen who followed too could not score freely.

Vikram Rathore and Prem Thakkar steadied the boat before getting out at nine runs and 12 runs respectively.

Rathore was caught by Singh off the leg spinner Manoj Kumar and Prem Thakkar was superbly caught by Sreejith off the bowling of off-spinner Akhil Anil.

Except for Ashish Kamania, none of the other batsmen could make a double-digit score and wickets kept falling at regular intervals. The team was bundled out for just 105 runs in the allotted 20 overs.

Ashish Kamania scored a breezy 32 from 17 deliveries which included two fours and three sixes.

For Alliance Caravans, Anil was the most successful bowler who took three wickets conceding just 20 runs from his five overs.

Adersh Dileep was the most economical, conceding just six runs in his three overs and taking the first wicket of Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club.

Suraj Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Kassim Nassoro, and Singh also bowled well and scalped one wicket each.

Set to score 106 runs in 120 deliveries at an asking rate of just 5.3 runs per over, Alliance Caravans cruised well, with their openers Nandakishan Pottachira and Nasib Kelvin scoring over ten runs per over in the first two overs.

Kelvin was the first to get out, clean bowled by Suraj Pala at the team score of 22 runs.

Jitin Pratap Singh joined Pottachira but could not stay long, caught by Vaibhav Patel while attempting a pull from Rathore for just five runs.

Pottachira also could not stay long, hauling the delivery of Rathore to be caught by Arjan Rabadiya in the deep.

At 36 runs for the loss of three wickets in their sixth over, Alliance Caravans looked up to seasoned cricketers Amal Rajeevan and Anil to steady the boat and reach the targeted score of 106 runs.

Both of them scored two boundaries and two sixes each and reached the targeted score in the fourteenth over of the innings, without losing their wickets.

Amal Rajeevan scored 42 runs off 18 deliveries and Akhil Anil's quickfire 29 runs in just 16 balls he faced, ensured that their team continue to occupy the top spot in their league.

Alliance Caravans scored 106 runs for the loss of just three wickets, and won the match by seven wickets.

For Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club, Vikram Rathore's two wickets and Suraj Pala's solitary wicket were the two bowlers who collected the honours of the team's bowling performance.

All other three bowlers, namely Dhey Shah, Virendra Kamania, Arjan Rabadiya, and Ashish Kamania were quite expensive in their unsuccessful campaign to take wickets.

For his superb batting display and taking the most wickets of Black & Decker Upanga Sports Club, Akhil Anil of Alliance Caravans was adjudged the Colorflex Man of the Match award.

Simba SC targets winning start against Geita Gold FC



Simba SC players warm up a few minutes before coming up against age-old rival Yanga in the 2022/23 Premier League's curtain raiser, the Community Shield clash, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Yanga cruised to a 2-1 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC and Geita Gold FC will drop the curtain on game-week one of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League today evening when they take on each other at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The Msimbazi Reds will be hoping to rebound from an unexpected 2-1 defeat to age-old rivals Yanga in the Community Shield clash last weekend.

Ahead of the clash, Ahmed Ally, the club's information officer, said the most important thing for the club going into the start of the league season is for the team to ensure they avoid a repeat of last season by winning convincingly to set the tone for the rest of the campaign.

The official revealed: "It is an important game for us, we are supposed to have a positive start with

three points in this opening game."

He pointed out: "Last season we did not start well, drawing against Biashara United in the opening round and we have learned faltering at this stage cost us in the end."

Ally stated: "This time round we need an emphatic victory for two reasons, to start well because, in the end, the three points matter a lot and also to rebound from the Community Shield loss."

"Our fans are sad, heartbroken, and restless, we must win to put back the smiles on their faces."

Simba SC has not lost any of their last 15 opening games of the NBC Premier League season, winning 13 of them.

Coastal Union was the last team to defeat Simba SC in the opening match of the season, cruising to victory in the 2007/8 season.

Serbian Zoran Maki failed to land his first silverware as Simba SC head coach in a job description that will not only be to secure a record 23rd domestic top-flight

crown, but also make it to the CAF Champions League semi-finals, he just cannot afford to blink against Geita Gold FC today.

Geita Gold FC brought in players like Burundian goalkeeper Arthur Arakaza, Haruna Shante, Congolese Mbaya Kayembe, and Miraji Athumani for the new campaign, while also parting ways with some players.

The imminent exit of prolific striker George Mpole is a huge blow to the squad's head coach Fred Minziro.

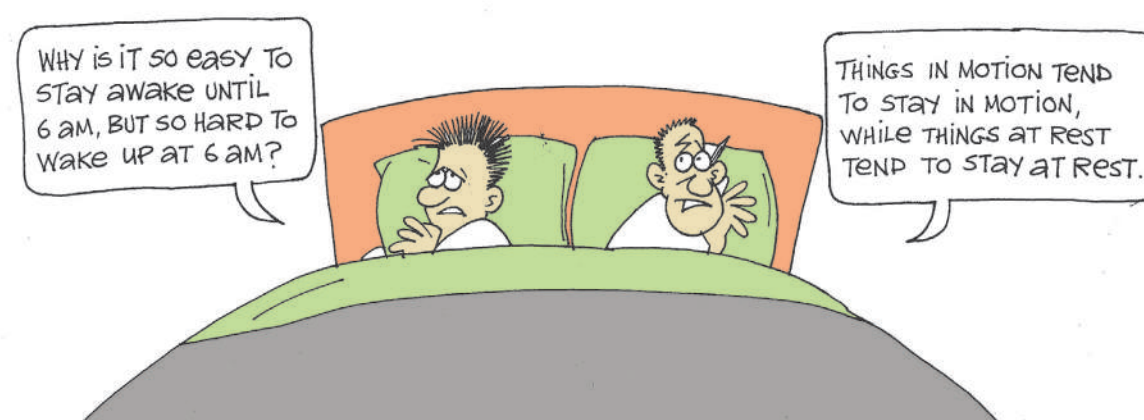
Last season, the forward that also turns out for the national team, Taifa Stars, was their top scorer and talisman.

It will be difficult to replace the influence he had on the team.

In head-to-head stats, Simba SC and Geita Gold FC have met in just two previous league matches.

Both of those encounters took place last season, with Simba SC claiming a 2-1 home win in December last year, while the return game ended in a thrilling 1-1 draw.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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