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National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson is led to her seat in the legislative body in Dodoma city yesterday ready to preside over the House as it reconvened - this time chiefly for the marathon annual Budget meeting. Photo: PMO

MPs hail sixth phase reforms, economic gain via diplomacy

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament yesterday applauded President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her intense efforts in economic diplomacy and strengthening democracy, asking Tanzanians to support her good intentions.

Ezra Chiwelesa (Biharamulo) tabled a motion in the National Assembly to congratulate the president, saying that the state of democracy and good governance had improved.

The lawmakers said that President Samia's decision to allow political rallies, providing subsidies in fertilizer and fuel plus controlling inflation are a comfort to Tanzanians.

The president has opened up the country with large numbers of potential investors from various countries seeking to establish

projects in the country, they affirmed.

The decision to allow political activities, especially rallies throughout the country, had strengthened democracy, while economic diplomacy had vastly improved under the sixth phase government, they stated.

This has permitted locally produced goods to secure foreign markets, along with an increase in strategic relationships with international firms seeking to set up activities in various productive sectors, thus stimulating economic growth, the motion presenter noted.

Enhancing ties with foreign countries has seen Tanzania being visited by U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, who pledged commitment to strengthen cooperation in infrastructure, industry, communication,

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Artisanal miners, factories to discuss market barriers

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINING stakeholders are convening in Dar es Salaam today and tomorrow to discuss how to improve artisanal operations and push greater use of local raw materials from the sector in large factories.

Dr Venance Mwase, the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO) director general, said yesterday that Minerals minister Doto Biteko (pictured) is expected to open the meeting se to bring together small miners as well as members of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI), financial institutions, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) and others.

The National Environment Management Council (NEMC) is expected to participate as well as the Tanzania Mining Commission, he said, elaborating that the meeting will discuss challenges facing artisanal miners, processing of minerals and how large factories can utilize more local raw materials from artisanal mines.

A total of 700 participants had already confirmed intent to attend, he said, elaborating that the meeting is aimed at identifying challenges and creating business linkage on what factories need from artisanal miners "in a win-win situation."

The meeting will explore ways to make sure everyone finds what he wants and business moves into reciprocating raw material needs and market needs, between miners and factory operators, he specified.



This effort is being pursued in keeping with the goal that the minerals sector attains 10 per cent contribution to the national economy by 2025, he said, pointing at an increased share of the mineral sector in national revenues over the past decade.

CTI executive director Leodegar Tenga said that the aim of the meeting was to broaden the use of local raw materials by major factories, in which case artisanal miners, CTI members and financial institutions are being convened to enhance linkages between stakeholders in the sector.

"We want to do better," he said, pointing out that upwards of 70 per cent of the minerals sector raw materials used in factories are purchased locally. "Therefore it is our hope that the meeting will be a platform to discuss challenges and come up with solutions for factories to use more raw materials from small miners," he affirmed.

CTI also seeks to enhance the performance of factories by using local raw materials especially from artisanal miners, he said, while Tanzania Women Miners Association (TAWOMA) representative Salma Ernest said that it was an opportunity for women to access capital and markets.

Joseph Mkombachepa of the Dar es Salaam and Coast Region Miners Association (DACOREMA) said that as Tanzania has

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Marburg: No new case, one patient discharged

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

HEALTH minister Ummy Mwalimu said yesterday that the Marburg virus disease has been contained, 21 days after its outbreak in Kagera Region as there is no new case or death reported.

Briefing reporters in Dar es Salaam, the minister said that out of the eight cases, five patients died, one has been discharged and two are still being treated.

The ministry, working with the Prime Minister's Office and the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) had yesterday managed

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to call off the health scare in the wake of encouraging field reports, he said.

No new Marburg cases or death reports have surfaced, with one male patient (26 years of age) being released, she said, intoning that she expects the healed patient will be well received in his day-to-day activities," she said.

The other two were still admitted in the set Marburg centers and until yesterday 212 people in contact with the patients had been put in isolation. Another 35 persons who were in isolation had completed 21 days with no sign of infection and were

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Govt to build dry port in Tunduma



By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government plans to construct a dry port in Tunduma town, Mbeya Region, in the 2023/2024 financial year to enhance cargo clearing to and from neighbouring countries.

Works and Transport deputy minister Atupele Mwakibete (pictured) told the National Assembly here yesterday that the government is making final touches for commencement of the works.

Cargo to and from neighbouring landlocked countries passes through

Tunduma border port, with substantial clearing work done at the port of Dar es Salaam, he said, answering Stella Fiyao (Special Seats-Opposition).

In a supplementary question, she sought precisions on when the dry port will start being built, as well as the presence of stakeholders from different sectors already approached to invest in the area as service providers.

The government was pursuing such discussions as preliminary arrangements to start building the dry port are being completed, he said.

The Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has completed a feasibility study for developing strategic dry ports countrywide, including Tunduma dry port.

The planned port is economically and commercially vital as the gateway for passing cargo destined for Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular, he stated.

Since the planned dry port has considerable trade potential, the government will engage the private sector

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Attorney General Dr Eliezer Mbuki Feleshi (L) exchanges ideas with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. The legislative body is just back in session for the marathon annual Budget meeting. Photo: PMO

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released from hospital.

"It is a good portrayal to the ministry, the government and the country at large that the Marburg virus has been timely controlled," she stated, remaining the public that the community was by now aware and report via 999 toll free number in cases of experiencing

fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, blood discharge or body exhaustion.

People were instructed to avoid contact with patients or with water discharge from patients, or saliva, tears, blood, urine, faeces, bed sheets or clothes without protective garments, she stated, noting that they were asked to keep in mind to wash their hands with soap, wash fruits and eat well cooked meals.

"I can guarantee Tanzanians and the region at large that Bukoba is safe, even at Maruku and Kanyagereko wards where the virus first erupted," the minister declared, urging people to pursue their social, economic and spiritual activities without fear. The Marburg eruption is being confined to history gradually, she stated.

On March 16, 2023, the

government announced seven cases and five deaths from an unknown disease reported in two villages in Bukoba District of Kagera Region.

The cases were later confirmed as tied to Marburg virus infection, by the National Public Health Laboratory, admitting that it was a case of a rival disease outbreak, a week later.



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (R) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the incidence of the Marburg virus disease in the country. She is with the Government Chief Medical Officer Prof Tumaini Nagu. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

US president names new ambassador to Somalia

WASHINGTON

THE President of the US, Joe Biden, has appointed Richard Riley as the new ambassador to Somalia, replacing Larry André, who is currently in Mogadishu, according to a statement from the White House.

The newly appointed ambassador to Somalia currently holds a senior position in the US Department of State, especially the US Embassy in Canada, having previously worked in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, UK, China, Russia and Yemen.

The new ambassador replaces the current US ambassador to Somalia, Larry Andre, who was appointed to Somalia by US President Joe Biden on April 16, 2021, replacing Donald Yamamoto, who served in Somalia

from 2021 to 2018.

The former President of Somalia, Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo, on February 7, 2022, received the credentials of Ambassador Larry André, who came during the electioneering period.

Ambassador Larry André, who is currently vacating his post, previously worked in the countries of Djibouti and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, from 2014 to 2017.

He was also the special representative of Sudan and South Sudan to the United States. He became a deputy in the US office in Africa.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information of the Federal Government of Somalia, Abdirahman Yusuf Aladala gave details of the achievements in the

economic war against Al-Shabaab.

Speaking at a press conference on Thursday, the minister said that the financial system of Al-Shabaab has been completely crippled by new measures taken by the government.

