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# Samia receives Jawaharlal Nehru's doctoral citation

### Donates it to girl children in difficult circumstances

By Guardian Reporter

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday received an honorary doctorate degree (Honoris Causa) from Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, and in turn dedicated it to children, girls in particular, living in difficult surroundings in Tanzania.

Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, said the university has bequeathed President Samia with the degree in recognition of her contribution in boosting Tanzania-India relations, economic diplomacy and everyday lives of Tanzanians, and her achievements regionally and internationally.

India's External Affairs minister, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said the degree is a sign of improvement in Tanzania-India ties, with university authorities affirming that since its establishment in 1969, only two other world leaders have been bestowed with the honour at JNU, namely President Vladimir Putin of Russia and the late former Japanese premier Shinzo Abe.

Receiving the degree, her first from another country, President Samia expressed gratitude to JNU for the honour, saying she is dedicating it to Tanzanian girls living in hard surroundings.

She urged young girls not to lose hope even in difficult surroundings, imploring com-

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Prof Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit (R), Vice Chancellor of India's Jawaharlal Nehru University, confers the university's Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) degree on President Samia Suluhu Hassan in New Delhi yesterday. Looking on (from-L) are the university's Chancellor, Kanwal Sibal, India's External Affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, and his Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship counterpart, Dharmendra Pradhan. Photo courtesy of Indian news agency ANI

## NEMC evaluating gold mine seizure

We do not also know whether there are chemicals that eat us slowly, say after 10, 20 or more years where one feels the effects or die

By Guardian Correspondent, Chunya

THE government is working on taking over Sunshine Mining (T) Ltd gold mine in Chunya District, Mbeya Region whose chemical discharge has for some years been a threat to Matundasi villagers, estimated at upwards of 9,000 people.

Dr Samuel Gwamaka, the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) executive director, said in an interview yesterday that the council was hiring a consultant on the costs of restoring the mining zone environment.

After the study is completed, the government envisages taking over the gold mine with its immovable and movable properties for sale to another company, for the proceeds to be used in environmental restoration.

He said the original firm before opting to quit the area sought to sell the mine to a local company, where NEMC intervened as the local firm would not be aware of the burdens the mining firm has left, and would not bear the costs of environmental restoration.

Interviewed villagers said, people are threatened with cancer and giving birth to deformed children owing to contamination of water sources by discharged chemicals from the.

An online chronicler says Sunshine Silver Mining & Refining (SSMRC) is an American silver company focused on high-grade silver

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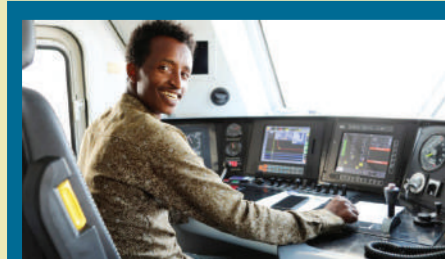
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# Govt alarmed as pangolins stolen, trafficked to Asia

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is committed to providing mentorship facilities for law enforcement officers against rising wildlife trafficking, the govern-

ment has stated.

Dunstan Kitandula, the Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister, made this affirmation at a training session on reducing maritime trafficking of wildlife between Africa and

Asia here yesterday.

The training was organized by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force and the Grace Farms Foundation of the United States, with partici-

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Children living under especially difficult circumstances, including being without families to provide them with care, safety and protection, hold a peaceful march at Ilula in Kilolo District, Iringa Region, yesterday during the launch of a 'Child protection and safety campaign' expected to run for three months. It is a drive jointly organised by Compassion International Tanzania, EAGT's Ilula Child and Youth Development Centre, KLPT's Luganga Child and Youth Development Centre and ELCT's Luganga Child and Youth Development Centre. Kilolo constituency legislator Justin Nyamoga graced the event as chief guest Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## EU, FAO handing over 10.1m euro plant equipment

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

KEY development partners, the European Union and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are collaborating with the government on a 10.1m euros project meant to advancing the country's agricultural prospects.

Lamine Diallo, the head of natural resources for the EU delegation in Tanzania, said yesterday that the collaborative effort is designed to fortify the country's capacity to protect plant health, enhancing food safety standards and agricultural sustainability.

"The EU is proud to partner with Tanzania in strengthening plant health for enhanced food safety," he said at a symbolic handover of essential equipment.

He said it marks a significant milestone in the project for strengthening plant health services in Tanzania for enhanced food safety (STREPHIT).

He said STREPHIT will help the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) to improve the protection of the country's crops

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deposits in geopolitically stable jurisdictions.

The gold mine has been discharging toxic chemicals from its dams storing toxic mud that filters to Lupa River, on which more than 9,000 people in the area are dependent, they said.

The river in turn flows into Lake Rukwa, with chemical residue becoming a threat to a wider range of users among residents, livestock and even plants watered from water drawn from the river.

The mining firm extracts gold from 1.84 sq km of area with a mining licence ML 588/2018 earlier expiring on March 10, 2028.

The director noted that the council was aware of the situation, thus took initial measures to stop production activity in the mine, and then reports of the company seeking to quit were heard.

NEMC has been seeking to create awareness on the best ways to avoid problems caused by discharges, with the chemical spoiling of farming land and toxins in water used by the people in the area are the main grievances, with Sunshine Mining (T) Ltd as the main culprit, the villagers affirmed.

A 65-year-old Ambakisiye John from the same ward said last year he lost several cattle, while fish and frogs were also dying in big numbers in the river due to its water being contaminated by chemicals from the gold mine.

"Many people do not know where to go, to which office, they do not know the location of the environment offices or even the office of the District Commissioner," he said, in response to what

steps were being taken by residents against the threat.

"The officials also do not come to us to see for themselves and talk to the villagers, to tell them of the dangers they are in.

"We do not also know whether there are chemicals that eat us slowly, say after 10, 20 or more years where one feels the effects or die.

"When it rains, the toxic water also flows into water sources from which Lupa River draws its water that we use for drinking and cooking," he said.

John Mwalukaga, another resident said that hands, legs and faces contract burns and itch, raising worries that after some years we will get seriously affected.

"Even the food we eat is also dangerous because we eat the meat of the cattle that drink the toxic water, we do not know what will happen to us later on."

Yohana Ngurukila, the district environment officer said that the mining company had an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) certificate, and were employing an environmental management programme (EMP), except that there were traces of water flowing that I think was coming from a spring," he said.

NEMC also made much effort taking samples for testing even though the results thereon have not come out, he said.

Salum Said Kassim, the Sunshine Mining human resources manager said the dams with toxic mud have special pipes and we set the water level. "When the dams are full of water, water cannot flow out, it will be recycled back to the plant for storage," he added.

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not simply a country but an extended family member simply separated by a coastline, "a strategic ally, a dependable partner and a friend for all seasons."

She was dedicating the honour to the children owing to the actual environment she underwent during primary school upwards, noting that she succeeded as a result of many dreams.

She referred to the eyes and hands of other people who spotted the ability in her, "took care of me and held my hands for guidance." She was grateful to her parents, family, the ruling party and the Tanzanian people for their contributions to enabling her to reach this utmost stage in life.

"This degree is reminding me very far back when I was still in school as a child in the village I was born - Kizimkazi Village in Unguja when my mother was a housewife and my father a school teacher.

"I thank them for giving me time that enabled me to realise my dreams in education, politics," as it finally led to attaining the highest position on the land.

The honour comes with responsibility and expectations as it is a call to action, "a call to leverage the privilege that it confers for the betterment of the world.

It is a call to use our knowledge, our skills, and our resources to effect positive change, to advocate for those whose voices have been marginalized, and to champion causes that resonate with the values we hold dear."

She said, many Tanzanians, India is

She related India and Tanzania not just shared independence values or colonial history but the monsoon trade that connected people across different shores of the Indian Ocean.

The Indian community has lived and thrived in Tanzania for centuries and form part of Tanzania's citizenry, contributed to our struggle for independence and national building thereafter, she told the gathering.

India being the world's fifth largest producer of solar power and the world's second cheapest solar power equipment producer, stands a chance to impact Africa positively in terms of green energy transition, she stated.

She also referred to India opening the first overseas campus of the Indian Institute of Technology in Zanzibar, saying it has demonstrated a desire to export its success in skills development and technologies to Africa.



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and ensure food safety.

Prof Joseph Ndonguru, the TPHPA director general, said that the project is intended to boost regional agricultural trade and the capacity of the country to control pests and diseases.

David Silinde, the Agriculture deputy minister, said that Tanzania plans to increase the country's agricultural values from \$1.2bn at present to \$5bn per year by 2030.

He expressed this confidence at an occasion to receive vehicles, information and communication technology and surveillance equipment from the FAO and the EU, affirming that to

achieve that the area under irrigation needs to be increased to 29m hectares in addition to input subsidies for fertilisers.

Seven new vehicles, 19 motorcycles and 20 drone planes were handed over, along with laboratory agriculture equipment. The state-of-the-art resources are an integral part of several deliverables of the project, the EU official noted.

Nyabenyi Tipu, the FAO country representative, implored the government to actively support TPHPA with adequate funding to allow it to function as it was intended to during the review of the Plant Protection Act.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured yesterday exchanging greetings with various officials on arrival at the Zanzibar venue of the 30th Southern African Broadcasting Association (SABA) general meeting, which he graced shortly later as chief guest yesterday. SABA brings together public service broadcasters and other broadcasting organisations in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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and the Far East.

Edward Phiri, the Lusaka Agreement task force director, said that pangolins are already extinct in Asia and wildlife traffickers have started smuggling the creatures from Africa to Asian markets where they are sought after for their scales, he said.

In China the species happens to be popular as a delicacy in hotels and restaurants, he stated, noting that wildlife trafficking requires the use of specialized tools like controlled deliveries "to

infiltrate the complex criminal networks involved in these illicit activities."

During the training, participants were equipped with hands-on experience showing practical exercise on controlled deliveries.

They were also conducted through valuable insight on undercover operations, financial investigations and application of DNA tracing to forensic science in ivory related cases.

The task force has a series of upcoming

ing activities including provision of training in digital forensics and analysis, long with furnishing digital investigation tools and equipment, he said.

He said the next convention is slated for the Kenyan provincial city of Naivasha next week. Participants from Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia will come together to enhance their capabilities in evidence data collection and analysis techniques, information management in crucial areas, he added.



Residents of Gomora village in Musoma Rural constituency join efforts in laying the groundwork for the construction of a building in which to conduct pre-school classes, as captured on Monday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# 'USAID scheme aims at curbing GBV, enhancing access to justice'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT LEAST 294,661 women and young people have been empowered through the 'Mwanamke Imara' project to curb gender-based violence, strengthening their participation in leadership and governance as well as increasing their access to justice.

The three-year project which is funded by the USAID aims at addressing violence and structural discrimination against women and young people in Mbeya, Njombe and Kilimanjaro regions.

The project, which concludes in December this year, is implemented by a consortium of Tanzania Women Lawyers' Association (TAWLA), Women

in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF), Tanzania Network of Legal Aid Providers - TANLAP and Kilimanjaro Women Information Exchange Community - KWIECO.

Speaking during a review meeting, the project manager, Mary Richard, said through a number of interventions they managed to empower women and young people to overcome stumbling blocks in social, economic, political development as well as cultural life.

She mentioned a number of factors that contributed to violence against women and girls in the country including ineffective systems of accessing justice, limited access to resources and economic instability at the family level.

Other factors were outdated social

norms, non-involvement of women and young people in decision-making processes, and low levels of awareness among women and young people on their rights and how to counter violence.

TAWLA's executive director Tike Mwambipile, who is a lead party in the Mwanamke Imara project, said they have increased women and girls' access to justice on issues based on inheritance, land and property rights, as well as on gender-based violence.

Moreover, she said, women and young people's participation in leadership, decision-making structures and governance also increased. The project has strengthened women and youth economic groups with enhanced ac-

cess to information and control over resources by financing the women groups to undertake economic projects.

For his part, USAID project management specialist, Adam Lingson said they injected \$4million in the project for active participation of women and youths in roundtable discussion as well as to increase women's access to resources, education, information and decision making.

Opening the review meeting, Director of Gender Department in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Badru Rwegarulira expressed the government's commitment to addressing gender based violence and other challenges facing women and youths.



# Moro has 2000-km of enviable all-weather roads, says TANROADS

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) said here yesterday it is proud of Morogoro Region's 2,071.23-kilometre all-weather road network and called on users to cooperate in preserving the costly infrastructure.

Reporting on the agency's role in building and maintaining the road network in one of Tanzania's key food-producer regions as short rains are around the corner, Morogoro TANROADS manager Lazeck Kyamba, said durability of roads essentially depends of proper use, appropriate and timely maintenance.

"Road users, too, are important stakeholders in preserving the roads," he said.

"We are proud of this enviable network. Remember our region is the nation's doorway linking the coast and Tanzania's central regions. So, we have ensured these roads are in good shape and are passable the year round. We appeal to all users to join us in preserving the roads," he told journalists reporting on the region's preparations before the short rains start later this month.

The TMA has warned that the com-

ing rains will be average or above average and has called for keen precautions to stave off vulnerability of the population and damage to roads.

Eng. Kyamba explained that the region has 849.42 kms of trunk roads -384.55 km tarmac and 464.87 km gravel. The regional roads network, he said, has a total of 1,221.81 kms -out of which 1,054.31 kms tarmac and 167.50 kms gravel.

The agency has constantly its eyes on Kiyegeya Bridge because, he said, it is an important link between their region and other regions in central Tanzania.

He said the agency is providing convenient services to cargo and other transporters at Mikese, Dakawa and Mikumi weigh bridges and appealed for cooperation from transporters in observing weight limits.

He said the government is committed to building good and durable roads so existing roads have to be preserved and protected. "We are constantly implementing the directives we receive from the regional and national levels in to ensure our roads remain in good conditions to contribute to the wellbeing of Tanzanians," he said, adding that roads are important in promoting Tanzania's regional and national economies.



Lt Shaaban Ameir Ahmed (with microphone), an agronomist with the Zanzibar government, briefs Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (L, in cap) on improved onion farming. This was at a World Food Day exhibition held on Pemba Island yesterday. Photo courtesy ZFPV

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has suspended two fuel filling stations in Chemba District, Dodoma Region for six months for hoarding fuel and the refusal to sell for their own personal interests.

Titus Kagu, EWURA communication and public relation manager told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the decision came after the board of director meeting adding that filling stations have been suspended from operating effectively from September 9th this year for six months.

He said the decision of the board of

# EWURA suspends two filling stations for fuel hoarding in Chemba District

directors has up to date suspended nine fuel filling stations in the country since the exercise started last month.

Kagu named the filling stations as Kipenda Roho Investment and Oilcom filling stations all in Chemba District, Dodoma Region.

"EWURA reminds fuel traders across the country to operate their business

as per laws, regulations and guidelines governing their businesses," he said.

He warned all fuel filling stations owners that the government is working closely and if proved without doubt, stern measures will be taken against them.

Some of the fillings stations so far suspended are Camel Oil Gairo petrol

station in Morogoro, Petcom -Mbalizi petrol station in Mbeya and Rashal Petroleum Ltd-Mkalama in Singida Region, Camel Oil Msamvu and Matemba filling stations in Turiani all in Morogoro Region.

He emphasised that legal action will be taken against any individual or entity found in possession of fuel in viola-

tion of established procedures, including fuel station owners, storage facility owners, and licensed fuel importers.

To alleviate concerns about fuel supply, he assured the public that there are sufficient fuel reserves.

He said that EWURA remains committed to ensuring a stable fuel supply and taking action against any illegal

business practices to protect consumers and maintain fair market practices.

EWURA has started working out on three directives issued recently to the board of directors and management by the Deputy Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko after his familiarisation tour.

Some of the directives are review of importation premiums, prices settings and licenses issued to filling stations owners and traders.

According to him, the authority wants to know in detail the license condition if it needs to be reviewed to be fair to all parties adding that the aim was to control fuel business in a fair manner between suppliers and users.



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# Minister urges youth to effectively explore loan opportunities to boost economic status

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

JENISTA Mhagama, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office - Policy, Parliament, and Coordination has urged young people to seize the opportunity of loans provided by financial institutions to improve their economic status.

The minister made these remarks during the launch of the National Youth Week celebrations, which started on October 8 and will climax on October 14, 2023, in Babati District, Manyara Region, where she visited the NMB Bank's pavilion.

Mhagama highlighted that the 'MshikoFasta' loan service provided by NMB Bank aligns with the main objectives of the celebrations, which include addressing challenges faced by youth, such as a lack of capital and job opportunities.

"I am impressed by the 'MshikoFasta' service, and I urge young people to take advantage of this opportunity. I also call upon youth leaders to encourage

citizens to make use of these services to ensure economic empowerment," the minister stated alongside the Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister responsible for Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disabilities, Prof. Joyce Ndalichako.

Manyara Regional Commissioner, Queen Sendiga highlighted that the aim of the celebrations is to provide a platform for young people to discuss the opportunities offered by the government and address the challenges they face, including lack of capital and employment.

Baraka Ladislaus, the NMB Bank's northern zone manager, explained that they introduced the "MshikoFasta" loan service to facilitate their customers engaged in entrepreneurial activities in accessing funds quickly through their mobile phones.

"This service aims to assist entrepreneurs in obtaining quick loans through their mobile phones for their day-to-day business operations.

NMB Bank's customers can borrow up to 500,000/-without having to visit a branch or provide any collateral," Baraka said.

The bank's northern zone manager, also highlighted the various solutions offered by NMB Bank that target young people, encouraging young people to make use of these services for their benefit.

"We have the Spend to Save service, which encourages saving, and we also welcome young people to invest through our community bond with a favorable interest rate of 9.5 per cent per year for their future benefit," he said, expressing the bank's readiness to continue working with the government to empower young people and further enhance their economic status while also appreciated the great support Manyara Region leadership has been providing to the Bank

One of the youth entrepreneurs attending the exhibition, Eva Martine, praised NMB Bank's digital solutions

especially the 'MshikoFasta' loan service offered by the bank, stating that it saves them from dealing with loan sharks offering loans with difficult terms on the streets.

"This NMB loan came at the right time to rescue and prevent financial difficulties. As someone running a food stall here at the bus terminal, there are times when I've exhausted

all my money on other expenses. With this loan, I can purchase the necessary ingredients for cooking, and the business continues to thrive while I make repayments," Eva explained.



NMB Bank's northern zone manager, Baraka Ladislaus (with microphones), briefs Jenista Mhagama (2nd-L, foreground), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), at the bank's pavilion at the launch of the National Youth Exhibitions week in Babati District yesterday. Right is NMB Babati branch manager Antipas Nnko and left is the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), Prof. Joyce Ndalichako. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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# 'Government recognises, values commitment of private schools'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government recognises and values the contributions of private schools to the development of the country's education sector.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda made the remarks here yesterday when speaking at a meeting with education stakeholders and private school owners.

He said the government recognises and appreciates your contribution in the development of the education sector and "we need your efforts to achieve the country's educational goals."

"In the past years we have been witnessing many children sent to study abroad and parents were forced to spend a lot of money in paying for school fees in dollars. But, after the emergence of numerous private schools the number of children sent abroad has decreased," he added.

Apart from expressing appreciation, Prof Mkenda asked the owners of private schools to foster and monitor moral education in their schools so as

to nurture children with good morals in order to build a healthy nation.

"Morals is a cross cutting issue, it is not just the issue of one ministry or one sector, I ask you to cooperate in upbringing our kids by teaching and guiding them well in good morals," said Prof Mkenda.

He also implored school owners to check the content of all teaching materials, including textbooks and storybooks so as to avoid materials that could impart bad morals and behaviors into the children.

On their part, the owners of private schools asked the government to include religion and moral subjects in the curriculum so as to help students to learn and practice good behaviour.

On the other hand, the school owners asked the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to solve some of the challenges facing private schools.

They also asked the government to find an alternative way of dealing with examination cheating rather than suspending examination centres, something which also affects innocent students.