Al-Shabaab receives money and goods imported at Mogadishu seaport, businesses, real estate, vehicles passing through its stronghold areas as well as livestock and agriculture.

"The extortion that Al-Shabaab used to collect from Somali citizens from the ports and airports has been terminated," said Deputy Minister of Information Abdirahman Aladala.

He also stated that the government succeeded in halving the group's annual and monthly income after blocking the accounts

at banks and the mobile money system in Somalia.

"15 vehicles used by Al-Shabaab to collect funds were seized, and 20 leaders who were in charge of collecting funds were killed," said the Minister without providing further details.

Al-Adala's remarks come after the Somali forces have taken control of dozens of areas in Hirshabelle, South West, Galmudug, and Jubbaland that were previously under Al-Shabaab.

In 2022, a Mogadishu-based security Institute said Al-Shabaab's tax collectors were bringing in an estimated \$15 million per month, making the wealthiest Al-Qaeda affiliate.

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and district councils in the wider investment layout, he said, noting that TPA was holding meetings with stakeholders to encourage such investments.

Abdulaziz Mohamed Abood (Morogoro), demanded plans for building a dry port in Morogoro, for which he was assured that it would be taken up during the coming financial year.

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health, transportation and food security, he stated.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba told the House that the good work by President Samia will lead to restoration of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) programme, with the government finalising some procedures.

MCC helped a lot in implementing development projects, and is being restored due to President Samia's efforts to strengthen democracy, media freedom and lifting the lid on public meetings.

Tanzania's status has changed not only in MCC but the Treasury is in the final stages of accessing the global credit rating arrangement. "We have met all the required criteria including enhanced democracy and good governance," he told MPs.

Tanzania has one of the highest scores regionally and the government expects that the country will be accredited for local institutions to access funds for instance directed to the fight against climate change, he stated.

During the current financial year, the government received \$152m from donor agencies in the first phase of the year and another \$152m is expected in the second part of the fiscal year under the special recovery programme. The funds were directed to agriculture and specifically to improving irrigation schemes, he stated.

Christopher ole Sendeka (Simanjiro) said that in the wake of the good work by President Samia, Tanzanians must unite to support her efforts. She has set a good example by travelling to various countries in search of development funds, he emphasised.

Underlining that it is important that public funds are spent properly,

he urged that all those cited on the misuse of funds in annual reports of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) especially for the 2021/2022 financial year be held responsible. This also applied to suspicions raised in the annual report by the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB), who ought to step down.

Festo Sanga (Makete) said under President Samia the tourism sector has grown tremendously with the number of tourist arrivals rising from 900,000 to 1.5m annually. Revenue collections from the sector also increased to \$2.5m from \$0.3m earlier, he stated.

Deliberate efforts to control inflation by subsidizing fuel and fertilizers were good for the economy, he said, amid applause.

Salome Makamba (Special Seats-Opposition) underscored the need to help the president to ensure Tanzanians benefit from the various opportunities in the economy.

It is crucial to ensure people respect the rule of law, she appealed, expressing disappointment with delayed implementation of some proposed recommendations to improve the business and investment climate in the country.

The National Assembly had previously suggested the establishment of a one stop center to facilitate investments but little had been done so far, she asserted.

Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson said sometimes it is important to commend the president for the various development efforts. Encouraging her further enables Tanzanians to benefit from her good intentions, she stated.

"We have today commended President Samia for her efforts to strengthen democracy, good governance and economic diplomacy; we will be doing the same whenever this is needed," she added.

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plenty of minerals being dug up, it is important to insist on the environment agenda.

Insisting on the need for the minerals sector to reach a 10 percent contribution to national income by 2025, he said so far the government has issued 20,270 licenses to mining companies.

A total of 15,174 licences were issued to small-scale miners and

65 licenses to large miners, while 478 licenses were handed to mining exploration firms, he said, putting the number of artisanal and small-scale miners as "ranging from 500,000 to 1.5m."

The minister had earlier stated that mining sector government revenue collected last year stood at 8.19trn/-, with 4.1trn/- collected in the eight months to end of 2021 after the sixth phase leadership took office.

Tanzania's oil products import bill up by 61 pct

By Special Correspondent

TANZANIA'S oil products import bill rose 61 per cent in the 12 months through February compared with the same prior-year period, driven by an increase in volume and higher global crude-oil prices due to supply disruptions amid the war in Ukraine, the country's central bank said on Monday.

Imports of fuel and lubricants rose to \$3.59 billion from \$2.23 billion in the same prior-year period, the bank said in its monthly economic review.

Refined petroleum products accounted for 95 percent of all oil imports in the 12 months to February, the bank said.

Oil imports accounted for 34 of

the total import bill in the year ended February, it said.

The global price of crude oil fell slightly to \$80.25 a barrel in February from \$80.41 a barrel the prior month due to subdued demand amid recessionary fears and appreciation of the U.S. dollar, it said.

Tanzania's inflation rate for the energy, fuel and utilities sub-group decreased to 6.4 percent in February from 6.9 percent in the previous month, primarily driven by the slowdown in global prices of petroleum products, it said.

Tanzania relies heavily on imports of petroleum products to meet its energy demand. The country's oil purchases are mainly from India, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and China.

‘Government working closely with embassies to develop strategies to facilitate promotion of economic diplomacy’

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government said yesterday that it is working closely with Tanzanian embassies around the world to develop strategies to facilitate effective implementation and promotion of economic diplomacy.

However, embassies are responsible for promotion of Tanzania manufactured goods and services as well as looking for markets.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mbarouk Nasser Mbarouk told the National Assembly that proper implementation of the country's Foreign Policy of 2001 will see Tanzanian locally manufactured goods securing markets globally.

Amb Mbarouk mentioned some of the strategies as ensuring a smooth coordination in facilitating issuance of permits and accreditation of the goods.

“The ministry in collaboration

with embassies facilitates issuance of permits to enable our local companies to sell their products at international markets. Tanzanian manufactures are also assisted to participate in international business conferences and exhibitions,” he said.

The Deputy Minister added that through the 2001 Foreign Policy, it has been possible for Tanzanian embassies to coordinate business tours whereas a number of potential investors have been visiting the country in search of investment opportunities.

He said ambassadors are also tasked to market the country's tourist attractions and Kiswahili language. He said road shows have been conducted in several countries in collaboration with some famous people.

He was responding to a question from Ameyr Abdallah Ameir (House of Representatives) who wanted to know the government strategies in promoting locally manufactured goods internationally.

UN Women launches programme to empower girls in science, technology

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) has launched a national programme dubbed ‘Binti Digitali’ sponsored by the Belgian Embassy to empower girls who are involved in science, technology and maths.

The programme's launch took place in Zanzibar on Monday at Jangombe Innovation Centre and officiated by Zanzibar Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, Anna Athanas Paul.

Speaking after the launch, Anna said a girl child must attain equality in regard to digital issues.

She said girls are behind in accessing to innovation and digital opportunities, hence, she added, it would be better to involve them in science, technology and maths issues.

“I was very happy to know that ‘Binti Digitali’ programme implemented through the ‘African Girls Can Cope Initiative Phase II’ plan targets girls aged 17-25 years and this will remain as the age group as we see it today,” she said.

She commended the plan's efforts for enhancing STEM education that adheres to gender that recognises and respond to girls' styles and special needs for learning and will

help to attract more women and girls to take up professions in the mentioned areas.

She noted that girls have equal rights in attaining the digital world, whereby technology contributes to changes of community regulation, raising women's voices, move forward against online violence as part of gender based violence and attain national development.

For her part, deputy minister for education and vocational Training, Dr Mwanahamisi Adam said the programme's aim is to make women have the ability to use technology in their lives and assist their country.

UN Women country representative, Hodan Addou said few girls are enrolled in science subjects hence few of them have opportunities in science and engineering professions.

Belgian Ambassador to Tanzania, Peter Huyghebaert, said they will continue to work together with Tanzania to make sure gender equality grows and strengthens.

UN Women programme's expert Lilian Mwandonga said there are many girls who perform well in technology but statistically they seem to be behind as compared to boys in accessing to opportunities, hence, she added, the programme will help in enhancing the involvement of girls in technology.

Kibaha villagers plan meeting to discuss rampant students' truancy

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

RESIDENTS of Misugusugu Ward, Kibaha District in Coast Region are set to meet to discuss on ways to control rampant truancy by students and ethical decay in their communities.

This was revealed by Misugusugu Ward Councillor, Upendo Ngonyani in an interview with this paper on Monday during which he the strategies will aim to increase examination passes.

Ngonyani said they will involve government organs when providing education to the community on the importance of education in the area with huge industrial investment.

“After that we shall formulate by-laws in our ward and whoever will violate them stern steps will be taken against them, as all that we want is for our children to benefit from employment opportunities in the factories mushrooming in our area,” he said.

He added that there are reports regarding students who abandon lessons and work as casual labourers

in factories, the practice that ends up with many youth employed as such instead of permanent basis.

Ngonyani further said that students' truancy has been contributed by abject poverty in their families and many secondary school students as forced to abandon lessons and look for jobs as casual labourers in factories.

“This situation has forced me to meet with investors who are our stakeholders to ask them to stop hiring our youth, and that they should leave them finish their education after which they can employ them,” he said.

The Councillor also said he expects to organise a bonanza as well as providing motivation to students who perform better.

Karabaka Street executive, Abas Likombe said the current students' truancy is contributed by some parents not closely following up their children's education progresses.

“Students abandon lessons to collect scrap metal which they sell and get cash,” he said.



Culture, Arts and Sports deputy minister Hamisi Mwinjuma alias Mwana FA (2nd-R), who is also Muheza constituency legislator, presents 200 Islamic books to Muslim faithful in Muheza District. It was at a meeting whose thrust was on morally acceptable behaviour and practice. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

Families appeal for shelter as floods wreak havoc in Suguti

HEAVY rains that pounded Kusenyi and Suguti in Rural Musoma District have badly affected 20 households after floods washed away houses, leaving owners homeless.

The floods were caused by the Suguti River which was overwhelmed by water and changed its course towards people's homes.

Some of the victims who spoke to this paper appealed the government to assist them with rescue equipment including tents for temporary shelter as at the moment are reconstructing their houses.

“The floods have washed everything, even the foods which

were stored both in farms and in homes, currently we do not have a place to stay,” said Magoti Gombania.

Another victim Sondole Kuboja said the floods cut down roads where pedestrians and motorists could not go to Suguti ward and surrounding areas after a bridge linking them was washed away.

Chairman of the ruling CCM for Musoma Rural Denis Ikwabe told this paper that the floods had wreaked havoc to infrastructure and other sectors, saying there were

no injuries or deaths reported.

Other things which were washed away include crops, mattresses and clothes which resulted from farming around the river.

Ikwabe called upon the government to release funds meant for the construction of the 92-kilometer Musoma road whose drainage system will control the flow of water.

“We are requesting the government to assist these people during this difficult time to avoid the aftermath of such incidents,” he

said. Recently the area experienced a state of bad weather which caused losses to fishermen who failed to go fishing due to heavy winds.

According to the legislator for Musoma rural Prof Sospeter Muhongo, the winds destroyed 44 canoes and 167 others which needed repair at the cost of about 1.7m/- of one canoe.

In total the properties which belonged to the fishermen cost about 86.8m/- a move which derailed development in the area.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) technicians unclog a sewage system in the city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendaipole



Narender Kumar (2nd-L), Second Secretary with the Indian High Commission in Tanzania, presents a gift to Imran Hassan at a symposium held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to mark World Autism Awareness Day (April 2). Left is African India Business Organisation chairman Indrabhuwan Singh. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Stakeholders and public urged to endorse positive ASDs attributes

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

STAKEHOLDERS and general public have been urged to endorse positive attributes towards children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) so as to refill gaps on knowledge and services on how to deal with the vulnerable group.

Africa-India Business Organisation chairman, Indrabhuwan Singh, made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam at a symposium dedicated to commemorate global autism awareness day.

In his remarks during the event themed: Connect dots 'Show your support to the families and friends living with autism disorder spectrum' Singh said it was time stakeholders to unite onto refilling gaps so as to reduce challenging behaviors with systematic reinforcement.

"Autism is not a disease. It is time the community and all stakeholders come on the same base and set autism treatment or therapies that focus on reducing problematic behaviors towards building their social skills. It is literally like connecting dots from one background to the other to be part of success," he said.

He said: "I believe all children are the same. God created them the same with only a difference in perception. Let's change the way we treat our children."

According to him, autism stands as a rapid crisis globally with lack of data and prediction over its intensity and its cure, hence giving a wake call to stakeholders on the need to come together and find alternatives on reducing harm to the victims.

Director of Imran Polyclinic health Centre, Dr Imran Hassan, said one of the management tactics to autism is individual, intensive interventions, including behavioral, education and psychological components as the most effective

treatments of ASD.

"It is heartwarming to see a slow but sure increase in the number of support specialists directly impacting ASD therapy likewise blooming of schools with specific needs," he said.

Quoting the Global Awareness Hypothesis the growing rate of autism showed that mothers who took folic acid four weeks to eight weeks after the start of pregnancy had a 40 percent reduced risk of having children with autism.

Dr Ignasia Mbatia, sociology lecturer from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) said among the alternative ways that can be used to connect dots and fill in gaps is the government intervention and support either through marathon or walk and talk campaign to raise awareness so as to reach remote areas having targeting to reduce mental diseases caused by stress of mind to parents as in most times they feel abandoned should intervene.

She added: "In most time the community abandons this group living and living them with the perception that has no rights to enjoy their rights just like others It is time we see that they are also part of the community and understand that it's not a transmittable disease or a parent fault towards such a disorder but caused by unknown reasons."

ASDs are characterized by impaired socialization, reduced communication and restricted repetitive or stereotyped activities and interests. The global estimates of it as 1 out of 100 children have autism with countries like the United Kingdom, Sweden, Japan and USA with males 4 times more likely to get ASD than females.

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Government finalises procedures to start providing subsidies to registered colleges

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government is finalising procedures to start providing subsidies to registered tertiary colleges that offer certificates and diplomas, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

Responding to a question posed by Special Seats MP, Nusrat Hanje, Deputy Minister for Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Omary Kipanga said the government

has allocated 41.47bn/- in the 2022/2023 financial year to support 2,435 students pursuing courses of 'national priority'.

In her basic question, the MP asked whether the government had plans to start providing loans to students undertaking various courses at registered and accredited tertiary colleges.

Kipanga said that in recognition of the importance of the various skills taught at the colleges in the development of the country,

the government will continue to provide subsidies to ensure more Tanzanians youth are equipped with necessary skills

In February this year when addressing leaders of the Federation of Students of Higher Education Institutions of Tanzania (TAHLISO) and Zanzibar High Learners Federation (ZAHILIFE) President Samia Suluhu Hassan said that certificate and diploma level students will start receiving

the loans through the Higher Education Learning Students Loan Board (HESLB).