"When the government suspends an examination centre it affects students and parents who pay school fees and put teachers' jobs at stake. The government should deal with individuals and not an institution," said Laurent Gama, the chairperson of the Private School Owners Association.

"We are asking the government to find the best way of dealing with this issue... the government must check out and investigate how and who is responsible for the exam leakage at the National Examination Council Office (NECTA), this includes NECTA's officers, school owners, managers, teachers, police force, and invigilators and punish whoever concerned but not punishing the institution," he added.

Prof Mkenda assured that his ministry would work on the concerns, vowing legal measures against all the culprits.

"We will investigate and identify those who are involved (in examination cheating) and we will take legal action against the culprits," explained Prof Mkenda.

# China upholds, respects world's multiculturalism - govt ministry

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke, Beijing

THE Chinese government is strategizing on key joint advocacy as a core concept in managing and strengthening cultural promotion, tourism exchanges as well as cooperation with other countries.

Shi Zeyi, deputy director of the bureau of international exchange and cooperation at China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism revealed the plan recently as he officiated the China International Press Communication Centre (CIPCC) conference held in Beijing, China.

He said the government is strategically aiming at upholding and respecting the world's multiculturalism as it organises large-scale cultural and tourism exchanges with foreign countries.

"The government will jointly advocate for respecting the diversity of world civilisations, adhering to the principles of equality, mutual learning, dialogue and inclusiveness among civilisations, conflicts overcoming likewise surpassing the sense of superiority," he said.

Pointing out Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan in the list of countries to cooperate with, Zeyi said the government will also strategize

on promoting and upholding the common values of humanity including peace, development, fairness, justice which are the shared pursuits of people from all countries.

"We should understand the different interpretations of values in various civilisations with an open mind without imposing our own values and models on others or engaging in ideological confrontation," he said.

He further noted on the government's readiness to cooperate with other nations on valuing the inheritance and innovation of civilization and fully explore the historical and cultural values of different countries in promoting creative transformation and excellent traditional cultures in the process of modernisation.

"We will also jointly advocate for strengthening international cultural exchanges and cooperation in enriching exchange content, promoting mutual understanding and friendship among people of all countries."

According to him, the joint development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a vivid practice of building a community with a shared future for mankind that is a widely welcomed international public

product and cooperation platform provided by China for the world.

"We will continue to strengthen the development of the destination, hold China International Travel Mart, promote inbound tourism and publicity and participate in significant international tourism exhibitions," he stressed.

Unveiling the Chinese zodiac sign of the dragon during the ceremony of the 2024 'Happy Chinese New Year' Mascot Gao Zheng, director of the International Exchange and Cooperation Bureau of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism said it represents power, success, honour and luck.

Dragon is the only animal in the zodiac that does not exist in real life. The typical cultural symbol of the Chinese nation, peace, joy, good luck and good hopes and pursuit.

To date China has signed cultural cooperation agreements with 157 countries, 800 cumulative cultural exchange implementation plans, signed Memorandum of Understanding on group outbound tourism destinations for Chinese citizens with 143 countries and Regions likewise promoting continuous development of 16 multilateral exchange and cooperation mechanisms and 25 bilateral cooperation.





Home Affairs minister Hamad Yussuf Masauni (2nd-L) pictured at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport yesterday having a word with Immigration officials including Commissioner Hassan Ali Hassan as the minister followed up the department's performance in attending to people flying into - and jetting off from - the facility. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

## KOICA donates assortment of items to Dar's orphanage

By Getrude Mbago

THE Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has donated an assortment of items, also cooking and sharing food with children at Maunga Orphanage Centre in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region.

Over 100 children from the local community and at the centre joined the lunch event which was full of Korean dishes with an aim to strengthen relationships and create a culture of volunteerism.

Speaking during the event at the weekend in Dar es Salaam, KOICA Tanzania programmes manager, Minjung Son said the event also meant to improve the living environment of the centre, install five new solar powers and celebrate Korean Culture Day for Children.

To start with, briefly explaining, KOICA dispatches volunteers, global cooperative doctors, advisors, and KMCO (KOICA Multilateral Cooperation Officer) through World Friends Korea (WFK) programme to more than 40 developing countries around the world, including Tanzania.

Minjung said KOICA currently dispatches about 30 volunteers in four different regions of Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Mwanza, and Arusha, working in various sectors, such as education, health, community development, and social works.

They usually work in their own organizations in each field and run their own projects as well.

"However, our volunteers sometimes cooperate and organize meaningful activities. For example, recently there was "preventing sexual violence against student" project held in Mwanza. Also, there are "special training for medical staff at hospitals" and "wash hand education for early childhood."

She added: "This time, our volunteers decided to hold the volunteering activity at Maunga Centre, where they had volunteered personally over a half year. Volunteers wanted to improve the living environment of the orphanage and harmonise the local community by

introducing Korean culture," she said.

The volunteers also wanted to promote and increase an interest in underdeveloped areas like Maunga Centre which do not receive support from stakeholders.

She said that on the first day, the volunteers improved the surroundings of the orphanage in various ways such as cleaning rooms and doing the laundry for children, providing cleaning tools and a training session.

"In the purpose of improving the exterior environment, we newly painted and drew the mural and fixed the mosquito net. Finally, to improve the studying environment for children, volunteers installed 5 solar-powered lights and provided portable tables and chairs," she said.

Byungwook Kang, one of the volunteers said on the second day, they organised Korean festival activities, introducing Korean traditional games and food.

He said overall 100 children participated in "Happy Children's Day with KOICA", half from the centre and the other from the local community.

"Children could play 3 different Korean traditional games named "Je-gi Kick ", "Tuho ", and "Ttak-ji-chi-gi," she elaborated. They also prepared other activities like balloon arts, face painting, and water gun games. The children received shirts, rice, and stationery as souvenirs," Kang said.

He said KOICA and WFK personnel are continuously putting an effort on doing meaningful activities for the development of Tanzania and the local community. "We hope that children who joined this volunteers' activity have great memories and they enjoy and dream of the future in an improved environment. The Korean traditional games are played on two big holidays in Korea, "Lunar New Year" and "Chu-seok (Korean Thanksgiving Day)."

Speaking about the donation, the centre's director Zainab Maunga applauded KOICA and the volunteers for their generous support to the children emphasising how the aid would contribute to the lives of the children.

## 4 Mbinga District villages now connected to power

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbinga

JUDITH Kapinga, Deputy Energy minister has inaugurated a power project at Litumbadyosi village, in Litumbadyosi Ward, Mbinga District in Ruvuma Region which had no electricity since independence.

The power was officially switched on at the weekend witnessed by residents from four villages of the Ward - Kingole, Mabuni, Luhagara and Litumbadyosi

as part of Rural Energy Agency (REA) project.

Addressing the villagers, Kapinga the power in the first phase will be lit for one square kilometre and the second phase will be two square kilometres and already the government has provided funds for both projects.

She said REA services are essential because people have been engaging themselves in various economic activities including establishing small

factories for income generation, and nothing else.

"In regard to the remaining villagers still without power I assure you all of them will be connected to power as the government has already provided funds for all the remaining villages," she said.

Meanwhile the deputy minister was unhappy with at a snail's pace the contractor, Namis Corporate Limited, Shaidu Rutakolezibwa for delays

in regard to the completion of REA projects in time, the situation that retard people's development.

She said when the contractor completes his projects, he gets paid, but why power is not connected to the villagers, "we can't tolerate such kind of negligence. By October 31, this year all villages in the first phase should be collected to power.

For their part, the villagers thanked the government for the power project that will boost their economic activities.

They also appealed to the government to speed up power distribution to the people and other government institutions in the area including health centres, schools and other government offices.

### TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED



#### INVITATION FOR Bid No. TPL/2021/ADMIN/NC/03

#### Provision of Insurance Services for Tazama Pipelines Limited

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

1. TAZAMA Pipelines Limited is owned by the Governments of Republic of Zambia with two thirds of the share Capital and the Government of United Republic of Tanzania which holds one third of the Share Capital. TAZAMA operates a crude Oil Pipeline that runs from Dar es Salaam in Tanzania to INDENI Refinery in Ndola Zambia, covering a total distance of 1700KM length.
2. TAZAMA Pipelines Limited invite sealed bids for the following services:-  
**Lot No.1:** Provision of Motor Vehicle Insurance Services for Tazama Pipelines Limited;  
**Lot No.2:** Provision of Group Life Assurance Services for Tazama Pipelines Limited Staff; and  
**Lot No.3:** Provision of Group Personal Accident, Money, Electronic Equipment, Plant all Risks, Business all Risks, Domestic Package Insurance Services, Public Liability Insurance Services, Fidelity Guarantee and Goods In-transit Insurance Services for Tazama Pipelines Limited.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding** procedures specified in the Public Procurement Act and its Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Services Providers may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the Secretary of Procurement Committee, TAZAMA Pipelines Limited, P.O. Box 2157, Kigamboni - **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from 09:30 to 15:00 hour's local time** on Mondays to Fridays except on public holidays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tanzania Shillings 100,000.00. Payment should be done through the following bank details:-

**ACCOUNT NAME:** TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 011103002145  
**NAME OF BANK:** NATIONAL BANK OF COOPERATE (NBC)  
**BRANCH:** COOPERATE BRANCH  
**BANK ADDRESS:** DAR ES SALAAM

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of not less than 2% of the Total Bid Price** duly signed and sealed by the guarantor (guarantees) as per sample forms provided in the bidding document.
7. All bids an original and a copy are required. All bids should be properly filled and enclosed in plain envelope and must be delivered to **Office of the Secretary of Tender Committee (procurement officer), TAZAMA Pipelines Limited, P.O. Box 2157, Kigamboni -Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**
8. All Bids will be opened on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 11:30 Hours in public in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the TAZAMA Pipelines Limited, Regional Office Kigamboni, Tungi Near TANESCO, Dar es Salaam.
9. This tender is for eligible Insurance Companies only and not for Insurance Brokers and Agencies companies.
10. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, unsealed bids and unreadable bids will not be read out at the Bid opening ceremony and shall not be accepted for evaluation on irrespective for those circumstances.

REGIONAL MANAGER  
TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED

### TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED



#### INVITATION FOR Bid No. TPL/2024/OP/NC/02

#### Provision of Hiring Company for Surveying, Testing and Checking Quality Assurance for Petroleum Product Received to Tazama Pipelines Limited

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

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2. TAZAMA Pipelines Limited invite sealed bids for the Provision of Hiring Company for Surveying, Testing and Checking Quality Assurance for Petroleum Product Received to Tazama Pipelines Limited
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9. This tender is for eligible Companies of Surveying, Testing and Checking Quality Assurance of Low Sulphur Gas Oil (LSG) only.
10. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, unsealed bids and unreadable bids will not be read out at the Bid opening ceremony and shall not be accepted for evaluation on irrespective for those circumstances.

REGIONAL MANAGER  
TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED





**THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
TANZANIA RURAL AND URBAN ROADS AGENCY (TARURA)**



**P.O. BOX 11042,  
DODOMA.**

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES – QCBS SELECTION)

<b>Country</b>	: Tanzania
<b>Name of Project</b>	: Tanzania Roads to Inclusion and Socioeconomic Opportunities (RISE) Project
<b>Credit No.</b>	: IDA-68670 - TZ
<b>Assignment Title</b>	: Consultancy services for the Establishment, Registration and Administration training of Community-Based Routine Maintenance (CBRM) Groups
<b>Reference No</b>	: AE.092/WB-RISE-P164920/375917/2023/24/C/03

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) No. WB-P164920 of December 14th December, 2021

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Roads to Inclusion and Social Economic Opportunities (RISE). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the credit will be used to cover eligible payments under the contracts for Consultancy services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is the establishment, registration and administration training of Community-Based Routine Maintenance (CBRM) Groups, allowing these CBRM Groups to be subsequently (sub)contracted by TARURA for routine road maintenance.

Specifically, the Consultant will: (i) Carry out the identification and selection of CBRM Group members from communities along the roads to be maintained, (ii) Register the CBRM Groups in line with organizational modalities approved by TARURA, and (iii) Train the established CBRM Groups with regards to group administration and (sub)contract implementation. The total duration for the entire assignment shall be about **Eight 8 calendar months** from contract effective date.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) is attached to this request for Expression of Interest and is also available at TARURA's website [www.tarura.go.tz](http://www.tarura.go.tz). All requests for clarification should be sent through office email [pmurise@tarura.go.tz](mailto:pmurise@tarura.go.tz) and the Client will respond to the requested clarifications. The Consultants would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated

The Chief Executive TARURA, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- A. Core business and 10 years in business.
- B. Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include the below:
  - i) Experience of at least two (2) similar assignments completed in the past 5 years. Information to be provided should include name of assignment, name and full contact address of the client, contract value (in equivalent US dollars) and period (dates) of execution of assignment and the role played in the assignment (Lead or JV partner)
  - ii) Demonstration of experience of work in similar conditions.
- C. Technical and Managerial Capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of key staff). Do not provide CV of the staff. Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria. The experience, technical & managerial capability of the Sub-Consultant shall not be evaluated to enhance the qualification of the Lead Firm or JV.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **08.00 to 17.00 hours Local time Monday to Friday** except public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by e-mail [pmurise@tarura.go.tz](mailto:pmurise@tarura.go.tz) by **25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 1430 Hours East African Time**. The firms that will submit their EOI via e-mail must get confirmation of the receipt of their documents. In case the firm does not receive acknowledgement within two days of after sending the documents via email they should call +255752460018/+255759348494/+255622759393 for follow-up.

**The address referred above is:**

**The Secretary, TARURA HQ Tender Board**

**Street Address: Mtaa wa Kazi 41207 Mtumba,**

**Building: TARURA House**

**Address: P.O. Box 11042, Dodoma, Tanzania.**

**Floor/ Room number: Ground Floor/PMU Office**

**City/Town: Mtumba Government City Area**

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Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) paediatric cardiologists join forces with their colleagues from the US-based Mending Kids Organisation in performing heart surgery on a child at a five-day health camp that opened at the Dar es Salaam-based specialised medical facility yesterday. Forty-five children are expected to undergo similar treatment at the camp. Photo courtesy of JKCI

## JKCI staff members urged to be creative to solve challenges

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

EMPLOYEES at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) have been urged to be creative in utilising their expertise to serve patients, something which will greatly help reduce disease burden.

Dr Peter Kisenge, JKCI executive director made the call in Dar es Salaam recently when opening a one-day training for the employees of the Institute on how to work strategically.

He said the government has spent a lot of money to train the experts as well as procuring modern medical equipment to heighten heart diseases treatments.

The training aims to set strategies to achieve goals they set for themselves which took place in the Natural Environment Forest, Pugu Kazimzumbwi located in Kisarawe in the Coast Region.

Dr Kisenge said creativity in the workplace helps solve various challenges that arise and thus achieve the Institute's vision of becoming an internationally recognized Institute in providing services, training and cardiac research.

"I ask you to work hard while following the ethics of your work to serve patients because this work involves ethics, working together and using the expertise you have to help people with heart problems," Dr Kisenge said.

The trainer of the training from the Institute of Leadership, Dunstan Mulaku said he has taught the employees how to work strategically and achieve the goals they have set for themselves by doing so they will help JKCI to reach further.

Mulaku said the basic values of the Institute are cooperation, integrity, professionalism and creativity and if the employees follow them, they

will be able to achieve the Institute's goals of providing heart services with certification, training and research.

Some employees who participated in the training expressed gratitude for the opportunity saying that the skills gained will greatly help them increase efficiency at work.

Dr Tulizo Shemu, the director of JKCI Dar Group Hospital said that the training went along with the 8th anniversary of the establishment of the Institute and the employees have been taught how to work as a team to achieve the five year goals as planned in their strategic plan.

Dr Monica Mwaluka, also from JKCI Dar Group Hospital said she was happy to join the staff of JKCI headquarters in a fruitful training which also enabled them to visit Pugu Kazimzumbwi for exposure and promote local tourism.

"I thank the JKCI leadership for preparing this training which has enabled me to know the methods of working strategically while cooperating with my colleagues, it will definitely help me in my daily work," Dr Monica said.



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## Govt pledges solutions challenges facing the public

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DODOMA regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule has said the intention of the government is to make sure it finds solutions to challenges facing the people and brings development to them.

Senyamule was in Mpayungu village, Chamwino District in the region and identified various

challenges facing the villagers including water, electricity and roads and pledged to find solutions to them as part of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives to listen and address the challenges.

"My coming here today is to make sure President Samia's instructions are implemented in regard to listening to your challenges, and those concerning the President we

will submit them to her to work on them," she added.

Meanwhile, RC Senyamule visited farms in the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) project, urged supervisors of the project to take action on challenges arising that slow down its implementation.

"Make sure that the project is completed on the date set, hence make sure you have in place brick-

making machines at the project site by this Wednesday, as well as increase the labour force to ensure the project is completed in time," she stressed.

For his part, Chamwino District Commissioner, Gift Msuya thanked President Samia for bringing development at Mpayungu division including the joint farming project, new secondary school at Nkhambako and other development projects.

By Correspondent James Lanka, Rombo

PROF Adolf Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology has urged Tanzanians to inculcate a culture of reading books in order to fetch skills and widen their understanding of various issues in the society.

He made the call at the weekend here during the launch of book titled: 'Maisha ya Hayati Calist Seleka Silayo, Mshumaa uliozimika ghafla' literally means the 'Life of the Late Calist Seleka Silayo, The candle that suddenly went out'.

According to him, reading books can help a person to be confident as well as acquire knowledge that will help him/her in solving various challenges in society.

Silayo was a prominent businessman in Arusha and Kilimanjaro who died on September 30, 2022.

"I know well the late Calist Seleka Silayo who was a real business strategist, philanthropist, and

## Mkenda urges Tanzanians to cultivate reading culture

entrepreneur as well as a politician who was also one of the ruling CCM party's political committee members in Rombo DC," he explained.

Prof Mkenda who is also Rombo MP, acknowledged the late Silayo as one of Tanzania's most illustrious entrepreneurs and humanitarians, saying that one of the things that the late Silayo has shown us with his life is that it is possible to rise above one's circumstances if one is willing to pay the price. There is no shortcut to success. His story is a wakeup call to young Africans to work hard and persevere despite the odds," the Minister said.

To honour him, the family of the Late Silayo who published an autobiography narrating his journey from a humble background in a small village of Reha in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro Region

to his emergence as one of the most successful businessmen in Tanzania.

Late Silayo's son, Elvis Calist said that the family decided to write and publish his autobiography after being prompted by his father to tell his story.

"Before he passed away, my daddy always encouraged me to tell my story to inspire many young entrepreneurs across Tanzania and Africa in general. A lot of youthful entrepreneurs on the continent are stuck in one way or the other, trying to build businesses and encountering difficulties. Many of them give up," Elvis explained.

"I want my fellow young people to read his story and see that even with all the disadvantages he grew up with, my father was able to turn his life into a big success story. If he did it, anyone can do it," Elvis Silayo further explained.

## FUO implores government to review current policy on Nile perch business

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda,

Mwanza

THE fishers Union Organisation (FUO) has urged the government to review the current policy on Nile perch business in order to recognize the value of fish maws and thus bring win-win situations between fishermen and processors.

According to the union, currently processors are the ones who are benefiting immensely more than fishermen and the government from the Nile perch business due to the maws available in the product.

Fish maw also known as swim bladder is a white hard membrane found inside the body of the Nile perch.

The FUO executive chairperson Juvenary Matagili said that fishermen have been selling whole fish to processors who then produce other products from the catch for sale and earn more money.

In an interview with this paper,

Matagili said absence of that segment in the policy caused the government to lose its due revenues to the precious fishery products.

Citing an example, Matagili said that with processors getting fillets from fish, they also get maws, skins, oil and shells that are used for decorations to mention just a few.

"In that regard business of Nile perch should principally be in two categories with the number one being maws as they are selling highly and then comes to fillets," he said.

He said that it is high time now the government should recognise and formalise the trade in fish maw so as to ensure that it contributes fairly to the well-being of the fishermen and country at large.

Matagili pointed out that upon establishment of fish processing industries in the country, in the lake zone as early as 1990s much attention was put on Nile perch fillets for export and the fish maws, which are more valuable products, were not

considered.

"This shows that there was something hidden by processors on the products as they could define what to do with the fishery material from the start but it came to be known that are more valuable than fillets and other fishery products later on," he noted.

He said that if a segment of fish maws was in the fisheries policy, the government could collect its due revenues from the products accordingly since the industries started operations.

Processors should pay fishermen extra money for fish maws and unlike now when they just buy whole fish based on weight to get fillets and remain with other products," he insisted. "Big business for Nile perch are maws and not fillets, which is why the materials are selling at higher price than anything else from that aquatic organism," Matagili said.

He added that if the Nile perch will not be sold separately from their maws it is quite obvious that fishermen who spend sleepless nights on the lake fishing will continue to be exploited by processors with the government also losing revenues in tax.

### TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED



#### INVITATION FOR Bid No. TPL/2024/OP/ADMIN/NC/04

**Provision of Internet Services (20Mbps Upstream and 20Mbps Downstream) With Dedicated IP Address Main Link and Backup Link (Terrestrial/Radio and Fibre) and Voice & Data services by Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) to Tazama Pipelines Limited**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

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## New envoy to China has plenty to learn as to reviving Friendship Mill

PLENTY of academic and strategic exchanges are likely to be heard in Tanzania as the government awaits to hear from the new ambassador to China, Khamis Musa Omar, tasked to solve challenges facing some crucial projects. One is the Mchuchuma coal and Liganga iron ore projects, which are almost inextricably linked, and similarly, facilitating the revival of the Friendship Textile Mill. Reports say that Mchuchuma and Liganga projects were supposed to be carried out by a Chinese investor, but have stalled for more than a decade.

The proverbial coal and iron ore sites in Ludewa District, Njombe Region would in a different environment have enabled the country to begin an iron and steel industry a long time ago, but there were no strategic conditions for that situation, and it doesn't strictly speaking exist.

It would demand a fairly closed economy where the country is seeking to industrialise from its own resources, fairly divorced from world market mechanisms. Again, the structure of public expenditure would reflect that reality, of a frugal situation as it was in China.

It is doubtless that the relevant ministry here has conducted ground work in that direction, as Dr Hashil Abdallah, the Industry and Trade permanent secretary, reviewed the issue with the new ambassador. It is unclear if there are specific Chinese investment proposals that are on the table, as the matter is far from new, just like the TAZARA refurbishing project. Given that President Samia Suluhu Hassan was in China not so long ago, and the coal and iron project as well as Friendship Textile mill remain

unsolved, there is a structural problem.

If anything, the issue is the time lag that there is in how the projects were initiated in the mid-1960s and how this fits into the global strategic map at present. What is noticed is that Tanzania is mirrored in largely the same mood as at that time, while China has been changing over that period, and sees the two projects in entirely different mirrors compared to ourselves. What the permanent secretary talked about was cooperating with investors, but for cloth?

One elementary issue that his Chinese hosts might inform the envoy is that every industrial project has two facets, its productive activity or total value of investment, and the land it is sitting upon (or located). When a productive facility is no longer competitive in the market, its land can be used for some other activity if market mechanisms are working. That is the snag here, that the land belongs to the government so its value is unnoticed, and it isn't part of the business discussion but a textile factory. How does it compete, here or outside?

There are obviously many business people from China that the ministerial authorities could cooperate in their suggestions, but they aren't convinced that they should produce clothing. Indeed under current conditions the government can look for a local investor with a ready market like the controversy a few years back on police or other uniforms. It appears the right group to talk to is SUMA JKT rather than Chinese businessmen, and if there are issues like debt that hasn't been cancelled, the government could take that up. It isn't firstly a diplomatic effort with the new envoy but finding the right sort of local investor.

## Mental health crisis tied to emptiness, need for regular paying jobs for youth

AS the government comes under demands for substantial investment needed to avert a nationwide mental health crisis, planners and legislators will not have easy answers on the issues. Unlike a pandemic where it is the public health environment that is at issue, mental health relates to failure to individual failure to cope with the demands of life. How does the government invest in such a manner that people cope up with life, as failure to cope is a crisis of the social system, leading to generalized drunkenness, when people have little to care for.

Often times there has been a loud cry about declining morals, which has been seen as a problem of moral infiltration via internet fashions and role models. There is plenty in that, especially where it is actively encouraged but it can also be linked with mental health situations, the sort of desperation that youths meet when they can't rely on family, often without a second parent, and no income in a regular manner to live on their own. What this needs is regular allowances for the unemployed and being involved in regular public works where possible, etc.

BBT agro-sector initiative has yet to yet absorb even 10,000 youths whereas there are more than one million youths living between hope and desperation. Health sector investments would focus on mild drugs if there is pain, and community health workers who could advise on those issues as well. It doesn't address that issue, so infrastructure to advise on mental health problems could go unnoticed if the problem is desperation, which the public event didn't raise.

Incidentally, this appeal was being

raised at a meeting involving Waajiri Health Bonanza organised by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE), where the whole problem of mental health can be described as cosmetic. Those who are earning a wage or salary, have perhaps a social security enclosure to think of in future, are able to create families and sustain them, can be in mental health danger due to this or that type of excess. They can be caught up with infatuation or with money fetching projects, or even in luxury and consumption of substances as it often happens in well to do houses. Much of that can be medically addressed as it is socially backed, not when desperation is at issue.

The social welfare minister, gracing that occasion talked of building more health centres countrywide and recruiting more health experts for mental health.

This suggests specialised health centres specifically for mental health, while all that can be done at the moment is to add a few mental health specialists in some hospitals. So many dispensaries and health centres lack equipment and staff, and from there to specialized mental health hospitals is decidedly a tall order.

The minister noted remarkably that orkers at workplaces face the threat of non-communicable diseases apart from mental health issues. As a matter of fact, mental health is an additional non-communicable disease, but its origin isn't exactly lifestyle or failure to do physical exercises. Here the matrix of issues is different, as while NCDs usually have to do with relative luxury, mental health dislocation has more to do with desperation in life, and poverty can cause it too.



# We ought to act to bridge the gap between words and deeds

By Patricia Scotland

IN today's increasingly interconnected world, marked by grave economic, environmental, and security crises that transcend global boundaries, it's abundantly clear that our interdependence is an undeniable reality.

These challenges loom large as countries from across the world which gathered at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Our world is under pressure, and people are looking to its leaders for action.

Since world leaders last gathered in New York, we have seen a litany of natural disasters continue to devastate our world. Flooding, wildfires, storms and droughts have hit countries across the Commonwealth and the world. From Rwanda to India, the USA to New Zealand the whole world is feeling the impact of climate change.

If you listen to individuals from all walks of life, you can hear the fear and the desperation in their conversations, the anxiety that though we all recognise the problem, leaders are not taking the action we all need to tackle the challenges we face.

Our history serves as a poignant reminder that our choices boil down to two paths: cooperation, where we harness our collective humanity or to suffer in isolation.

The capacity to unite behind the moral force of our principles enshrined in our Commonwealth Charter, and the power of our practical purpose, is the foundation and beauty of the modern



Commonwealth.

Our independent member states, stretched across five continents and home to one-third of humanity embody a remarkable blend of ingenuity and determination. This fusion of qualities not only propelled India to land a spacecraft on the moon but also instilled in us the shared resolve to stand united in confronting the challenges of climate change, instability, and economic adversity.

On the margins of the General Assembly, the citizens of the Commonwealth can be assured that our Foreign Affairs Ministers, and our Environment Ministers, will meet to further deepen their commitment to action on the threats to resilience and sustainability in our member states, and the wider world. Moreover, in a recent milestone, youth ministers, education stakeholders, and young leaders from across the

Commonwealth convened in London just last week. Together, they forged agreements on policies and initiatives designed to bolster and empower our youth. At the core of these discussions were our young leaders, whose energy, passion and innovation we will need to take us forward.

United in purpose, we remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing pioneering initiatives, exemplified by the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub, an endeavour that has successfully mobilized over \$250 million in crucial support for the countries most in need. Simultaneously, intensifying calls for reform in global development finance to equip the most vulnerable nations with the resources they need to tackle the long-term impacts of environmental breakdown.

When we gather this week in New York, we seek to bridge the gap

between rhetoric and implementation, deepening the alliances which transcend borders and self-interest, and advance the vital work to build a resilient and sustainable future for all.

We will set the stage for the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which is to be held in Samoa in October 2024.

The road to CHOGM 2024 starts in New York and winds its way through the great capitals of our Commonwealth Family before culminating in Apia. And while we can never underplay the scale of the challenges we face, the fact that the Commonwealth nations sit together as partners with an equal voice and an equal stake in a shared mission means that we approach them - like India's space mission - with the mindset of what is possible.

Our ministers will gather to reaffirm our dedication to resilience, sustainability, and equitable development. We are never just observers; we are active participants, ready to tackle the urgent issues of our time. We will act to bridge the gap between words and deeds, working together to build a better future.

In October next year when our Heads of Government meet in Samoa, we know that our strength will be in our unity. Progress is always difficult, and the challenges we face sometimes seem insurmountable, but we know that through the Commonwealth, and our unwavering commitment to unity and collective action, we shall prevail.

Patricia Scotland is Commonwealth Secretary-General

By Hilary Power

THIS week, member states of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva will vote on creating a mechanism to investigate alleged crimes by the parties to the conflict in Sudan. This would lay important groundwork for holding perpetrators to account.

In September, nearly 120 Sudanese, regional, and international organizations called for the UN's top rights body to take this clearly warranted action in Sudan.

Since fighting erupted in the capital, Khartoum, in April 2023, both the Sudan Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), an independent armed group, have repeatedly violated international humanitarian law, launching indiscriminate attacks in densely populated areas, destroying critical infrastructure, and blocking

# UN Rights body should help tackle impunity in Sudan

humanitarian assistance. Nearly five million people have been displaced.

In West Darfur, the RSF and allied Arab militias have targeted Massalit and other non-Arab communities, killing and injuring civilians - including fleeing women and children - and burned down towns. They have committed sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, targeting them because of their ethnicity and at times for their activism. Reports of expanded recruitment and foreign military support point to a broader conflict.

We have seen such atrocities before in Sudan, particularly in

Darfur, for which there was never any accountability. This has helped fuel the current violence and sent perpetrators the message that there will be no consequences for their actions.

This week, Human Rights Council members will have the opportunity to contribute to correcting course by supporting a resolution on Sudan that will create an independent mechanism to ensure atrocity crimes are investigated, vital evidence is preserved, and recommendations for accountability are made.

Establishing an investigatory body will not end abuses or deliver justice on its own. It is, however, a vital part

of a desperately needed, robust international response. It could bolster and expand upon existing accountability efforts, including those being undertaken at the International Criminal Court and elsewhere. It would also offer an opportunity for the many Sudanese to have their stories heard.

Human Rights Council members have an opportunity - and a responsibility - to use their vote to send a message of deterrence to the warring parties and, importantly, of solidarity with Sudan's people and hope to survivors, victims, and their families.

They should do precisely that.



# The case for increasing family planning uptake to cut maternal mortality

By Catherine Kalage

**C**REATING awareness on contraceptive use to communities can bring about positive results in terms of promoting good health, thereby scaling down maternal mortality rates which have remained stubbornly high over the last decade, at around 500 per 100,000 live births.

This could in turn improve our country's development and create wealth amongst communities by increasing production of goods and services which in turn contribute to economic growth.

Dr Mzee Nassoro, acting assistant director in the reproductive and maternal health department in the ministry of health said this at a recent discussion centred on family planning and its importance in scaling down maternal mortality rates.

He pointed out that the government through the ministry of health was partnering with various stakeholders to scale up FP uptake in order to reduce maternal mortality.

Among the stakeholders partnering with the government on the initiative, he said include Jhpiego, Marie Stopes Tanzania and many other health-oriented organisations.

"As government, we are committed to providing family planning awareness from primary and secondary schools as well as universities," he said at the event organised by a media outlet in Dar es Salaam.

Dr Nassoro said strengthening FP services in public and private health facilities would not only reduce early pregnancies, but also ensure that youth spend a lot of time in creation of wealth.

The Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) 2022 report points out that maternal mortality is still unacceptable higher in the country. It says the effective use of family planning could prevent maternal deaths by more than 30 percent.

However, the report states that prevalence of family planning uptake is still low especially in rural areas despite the services being provided at no cost in all public facilities.

Tanzania is set to reduce maternal mortality rate to 292 per 100,000 births come 2025 by ensuring it increases the uptake on family planning methods especially in rural areas, according to health reports.

The move would not only ensure that it prevents unwanted pregnancies which most often leads to illegal abortion and loss of lives, but as well ensure good health to mothers before deciding when to conceive.

Dr Nasoro noted that health experts and various stakeholders need to create awareness to ensure there is no stigma, humiliation and discrimination when accessing family planning services.

"Family planning is one among many ways that can scale down maternal mortality by reducing unwanted pregnancies amongst youth, thereby reducing illegal abortions that result into deaths," he said.

Tanzania through the ministry of health has been promoting numerous contraceptive methods to women, including the use of pills, condoms, injectables, female



sterilization and insertion and removal (implant) method.

The country has also come up with various supportive policy frameworks for the provision of family planning services which emphasize scaling up and strengthening contraceptive use as a priority. The National Population Policy 2006 also recognizes the need to educate women about the importance of family planning.

Dr Gloria Shirima, a family planning specialist with Jhpiego said her organisation is working closely with the government to improve FP uptake and scale down maternal mortality by at least 30 percent.

"We collaborate with the government to create guidelines to health experts on family planning to ensure that they abide by their ethical guidelines in serving the communities," she said.

She added that her organisation is working more closely with communities in the Lake Zone region after discovering abnormally high maternal mortality rate in the zone.

"Health experts have been talking to pregnant women and their partners during visits to clinics and health facilities in general on the importance of family planning. This has allowed

clients to decide in the right method of contraceptive to better space their children," she said.

The Jhpiego expert also pointed out that the focus of her organisation and the government is to ensure that married women can have a spacing of at least two years after giving birth.

Such awareness, she said, has been so far achieved in Lake Zone due to the fact that most of women deliver their babies at health facilities where they come into contact with health experts and receive counseling and awareness on contraceptives use.

"We managed to get to hard-to-reach areas and created awareness on family planning and we have seen uptake increase the Lake Zone which has been badly affected and this also cuts down maternal mortality," she said.

Evidence shows that low uptake of family planning contributes to high fertility rates, which is as one of the risk factors for maternal mortality. Low uptake of family planning services in most Sub-Saharan countries is associated with inadequacy in health literacy among women of childbearing age, according to health reports.

The family planning awareness is therefore one of the most sig-

nificant social determinants of health and is, thus, essential in changing people's attitudes towards accepting and taking various recommended family planning methods.

Commenting during the discussion, Dr Elizabeth Sanga, a public health practitioner said it is also important to look at blood loss in pregnant women during delivery, infections after and before delivery and high blood pressure besides family planning as far as maternal health is concerned.

"Our clinics and health facilities also need to give proper attention to pregnant women if we are to talk about scaling down maternal mortality rate," she said.

Geoffrey Sigalla, Senior Programme Officer at Marie Stopes Tanzania said the organisation is working with the government to build capacity to health workers and it runs family planning campaigns in schools and communities.

William Mbaga, a participant, asked health stakeholders to create awareness on sexual reproductive health before embarking on literacy awareness on contraceptive use to the public.

He said lack of awareness on sexual reproductive health in the communities among the reasons most people hesitate to buy the idea due to lack of understanding on the importance of contraceptives in planning and spacing their families.

Lilian Lema, a digital content developer based in Dar es Salaam who was a participant in the session raised the issue of youth-friendly family planning services as one of the hindrances to uptake.

She added that lack of proper information on contraceptives deny the youth an opportunity to visit clinics and access contraceptives, citing stigma as being among the reasons.

On a positive note, Tanzania has recorded a significant increase in the utilization of modern family planning methods among women from seven percent in 1991 to 31 by last year, 2022. According to the World Health Organization, almost 60 percent of women of childbearing age use family planning methods globally.

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# Makinda commends journalists for 2022 census awareness role

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Mwanza

**P**OPULATION censuses traditionally conducted by countries every ten years are not done for fun given the financial resources they gobble up. Accurate census data is valuable and essential for economic development, healthcare, education, business planning, transportation and decision making.

This is because census plays an essential role in giving detailed information on the population density. But conducting a census and having the data is one thing and disseminating its report for public consumption is another.

Anne Makinda, Commissioner of the 2022 Population and Housing Census, is of the view that journalists and media outlets in Tanzania are largely responsible for the unprecedented success of the latest census.

Makinda who is former Speaker of the National Assembly spoke in Mwanza Region recently while opening a training organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to impart skills to journalists from Kagera, Mara and Mwanza regions about census data reporting.

"The 2022 Population and Housing Census results are for integrated plans and development of the country and guide allocation of resources at all levels based on actual population", she said.

She commended the role played by journalists in the entire census exercise, noting that the awareness created through reporting made a good number of the citizens positively respond to the enumeration, enabling the 99 percent success of the targeted goal.

"I am very glad to see a good number of women journalists here. In the past when I was the information minister and Pan African News Agency chairperson, the situation was worse. Women's journals were marginalized. I think this has remained a history. There is equality in the media fraternity," she said.

But she was quick to note that although the awareness part was excellently done, reporting the data obtained from the 2022 Population and Housing Census is yet to be done.

She said that the government invested heavily in information and communication technology to ensure the success of enumeration countrywide, explaining that 99.9 percent of all households in Tanzania were counted.

Makinda challenged journalists against engaging in mundane reporting, advising them to embark on critical questioning while informing the citizenry about the level of development attained at a given place.

"You need to write critically about the kind of progress



**The 2022 Population and Housing Census Commissioner Anne Makinda (3rd from left front row) in a souvenir photo with members of Kagera Press Club after a training on census reporting in Mwanza Region recently. Photo/ Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast**

recorded at a given area. If politicians tell members of the public about lengths of tarred roads, water or energy services, ask them to give data in line with the NBS findings," she said.

Makinda explained that the census included collecting information on all residential

and non-residential buildings across the country to improve policies and strategic plans to develop housing sector.

The former speaker hailed the census experts for utilizing sophisticated tools that saw the geographical positions of all areas earmarked

to ensure that planners know quality of buildings, the means of people's livelihoods and their standard of living.

She added that Tanzania attained a commendable level in conducting census, a situation that compelled neighbouring countries to ask for assistance ahead of their own

pending exercises.

"Many experts from neighbouring countries were amazed at how we conducted this exercise successfully. Nigeria, the DRC, South Africa, and many other countries are still eager to learn about population and housing census from us. Experts from

NBS have done a commendable job. You journalists are now challenged to use the census data to critically inform the uninformed," she said.

Said Amir, information and communications expert at NBS said that NBS is the central depository for all official statistics in the country, responsible for collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official statistics.

"Our work is professional and accurate. You can't judge the data by using mere open eyes. If there is someone in doubt of our statistics, they are welcome to go ahead with research to prove us wrong," he said.

The 2022 Population and Housing Census released on 31st October 2022 shows that Tanzania has a population of 61,741,120 people out of which 59,851,347 are in mainland Tanzania and 1,889,773 are in Zanzibar.

Dar es Salaam is the country's most populous region, with 5.38 million people, followed by Mwanza with 3.69 inhabitants. Of the 61,741,120 people, women are 31,687,990 equal to 51 percent and men are 30,053,130 equal to 49 percent, according to the census report.

The data show that just 10 years ago when the preceding census was released, Tanzania had a population of 44,928,923, meaning there has been an increase of 16,812,197 people which corresponds to a growth of +3.2 percent per year between 2012 and 2022.