She said the government's intention to provide loans to students of tertiary colleges that offer certificates and diplomas is to cement inclusive education.

Since President Samia came to power, in March 2021, loans for higher education students, which were being provided, were 464bn/-, but now the loans stand at 654bn/-.



Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority legal manager Okoka Mgavilenzi (R) addresses Traffic police traffic officers in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a capacity building seminar meant to enhance their performance. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Minister calls upon TAFORI to conduct studies to control unnecessary forest harvests to improve quality of products

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOHAMMED Mchengerwa, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism has called upon the Tanzania Forest Research Institute (TAFORI) to conduct studies on how to control unnecessary forest harvests to improve the quality of products.

Mchengerwa made the remarks in Morogoro when launching the institute's 12th board where he also called upon the board to explore new ways to increase revenues and invite more investors into the sector.

He said the government was sure that the board will offer expertise on how to bring on board reforms that will facilitate improvement into the sector to meet modern times.

"Tafari should conduct research to increase revenue from the 250bn/- collected last year so that we capitalize on the foreign market which is open for us because with the trend which we are moving with, nothing will happen," he said.

He said the despite having 24 tree farms countrywide which are more than 500,000 hectares, still the production of products emanating from forests was not impressive.

Mchengerwa directed the sector to increase production to facilitate early attainment of the middle-income economy by 2025.

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary in the ministry Dr Hassan Abbas said the tourism sector was key to national economy as its contributes 3.3percent to the national economy.

Tafari board chairman Prof. Verdiana Masanja promised that the board will implement the

directives including conducting research to increase productivity and improve the sector.

Other members of the board include Prof. Dos Santos Silayo - deputy chairman; Dr Revicatus Mushimbuzi secretary; Prof Faustine Kamuzora, Dr Zanifa Limba, Beatrice Lipu, Dr Hulda Mpunjo, John Nchimbi, Xvier Ndalawa and Daniel Pancras.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT AMREF HEALTH AFRICA-TANZANIA

A. INTRODUCTION
Amref Health Africa-Tanzania is an independent non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is "to improve the health of people by partnering with and empowering communities and strengthening health systems". Amref Health Africa -Tanzania has been among the major supporters of the Government of Tanzania's health care initiatives, particularly the Ministry of Health. Amref has supported the development of a number of national health policies, strategies, and guidelines for equitable health service delivery. Through support from Multilateral, Bilateral and National donors, implementing several programmes including Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH): Disease Control and Prevention (DCP) program which comprises Communicable and Non-communicable diseases e.g., HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB), Leprosy, Obstetric Fistula, and other Laboratory Services; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Capacity Building Program.

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C. APPLICATION PROCESS
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National Assembly endorses three names of new chairpersons for the House sessions

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has endorsed three names of new chairpersons for the House sessions.

They are Special Seats legislator Najma Giga who is the deputy chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Land, Natural Resources and Tourism, David Kihenzile, Mufindi South Member of Parliament and chairperson of the Land, Natural Resources and Tourism Parliamentary Committee.

The third is Babati MP, Daniel Sillo (CCM), who doubles as chairperson of the Parliamentary Budget Committee.

Earlier, National Assembly Speaker, Dr Tulia Ackson said procedures to select the chairpersons have been stipulated in the Parliament Standing Orders.

Aspirants in the elections conducted in the House are normally elected without being opposed when their number corresponds to available posts, she said.

According to her, such procedures were even followed in the previous elections in the Tenth and Eleventh Parliament whereby the Steering Committee proposed three names and the MPs endorsed the names.

After the MPs endorsed the names, Dr Ackson congratulated the three new chairpersons and asked the MPs to accord them cooperation for them to be able to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

Speaking after being endorsed, Giga thanked her fellow MPs and the Steering Committee for bestowing trust on her for the second time now.

"Let me thank you Honourable MPs for trusting me once again, I ask for your continued cooperation. I believe God will help me in implementing my duties," she said.

David Kihenzile, thanked the Speaker and all lawmakers for trusting and endorsing him to serve the position for the second time.

"I also thank my political party CCM for its trust in me, I promise high cooperation with my fellow MPs," he pledged.

However, Sillo also thanked the MPs for the endorsement and congratulated the Steering Committee for trusting and picking his name.

Sillo said: "I ask for cooperation in order to be able to implement this role of helping the Speaker in running House activities."



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Tanzania and United States inaugurate five-year project to reinforce coastal diversity

By Guardian Correspondent

THE United States and Tanzania have launched the five-year USAID 'Heshimu Bahari' ("Respect the Oceans") project. USAID's initial \$8.4 million investment in the project will enable sustainable co-management and biodiversity conservation of marine resources through active involvement of local communities.

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The launch event conducted last week was attended by Second Gentleman of the United States Douglas Emhoff, who was in Tanzania with his wife, US Vice President Kamala Harris, as part of a broader trip to celebrate and deepen the United States' partnerships in Tanzania and across Africa.

Joined by the ministers from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (mainland) and the Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries (Zanzibar), the Second Gentleman formally announced the Heshimu Bahari project and highlighted the key role of women in advancing coastal

climate resilience.

In their remarks, the ministers from Tanzanian mainland and Zanzibar noted the challenges posed by threats to marine biodiversity to local livelihoods, and stressed the timely assistance provided by the project and its linkage with Tanzania's own development strategies.

The Second Gentleman met directly with local community members and leaders in the fishing industry prior to the launch. The female fisher persons, community leaders, and other representatives discussed with the Second Gentleman the barriers Tanzanian women face to their full participation in Tanzania's fishing industry.

The 'Heshimu Bahari' project will address numerous threats to Tanzania's marine ecosystems, including promoting gender-equitable approaches to development, addressing overfishing that has profoundly damaged key coastal fisheries, and mitigating the impact of climate change that has disrupted ecosystems and livelihoods, and impacted the tourism potential of the country.



Emila Machuve (R), an area sales executive with Serengeti Breweries Limited, communicates by mobile phone with IST-model car grand prize winner Shamimu Hemedi Mushi. This was during the final draw of the firm's Pilsner Lager promotion campaign dubbed 'Kapu la Wana' held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Gaming Board of Tanzania representative Salim Mgufi. A similar event is scheduled to take place in Arusha city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Iringa regional referral hospital faces an acute shortage of heart specialists

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Iringa

IRINGA regional referral hospital is facing an acute shortage of heart specialists, a situation that forces patients to spend time and a lot of money to seek for the services outside the region.

Medical officer in charge at the hospital, Dr Alfred Mwakalebela said yesterday during the press briefing about the arrival of a team of expert doctors from the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI).

He said that the arrival of the

specialist doctors will help to reduce the shortage even if it is for a short time, where he said that the hospital has only one physician.

He said that in delivering services closer to the people, the institution has come to the hospital for five days to provide care for heart issues in collaboration with the referral hospital.

Dr Mwakalebela has also used the opportunity to invite the people of Iringa Region to come for a heart health test to determine if they have the problem, and those who are found to have heart problems will be given immediate treatment.

Dr Pedro Pallangyo, Head Research and Training department at JKCI called on Iringa Region citizens and neighboring regions to come out in large numbers to get various health check-ups.

"As we know non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and heart diseases are currently the leading cause of death in the world and even in our environment the diseases have been increasing rapidly in our society," said Dr Pallangyo.