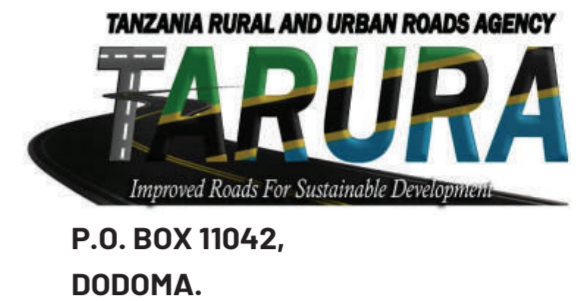
According to the World Population Prospects 2022 of the United Nations, more than half of the projected increase in global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries, namely the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania.

**The populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania are expected to grow rapidly between 2 percent and 3 percent per year over the 2022-2050 period.**





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TANZANIA RURAL AND URBAN ROADS AGENCY (TARURA)**



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) (CONSULTING SERVICES – QCBS SELECTION)

**Country:** Tanzania  
**Name of Project:** Tanzania Roads to Inclusion and Socioeconomic Opportunities (RISE) Project  
**Credit No.:** IDA-68670 – TZ  
**Assignment Title:** Consultancy Services on ICT Assessment and Development of Digital Transformation Road Map to TARURA  
**Reference No.:** AE.092/WB-RISE-P164920/374435/2023/24/C/04

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) No. WB- P164920 of 14th December 2021

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Roads to Inclusion and Social Economic Opportunities (RISE). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the credit will be used to cover eligible payments under the contracts for Consultancy services.

The consulting services ("the Services") intent is to assess and understand compatibility of Agency's software, data capturing, storage and processes under ICT unit and develop Digital Transformation Road Map that will help TARURA on the effective and efficient utilization of human and infrastructure resources, technology and processes to meet its ICT strategic objectives. This ICT assessment assignment is a data-driven evaluation of technology, data capturing, processes and storage, and ICT resources in relation to key Agency goals. The ICT assessment will provide measurable insights and improvements to systematically align information and communication technology to Agency's strategic vision. A comprehensive assessment will measure the health of TARURA's entire ICT environment and will provide an actionable ICT roadmap for the staff, infrastructure, processes, and technology assets to fulfil the Agency's mission.

The total duration for the entire assignment shall be about **Eight 8 calendar months** from contract effective date.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) is attached to this request for Expression of Interest and is also available at TARURA's website [www.tarura.go.tz](http://www.tarura.go.tz) and TARURA RISE Project's website <https://rise.tarura.go.tz> All requests for clarification should be sent through office email [pmurise@tarura.go.tz](mailto:pmurise@tarura.go.tz) and the Client will respond to the requested clarifications. The Consultants would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.

The Chief Executive TARURA, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- A. Core business and 10 years in business.
- B. Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include the below:
  - i) Experience of at least two (2) similar assignments completed in the past 5 years. Information to be provided should include name of assignment, name and full contact address of the

client, contract value (in equivalent US dollars) and period (dates) of execution of assignment and the role played in the assignment (Lead or JV partner)

- ii) Demonstration of experience of work in similar conditions.

- C. Technical and Managerial Capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of key staff). Do not provide CV of the staff. Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria. The experience, technical & managerial capability of the Sub-Consultant shall not be evaluated to enhance the qualification of the Lead Firm or JV.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **08.00 to 17.00 hours** Local time Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by e-mail [pmurise@tarura.go.tz](mailto:pmurise@tarura.go.tz) by **25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 1430 Hours East African Time**. The firms that will submit their EOI via e-mail must get confirmation of the receipt of their documents.

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# China-sponsored programme empowers young train drivers in Africa

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ANKETSEBRHAN Girma, a 28-year-old train driver at the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway, has long dreamed of becoming one of the pioneer modern train drivers in Ethiopia.

"When I saw trains, especially trains of China, on TV and online, I thought it was very cool. How to operate a train as it is so long? I really wanted to figure that out," Girma said of her childhood dream.

In 2018, Girma went through fierce competition and entered the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company after graduating from Adama University, becoming the first female to drive an electrified train in the East African country.

Since July this year, Girma, an assistant driver with three years of experience, has been in China along with 27 colleagues to receive a six-month training for electrified train driving.

During the training at Zhengzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College, Girma sensed the warmth from her Chinese teachers. "When I felt sick, my tutor drove me to the hospital and accompanied me all the time. They are both my teachers and my friends," Girma said.

In 2019, the college in Zhengzhou signed an agreement with the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company to train electric locomotive drivers for the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway, or shortly Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway.

The 752-km railway, also known as the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, is the first electri-

fied transboundary railway in Africa, a flagship project under the framework of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative.

The first group of 34 trainees have fully commanded the skills of driving, monitoring, diagnosing and maintaining electrified trains, and have the capability of independently driving them after eight months of study in the college.

After returning to their homeland, they have quickly become the backbone of the Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway, safely chauffeuring across the vast East African plateau.

As one of the 34 trainees, Dejen Gezu is among the first in the country to get a license for electrified trains issued by the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport and Logistics.

He is now tasked with dual responsibilities of safely chauffeuring the Chinese-built Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway and supervising fellow train drivers such as Girma in their pursuit of fully mastering the trains.

"Before I came to China, I dreamed of becoming a train driver who could drive the trains independently like Gezu," Girma said.

The Chinese operation team has always attached great significance to the construction of the operational capacity of the Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway, and has endeavoured to provide the local employees with technology transfer and skill training.

With the help of Chinese technology, the railway has cut the shipping time for goods from more than three days to less than 20 hours, and reduced the cost by at least one-third, substan-



tially facilitating the imports and exports of Ethiopia, a landlocked country in the Horn of Africa.

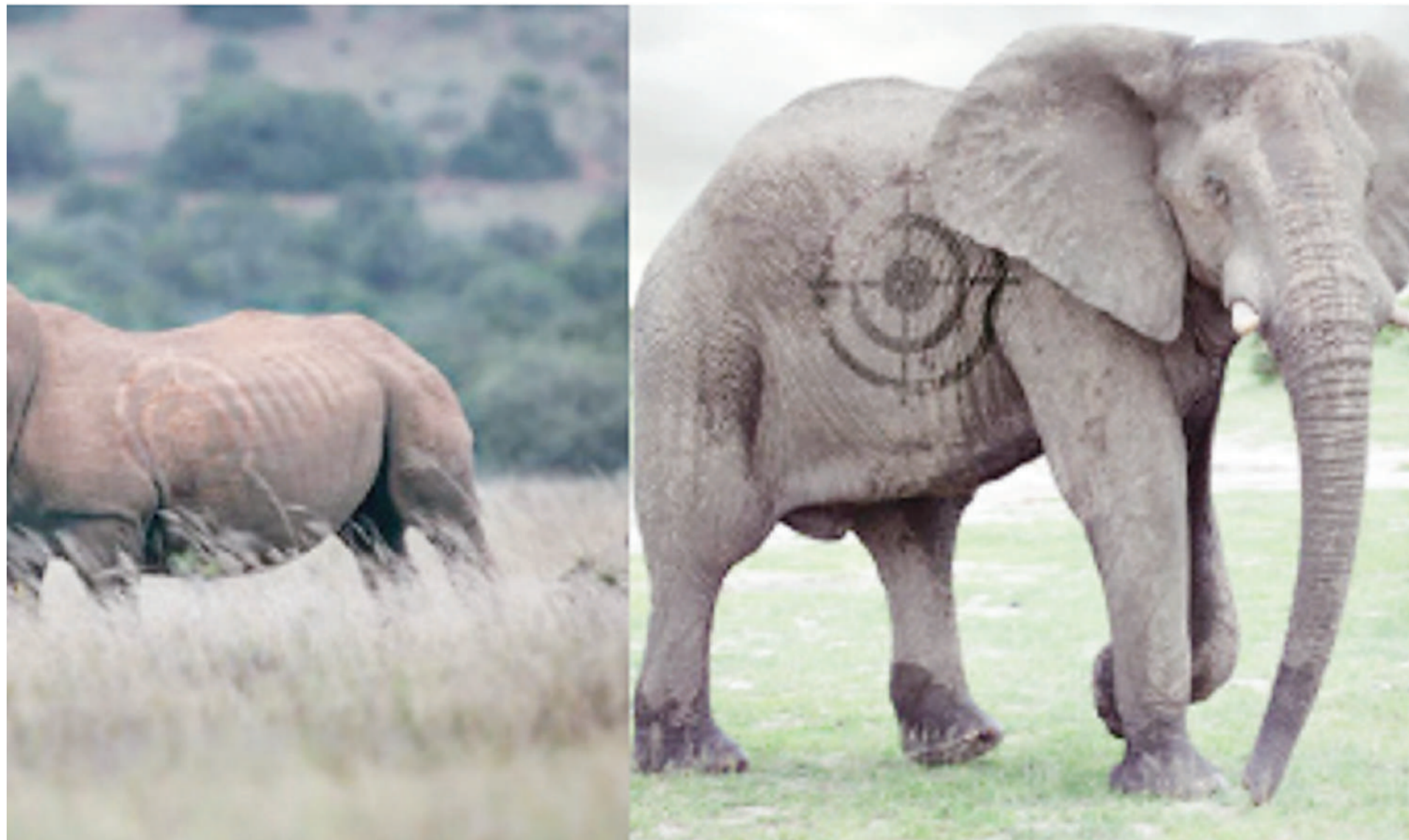
"As Ethiopia has no sea or port, it takes a few days to deliver goods to and from Djibouti by road transport, which is a waste of time and energy. The Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway can greatly

cut the time and cost. It is like the backbone of our country," said Girma.

Abdi Zenebe, chief executive officer of the Ethiopia-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company, stressed the importance of skill training.

"During the construction and operation of

the program, Chinese experts have helped in training about 3,000 professionals on railway techniques, laying a solid foundation for the development of the railway industry in the two countries," Zenebe said.



## Namibia advocates sustainable hunting as key to African wildlife conservation

WINDHOEK

NAMIBIA'S Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism Pohamba Shifeta on Monday expressed concern over the global trend of restricting hunting, highlighting the need to balance conservation with the welfare of local communities.

Speaking at the 21st African Wildlife Consultative Forum in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, Shifeta emphasized the impor-

ance of addressing this issue and developing mechanisms to counter the ongoing onslaught against hunting.

"Namibia believes that hunting has a place in our conservation and social setup, and will support all efforts aiming at promoting well-regulated and people-centered hunting," he said.

Shifeta said that wildlife conservation is a vital economic activity in many African countries and highlighted how well-

developed wildlife industries contribute significantly to job creation, and rural and national economies, directly benefiting local communities. "We have to find mechanisms to stop the further decline of wildlife by adopting models that work for both wildlife and people on whose land wildlife occurs.

I believe that placing some economic value, and finding ways to derive these values, is the model that has worked for Southern Af-

rica," he said.

Shifeta placed a strong emphasis on the importance of community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) programs, explaining how these programs have successfully integrated local communities into wildlife conservation initiatives in Southern Africa, benefiting both conservation efforts and the livelihoods of people living near wildlife habitats.

However, he also noted the

necessity of innovating CBNRM approaches to address economic challenges faced by households.

He outlined six key aspects for successful wildlife conservation efforts, including establishing enabling policy frameworks, leveraging the economic value of wildlife for conservation and linking conservation with rural development and poverty alleviation, as well as enabling the recovery of wildlife resources.

## Govt in strategy to increase coffee consumption to 15 pct by 2025/26

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

THE country's coffee consumption has increased from five to seven per cent while the government puts strategies to increase the consumption level to 15 per cent by 2025/26.

In addition, the present average production of the strategic crop in the country has increased from 50,000 tonnes to 82,000 tonnes this year.

Speaking on Monday on the completion of preparations for 2023 Coffee festival slated for October 27 to 29 this year in Moshi town, Kilimanjaro region, the Director General of Tanzania coffee Board (TTB) Primus Kimario said that in order to attract more coffee drinkers and production, it is the government intention to spur production to reach 300,000 tonnes per year.

"Another thing, we have in place a strategy to increase the earnings of coffee farmers, by increasing the number of coffee trees as well as coffee quality.

"We intend to produce 20,000 coffee seedlings every year and this will help us to increase production to 300,000 tonnes.

"This prominent crop is cultivated in 17 regions at the moment. The regions that have grabbed the opportunity to grow coffee on a large scale include Katavi which was not a coffee producer in the past.

"We also have Kigoma, Njombe, especially Ludewa and Makete districts and Mara Regions," he said.

Kimario expressed his pleasure that one day Tanzania should not be surprised to see in not a too distant future that these regions will lead in coffee production in the country.

In regard to the Coffee Festival, Kimario said this time they have invited some of the country's specialist doctors to provide education on the benefits of coffee drinking.

"There have been misleading conception that coffee causes some diseases, hence the presence of the doctors will be will also be an opportunity for people to ask ques-

## Zanzibar launches minerals prospecting, exploration for Unguja and Pemba islands

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ASEEL Oilfield Services Limited and the Zanzibar's Ministry of Water, Energy, and Minerals have jointly launched research activities aimed at understanding the mineral resources in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The two entities came together in a ceremony held at the Ministry's headquarters, which represents a significant milestone in the comprehensive development of Zanzibar's mining sector and sets the stage for a robust exploration plan.

The collaborative initiative is

a result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Aseel Oilfield Services and the Ministry of Water, Energy, and Minerals of Zanzibar in July 2023.

The agreement encompasses various large-scale projects, including mining activities in Unguja and Pemba. The inaugural research phase aims to provide valuable insights into Zanzibar's mineral reserves, aligning with the vision of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi for a prosperous Zanzibar.

Ministry's Principal Secretary, Joseph Kilangi, played a

pivotal role in facilitating this collaboration, emphasizing the invaluable commitment demonstrated by Aseel Oilfield Services in supporting previous government initiatives. He expressed his sincere appreciation for Aseel's efforts, noting their unwavering dedication and welcoming these exciting initiatives.

Kilangi expressed gratitude towards the professionalism and sincerity demonstrated by the Aseel team in executing the project, stressing geological similarities between Zanzibar and other mineral-rich regions,

underscoring the potential for mineral deposits on Unguja and Pemba islands.

Kilangi assured the project team of the ministry's full cooperation, honoring the contractual obligations.

He also stressed the significance of safeguarding the valuable information belonging to the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

The official emphasized the ministry's commitment to establish a new economic pillar through mineral exploration, as the successful outcomes from this project are expected

to spearhead economic development in the Eighth Phase government led by President Mwinyi, with a specific focus on the mineral sector.

Deputy Minister of Water, Energy and Minerals Shaaban Ali Othman, senior government officials and stakeholders lauded the President Mwinyi's visionary leadership and his efforts to attract serious investors for the profound development of Zanzibar.

Shaaban called upon residents of Unguja and Pemba islands to extend their utmost cooperation to the profes-

sional team from Aseel Oilfield Services and esteemed team from the geology and mineral department of the ministry as they carry out their vital duties.

Shaaban also confirmed the government's commitment to provide Aseel with the first right of refusal for extraction in case any discoveries are made, citing that the ministry will closely review and analyze bi-weekly progression reports and strategize accordingly, aiming to establish a sophisticated database for the ministry.

Iman Al-Jabry, the Chairman of Aseel Oilfield Services

group, expressed deep gratitude for the government's steadfast commitment to building a transparent and investor-friendly environment in Zanzibar as set by President Dr Mwinyi.

Through the collaboration, Aseel Oilfield Services, in conjunction with the Ministry of Water, Energy, and Minerals, embarks on an exciting journey to uncover the vast mineral resources embedded within Zanzibar. These ongoing efforts will continue until February to March 2024.



# What governments need to do to end child marriage in Africa

By Divya Srinivasan

**A**LMOST one third (32%) of women aged 20 to 24 in Eastern and Southern Africa - around 50 million - were married before 18 years old. To address this pervasive problem, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Parliamentary Forum has adopted the SADC Model Law on Eradicating Child Marriage and Protecting Children Already in Marriage, a legal framework providing a comprehensive, integrated approach to ending child marriage and protecting children already married.

New research reveals that while some SADC countries have taken commendable action to strengthen legal protections in this area, other Member States have made little or no progress.

These findings feature in new policy briefs produced by Equality Now in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC PF). Ending Child Marriage In Southern Africa: Gaps And Opportunities In The Legislative Frameworks and Domesticating The SADC Model Law On Child Marriage analyzes laws across the 16 SADC countries and identifies positive legal advances, best practices, and challenges.

A third brief, Ending Child Marriage in Eastern and Southern Africa: Challenges in Implementing Domestic Laws and the SADC Model Law on Child Marriage, examines the implementation of domestic and regional laws on child marriage, focusing on Malawi, Uganda, and Zambia as case studies.

While the SADC Model Law is having a positive impact, its success depends on effective implementation and enforcement by states. To assist governments, the briefs also provide recommendations on strengthening elimination efforts through good application of child marriage laws and policies.

**SADC model law**

Child marriage severely harms girls and exposes them to various human rights violations. It impedes their right to education, as marriage often entails being forced to drop out of school to assume adult responsibilities. This lack of education perpetuates a cycle of poverty, limiting girls' opportunities for personal development and financial independence.

Early marriages increase the likelihood of early pregnancies, posing significant health risks to girls whose bodies aren't mature. This can result in complications during pregnancy and childbirth and is associated with higher maternal and infant mortality.

Moreover, child brides are often subjected to domestic violence and marital abuse as they lack the power to assert their rights, and alternative safe spaces are rarely available.

The SADC Model Law defines a child as any person below the age of 18 and recognizes that child marriage violates children's rights, including the right to education, health, and protection from harm. It calls for prohibiting child marriage, creating prevention and response mechanisms, and promoting birth registration. Other components include supporting child



Nafissa, 17 from Niger, was married at 16. Three months after marrying she became pregnant. She gave birth to a still born baby. Credit: UNICEF/Marieke van der Velden

brides and their families and ensuring access to education and healthcare.

The Model Law sets 18 as the minimum age for marriage for both boys and girls without exception and is applicable to all types of marriages - whether under statutory, religious or customary law - with marriages involving a child declared null and void.

To address the complex root causes contributing to child marriage, the Law promotes a comprehensive, multi-sectoral

approach based on coordination and collaboration between legal, education, healthcare, and social services sectors.

**Inconsistencies and weak implementation of laws**

It is important to recognize that some progress in reducing child marriage has been achieved in Eastern and Southern Africa. However, progress is too slow as the prevalence rate has only reduced from 39% to 32% over the past 25 years, while other regions have made much faster progress.

At the current trajectory, it is estimated that child marriage in the region won't end until 2240.

Concerningly, most progress in Sub-Saharan Africa has occurred amongst the wealthiest families, while in poorer communities, there has been a rise in child marriage. This perpetuates an unacceptable and deeply entrenched divide along socio-economic lines and demonstrates how governments need to focus more on prioritizing elimination of child marriage.

Problems include a lack of adequate resourcing to programs addressing child marriage and a general lack of effective implementation of laws and policies, which feeds into low prioritization of decision-making and lack of action on child marriage.

Out of the 16 countries in Southern Africa, only six countries - DRC, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, and Zimbabwe - set 18 as the minimum age of marriage for both boys and girls, with no exceptions.

Five countries - Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Madagascar, and Namibia -

set the minimum age as 18, but allow exceptions for customary and religious marriages and for marriage with consent from judicial or other government officials.

Statutory law in the remaining five countries - Eswatini, Lesotho, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia - provides for a minimum age ranging between 15 and 18. These are different for boys and girls, with the boys invariably having a higher age limit.

In addition, all five countries allow for judicial or parental consent to lower the age of marriage even further, and in Eswatini and Lesotho, there are exceptions for customary law that permit marriage from the age of puberty.

These domestic laws violate the international and regional human rights standards that SADC countries have signed on to. Deeply entrenched cultural practices, poverty, and limited access to education and sexual and reproductive healthcare are slowing progress and hindering reform efforts.