Dr Pallangyo said that the reasons for the arrival of the doctors include providing education to the public about the dangerous environment

and how people can live healthy to protect their hearts.

He listed several causes of heart diseases as cigarette smoking, excessive consumption of alcohol, lack of body habit of exercises, overweight and improper eating.

He said that any disease can cause heart problems and can lead to heart enlargement where the high blood pressure is leading by 60 per cent.

The Jakaya Kikwete Heart Institute (JKCI) is a government-owned specialized hospital and University of Cardiology that provides training and cardiac research services.



Elibariki Masuke (L), NBC Bank's director of retail banking, pictured in Mwanza city making remarks at training meant to equip the bank's Lake Victoria zone agents with knowledge and skills on insurance services able to help promote sales. The training, which is conducted jointly by the bank and Britam Insurance Tanzania through the Africa College of Insurance and Social Protection, was launched yesterday in Mwanza and Arusha regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NBC, Britam hold training to help insurance agents do better

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) in collaboration with the Britam Insurance Tanzania have launched a special training for the bank's agents in the Lake Zone and the North Zone regions aimed at equipping the agents with tools and knowledge of the insurance services in order to promote sales.

The one-week training was being held in Mwanza and Arusha regions, conducted through the Africa College of Insurance and

Social Protection (ACISP)

Commenting on the move, NBC Bank's Director of Retail Banking, Elibariki Masuke, together with the Chief Executive Officer of Britam Insurance Tanzania, Raymond Komanga, said that the training attempts to increase the penetration of insurance service across the country through NBC ready-made agencies network spread all over the country.

"With a network of over 10,000 agents, we are optimistic to reach the masses," said Masuke

"The move is also an opportunity for our agents to increase their income as they will not only do banking transactions but they will also start doing insurance transactions and thus increase their income through 'commission'," he added

According to Masuke the bank was also supporting the government's financial inclusion agenda by placing banking and insurance services closer to the customers through the NBC Wakala network.

Komanga said that the training

sponsored by his company came following the positive response of the insurance services market in the country despite the shortage of agents and insurance brokers in some parts of the country

"Despite the shortage of agents, last year the insurance market was able to collect insurance fees (Premiums) amounting to Sh 1.1 Trillion through the current number of insurance agents and brokers. Following the success, we felt it was the right time to expand the scope of reaching our customers

across the country through the NBC Wakala network spread all over the country."

"So through this training we expect better results as the number of insurance agents is going to be bigger," he said.

According to Komanga, the one-week training will involve the Lake Zone regions that include Mwanza, Shinyanga, Geita, Simiyu, Mara and Kagera while in the Northern Zone the training involves Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions

Speaking about the training,

Africa College of Insurance and Social Protection (ACISP) Executive Chairman Mr Sosthenes Kewe said it aims to enable the agents to obtain the minimum qualification that will further enable them to provide Insurance services according to the criteria set by the Tanzania Insurance Authority (TIRA).

"After this training all the participants will have the opportunity to do a qualifying test and certificates will be given only to those who pass the exam," he explained.



Milestones Academy Grade 2 pupil Amani Bernard (2nd-R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend receiving an award from Rightway Nursery and Primary School director Mercy Mchechu (2nd-L) and UCMAS Tanzania director Mili Rughani (R) after winning a high-speed mental arithmetic contest. Looking on is St Columba's Schools manager Marry Mbelle. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Game meat, farm crop stakeholders told to give views to improve quality

By Guardian Correspondent

STAKEHOLDERS in soya beans, coffee, sugarcane and game meat have been required to fully participate in giving their views and recommendations to the Trade Research, Development and Environment (TRADE Hub) so that the results thereon should be able to raise the crops' profitability. Dr Zena Mpendu, Acting President of the College of Economics and Business Studies at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) made the remarks at the recent workshop organised by the project as she was submitting initial research results to the stakeholders in order to get their views on how best to conduct fair and sustainable business.

project is to make sure game meat and farm crops trade becomes an engine for the growth of the inclusive economy, eradicate poverty as a way to implement sustainable development.

Head of the project, Prof. Reuben Kadigi said the workshop for the stakeholders was important in getting their views that will help researchers to be able to come up with a document to be submitted to the government.

Dr Charles Malaki who represented the College's Acting President, thanked stakeholders who participated in the workshop and called on them to give their views and recommendations to improve research results to enable the government come up with better policies for the sustainable businesses that are conscious of the environment.

TRADE Hub is a five-year project (February 2019 - March 2024) implemented by SUA in collaboration with other stakeholders from 15 countries of Africa, Asia including USA, Brazil.

Dr Mpendu, who represented the College President, Dr Damas Philip called on the stakeholders to understand that the sectors in question, in one way or another touch the lives and development of various stakeholders as well as the country's economy and its development in general, hence she called on them to use the opportunity carefully in presenting their views on how best to improve business in all game meat and farm products sectors.

Dr Mpendu explained that the government has frequently been improving laws, procedures and regulations to make sure the businesses do not enhance environmental degradation and loss of the biodiversity, hence, she added it was important for them, as business stakeholders they enter into green contracts for their businesses in order to have sustainable businesses.

Explaining the workshop's goals, the Coordinator of Research and Publications at SDUA, Prof Japhet Kashaigili said they include submitting to stakeholders the results of various researches obtained by the project, to deliberate on them for them to understand and ultimately provide their views.

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He said the main goal of the project is to make sure game meat and farm crops trade becomes an engine for the growth of the inclusive economy, eradicate poverty as a way to implement sustainable development

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar government has instructed district commissioners and directors of municipal and local councils to remove beggars in the streets who tarnish Zanzibar town's image.

Zanzibar govt vows to remove street beggars

Masoud Ali Mohamed, Zanzibar Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional administration, Local Government and Special SMZ Departments gave the instructions here yesterday when addressing district commissioners and local council directors.

supervise the exercise to remove the people via appropriate methods and return them to their areas of residence.

"When the Holy Month of Ramadhan comes people emerge and collect people with disabilities as well as children and use them as beggars along main roads and near houses of worship," Masoud said.

He said there has emerged a habit for some people assembling at roadsides with others near houses of worship to beg, the practice that tarnish the government image.

He said this is against the customs and traditions of Zanzibaris hence he called on the society to conduct other business activities and

abandon this practice.

In regard to illicit drugs, the Minister called on the officials to conduct frequent crackdowns against people engaging in illicit drugs trafficking to save the nation and the youth from the effects of drug use.

Speaking about music inside guest houses and tourist hotels, he called on owners of these establishments to install noise reducing devices to avoid conflicts with the general public.

He also directed the officials not to issue permits to guest houses owners who do not abide by procedures to avoid frequent conflicts that arise from time to time.

He said these directives will not concern wedding and birthdays activities.

In response, Unguja Urban District Commissioner, Rashid Simai Msaraka said they will work on the instructions and pledged to mount a crackdown in a short time.



Liwale district commissioner Goodluck Mlinga (L) presents a Liwale Umoja AMCOS Best Farmer certificate for 2022/2023 to Mussa Mkoyage at the association's general meeting held late last week. Photo: Correspondent

Bukoba district council urged to take care of funds obtained from public water sales

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

RESIDENTS of Bukoba district council in Kagera Region have been urged to take care of the funds obtained from public water sales so that they are used in rehabilitating infrastructure.

Ward, Bukoba Rural, to inaugurate water projects in the villages.

He said the government is using a lot of money in implementing water projects in the country to facilitate access to quality and safe and clean water.

He urged the village water boards to keep proper records of accounts and issue reports of income and expenditure every three months and the community based water supply and management organization (CBWSO) to sit regularly to identify

the challenges.

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) manager for Bukoba District Evarista Mugaya, said more than 1.2bn/- has been used in water projects in Bukoba Rural which serve around 14,800 residents in Ibwera, Katoma, Kibirizi and Kyamlale wards.

He said the projects are 100 per cent complete and residents are enjoying availability of clean and safe water.

Mugaya mentioned the projects

as those of Karonge, Kashenge-Irogero, Omkihisi and Kibirizi with 37 public water supply stations, adding that the projects have risen the availability of water in the district to 74- percent from 68-percent

Furthermore, he said RUWASA is preparing for 12 deep drilling in Ruhunga, Nsheshe, Kishogo, Kashule, Rukoma, Izmbya, Katoro, Kaibanja, Musira, Mgajwale, Kihumulo and Kasharu areas, all projects worth 682.4m/-

African Energy Now Con23 to fast-track renewable energy investment in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA

THE AENCon23 Renewable Energy Investment conference will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from April 25 to 26, this year to engage international financiers and technology providers on renewable energy investment opportunities in Ethiopia and Tanzania.

hydropower generation capacity, while also increasing power generation from solar, wind and geothermal sources.

Ethiopia has undertaken comprehensive reforms to attract investment into its renewable energy sector, including by restructuring its utility companies, introducing a new public-private partnership (PPP)/independent power producers (IPPs) framework, and paving the way for becoming a regional power supplier to neighboring countries as part of the Eastern Africa Power Pool.

In partnership with the Ministry of Water and Energy of Ethiopia and the Ministry of Energy of Tanzania and their respective utility companies, African Energy Now is hosting AENCon23 to showcase concrete opportunities in existing and upcoming renewable energy projects, including in solar, wind, hydro and geothermal energy.

according to moritz weigel, executive director, African Energy Now, Tanzania, AENCon23 will allow participants to gain latest insights into the renewable energy sector of Ethiopia and Tanzania and to engage bilaterally with decision-makers through pre-scheduled one-on-one meetings throughout the two conference days.

"We look forward to welcoming financial institutions and technology providers in the beautiful and vibrant city of Addis Ababa".

Ethiopia, with a population of 120 million and strong economic growth, has a rapidly increasing demand for electricity. The government of Ethiopia aims to invest USD 40 billion over the next ten years to expand its

Tanzania, with a population of 62 million and steady economic growth, is well endowed with solar, wind, hydro and geothermal energy sources. The government of Tanzania is committed to the energy transition and entered into a series of new international partnerships for unleashing the country's vast renewable energy potential. To facilitate investment in the sector, the government has converted debt of its utility companies into equity in a move to strengthen the companies' balance sheets.

At the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP 27 in November 2022, President Samia Suluhu Hassan presented a USD18 billion investment case for powering the Southern African Power Pool with renewables. Tanzania is part of both the eastern and the southern African power pools and therefore holds great potential to serve regional and inter-regional power supplier.

Getting out of poverty is more complicated than visions admit

ECONOMIC experts are upbeat on the country's economic prospects, which at the moment is the perspective for the next quarter century. As a matter of fact experts are just getting ready to start pondering the issues, as a new vision for growth or prosperity doesn't start till mid-2025, at the end of the pre-election financial year. What the Treasury and other planning veterans are doing is to lay the framework.

In terms of method of what needs to be done in that direction, it is helpful to remember the difference between projecting economic trends as they are, and actually trying to see what the government can do to change those trends. It can be said that a key problem for those seeking to lay out the vision for the next quarter century is how far a continuation of the current performance would be adequate. That is where some teething problems will arise on how to alleviate poverty levels.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango saw promise of moving ahead in the next quarter century given steady growth for years. Some alarming statistics of the United Nations tell a different story, in the contrast between nominal growth and rise in population, eroding gains. Our growth rates are fairly high but so is population.

Few will have doubts for the credibility of the vision (TDV 2050) being anchored in indications of stable economic growth, based on achievements realized during TDV 2025. Data shows that Tanzania's economic growth stood at 5.2 percent in the first, second and third quarters of 2022, compared to the average for most states in the

sub-Saharan zone, standing at 3.8 percent. This is a bit of an exception, and the reason isn't always stated, that we are resource rich, in gold, minerals, or gas.

The difficult element is how to assess the country's overall growth rate in relation to poverty alleviation or prosperity as a whole, with the VP saying the country has reached an economic and social turning point with average economic growth of 6.6 percent in the past two decades from 2000 to 2019. This illustrates how experts differ on the issues, as lukewarm development analysts, overly wishing to pay homage to efforts of developing countries, will say such achievement suffices.

It isn't the case if one goes outside the community of development stakeholders especially in the United Nations system and look outside. For decades rigorous economic analysis shows that for a country to move out of poverty, it needs to attain at least 10 per cent growth rates annually, and remain that way for one decade, 15 years or two decades. That is what happened in much of South East Asia, and has not occurred in most of sub-Saharan African, thus the poverty.

When growth rates are below 10 per cent for a country with a high population growth rate, nominal growth (which for some reason is often collapsed with real growth, though the latter has to subtract population growth), what is added into the economy is absorbed into population growth. That is basically the case here, and there are no formulas yet on how this is resolved. We hope the framework team gets their teeth into the matter, otherwise it will be a lost opportunity to get it right.

Africa needs to promote a culture of peace with love and conscience

THE International Day of Conscience is a global day of awareness celebrated on April 5, commemorating the importance of human conscience. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on July 25, 2019, with the adoption of UN resolution.

The preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of humankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people." Moreover, article 1 of the Declaration states that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood."

The task of the United Nations to save future generations from the scourge of war requires transformation towards a culture of peace, which consists of values, attitudes and behaviours that reflect and inspire social interaction and sharing based on the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, all human rights, tolerance and solidarity, that reject violence and endeavour to prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation and that guarantee the full exercise of all rights and the means to participate fully in the development process of their society.

Conscious of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the General Assembly declared 5 April

the International Day of Conscience.

The General Assembly invited all member states, organisations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organisations, as well as the private sector and civil society, including non-governmental organisations and individuals, to build the culture of peace with love and conscience in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through quality education and public awareness-raising activities, thereby fostering sustainable development.

The concept of a culture of peace emerged from the international congress on peace in the minds of men, organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Côte d'Ivoire in July 1989. Since then the promotion of a culture of peace has increasingly been seen as a worthwhile objective of the international community. The evolving concept has inspired activities at so many levels and in so many regions with the full participation of civil society that the culture of peace is gradually taking on the characteristics of a global movement.

Within the United Nations system, the concept dates back to the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), adopted more than 50 years ago, wherein that organization is called upon to construct the defences of peace in the minds of men because "a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the peoples of the world, and... the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind".