Such is the case in Tanzania. In 2016, the Tanzanian High Court gave a landmark ruling that struck down sections of the Marriages Act of 1971, which set the marriage age at 18 for boys and 15 for girls, with additional exceptions allowing marriage at 14 with court approval.

Despite the ruling being upheld by the Court of Appeal in 2019, Tanzania's government has thus far failed to amend the law accordingly.

However, there is encouraging progress elsewhere.

In Zimbabwe, the Constitutional Court ruled in 2016 that child marriage is in-

consistent with the Constitution. A new Marriage Act enacted in 2022 prohibits marriage for those under 18 in all cases, including for customary marriages, and allows up to five years imprisonment for offenders.

In addition, the country's National Action Plan and Communication Strategy to End Child Marriage requires registration of all marriages.

In February 2023, the Constitutional Court of Uganda issued a ground-breaking decision in the case, Kirya Martins & Aboneka Michael v. Attorney General, striking down provisions of customary and religious law, including in Hindu and Muslim family laws, that conflicted with the minimum age of marriage set out in the Constitution.

Prioritizing legal reforms to end child marriage

Contradictory provisions in different laws on child marriage create confusion in the application of the law and the inconsistencies make jurisprudence difficult to interpret and implement. All SADC countries must prioritize legal reform and enact robust legislative and policy frameworks that comply with international and regional human rights obligations. This means setting the minimum age of marriage at 18, without any exceptions.

While legal reform is crucial, governments must close the divide between legal approaches and those aimed at influencing social and community norms. Prosecution and punishment of perpetrators should be accompanied by a multi-sectoral approach with an ample budgetary allocation.

Community awareness-raising is key and requires comprehensive sexuality education and behavior change campaigns that foster understanding about the negative impact of child marriage on girls and the wider society.

So too is the empowerment of girls through education and other opportunities that increase their agency and decrease their vulnerability to human rights violations.

Child marriage prevention must also be fully integrated into climate change mitigation and disaster response strategies. Africa is bearing the brunt of global warming, with extreme weather events, prolonged droughts, and food shortages intensifying economic hardships, conflicts, and forced migration.

Girls are especially vulnerable, as families may view marrying daughters as a strategy to cope with financial difficulties and as a way of protecting them from the heightened risks of sexual violence and exploitation found in unstable environments.

Having the right laws in place is the foundation upon which access to protection and justice is built. But only through a multifaceted approach championed by governments can we create a future where every child and young woman in East and Southern Africa can reach their full potential, free from the shackles of child marriage and early motherhood.

The UN commemorates International Day of the Girl Child on October 11 - an annual and internationally recognized observance that empowers girls and amplifies their voices.

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**THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORDS AND WORD FIT - 15 -**

By Felix Magezi: 0787 00 97 94 // felixmagezi@gmail.com

14. the beginning of something  
17. a place where an animal or insect breeds or shelters  
19. University  
20. Sunday, abbreviation  
21. a fixed luminous point in the night sky which is a large, remote incandescent body like the sun  
22. fabric made using an Indonesian decorative technique in which warp or weft threads, or both, are tie-dyed before weaving

**DOWN:**  
1. Pula is her monetary unit  
2. a woman on her wedding day  
3. merciful  
4. formate  
5. mentally ill  
6. the holding of an office  
8. too long, slow, or dull  
13. listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from boredom  
15. go down below the surface of liquid  
16. nipple of the mammary gland of a female  
18. a habitual drunkard

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

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THEME	AGAPE	SENTENCE
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**Yesterday's solution**

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## BUSINESS

## DSE All Share Index gains at week's opening Monday

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange All Share Index (DSEI) gained by 7.57 points to close at 1,775.18 points on Monday opening, following the appreciation of East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price.

The DSE market report shows the cross listed brewer share price appreciated by 5 percent to 2,100/- on Monday's close, from 2,000/- during the last ses-

sion of the previous week.

Other indices including Tanzania Share Index (TSI) and Bank, Finance & Investment Index (BI) started the week in red, following the depreciation of CRDB Bank Plc share price.

CRDB Bank Plc share price depreciated by 1.12 percent after closing at 440/- on Monday this week, compared to 445/- recorded during the closing of last week.

The market report shows a total turnover of 975.9mn/- was recorded during

the opening of the week, following the transactions of 944,572 shares traded in 152 deals.

Top mover was CRDB Bank, which transacted 748,744 shares valued 329.5mn/- traded at

weighted average price of 445/- per share in 115 deals, followed by Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC) counter, which transacted 90,000 shares on block trade pre-arranged market board val-

ued 540mn/-, at a discounted price in three deals.

Other movers were DCB Bank, which transacted 58,017 shares valued 8.1mn/- traded at a price of 140 per share in three deals and NICO counter, which transacted 29,304 shares valued 14.8mn/- traded at weighted average price of 505/- per share in 20 deals.

NMB Bank counter transacted 17,037 shares valued 79.4mn/- traded at price ranging from 4,640/- and 4,660/- per share in eight deals.

According to the market report, the foreign investors dominated the selling activity after selling shares valued 856mn/-, which was 87.72 percent of total value of shares sold, while local investors dominated the buying activity, after accounting for 100 percent of all shares bought.

This also translated into foreign investor's net outflow amounting to 2.33bn/- since the start of the current quarter, which is nearly a third of net outflow recorded during the fourth quarter of last year.



## Energy solutions multinational partners local firms in bid to cut costs

By Henry Mwangonde

A multinational specialist in distributed energy solutions, Clarke Energy, has partnered with industrial companies in providing self-generated gas power plants by using natural gas.

The company has emerged with over 45 MW already installed natural gas-to-power solutions to offset the national grid supply.

Speaking recently at the power generation networking and cocktail evening in Dar es Salaam, the Clarke Energy Managing Director

for Africa, Yiannis Tsantilas said that they have now delivered over 45MW of installed power generation capacity in the country.

"These solutions provide resilient and reliable self-generated electricity supply for manufacturing and processing and independent power producers (IPP) who sell power as a service (PaaS) to other industries, the existing customer base are notable players in the steel, glass, flour mills, tobacco and oil and gas industries," he said.

He added that the en-

gines installed by the company are supported by in-country service capability and several spare parts warehouse facilities.

"We were delighted to hold this networking evening and engage in project discussions whilst exchanging thoughts on emerging trends in the energy sector in Tanzania." He said.

On the other hand, the General Manager of Clarke Energy, Emile Hamman, clarified that aside from reliability, an additional benefit of self-power gen-

eration utilising natural gas includes significant cost savings compared to generating electricity from other fuel sources.

"Most companies in manufacturing and processing, including food & beverage, cement, plastics packaging, textile, pharmaceuticals, and mining, can save up to 15-25 per cent off energy costs by adopting gas-to-power solutions. The savings can double if the customer requirement includes heat recovery, which means utilising waste heat from the exhaust to generate steam, hot water or

cooling."

He said, once a gas power plant has been installed, it is connected to a network of gas pipelines or bottled variants transported as compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) to the customer site by a gas supplier. The locally based team of Clarke Energy engineers will commission the power plant, hand over the gas genset to the customer, and kick off the service maintenance plan.

Currently Tanzania's total power installed capacity is 1,605.86 MW (2021), mostly generated from natural gas

(48percent), followed by hydropower (31percent), petrol (18percent), solar (1percent), and biofuels (1percent).

Tanzania also imports power from Uganda (10 MW), Zambia (5 MW), and Kenya (1MW).

Tanzania's manufacturing industries have adopted self-power generation for the sake of reliability and safety of their machines.

The idea comes while Tanzania is facing power cuts, due to the lack of sufficient rains that caused a drop in hydro-electricity production, and an increase in the

use of electricity in the country.

At an estimated 57 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves both in the Indian Ocean and offshore, Tanzania holds east Africa largest gas deposits, with an annual production of 110 billion cubic feet from three fields: Songo Songo, Mnazi Bay, and Kiliwani.

Currently the country's annual natural gas production stands at 68.02 billion cubic feet as compared to 59.96 billion cubic feet recorded in the same period of 2021/22 which is equivalent to 13 percent increase.

## Natural gas production increases by 16 per cent

By Guardian Reporter

Production of natural gas among two producing sources including Songo Songo and Mnazi Bay gas fields, increased by 16 percent to 81.4 billion standard cubic feet during the financial year 2022/2023, from 70.29 billion standard cubic feet recorded in 2021/2022.

Data by the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) shows natural gas production at Songo Songo gas field, which accounts for 58.4 percent of produced gas increased by 16 percent to 47.65 billion standard cubic feet, compared with 40.99 billion standard cubic feet respectively.

On the side of Mnazi Bay gas field, which has 41.6 percent of production share, natural gas

produced also went up by 15.7 percent to 33.91 billion cubic feet in 2022/2023, compared to 29.30 billion standard cubic feet produced in 2021/2022.

On Consumption, TPDC data shows also increased by 13.6 percent to 80.88 billion standard cubic feet during the last financial year, compared to 71.21 billion cubic feet produced during the 2021/2022 financial year.

Power generation plants, which consume 85 percent of total produced natural gas, increased their consumption by 18 percent to 68.78 billion standard cubic feet in 2022/2023, compared with 58.22 billion standard cubic feet in 2021/2022.

However, on the side of industries, which accounts for 14.8 percent of total natural gas, consumption decreased by 7.3

percent to 11.99 billion standard cubic feet in 2022/2023, compared to 12.93 billion standard cubic feet consumed during the previous year.

The consumption by vehicles increased by 96 percent to 87.4 million standard cubic feet during the last financial year, compared to 44.6 million standard cubic feet recorded in 2021/2022. However, vehicle consumption of natural gas is still lower than 0.2 percent of total consumption.

Households' consumption nearly doubled to 4.7 million cubic feet from 2.1 million standard cubic feet, while others consumption went up by 7.3 percent to 11.3 million standard cubic feet in 2022/2023, from 10.6 million standard cubic feet recorded in 2021/2022.



A worker at a Songo Songo natural gas field

SINGAPORE

## Oil dips amid Middle East turmoil

OIL prices eased on Tuesday after rallying more than 4 percent in the previous session, with traders cautious as they watched for potential supply disruptions amid military clashes between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas.

Brent crude fell 56 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$87.59 a barrel at last check, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude eased 56 cents, or 0.6 percent, to \$85.82 a barrel.

Both benchmarks surged more than \$3.50 on Monday as the clashes raised fears that the conflict could spread beyond Gaza into the oil-rich region.

Hamas launched the largest military assault on Israel in decades on Saturday, while fighting continued into the night on Monday as Israel retaliated with a wave of air strikes on Gaza.

"There is still plenty of uncertainty across markets following the attacks in Israel over the weekend," said ING



analysts on Tuesday, adding that oil markets are now pricing in a risk premium.

"If reports of Iran's involvement turn out to be true, this would provide another boost to prices, as we would expect to see the US enforcing oil sanctions against Iran more strictly. That would further tighten an already tight market," the ING analysts added.

While Israel produces very little crude oil, markets worried that if the conflict escalates it could hurt Middle East supply and worsen an expected deficit for the rest of the year.

Israel's port of Ashkelon and its oil terminal have been shut in the wake of the conflict, sources said on Monday.

Iran is complicit even though the United States has no intelligence or evidence that points to Iran's direct participation in the attacks, a White House spokesperson said on Monday.

"If the US finds evidence directly implicating Iran, then the immediate reduction in Iran's oil exports becomes a

reality," said Vivek Dhar, an energy analyst at CBA.

"We continue to believe that Brent oil will ultimately stabilise between \$90-\$100/bbl in Q4 2023," said Dhar, adding that the Palestine-Israel conflict raises the risk of Brent futures tracking at \$100/bbl and above.

In a more positive sign for supply, Venezuela and the US have progressed in talks that could provide sanctions relief to Caracas by allowing at least one additional foreign oil firm to take Venezuelan crude oil under some conditions.



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## Book launched to remember famous Moshi's businessman

By Correspondent James Lanka, Rombo

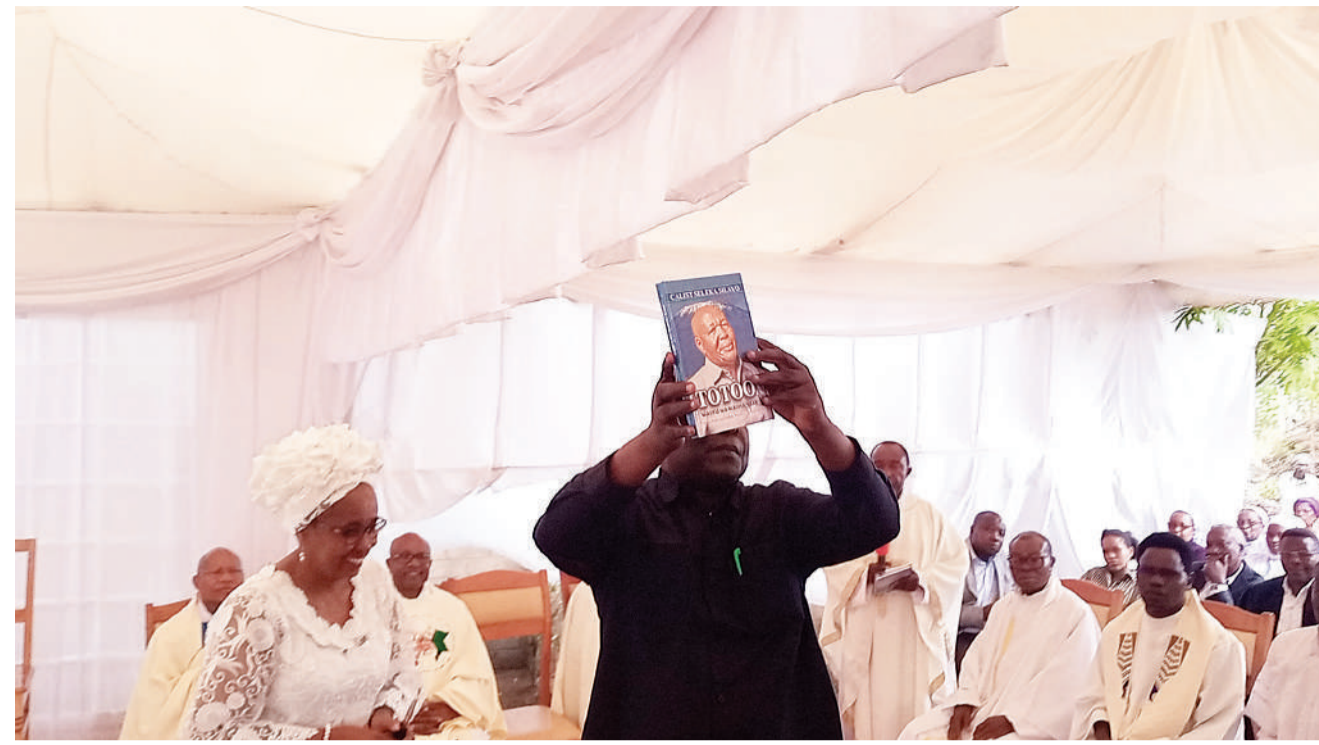
THE family of Moshi Municipal's Calist Seleka Silayo famously known as 'Totoo' who passed away on September 30, last year has published an autobiography chronicling his journey from a humble background in a small village of Reha in Rombo district, Kilimanjaro region to his emergence as one of the most successful businessmen in Tanzania.

The book titled 'Maisha ya Hayati Calist Seleka Silayo (Totoo), Mshumaa uliozika ghafla' literally means the 'Life of the Late Calist Seleka Silayo (Totoo), The candle that suddenly went out', was officially launched recently at a special ceremony attended by the Tanzanian Minister of Education, Science, and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda, as well as several leading entrepreneurs, politicians and diplomats.

In his remarks, the son of the late Mzee Totoo, Elvis Calist Silayo told the audience that they (their family) decided to write and publish his autobiography after being prompted by his father to tell his story.

"Before he passed away, my daddy always encouraged me to tell my story to inspire many young entrepreneurs across Tanzania and Africa in general. A lot of youthful entrepreneurs on the continent are stuck in one way or the other, trying to build businesses and encountering difficulties. Many of them give up," Elvis Calist Silayo explained during a special Mass organized by the Reha Catholic parish to commemorate one year anniversary of the late Mzee Totoo.

The late Mzee Totoo is the founder and Managing Director of the Totoo group of companies that deals with books and other educational materials including labo-



Rombo district commissioner Hamisi Maigwa launches a book recently. Left is the fallen businessman's widow, Virginia Silayo. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

ratory apparatus and chemicals, among many others. The company has branches in Moshi, Arusha, Kahama, Singida and Mwanza, among other places countrywide.

"I want my fellow young people to read his story and see that even with all the disadvantages he grew up with, the late my father Mzee Totoo was able to turn his life into a big success story. If he did it, anyone can do it,"

Elvis Silayo further explained.

In his address at the ceremony, the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda who is also Rombo Constituency legislator, acknowledged the late Silayo as one of Tanzania's most illustrious capitalists and humanitarians.

"I know well the late Calist Seleka Silayo who was a real

business strategist, philanthropist, and entrepreneur as well as a politician who was also one of the ruling CCM party's political committee members in Rombo DC," he explained.

He added that, one of the things that the late Mzee Totoo has shown us with his life is that it is possible to rise above one's circumstances if one is willing to pay the price. There is no shortcut to success. His story is a wakeup call to young Africans to work hard and persevere despite the odds," the Minister said.

The Rombo district Commissioner acknowledged the late Silayo as one of Tanzania's most illustrious capitalists and humanitarians adding that, he (the late Mzee Totoo) was also an environmentalist who insists tree planting for sustainable environmental protection and conservation.

The special ceremony was also attended by the ruling CCM party regional Chairman in Kilimanjaro region, Patrick Boisafi, Rombo district commissioner, Hamisi Maiga, religious leaders and businessmen from different areas in Tanzania and abroad, among others.

## USAID support helps school to enhance financial stability

By Correspondent James Kandoya

BUNAZI Primary School, located in Missenyi District Council, Kagera Region, is a rural primary school serving more than 1,000 students.

The school serves as an excellent example of how the implementation of the Facility Financial Accounting and Reporting System (FFARS) can lead to significant improvements in financial management and ultimately, student achievement.

For a number of years, the school struggled with financial instability and ineffective allocation of resources.

All that changed in 2017 after the school started using the (FFARS) to monitor income and expenditures.

The USAID Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus (PS3+) Activity collaborated with the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) to roll out FFARS with the aim of helping facilities better manage Direct Facility Financing (DFF).

Introduced in 2017, DFF dramatically changed the way schools—and other public facilities—received funding.

Mkama Waswa, Head teacher at Bunazi Primary School, praised FFARS for its impact on the school's financial planning and decision-making, stating that "With the help [of] FFARS, the school has managed to plan their spending and prioritize urgent needs of the school."

He said that before DFF, government funds to facilities passed through Local Government Authority (LGA) offices where LGAs planned and allocated funding to facilities without considering the priorities and needs of

the facilities.

Now, public facilities receive funds directly from the government While DFF reduced misuse of funds and empowered public facilities to manage their own funding.

Initially, Bunazi Primary School administrators struggled to manage DFF and, as a result, suffered from financial instability and inefficient allocation of resources, though not a planning tool itself, FFARS has allowed school administrators to gain better visibility into school finances which has in turn allowed them to make more informed decisions when it comes to setting school financial priorities.

The head teacher said since the introduction of FFARS, Bunazi Primary School has been able to undertake several important improvements, including installing electricity in the headmaster's and teachers' offices and in the classrooms, renovating school buildings damaged by an earthquake, and improving the school's toilets.

FFARS has also helped school ad-

ministrators better ensure essential school supplies like chalk, paper, and pens are stocked and available to teachers and students.

Teachers at Bunazi also attribute gains in student achievement to changes brought on by FFARS which have improved both the learning and teaching environment.

Mkama said, "Over time, the school has seen significant gains in student achievement, with many students achieving at or above average levels."

The average performance of grade seven students in the national exam from 2017 has been grade A six years in [a] row, while the performance before the introduction of FFARS was grade B, C, and D."