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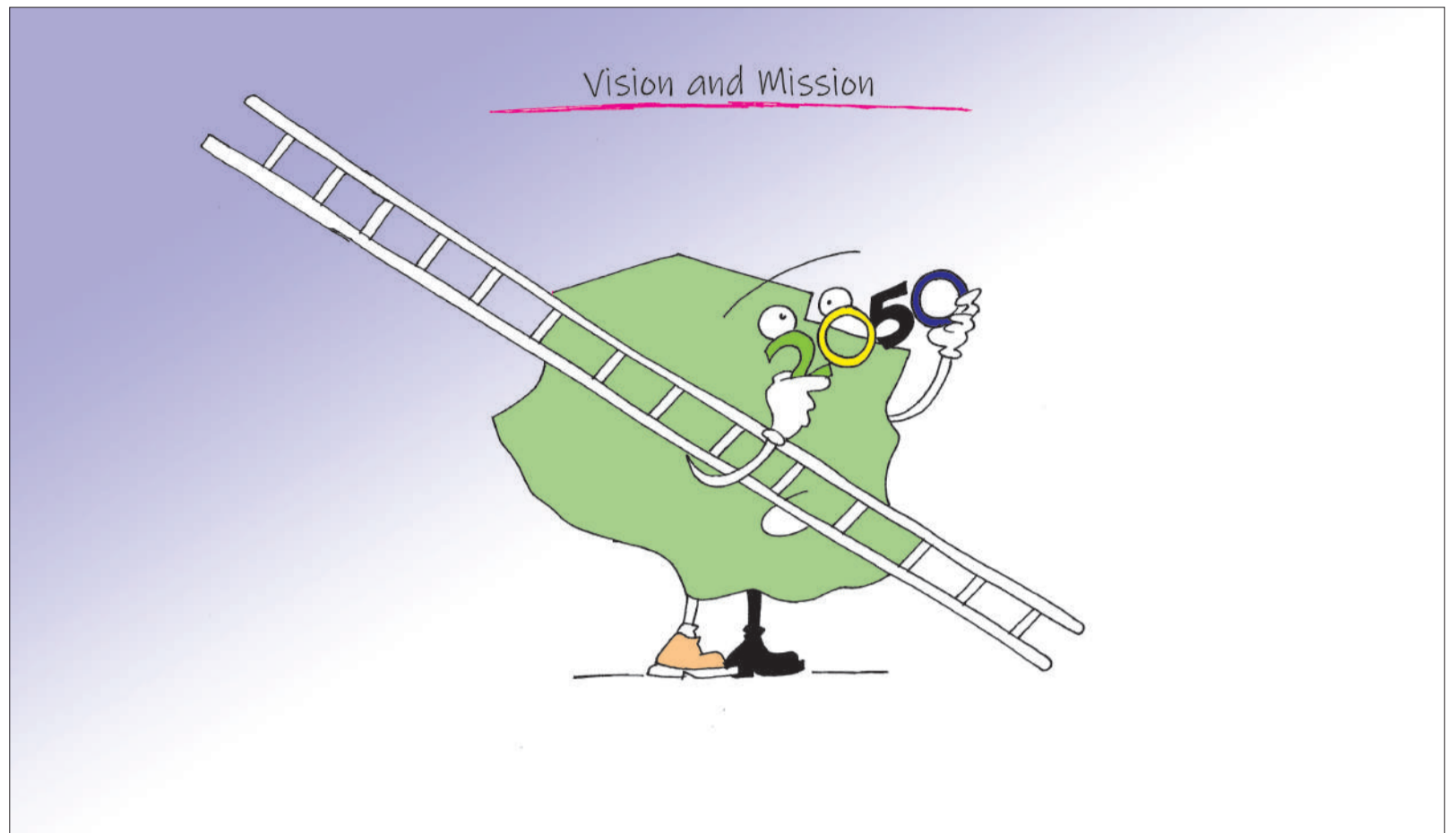
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Embracing gender equity

By **Portia Anani**

THE fight for equal rights for women began in the early 1900s. Women embarked on various campaigns to demand for basic necessities such as shorter working hours, better salaries, the right to vote etc. In accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first official National Woman's Day was observed across the United States on February 28 but the date was later changed to March 8 each year. International Women's Day is marked to celebrate and project the achievements of women, raise awareness, sensitise and educate the world on gender parity.

Every year, themes such as, "Break the Bias", "Each for Equal", "Pledge for Parity", "Be bold for Change" among others, have been adopted to provide a formal framework for the celebration. The theme for this year's International Woman's Day is, "Embrace Equity".

There have been controversial conversations about women demanding for equality but it is worth noting that the theme emphasizes equity rather than equality. To chart a successful course, we must first understand the distinction between equity and equality. Equity recognises that each individual is unique, thus, specific resources and opportunities are provided to help them achieve equal results. Equality, on the other hand, means that everyone has

access to the same resources or opportunities irrespective of their peculiar circumstances.

Most countries and even organisations have made concerted efforts to create supportive environments and policies for women to thrive. For instance, in Ghana, special provisions have been made in the labor law to protect the interest of women. According to the LABOUR ACT- 2003 (ACT 651), women are entitled to at least twelve weeks Maternity Leave in addition to any period of annual leave and should be paid their full remuneration and any other benefits that come with the job. The law prohibits employers from assigning a pregnant woman to work on night shift or assigning her outside her place of residence after completion of the fourth month of pregnancy. Nursing mothers are also granted two (2) hours to breastfeed their babies until their first birthdays. These laws clearly state what institutions are expected to do, and violations of these laws result in severe consequences for the institutions.

In the United States, one of the most common reasons mothers give for discontinuing breastfeeding is returning to work and not having break time or a private space to express milk. This led to the passing of the Affordable Care Act in March 10, 2010. Employers are required by law to provide nursing mothers with reasonable break time and a place other than a bathroom that is concealed and free from invasion to

express breast milk at work, up until a child's first birthday.

Organisations, through their internal policies, are also playing critical roles in empowering, encouraging, and supporting women. Some businesses try to diversify leadership by promoting high-achieving women to managerial positions. To create a balance, institutions encourage women to take advantage of various opportunities available at the company. For example, when companies advertise job openings, they openly encourage women to apply. Companies are now investing in seminars and mentoring sessions for their female employees. One Organisation in Ghana have set up an all-women's mentorship programme called "The Mentorship Circle". The programme is coordinated by women in managerial positions to empower other female staff to assist them effectively manage and learn how to juggle their work, family and social lives. Some Staff who joined the session have risen through the ranks to assume some managerial positions and are doing very well. Some Heads of Department have given positive feedbacks about colleagues who have joined the programme. Some participants of the programme expressed their joy of having the program in place. They confirmed that the program has offered them the opportunity to seek for help when they need it and boosted their confidence to do better at their jobs. Some

organisations have established nursery schools at the work place for mothers who have to bring their children to work.

Unfortunately, there is still a lot of workplace discrimination against women. Some employers are hesitant to hire women of childbearing age, pregnant women, women on maternity leave, and women with young children. It is alleged, that some organisations coerce newly hired women to sign contracts promising not to get pregnant within a certain period while working for the organisation. A breach of this will result in the termination of their contracts. The Equality and Human Rights Commission in the UK conducted a study to investigate the prevalence and nature of pregnancy discrimination at the workplace. According to their findings, about 44 per cent of employers agree that women should work for at least a year before deciding to have children. With such perceptions, the big question is whether the pursuit of equity is a façade!

While there is a strong push to achieve gender equity, women also have a part to play. Women must work hard to bring their talents to the forefront to earn the seat at the top rather than simply riding on the mantra of women empowerment to demand for equity. To achieve gender equity may take time, but as the saying goes, "Little progress is better than no progress at all". Happy International Women's Day.

Nigeria's census: History, politics, challenges and its implications

By **Muhammed Hakeemat**

IN just two months, Nigeria is expected to conduct its sixth population and housing enumeration exercise. This will be the fifth since gaining independence from British colonial masters. Even before the amalgamation of the colonies that became Nigeria in 1914, the British imperialists adopted a decennial system of enumeration, conducting censuses in 1866, 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. This allowed them to have a good idea of population figures, projected tax revenues, and development plans.