PS3+ continues to collaborate with PO-RALG on FFARS and provides mentoring, advising, and assistance to the government in managing technical support helpdesks.

Currently, more than 28,000 facilities in mainland Tanzania are using FFARS to manage their day-to-day expenditures and produce financial reports.



## Coal industry faces job losses from global energy transition

NEW YORK

THE global coal industry may have to shed nearly one-million jobs by 2050, even without any further pledges to phase out fossil fuels, with China and India facing the biggest losses, research showed on Tuesday.

Hundreds of labour-intensive mines are expected to close in the coming decades as they reach the

end of their lifespans and countries replace coal with cleaner low-carbon energy sources.

But most of the mines likely to shut down "have no planning underway to extend the life of those operations or to manage a transition to a post-coal economy," US-based think tank Global Energy Monitor (GEM) warned.

Dorothy Mei, project manager for GEM's Global Coal Mine Tracker, said

governments needed to make plans to ensure workers do not suffer from the energy transition.

"Coal mine closures are inevitable, but economic hardship and social strife for workers are not," she said.

GEM looked at 4 300 active and proposed coal mine projects around the world covering a total workforce of nearly 2.7-million. It found that more than 400 000 workers are em-

ployed in mines set to cease operations before 2035.

If plans were implemented to phase down coal to limit global warming to 1.5°C, only 250 000 miners - less than 10 percent of the current workforce - would be required worldwide, GEM estimated.

China's coal industry, the world's biggest, currently employs more than 1.5-million people, GEM estimated.

Of the one-million global job losses expected by 2050, more than 240 000 will be in the province of Shanxi alone.

China's coal sector has already undergone several waves of restructuring in recent decades, with many mining districts in the north and northeast struggling to find alternative sources of growth and employment following pit closures.

## Kenya plans to scrap taxes on cooking gas

NAIROBI

KENYA has revealed a fresh plan to scrap all taxes on cooking gas and cylinders amid multi-billion shilling investments in the sector in the latest effort to fast-track the country's transition to clean energy.

President William Ruto's Cabinet on Monday proposed the tax cuts meant to make the fuel affordable to more households.

"The following have been proposed; removal of the taxes on locally manufactured cylinders, on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) product as well as on the cost of the cylinder revalidation," said a Cabinet dispatch last evening.

The only tax currently charged on LPG is the Petroleum Development Fund Levy at a rate of Sh0.40 per kilogramme while LPG cylinders attract six taxes, including Value Added Tax (VAT) at a rate of 8.0 percent, Import Declaration Fee of 3.5 percent and Railway Development Levy (RDL) at a rate of 2.0 percent of the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value.

Other taxes on cylinders are import duty at a rate of 25 percent of the CIF and excise duty at 35 percent.

The proposal comes days after retail prices of cooking gas jumped by at least Sh260 for the 13-kilogramme cylinder to Sh3,160 from Sh2,900 in July. The cost of the six-kilogramme cylinder has also increased to Sh1,380 from Sh1,200 at city stations.

The sector has attracted a growing number of investors, with the latest being the Taifa Gas, owned by Tanzanian tycoon Rostam Aziz.

Taifa Gas plans to build a 30,000-tonne LPG handling facility, setting the stage for a battle for control of the Kenyan cooking gas market that is controlled by a handful of investors, including Mombasa-based tycoon Mohamed Jaffer.

The energy regulator, the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (Epra), said recently it had received more than 13 new applications from existing and new entrants wishing to build berths for handling cooking gas imports

in Kenya, as the country moves to open up the sector ahead of the price control regime in 2025.

Kenya is currently pursuing an ambitious strategy to increase the number of households using cooking gas by 2025 as part of efforts to curb air pollution and reduce the health complications related to use of kerosene, firewood and charcoal.

Parliament had in July 2021 reinstated a 16 percent VAT on cooking gas, ending a five-year period when the tax had been frozen as the government sought to lower prices and boost uptake.

Removal of the taxes harks back to the Mwai Kibaki era when LPG was tax-free, helping keep prices at an average of Sh1,600 for the 13-kg container in 2007.

The Finance Act 2023 that took effect from July exempted cooking gas from the 8.0 percent VAT, the 3.5 percent IDF and the 2.0 percent RDL. The price of cooking gas had dropped by Sh430 for the 13-kilogramme container and Sh150 for the six-kilogramme cylinder in July following the tax cuts.



But the prices were recently increased, especially at stations owned by TotalEnergies Marketing. Retail prices at other firms like Vivo and Rubis have not been reviewed upwards.

Official data show that cooking gas is the second most popular fuel for cooking, with 24 percent of Kenyan homes using it, after firewood.

In addition to the tax cuts on the product and cylinders, the gov-

ernment is betting on use of the common-user import terminal to be built at the Kenya Petroleum Refineries Limited (KPRRL) to lower the cost of shipping the product, and in turn pass the benefits to consumers.







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## People of India stand firmly with Israel, says PM Modi

NEW DELHI

Amid the fierce onslaught by Israeli forces on Gaza following the Haas terror attacks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday had a telephonic conversation with his counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and reaffirmed his support to the people of the country.

Taking to his official handle on X, PM Modi shared details of his conversation with Netanyahu, posting, "I thank Prime Minister @netanyahu for his phone call and providing an update on the ongoing situation. People of India stand firmly with Israel in this difficult hour. India strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations."

On Saturday, expressing solidarity with Israel in the wake of the deadly rocket strikes by Hamas, Prime Minister Modi said his thoughts and prayers, and that of his fellow countrymen, were with the innocent victims and their families.

"Deeply shocked by the news of terrorist attacks in Israel. Our thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families. We stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour," PM Modi posted on X.

Thanking PM Modi for his support, Israel's Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon posted on X, "Thank you again PM @narendramodi-ji. Since we get SO MUCH support from our Indian brothers and sisters, I'm unfortunately unable to thank each and every one of you personally. Please accept this as my gratitude to all our friends."

At least 900 Israelis have, so far, perished, in the Hamas attacks while over 2,616 were injured, according to latest reports.

## Desmond Tutu's modest car reminds S. Africans of his values

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's anti-apartheid hero Desmond Tutu could have chosen practically any car in the world when billionaire Warren Buffett offered to buy him a vehicle.

But in 2008, the archbishop picked a modest Toyota Corolla with manual transmission over the luxury BMWs and Mercedes Benz favored by government ministers. He gave the cash left over from the US investor's present to the poor.

The Desmond Tutu Intellectual Property Trust, which manages his legacy, has put the old car on show along with his books and possessions in honor of Tutu's 92nd birthday, which he would have celebrated on Saturday.

"We hope this lesson ... by the Arch about us not being tempted by opulence, by being sensitive to the least amongst us

is the takeaway people (who have) seen that car will make," trust chairperson Mamphele Ramphela told Reuters, referring to Tutu by his nickname.

"We cannot but keep that prophetic voice alive to remind us that we can be better, as he would tell us, that we are designed for better things," Ramphela said.

The car, displayed in Cape Town, the city where the archbishop lived for most of his later life, became a symbol of Tutu's values.

Former president Nelson Mandela, who died in December 2013, described his long-time friend as "the voice of the voiceless".

Desmond Mpilo Tutu, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his non-violent opposition to white minority rule, died in 2021.

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## Moscow clarifying whether Russian nationals present among Hamas hostages in Gaza – Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is taking measures to clarify whether any Russian nationals may be among the hostages being held by the radical Palestinian movement Hamas, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

"We are in touch with the Palestinians," the Kremlin official told journalists. "Indeed, there was some information that individuals with Russian citizenship are purportedly among the hostages," he said.

According to Peskov, "the necessary interaction is maintained in order to find out whether it is true or not, and what the future fate of these people is."

The Hamas Palestinian radical group is maintaining interaction with Russia because several hostages taken to the Gaza Strip have Russian



citizenship, Hamas official Mousa Abu Marzouk told the Al Jazeera TV channel on Monday. On October 8, he claimed that at least 100 new hostages had been captured.

The Palestinians insist that they include not only civilians but also Israeli servicemen, including some senior officers.

Earlier, Ziyad al-Nakhalah, Secretary General of the Islamic Jihad, said that over 30 Israelis had been captured during an operation near the Gaza Strip. According to him, the

hostages include Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers.

Tensions flared up again in the Middle East on October 7 when Palestinian militants from the Hamas movement attacked Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip. According to the latest official data, almost 700 Palestinians have been killed since the renewed outbreak of violence, while over 3,700 have suffered wounds. In Israel, more than 900 people have lost their lives and about 2,600 have been wounded.

Hamas described its operation as a response to the aggressive actions of the Israeli authorities against the Al-Aqsa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem. Israel has declared a state of readiness for war and announced a total blockade of the Gaza Strip, home to 2.3 million Palestinians.

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## Army says about 1,500 bodies of Hamas militants found in Israel

JERUSALEM/GAZA

ISRAEL'S army said yesterday that it holds about 1,500 bodies of Hamas militants found in Israel on the fourth day of unprecedented battles with Hamas.

"Approximately 1,500 bodies of Hamas (militants) were found in Israel around the Gaza Strip," Richard Hecht, Israeli Defence Forces (IDF)'s international spokesperson said in a briefing to reporters.

Hecht said security forces had "more or less restored control" over the area of the security fence around Gaza, which was breached on Saturday by Hamas militants. He added that 35 battalions were deployed in the area around the coastal Palestinian enclave.

The evacuation of residents of communities adjacent to the border had been "nearly completed," he added.

The death toll and injuries from Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip have risen to 687 and 3,726, respectively, according to the latest update by the Palestinian Health Ministry on Monday. Israel's state-owned Kan TV reported that the death toll from Hamas' attack on southern Israel rose to more than 900.

Following Hamas' surprise attack on Saturday, Israel intensified its air strikes in Gaza on Monday and imposed a "complete siege" on the Palestinian enclave.

"I've ordered to move (from defense) to a massive offensive on a scale never seen before," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a live address to the nation on Monday.

Later on the same day, the Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of the Hamas movement, said that Israel's raids on the Gaza Strip led to the killing of 4 Israeli prisoners and their captive members.

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On the other hand, Israel's state-owned Kan TV reported that the death toll from Hamas' attack on southern Israel rose to more than 900.

Al-Qassam Brigades also said that a new air defense system stationed in Gaza has been activated against ongoing Israeli offensives.

It said in a brief statement to Xinhua that it had introduced "a home-grown air defense system of the Metbar 1 model" into "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood" to confront Israeli aircraft.

A short video released on the Bri-



Smoke billows and debris flies in the air as the night falls on Gaza City during Israeli airstrikes on Monday. AFP

gades' website showed a number of masked members launching missiles using the air defense system.

At night, Israeli Energy Minister Israel Katz announced that "all the water supply pipes from Israel to the Gaza Strip have been disconnected." Israel also halted the passage of goods, electricity and food to the Strip.

"Israeli air strikes hit 86 towers in the Gaza Strip and this led to various damages," told an official in Palestine Telecommunications (Paltel) Company.

Meanwhile, Israeli media outlets said that the Israeli army is pursuing over 40 "terrorists" in Israeli towns.

Citing Israeli military estimates, Israeli media outlets reported that the surprise attack starting on Saturday morning had been planned for a year, and some 800 to 1,000 Al-Qassam fighters had entered 20 villages and 11 bases in Israel.

### 'No hostage swap talks'

In response to the Israeli threats, Hamas' military wing's spokesman Abu Obeida warned in an audio statement that "any targeting of our people in their homes without prior warning will be regrettably faced with the execution of one of the hostages of civilians we are holding."

Gaza's militant groups said about 130 hostages were in Gaza, including dozens with dual citizenship. Thailand confirmed that 11 Thai nationals are held captive by Hamas.

Israel's Foreign Minister Eli Cohen said in a briefing that the hostages include toddlers, women and the elderly, adding that his country was committed to bringing the hostages back home.

The Israeli military also confirmed that both civilians and soldiers had been kidnapped by Hamas militants but did not provide the exact number.

Earlier on Monday, a Hamas official said the Gaza-ruling group has held talks with Qatari mediators over the release of Israeli women in exchange for Palestinian female prisoners held in Israeli jails.

Israel later denied that negotiations on

the release of hostages in the Gaza Strip have been taking place, according to an Israeli government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"No negotiations have been taking place," the official said.

### Relief and aid

Israel's state-owned Kan TV reported on Monday that at least 900 were killed by Hamas militants in Israel, while the death toll from Israeli airstrikes in Gaza rose to 687, including 140 children and 105 women, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) announced on Monday that "more than 17,500 families, including more than 123,538 people, were displaced."

In this regard, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stressed during a phone call with the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres the importance of delivering relief and medical aid to the residents of the Gaza Strip to prevent a "humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza.

Guterres said that the United Nations is making efforts to provide urgent humanitarian relief aid to the residents there, according to the Palestinian News Agency (Wafa).

### Attacks on border

On Monday, Netanyahu said the Israeli military was enhancing security along the northern border, where militants in southern Lebanon had fired mortar shells toward northern Israel on Monday afternoon.

Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of Palestine's Islamic Jihad Movement, claimed "its responsibility" for the operation carried out on the border with occupied Palestine, injuring seven Israeli soldiers.

An Israeli deputy commander was also killed in a clash with militants who crossed from Lebanon on Monday, according to the IDF.

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## COP28 Presidency unveils steps supporting women's leadership in climate diplomacy

ABU DHABI

THE COP28 Presidency has announced measures to support the representation and participation of women at the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 in the UAE.

The measures include financial assistance to encourage stronger attendance of women delegates, technical training sessions, and support for an international conference.

"Historically, the perspectives and leadership of women have been under-represented in many spheres of public life and climate diplomacy is no exception," said Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP28, who is also President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the second woman to lead the organisation in its 75-year history.

"The COP28 Presidency is mobilising for an inclusive COP. These steps to support women's leadership and participation get us closer to our goal and, I believe, will also have a positive impact on future rounds of the climate talks and on climate activism in general."

The COP28 Presidency will also provide financial support to a Night School for Women Delegates, run by the Women's Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO). The financial support will cover logistical, travel and other associated costs for women delegates attending COP meetings. Founded in 2009 and run by the WEDO, the initiative focuses on climate capacity-building for women from the least developed countries and small island developing states.

Bridget Burns, Executive Director of WEDO, said, "Women's equal participation in climate change decision-making is fundamental to just policies that reflect and respond to the needs of the global community. Via the Women Delegates Fund program, this support goes towards strengthening women's leadership and diplomacy skills - particularly women leaders from countries and regions most vulnerable to climate impacts - through knowledge and capacity strengthening on technical issues related to the negotiations, including running mock sessions and practice in drafting interventions."

The COP28 Presidency will also offer financial support for the Global Conference on Gender and Environment Data, run collaboratively by COP28, UN Women, WEDO, UNFCCC, IUCN and UN Climate Change High Level Champions.

The two-day event will take place on 28th and 29th November 2023 in Dubai. Speakers and participants will include UN agencies, government officials and policy makers, leaders and commitment makers of the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition and the Gender Environment Data Alliance (GEDA), private foundations, civil society organisations, indigenous leaders and local communities and academia.

The goal of the conference is to provide a platform to exchange best practices, leverage innovation and find solutions to common challenges to produce and use data on the gender-environment nexus.

This assistance will help gather a broad array of speakers, including representatives from academia, civil society, Indigenous Peoples and local communities who may otherwise not be able to travel to the UAE.

COP28 UAE will also host the Arab Women Leaders' Summit in collaboration with WISER (Women in Sustainability, Environment and Renewable Energy), a global platform that champions women as leaders of sustainable change.

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## World Mental Health Day: Mental Health is a Universal Human Right says WHO

NEW DELHI

WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia, Poonam Khetrapal on Tuesday said that this year's theme of the World Mental Health Day, Mental Health is a Universal Human Right, calls for WHO, Member States and partners to accelerate efforts in mental health in a human-rights based approach.

She said, "The focus of human rights has historically been on needs such as food, shelter, and healthcare. However, mental health stands as a critical pillar for

human well-being. Recognizing that mental health is a universal human right is acknowledging the relationship between mental health and the overall quality of life."

Khetrapal added, "Mental health, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), is a state of well-being in which an individual realizes their abilities, cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and is able to make a contribution to their community. It is not merely the absence of mental disorders

but a positive state of mental and emotional well-being. This definition aligns with the broader conception of human rights as not only freedoms from harm but freedoms to lead a fulfilling life."

She emphasised that every individual, regardless of their location, occupation, or identity, is entitled to achieve the highest attainable level of mental well-being. This encompasses the entitlement to safeguard oneself from mental health risks, access to mental health care that is readily available, easily accessed, and of high

quality, as well as the entitlement to freedom and involvement within their community.

Khetrapal said, "It is also crucial to recognize that mental health intersects with various aspects of life, including education, employment, housing, and social participation."

A person's mental well-being impacts their ability to exercise other rights, such as the right to education and the right to work. When mental health is protected, individuals are better equipped to engage meaningfully in society."

"For mental health to be recognized as a universal human right, there must be a transformation of societal attitudes and government policies."

All necessary steps should be taken to protect populations from the risks of mental health conditions that include overarching issues such as climate change, humanitarian emergencies, social factors such as inequity and poverty," she added.

Khetrapal asserted that there needs to be awareness and education to destigmatize mental health

issues. Discrimination and stigma are major barriers that prevent individuals from seeking help and support. Also, mental health services and facilities must be accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status, location, or other circumstances.

She said, "Despite mental health being vital to our overall health and well-being, one in seven people are living with mental health conditions in countries of the WHO South-East Asia Region. Mental, neurological and substance use disorders and self-harm (MNSS)

accounts for 23% of all the years lived with disability (YLD) in this Region. Anxiety and depressive disorders were the commonest conditions among both men and women, contributing to almost 50% of the total number of people living with mental disorders in the WHO South-East Asia Region."

The WHO South-East Asia Regional Office has continued to work with its partners to ensure mental health is valued, promoted, and protected, said a release from WHO.

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By Ren Ping

# To build Belt and Road into road of openness

**E**CONOMIC globalization makes the world economy a whole, where countries are interconnected and interdependent. No country can achieve modernization solely relying on itself and in a closed environment. Strengthening connectivity is essential for common development.

Rooted in the historical context of the Silk Road, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) inherits the Silk Road spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit. Since its inception, the initiative has been characterized by its open and inclusive nature.

In the Indo-China Peninsula, the China-Laos Railway has turned Laos from a landlocked country to a land-linked country, greatly facilitating the traveling of people along the route and effectively stimulating the local economy. In Kazakhstan, China-Kazakhstan cooperation in the reconstruction of the Shymkent oil refinery has resulted in a 90 percent reduction in pollutant emissions and the training of a large number of technical personnel. In Kenya, the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway has

contributed to local economic growth by more than 2 percentage points.

Over the past decade, the joint construction of the BRI has effectively promoted connectivity and enabled participating countries and regions to better integrate into the global supply, industrial, and value chains, opening up broader development opportunities.

The BRI has already generated over 3,000 cooperative projects, attracting nearly \$1 trillion in investment and creating numerous "national landmarks," "livelihood projects," and "cooperative monuments."

The BRI has established a new model of win-win cooperation. It has become a highly popular global public good, a platform for international cooperation, as well as a "development belt" to the benefit of the world and a "road to happiness" for people of all countries.

Openness is a key driving force behind the progress of human civilizations and an intrinsic path toward global prosperity and development. The world today is confronted



A fully loaded China-Europe freight train is about to depart from the China-Kazakhstan (Lianyungang) logistics cooperation base in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu province, Sept. 4, 2023. (Photo by Wang Jianmin/People's Daily Online)

with accelerated changes unseen in a century as well as a sluggish economic recovery. Of the problems confronting the world economy, none can be resolved by a single country alone.

Economies make progress through exchange and interconnectivity and fall behind because of seclusion and closedness. Only by steadfastly

developing an open world economy, sharing opportunities and benefits, and working for mutual benefits and win-win outcomes, can the world economy get out of difficulties and achieve inclusive growth and shared prosperity.

By building an open and cooperative platform, the BRI promotes the establishment of a just, fair, and transparent

rules system for international economy, trade and investment. It facilitates the orderly flow of production factors, efficient allocation of resources, and deep integration of markets, creating an environment conducive to open development. It upholds and promotes an open world economy, steers economic globalization forward, and achieves mutual

benefit, shared prosperity, and sustainable development among different countries.

Opening up is the calling card of contemporary China. Chinese modernization is continuously advancing through expanding opening-up and positive interactions with other countries. The BRI adheres to the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and advocates true multilateralism where countries address issues that matter to all through consultation. It promotes the strengths and potentials of all parties involved, fully unleashing their advantages.

The achievements of the BRI in the past decade are evident, which demonstrate China's firm determination and practical actions to share its market opportunities with the world and actively promote the construction of an open world economy. The achievements also explain that the BRI is a real chorus comprising all countries along the routes, not a solo for China itself. It is a "sunshine avenue" for China to share opportuni-

ties and seek common development with the world.

Adhering to dialogue and consultation, joint construction and sharing, win-win cooperation, and exchanges and mutual learning while expanding common ground and the convergence of interests, this path of openness will become broader and extend to more distant places.

The prosperity of civilization and the progress of humanity cannot be achieved without seeking common ground while reserving differences, openness and inclusiveness, and cultural exchanges and mutual learning.

At present, the joint construction of the BRI has reached a new starting point. By adhering to the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and promoting connectivity and cooperation, China will commit itself to openness to meet development challenges, foster synergy for cooperation, build the momentum of innovation, and deliver benefits to all.

The high-quality construction of the BRI will open up new space for world economic growth and make new contributions to improving the well-being of people in all countries.

## Woven on silk: Stories of civilisation exchange along Silk Road

By Li Qizheng

**S**ILK originates from silkworm cocoons on mulberry trees. Through intricate weaving, it can be made into fine silk fabrics.

Over 5,000 years ago, the ancient Chinese invented mulberry cultivation, sericulture and silk weaving. More than 2,000 years ago, silk initiated economic and cultural exchanges between the East and the West, witnessing the journey of the splendid Eastern civilization entering the world stage.

Today, as an integral part of the fine traditional Chinese culture, silk culture shines ever more brilliantly on the international stage.

In ancient Greece, the pattern of the winged horse was created based on Pegasus in Greek mythology. The pattern, displayed on ancient Greek pottery, "flew" all the way across Persia and Sogdiana to China.

Encountered the westward spread of silk, the winged horse became a popular pattern woven on silk products along the Silk Road.

Silk brocade pieces with the winged horse pattern were unearthed along the Mediterranean coast, Central Asia, as well as China's Xinjiang, Qinghai and Gansu. Similar brocade collections can also be found in the China National Silk Museum, the Museum of Textiles and Decorative Arts in France's Lyon, and the Horyuji Temple in Japan's Nara.

This mythical creature, which has appeared in various materials at different times and places, carried people's pure imagination and longing for freedom, speed and strength.

To commemorate the successful inscription of the Routes



Tourists visit the China National Silk Museum in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province. (Photo by Wang Huabin/People's Daily Online)

Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor of the Silk Road on the UNESCO World Heritage List, which is a 5,000 km section of the extensive Silk Road network crossing China, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, the China National Silk Museum launched an international cultural exchange activity titled the Silk Road Week in 2020.

The activity is held annually in different countries or Chinese provinces along the Silk Road, and has attracted over 20 million visits and more than 200 cultural organizations from 22 countries to participate for four years in a row.

The iconic image of the winged horse inspired the logo design of the activity, showcasing the implication of the Silk Road in

promoting cultural exchanges between China and foreign countries, and mutual learning between Eastern and Western civilizations.

Spanning thousands of miles, the Silk Road lasts for thousands of years to date. In the 2nd century AD, top-quality Chinese silk sold in Rome was priced at 12 ounces of gold per pound, meaning 454 grams of silk was equivalent to 340 grams of gold. Therefore, silk was known as "soft gold" and once became the most valuable textile in Europe.

The National Archaeological Museum of Naples in Italy houses a Pompeii fresco titled "Cosiddetta Flora," which depicts the charming image of the goddess of flowers

in silk attire.

Historical records also document how Western nations acquired silk production technology over time. For example, the Great Tang Records on the Western Regions written by Chinese Buddhist monk Xuanzang recorded a story of a princess bringing silkworms to an ancient state in the West.

With the spread of sericulture and spinning techniques, people of different nations innovatively created colorful and diverse clothing cultures according to local conditions. Today, the traditional attire of many countries like the sari in India and Southeast Asia, the Ao Dai in Vietnam, and the robe in the Arab world, still favor silk as the fabric of choice.

China is the first country to invent and utilize silk, and its sophisticated techniques and cultural wisdom nurtured in sericulture and silk production have gained increasing global recognition.

In particular, the sericulture and silk craftsmanship of China, as well as the craftsmanship of Nanjing Yunjin brocade, have been inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, which represents the highest standards of ancient textile craftsmanship worldwide.

Additionally, numerous national-level intangible cultural heritages, such as Shu embroidery, Song bro-

cade, Zhuang brocade, kesi craftsmanship, Suzhou embroidery, and Shen embroidery, among others, also carry and inherit the history of Chinese silk culture.

On the global stage today, silk dazzles in spectacular fashion, displaying both innovation in silk production and vibrant artistic creativity.

The opening ceremony of the 31st summer edition of the FISU World University Games harnessed technology to visually portray a magnificent brocaded path using Shu embroidery and Shu brocade, alluding to youth worldwide joining together to build a better future.

The medal ribbons at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics were woven using the traditional mulberry silk method. Those high-density silk ribbons boast a smooth, soft texture and outstanding tensile strength.

Looking back at history, silk has gone through thousands of years, evolving from a commodity to a bond linking China and foreign nations across vast distances along the lengthy Silk Road. Looking ahead to the future, silk will continue to thrive with vitality on the international stage.

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# China to open up wider, offering opportunities to world

By He Yin

**C**HINA'S State Council has recently issued a statement outlining its guidelines regarding further optimizing the foreign investment environment and intensifying efforts to attract foreign investments, making more efforts in attracting and utilizing foreign investment.

The statement has aroused active responses from the international community. Many observers said the 24 measures delineated in the document place emphasis on both the macro and micro issues, "offer conveniences for foreign businessmen's work and life in China in detail", and "help boost the economy."

Such comments have fully proven that China, which has continuously expanded high-standard opening up, holds great appeal to the rest of the world. Despite the rise of global protectionism and the reckless push of "decoupling and breaking the chain" by certain countries, the international community still desires to advance open cooperation and share opportunities offered by China.

"China still presents opportunities that cannot be ignored," noted a recent article published on the website of RBC Wealth Management, a large wealth management firm in Canada.

"With its GDP accounting for 18 percent of the global total, we think the size of China's economy alone demands attention from multinationals. The country has the world's largest middle-income class," wrote the article, pointing out a major reason why foreign institutions are increasing investment in China amid lackluster global economic recovery and sluggish cross-border investment.

Data showed that China has managed to keep foreign investment relatively stable in the first half of this year, when foreign direct investment (FDI) into the Chinese mainland, in actual use, totaled 703.65 billion yuan (\$96.66 billion). From January to June, 24,000 new foreign enterprises were established in the country, which represented a year-



Visitors watch Lamborghini cars exhibited in the third China International Consumer Products Expo held in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan province, April 14, 2023. (Photo by Zhang Junqi/People's Daily Online)

on-year increase of 35.7 percent.

During the period, the country witnessed continuous improvement in the quality of foreign investment, with high-tech industries and the high-tech manufacturing sector seeing FDI growth of 7.9 percent and 28.8 percent, respectively.

China is not an "option", but a "must-go" destination brimming with immense opportunities. This is a shared view among multinationals, which consistently emphasize their commitment to continuing nurturing and expanding their presence in the

Chinese market.

The opportunities offered by China stem from the country's efforts to steadily promote institutional opening up, constantly optimizing its market-oriented, law-based, and internationalized business environment.

Since the beginning of this year, various Chinese departments have intensified efforts to ensure better services for foreign investment. They have strengthened regular communication with foreign firms and business associations to promptly address difficulties in business operations and

project implementation, striving to provide greater convenience for foreign traders and investors in China.

In January, China's new Catalogue of Encouraged Industries for Foreign Investment officially took effect, with a historic number of 239 new items further widening the scope of foreign investment.

In June, the General Administration of Customs rolled out 16 new measures to optimize the country's business environment, further bolstering foreign entities' confidence in investment and development in China.

The opportunities offered by China result from the country's efforts to align with high-standard international economic and trade rules and constantly promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of China's pilot free trade zone (FTZ) construction. Since the establishment of the first pilot FTZ in the eastern Chinese metropolis of Shanghai, the country has so far set up 21 FTZs, which have become an important factor driving China's in-depth reform.

Trade and investment facilitation measures, such as the shortened negative list for foreign investment, the Single Window system for international trade, and free trade accounts, were trialed, explored and refined in FTZs before being applied nationwide. To date, a total of 278 institutional innovations piloted in the FTZs have been replicated and promoted nationwide.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement took effect, spurring opening up and cooperation among member countries across more areas, at higher levels, and in greater depth.

China and Singapore have completed "substantive negotiations" on the upgrade of bilateral free trade agreement, the third round of negotiations on Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA) was successfully held, the negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement between China and Honduras were launched, and China and Nicaragua completed the substantive negotiations on a free trade agreement.



# SPORT



Netball outfit consisting of Mohamed Enterprises staff participates in training at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (JMK) Youth Park's courts in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Nafasi Art Space hosts VIA creative drawing competition launch

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM's contemporary art center, Nafasi Art Space, and its partners held a spectacular launch event for the second season of the VIA creative drawing competition in the city early this month.

The occasion, which took place at Buza Primary School in Temeke, seeks to educate youths and communities about road safety through arts.

The center revealed in a statement the second season of the VIA creative drawing competition on road safety for primary school pupils was launched in collaboration with Total Energies Foundation and East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline.

This time around, according to the center, the project will be carried out in Dar es Salaam and the Coast Region.

The occasion for awarding winners of last year's regional competition was graced by the presence of Asuluwisy Mwakionike, the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) from Temeke, as well as Total Energies Managing Director Mamadou Ngom.

Nafasi Art Space Managing Director Lilian Hipolyte, and Buza Primary School's Assistant Head Teacher, Zawadi Mapunda, were the other personalities that turned up for the occasion.

Meanwhile, the center is set to host a project dubbed 'Music You Relate, A Journey to Mental Health Through Music', curated by artist Ernest Leone. Music has the power to heal and inspire, and the aspiring artist and curator, Leone, has curated the unique mental health therapy project as part of his Nafasi Academy curatorial and art management project.

Through the project, Leone will aim to raise awareness in the community about the potential mental and verbal distress that individuals may encounter when navigating interactions with either negative or narcissistic individuals.

This initiative will take shape through the release of an Extended Play (EP) album, titled 'Music You Relate', thoughtfully curated to compile songs infused with powerful and vibrant emotions.

## Robertinho elated with impact of players' rotation

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach Roberto Oliveira has lauded his players after playing nine games without conceding defeat from the opening of the 2023/2024 season.

The tactician revealed the winning run is building momentum ahead of the club's participation in the African Football League later this month.

The Msimbazi Street-based team registered a hard-fought 2-1 win against Singida Fountain Gate FC in an NBC Premier League duel at Liti Stadium in Singida to collect 15 points out of five ties played.

Oliveira has been elated with the performance showcased by players coming from the bench, with the recent impact brought about by midfielder Luis Miquissone and center-back, Kennedy Juma, who has replaced the injured Henock Inonga, delighting the Brazilian coach.

The coach said: "It has been a very difficult start in the league, playing many away games and the schedule is a little bit limited in terms of preparing the team for each game, but I am delighted we have got good results from all these games."

The Brazilian revealed: "Players are performing well especially the backups, Miquissone came off the bench against Singida and other games and has had good results for us, Juma's partnership with Che Malone is getting better and I hope we will deliver heading into more games."

According to the center, these songs are intended to serve as a source of inspiration and a means to rejuvenate the listener's mental well-being.

The statement moreover disclosed in addition to the EP album, 'Music You Relate' will feature a series of concerts and workshops.

The activities are set to provide further opportunities for individuals to engage with this therapeutic musical experience and enhance their mental resilience.

The center expressed its gratitude to all people who participated in the expressed its gratitude to people who participated in September's Nafasi Community Day celebration.

In September, the center celebrated the Nafasi Community Day, a special day dedicated to the institution's vibrant and diverse community.

According to the center, it was a day entailing cleaning up the space and networking among the members as they welcomed new general members.

The statement revealed the event's attendants further had a wonderful session to learn about insurance products and how creatives can apply for one with visitors from Sanlam Insurance.

The center has moreover requested artists, who are excited about a transformative journey, to apply for an opportunity to engage in a learning and exchange experience with fellow creatives through the Nafasi Art Space Residency in 2024.

It disclosed in the statement it firmly believes in the profound impact of art to transform lives, inspire, and connect people of diverse backgrounds.

The Artist Residency program is, the center pointed out, unique and tailored to provide artists with a nurturing environment.

Participating artists are presented with the chance to engage fully in their creative processes, build connections with fellow artists, and share their artistic creations with the world.

Through the residency, artists will have the opportunity to access a dedicated studio space, active community engagement, and a venue to showcase their final works.

Mozambican midfielder Miquissone so far has two assists in four NBC Premier League duels he played.

Oliveira also noted that his outfit's midfield is the pivot of the squad's success and it is an area he would not risk making many adjustments to players.

According to him, there is a tough schedule, with the outfit slated to confront Egypt's Al Ahly in the opening match of the African Football League on October 20.

The tactician noted: "Everything starts with the midfield, if I want to either stay with the ball or play offensive transition then my midfield players are my priority and I have to choose the right players. I have few days to prepare my group for the Al Ahly game and I have so much belief in my players."

Fabrice Ngoma and Mzamiru Yassin have dominated Simba SC midfield, given that Sadio Kanoute has not been used much in the starting eleven in recent games.

Premier League games pitting Simba SC against Mashujaa FC at home and Ifeju SC, to be played away, have been postponed due to the former's participation in the African Football League and the club will resume domestic league duties with a clash against Yanga on November 5.

Simba SC will play in Group B of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League, confronting Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco), ASEC Mimosas (Côte D'Ivoire) and Jwaneng Galaxy (Botswana).

## SPORTS

# Simba SC and Yanga handed arduous draws in CAF Champions League Group Stage

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IT is a fact that unbridled devotees of Simba SC and Yanga had been waiting on tenterhooks for some time for the much-anticipated draw of the CAF Champions League Group Stage.

Now that the eagerly awaited draw has taken place, local football buffs are still trying to come to terms with the especially challenging groups into which Simba SC and Yanga have been drawn.

Let us first take a look at Group B, which is made up of Wydad AC of Morocco, our very own Simba SC, the little-known Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana, and erstwhile powerhouses ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast.

Well, arguably the most renowned side in the group is Wydad Athletic Club, who have claimed seemingly, endless trophies in Moroccan football and have gained an enviable reputation on the African stage as well.

Indeed, just a few seasons ago in the 2021-22 campaign, Wydad AC was head and shoulders above all the rest en route to clinching the much sought-after CAF Champions League trophy.

And, as if to demonstrate that their title triumph then was not a flash in the pan, the Moroccan giants superbly finished as runners-up in the CAF Champions League last season.

However, Wydad AC will not be the only massive headache that Simba SC will have to deal with in Group B as a certain Ivorian side in ASEC Mimosas will likely prove to be a huge obstacle for the Msimbazi Street outfit to overcome.

Granted, although ASEC Mimosas have been experiencing a trophy drought in continental football in recent seasons, they still potentially remain a side with a proud tradition of performing exceptionally in African football competitions.

The real unknown quantity in Group B is Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana, who despite being lightweights on paper, could still unexpectedly spring a nasty surprise



Yanga's defender, Ibrahim Abdallah (L), negotiates his way past Al Merrikh's midfielder, Ramadan Agab, as the outfits took on each other in the first leg of this season's CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round that took place in Rwanda on September 16. Yanga defeated Al Merrikh 2-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

against the three better-known teams in the group, Simba SC included.

Still, if Simba SC has a lot on their plate in Group B, an arguably strong case could be made that Yanga have their work cut out for them in Group D.

Indeed, Group D consists of Egyptian titans Al Ahly, CR Belouizdad of Algeria, Ghanaian contenders Medeama FC, and Tanzanian outfit Yanga.

It should be noted here that Al Ahly are the most feared team in the storied lore of continental football as they have secured more CAF Champions League titles than any other club in the eventful history of African football.

So, Yanga will doubtlessly face a herculean task in their efforts to make perennial contenders Al Ahly come unstuck.

In addition, Yanga will have to be wary of Ghanaian outfit, Medeama SC, as Ghana is a country with a lengthy and established tradition of producing remarkably skillful football players.

Furthermore, the Algerian side CR Belouizdad is not a team to be sniffed at either, considering Algeria's respected status as one of the leading countries in African football.

Thus, while Simba SC and Yanga have been unfortunately drawn into particularly tricky groups, it is hoped that they will nevertheless still give their all once the ever-pulsating Group Stage of this season's CAF Champions League kicks off later this year.

## Dar set to host 2023 Tanzania Poultry Show

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Poultry Association of Tanzania has organized a two-day show for chicken products to be held at Mlimani City in Dar es Salaam from October 13-14.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega, is expected to grace the opening of the show, now taking place for the eighth time in Tanzania.

The poultry show is an annual feature that showcases the best of what the poultry sector has to offer in Tanzania.

The event, dubbed Chicken & Eggs 'The Leading Protein', is set to be attended by about 40 participants from all over the country.

The show's coordinator, Sufian Zuberi, disclosed to journalists yesterday all preparations have been completed.

Zuberi said they have already registered 40 participants from in and outside the country, including South Africa, Holland,

China, and other countries.

The official noted: "We have received a good response from the participants and we are confident that this year's exhibition will enable visitors to learn a lot related to good poultry farming."

"We advise Dar es Salaam residents to come in large numbers to this exhibition so they can learn better chicken farming and gain an understanding of chicken products," Zuberi said, adding there is no entrance fee for people wishing to attend the exhibition.

The official stated there will be seminars on various topics related to the subject matter during the two days.

The show is sponsored by Premium Ingredients Ltd,

Thrishool Exim, US Grains Council, USDA, Tanzania Meat Board, and a Dar es Salaam media outlet.

According to official statistics, the poultry sector provides 18% of protein nutrition in the country and is one of the sources of income for more than four million households in the country.

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The 2023 Tanzania Poultry Show coordinator, Sufian Zuberi (C), speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday regarding the upcoming poultry show scheduled for October 13-14 at Mlimani City in the city. He is flanked by some of the show's sponsors, Vincent Nyingi from Premium Ingredients Ltd (L), and Kimory Ryoba from Thrishool Exim. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



## France defense hit by injuries ahead of European qualifier against the Netherlands

PARIS

MALO Gusto and Axel Disasi have been called up as injury replacements ahead of France's match against the Netherlands in qualifying for the European Championship.

The two players replace defenders Jules Kounde and Dayot Upamecano, the French soccer federation said on Monday as the French squad gathered at the team's training camp outside Paris.

France takes on the Netherlands in Amsterdam on Friday. Les Bleus will then host Scotland in a friendly game in the northern city

of Lille on Oct. 17.

Kounde picked up a left knee injury while playing for Barcelona in the Spanish league on Sunday. Upamecano injured his left hamstring this weekend with Bayern Munich.

Their withdrawals follow that of Arsenal defender William Saliba, who was replaced Sunday by Jean-Clair Todibo in France's squad.

France leads Group B and will qualify for the tournament hosted by Germany next year if it beats the Netherlands, or if they draw and Greece loses against Ireland.

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## Palestine team withdraws from tournament in Malaysia

RAMALLAH

THE Palestine soccer team has withdrawn from a tournament in Malaysia, amid ongoing fighting between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) said on Tuesday.

Israeli TV channels said the death toll from the Hamas attack at the weekend had climbed to 900 Israelis, with at least 2,600 injured, and dozens taken captive.

Gaza's Health Ministry said at least 687 Palestinians had been killed in Israeli retaliation air strikes on the blockaded enclave since then.

The Palestine soccer team had been

scheduled to compete in the Merdeka Cup - an international friendly tournament in Malaysia - from Oct. 13-17 along with India, Tajikistan and hosts Malaysia.

"The Palestinian team had to withdraw from participating in this 42nd edition because they could not fly to Kuala Lumpur due to the tense situation in the country at the moment," FAM said.

The Palestine team are due to play 2026 World Cup qualifying matches against Lebanon and Australia in November.

They have also qualified for next year's edition of the Asian Cup in Qatar, which will run from Jan. 12 to Feb. 10. Reuters

## Former Brazil national team coach Tite takes over at Flamengo

RIO DE JANEIRO

FORMER Brazil coach Tite took over at Flamengo on Monday, signing a contract that will run until the end of 2024.

The Rio de Janeiro club said on its social media channels that Tite's staff would include the assistant coaches who worked under him during this six years in charge of Brazil's national team.

The 62-year-old Tite, who has been out of work since Brazil's World Cup quarterfinal elimination last December, will take control of his first match for Flamengo when it meets Cruzeiro in a Brazilian championship game on Oct. 19.

Flamengo fired Jorge Sampaoli on Sept. 28 after the Argentine coach failed to win a trophy for the club. He took over in April from Vitor Pereira, who spent only three months in the job.

Flamengo was eliminated by Paraguay's Olimpia in the round of 16 at the Copa Libertadores, lost the Brazilian Cup final to Sao Paulo and is currently fifth in the Brazilian championship with 44 points from 26 matches, 11 behind leader Botafogo.

Tite led Corinthians to a maiden Copa Libertadores title and a Club World Cup crown against Chelsea in 2012. AP



FORMER Brazil coach Tite

# Stuttgart forward Serhou Guirassy outscoring Harry Kane and electrifying the Bundesliga with goals

BERLIN

FORGET Harry Kane, the hottest forward in the Bundesliga right now is Stuttgart's Serhou Guirassy.

The Guinea forward scored a hat trick in Stuttgart's 3-1 win at Wolfsburg on Saturday, taking his tally to 13 goals in only seven league matches. It also erased any concerns of a barren patch after he failed to score in his previous game.

No other player has ever so scored so many goals at this stage in the league.

"It's a good one, because we know a lot of very good players played in the Bundesliga, (Robert) Lewandowski, so many players," Guirassy said.

"I'm happy with this record but this means nothing for me because, like I say, I take (it) game by game. We want to win games, fight. Of course, it's difficult. Every Bundesliga game is difficult."

Guirassy's form has helped Stuttgart make a strong start to the season with only one loss and six wins from its opening seven games.

It also won its opening German Cup game against fourth-division club TSG Balingen in August. Guirassy scored then, too.

Kane, who joined Bayern Munich for a Bundesliga-record 100 million euros (\$106 million) in the offseason, has eight Bundesliga goals so far, three of them from penalties.

Stuttgart had to dig deep to beat



Serhou Guirassy

Wolfsburg after falling behind to a strike from Yannick Gerhardt in the first half.

Guirassy equalized with a penalty in the 67th, rounded the goalkeeper to score his second goal in the 78th, and then stayed cool to complete his hat trick five minutes later.

Guirassy grabbed the ball after the game and said he would get his teammates to sign it before he brought it home.

"We have to fight like we did today, and I hope we can continue like this," the 27-year-old player said.

Stuttgart's form this season is all the

more remarkable because the team was fighting relegation when coach Sebastian Hoeneß took over in April.

Just one loss in its remaining eight games last season earned Stuttgart its place in the end-of-season relegation-promotion playoffs, where the team clinched survival with wins over Hamburger SV, which had finished third in the second division.

"Serhou is, of course, the figurehead of the success at the moment," Hoeneß said, "but there are others who have contributed significantly to this, on and off the field."

Chris Führich is one. The 25-year-old midfielder scored two goals and set up five more, and was rewarded with his first call-up for Germany last week.

Führich is part of the squad that will play the United States in East Hartford, Connecticut, on Saturday, and Mexico in Philadelphia four days later.

Guirassy, who was born in Arles, France, to parents from Guinea, has already scored more league goals than he did last season - or any season before.

He joined French club Lille in 2015 and spent the second half of that season on loan at second-division team Auxerre, where he scored eight goals.

Cologne signed the player in 2016, but his goals couldn't prevent the team's relegation from the Bundesliga in 2018.

Guirassy scored two goals in Germany's second division before returning to France in January 2019 to join Amiens.

Guirassy then joined Rennes in 2020, scoring the team's first Champions League goal, and finishing with 24 in all competitions before joining Stuttgart - initially on loan - last year.

Guirassy's recent goal-scoring exploits are sure to bring the attention of other clubs, but Hoeneß is certain the increased fame will not have any effect on the player.

"He's a respectable, normal guy who keeps things in perspective," Hoeneß said. "There's no danger of it getting to his head." AP

## Asia qualifying for 2026 World Cup set to kick off with the continent's lowest-ranked teams

ZURICH

ASIA is set to start its 2026 World Cup journey, giving the lower-ranked teams such as Afghanistan, Bhutan and Pakistan a chance to grab some attention and secure matches against soccer's continental heavyweights.

The Asian Football Confederation's 20 lowest-ranked teams compete in two-leg, home-and-away series on Thursday and next Tuesday, with the 10 winners advancing to the second round of the qualifying group stage.

Afghanistan, ranked 158th, takes on No. 183 Mongolia. Getting to the next stage, where each team will have six games, is not just valuable financially but also in terms of experience.

"It's very important for us to get past Mongolia into the second round as we would play India, Kuwait and Qatar," Afghanistan coach Abdullah Al-Mutairi told The Associated Press. "We need as many games as possible, and these are strong teams, but we have the quality to show what we can do."

With little in the way of domestic soccer in Afghanistan, Al-Mutairi has tapped into the country's diaspora and selected talent based in Europe, Asia and Australia to fill the national team's roster.

"We have six or seven local players and we want more in the future but there has not been a regular league in Afghanistan for two years," Al-Mutairi added. "Most come from Europe and Asia such as Singapore, India, Indonesia, Georgia, England and Sweden."

Due to the security situation in Kabul, Afghanistan will play its home game against Mongolia in neighboring Tajikistan.

"The weather is similar to Europe and we hope that the Afghan people living there will come and support us," Al-Mutairi said.

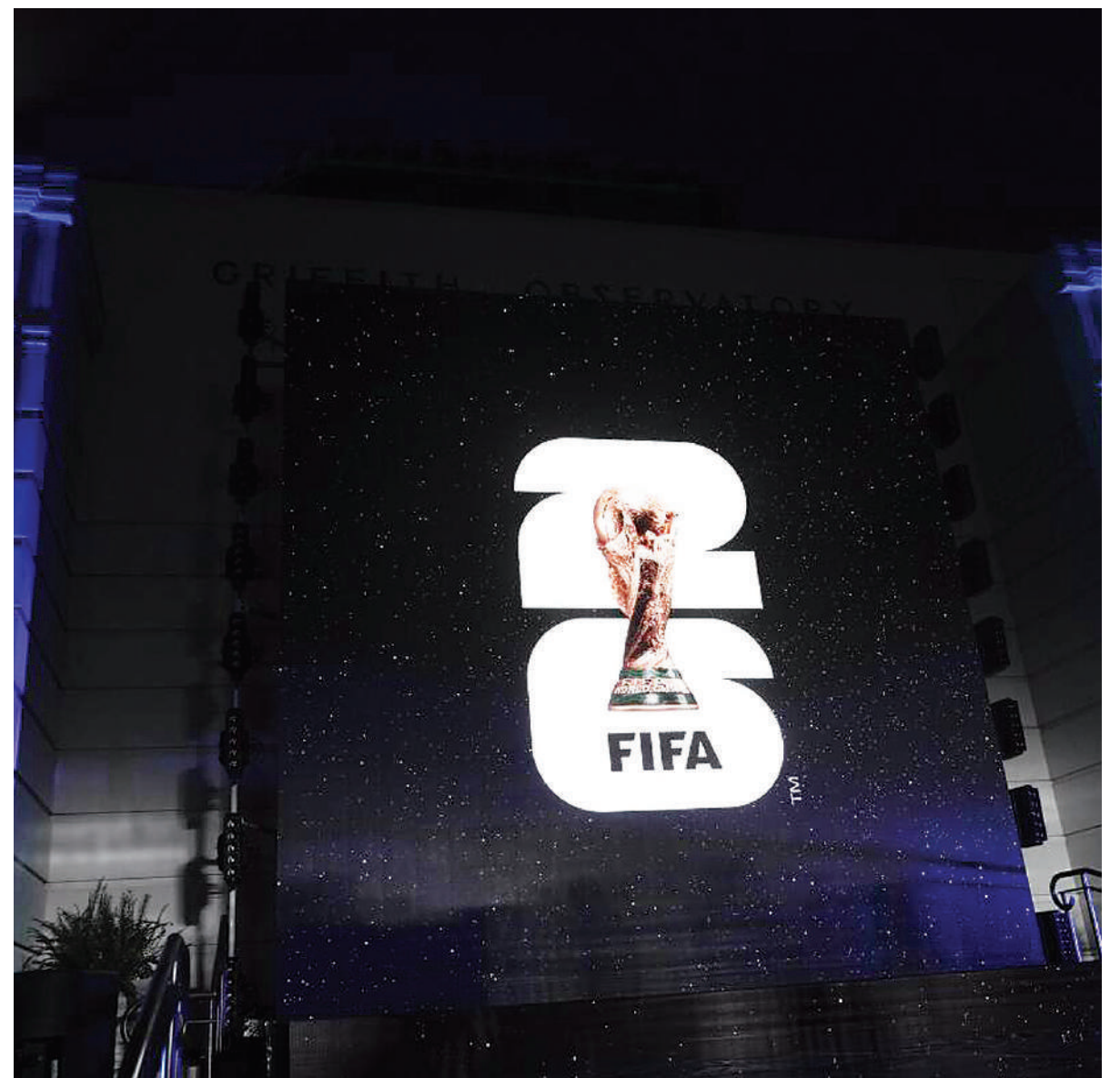
Yemen, ranked 156th, is another team unable to play on home soil and will take on Sri Lanka in Saudi Arabia. Sri Lanka is Asian football's lowest-ranked nation at No. 202 on FIFA's global list of 207 members.

The Sri Lankans are, however, happy to play at all after FIFA lifted a ban in August that was imposed in January for government interference in the running of the federation.

Indonesia and Hong Kong are the two highest-ranked teams in the first round at 147th and 148th. Indonesia is taking on Brunei, and Hong Kong is the clear favorite against Bhutan.

Singapore and Guam will play off to go into a second-round group with South Korea, while Myanmar and Macau will meet to decide a spot in a second-round group against Japan, which beat Germany 4-1 last month.

Pakistan's hopes of winning a first ever World Cup qualifier have im-



The logo for the 2026 World Cup is shown on a screen outside Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. A unique 2030 World Cup is set to be played in Europe and Africa with the surprising addition of South America in a deal to allow the men's soccer tournament to start with a 100th birthday party in Uruguay. AP Photo

proved with the news that the AFC has allowed Islamabad to host the second leg of the series against Cambodia, for what will be a first home game for eight years.

With no domestic league since 2018, Pakistan's English coach Stephen Constantine, appointed just 13 days before the first qualifier, has a difficult job in his attempt to take the team, ranked 197th, to the next stage.

"Everything is an area of concern in my opinion - defense, midfield and attack," said Constantine, who has had two spells in charge of India. "The most important thing is for the players to understand their roles in the system."

"If we get the combination right, watch out."

In other games, Maldives will play Bangladesh, Taiwan is against Timor-Leste

and Nepal takes on Laos.

The second round of Asian qualifying will feature 36 teams divided into nine groups, with the top two teams in each group advancing to the third round.

With the expansion from 32 to 48 teams for the 2026 World Cup, Asia is guaranteed eight places at the tournament being staged in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

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**Gwiji** by David Chikoko





# SPORT

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Tanzania's U-20 women's football team's forward, Vaileth Nicholas (R), attempts to dribble past Djibouti's player as the sides locked horns in the 2023 U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers' second-round duel in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

## Tanzanite Queens face Djibouti in U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers rematch

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S U-20 women's football team, Tanzanite Queens, plays the reverse encounter of the U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers' rematch against Djibouti at the Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam today.

Tanzanite Queens thrashed Djibouti 5-0 in the first leg played at the same venue last weekend.

Should Tanzanite Queens emerge victorious in the second round of the qualifiers, they will lock horns with Nigeria in the third round of the African qualifiers for the U-20 Women's World Cup.

More qualifying round matches will take place between 6 and expect to commence on October 15, with the winners joining the third round of qualifiers scheduled between November 12-19, 2023.

Tanzanite Queens' coach, Esther Chabruma, previously said she aims to take the game seriously despite heading into the game with a huge scoreline as every game is preparation for the next match.

Esther said she aims to see to it her players go all out against Djibouti as a win will be a huge boost going to the next round.

The four countries that excel in the next round will then face each other in a round-robin format to determine two representatives for Africa at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Tanzania already has an appealing record at the U-17 Women's World Cup stage after fielding Serengeti Girls in the 2022 U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup finals held in India.

The country's envoys reached the quarterfinals of the global showdown and were too close to step into the semi-finals but they suffered a 3-0 loss to Colombia.

Tanzanite Queens are searching for the opportunity to reach the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup finals set to be played in Colombia next year.

The finals are slated to commence from August 31 to September 22 when the new U-20 Women's World Cup champions will be crowned.

Currently, Spain is the U-20 Women's World Cup defending champion, having clinched the title in Costa Rica last year, and will be eager to defend it for the second time in a row.

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*We are delighted fans came to our match and it is very promising in the upcoming fixtures if we are to progress, we still have work to accomplish in the second leg, a win in the first leg is a boost for us*

## Mwakinyo handed one-year ban

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC) has banned boxer Hassan Mwakinyo from taking the ring for one year inside and outside the country for one year and a fine amounting to 1m/-.

The TPBRC banned Mwakinyo due to his decision to boycott his fight that was to be held at Ubungo Plaza in Dar es Salaam on September 29.

Mwakinyo was earlier scheduled to fight Kenya's Rayton Okwiri and there was, later, a change of the opponent a day before his fight night as the Kenyan suffered an injury.

The Tanzanian pugilist was then slated to trade punches with Namibia's Julius Indongo, alias 'Blue Machine'.

Despite the changes, Mwakinyo agreed to fight on one condition- it should not be under the promotion firm that arranged it, given the pugilist had differences with the firm's officials and some pugilists slated for undercard bouts.

Mwakinyo had to pay 4,000 US Dollars for the International Boxing Association (IBA) Light Middleweight title to promote his fight in place of the anonymous promoter the boxer is yet to reveal.

The flamboyant pugilist, alias Tornado, appeared during the weight-in on September 28 and announced his decision to opt out of the bout later that evening due to differences with the promoter.

Mwakinyo, whose official name is Halfan Hythani Hamza, has won 20 fights out of the 23 bouts he has fought since making his debut in 2020 against compatriot, Alibaba Tarimo, on November 29, 2015.

The pugilist has had 23 fights- winning 20 (14 of which are KOs), and three losses.

The Tanga-born boxer is a former World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental Light Middleweight title winner and held the title twice in 2020 until recently when he was stripped of the title.

He, consequently, rose to the global limelight after clinching the WBF Intercontinental Light Middleweight title twice in 2020.

Mwakinyo boasts a decorated trophy cabinet that includes the Universal Boxing Organization (UBO) International Super Welterweight title won in 2018.

The boxer further clinched the WBF Intercontinental Super Welterweight title in 2020, and the African Boxing Union (ABU) Super Welterweight title in 2021.



Hassan Mwakinyo

## JKT Queens land tough 2023 CAF Women's Champions League group



Tanzania's JKT Queens midfielder, Amina Ally (R), challenges Burundi's Buja Queens player when the clubs took on each other in the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers last-four encounter in Uganda in August. JKT Queens cruised to a 3-1 victory over Buja Queens. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2023 CECAFA Zone Qualifiers champions, JKT Queens of Tanzania, have been drawn against tough opponents in the CAF Women's Champions League slated for November 5-19 in Cote d'Ivoire.

JKT Queens won the CECAFA Zone Qualifiers to reach this stage. They defeated AS Kigali Women's FC of Rwanda, New Generation FC of Zanzibar, and 2021 CAF WCL CECAFA Zone Qualifiers winners, Vihiga Queens of Kenya, to progress to the semi-finals at the top of their group.

They overcame Burundi's Buja Queens FC in the last four and defeated CBE Women's FC of Ethiopia on penalties in the final to qualify for the first time.

They are Tanzania's representative for the second successive finals after Simba Queens which finished fourth in the 2022 edition that took place in Morocco.

In the draw conducted on Monday evening, Esther Chaburuma-

coached JKT Queens were drawn in Group A alongside tournament hosts, Athletic FC d'Abidjan, inaugural champions Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies, and SC Casablanca of Morocco.

Athletic FC d' Abidjan are the 2022-23 Côte d'Ivoire Women's Premier League Champions.

They went undefeated through their league campaign last season, winning 17 games and drawing just one. They won their final II league games of the season.

Their WAFU B Zone Qualifiers participation ended with a third-place finish but they qualified for the continental tournament as hosts.

Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies are one of two teams to have reached every final along with AS FAR Women's FC.

They have been to all five finals at major competitions including three COSAFA WCL finals and two CAF Women's CL finals. They have won the last four South African top-flight titles.

SC Casablanca is Morocco's second representative at the finals, joining AS FAR Women's FC.

They won the UNAF Zone Qualifiers, defeating Afak Relizane 4-3 in their opening

game, then 3-1 against Tunisian side, ASF Sousse, and Egypt's Wadi Degla 6-1 in their final game.

Chaymaa Mourtaji was SC Casablanca's top scorer in the qualifiers with five goals. The team from Casablanca was only formed in 2019 and has qualified for the side's debut finals.

The Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League reigning champions, JKT Queens, will open their campaign against Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies, then take Athletic FC before finishing their group ties against SC Casablanca.

Reigning champions, AS FAR Women's FC, headline a tough Group B consisting of Ghana's Ampem Darkoa Ladies FC, Huracanes of Equatorial Guinea as well as AS Mandé of Mali.

The format of the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League sees each side playing against each other within their group in a round-robin format, with the top two finishers advancing to the semi-finals to contest for a place in the finals.

The competition will be hosted in two beautiful cities of Cote D'Ivoire, namely San Pedro (Stade Laurent Pokou), and Korhogo (Stade Amadou Gon Coulibaly).

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



**TO NIGHT @ 9:00**

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11:00 DADAZ  
12:00 KIPENGA XTRA  
13:00 MJADALA (r)  
13:55 Dondoo Za Michezo  
14:00 Mpera Mpera  
15:00 Funguka  
15:30 Mpera Mpera  
16:00 Zote Kuntu  
16:55 Dondoo Za Michezo  
17:00 SSELECT  
17:55 Kurasa  
18:00 Kall Za Wana  
18:30 #HASHTAG  
19:00 EATV SAA 1  
20:00 DADAZ (r)  
21:00 UJENZI  
21:30 Mid week Movie  
21:00 UJENZI  
21:30 Mid Week Movie  
23:00 KURASA  
23:05 EATV SAA 1

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05:00 Supa Breakfast  
09:00 MAMAMIA  
12:00 Kipenga Xtra  
13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
19:00 Kipenga  
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