However, the system was

disrupted by the two World Wars, and Nigeria's first census as a political entity took place in 1952/53. Since then, irregular censuses have been conducted in 1962, 1962/63, 1973, 1991, and 2006. The upcoming census will be the first in 17 years.

Unfortunately, censuses in Nigeria have always been politicized, as population figures are a significant metric for the federal allocation of funds to federating units such as regions, states, and local government areas. As a result, federating units often make efforts to artificially inflate their figures. This tendency to politicize censuses and the failure

to use them for planning purposes have almost rendered them irrelevant. Censuses have become tools for enriching the political elite who benefit overnight by being involved in politics.

In 2006, the census put Nigeria's population at 140 million, but the current rough estimate puts it between 211 and 215 million, making it the seventh most populous country. However, the emphasis on political aggrandizement makes it difficult to justify this claim.

The government has already spent N291 billion of the N869 billion required to conduct the 2023 census and is shopping for over N500 billion between now

and the next two months for the exercise. However, the huge bill is something we doubt the nation can afford right now.

Until Nigeria recalibrates its population census and management to prevent politics-driven inflation of figures, it will be wasting scarce resources on irrelevant enumeration exercises.

The census must be for economic planning, not consumption, and should be shelved and rejiggered for a more effective relaunch when the economy improves. All huge spending must be stopped, and scarce funds must be allocated to items that are prioritized at any given time.

We pollute oceans and other water bodies at our own peril



WE human beings are selfish in nature, aren't we? We take so much from Mother Nature and keep on destroying the environment without little care for future generations. But the good thing about nature is that it gives back what you give it.

Yes, as a result of our greed and careless actions towards nature, already, our sufferings have started by many forms of natural calamities in many unnatural ways.

Pollution is one of the many forms of our carelessness towards nature. The most interesting thing is that we are directly or indirectly responsible for all manner of pollutions. Today, our pressing issue is marine pollution.

Marine pollution is a growing problem in today's world. Our oceans and other water bodies are being flooded with all manner of chemicals and trash. Marine pollution occurs when harmful chemicals from industries, agricultural waste and residential waste enter into water bodies. Most sources of marine pollution are land based and the pollution often comes from nonpoint sources such as wind-blown debris and dust.

People always think that water pollution comes from big factories but most of the pollution comes from activities people do every day. This kind of pollution is called nonpoint source pollution because we cannot point out where it came from directly. Every time we wash a car or use fertilizer on our lawns, we pollute the ocean. All waste water usually flows to a stream, then to a river and finally to the ocean.

Oil can be another reason for marine pollution. Large ships must take billions of barrels of it across the oceans but if the activity is not handed carefully, these trips can be very bad for marine environment. Oil spill can affect marine organisms very as animals that drink oil-filled water die as well as animals that eat other affected animals.

Marine debris, also known as marine litter, is human-created waste that

has deliberately or accidentally been released into the ocean. Floating oceanic debris tends to accumulate at the center of gyres or coastlines, frequently washing aground as beach litter or tide wrack.

Deliberate disposal of wastes at sea is called ocean dumping. Naturally occurring debris such as driftwood and drift seeds are also present.

With the increased use of plastic, hu-

man influence has become an issue as many types of plastics do not biodegrade quickly as would natural or organic materials.

The largest single type of plastic pollution and majority of large plastic in the oceans is discarded and lost nets from the fishing industry. Waterborne plastic poses a serious threat to fish, seabirds, marine reptiles and marine mammals as well as boats and coasts.

A growing concern regarding plastic pollution in the marine ecosystem is the use of micro plastics. These are harmful to the organism in the ocean as they can easily ingest the plastic and become sick.

We can avoid using these harmful plastics by purchasing products that are environmentally friendly. Micro plastic pollution migrates up the food chain, eventually becoming part of the food that humans eat.

Litter made from diverse materials that are denser than surface water such as glasses, metals and some plastics have been found to spread over the floor of seas and open oceans where it can become entangled in corals and interfere with other sea floor life or even become buried under sediment, making clean up extremely difficult especially due to the wide area of its dispersal compared to shipwrecks.

Coastal storms and offshore convection play a part in transferring large volumes of particles and debris. Submarine topographic features can also augment down welling currents, leading to the retention of micro plastics at certain locations.

In efforts to prevent marine pollution and mediate marine debris and pollutants, laws and policies have been adopted internationally. Some non-profits and governments are developing programmes to collect and remove plastics from the ocean.

In 2017, the United Nations estimated that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans if substantial measures are not taken.

Solutions for marine pollution include prevention and clean-ups.

Changing societies' approach to plastic use will be a long and economically challenging process. Clean up in contrast, may be impossible for some items. Many types of debris including some plastics do not float, so they are lost deep in the ocean. Even some promising solutions are inadequate for combating marine pollution. The so called biodegradable plastics often break down only at temperatures higher than will ever be reached in the ocean. Many countries including Tanzania have enacted regulations to limit or ban the use of disposable plastic items.

Ocean dumping can have severe effects on many animals and plants as well as on us. Every one of us can mitigate the ocean dumping problem by reducing our reckless consumption and by trying to save waste whenever possible.

If we really want our children and future generations to live on a clean and healthy planet, we must do what we can to stop and reduce trash. Even a simple thing like recycling a water bottle or picking up a few pieces of trash off the ground everyday can make a difference. Let's change ourselves and act right now as responsible citizens to save our oceans and the huge marine ecosystems.



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Pushing African, other societies to embrace homosexuality is against international human rights law (4)

By Obadia Kajungu

SOME proponents of homosexuality contend that homosexuals have the right to personal liberty as well as the right to deal with their bodies the way they like. Under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), there is no basic right as personal liberty but supplemented in the legislations of governments embracing homosexuality and same sex marriages.

The addition of the word "personal" is a misdirection of Article 3 of UDHR, which states that "everyone has right to life, liberty and security of person". However, even the personal liberties are subjected to special restrictions under Article 29 of UDHR and 19(3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Articles 29 of UDHR and 19 of ICCPR have a broad meaning to delimit humans from behaving unrealistically in relation to basic human rights being heeded to other beneficiaries of human rights. Article 29(2) of UDHR provides that "in the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purposes of securing due recognition and respect of the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare of the democratic society".

Human beings are born unrealistic in nature hence they need law to engineer them socially. For that reason, it is no defense that a person has personal liberty so they can behave the way they like without due regard to possible social injuries reasonably likely to accrue out of enjoying personal liberties. People need restrictions in enjoying personal liberty so as not to affect the basic rights of others. The obligation of a person to respect the rights of

other persons arises from a 'do not injure your neighbor principle', a cardinal principle of law that imposes a duty of care owed to the general public.

Does homosexual behaviour cause us any legal injury?

As it has been stated above regarding a duty of care, in law a person may be at liberty to behave the way he or she likes provided that they owe a duty of care not to injure their neighbours. So, if any action does not affect others, none can be liable in law for their behaviour. Legal injury may be physical or bodily injury or loss, financial injury or loss and mental or psychological or emotional injury or loss.

We have been experiencing in the legal enterprise that plaintiffs have been among other things successfully scooping un-liquidated damages from courts of law for psychological trauma or emotional injury.

An example of social responsibility of the law against personal liberty can be, let say you are watching a TV while naked in your sitting room and suddenly a neighbour knocks at the door seeking permis-

sion of entry, automatically you will have to first put on clothes or tie a towel before opening the door for the neighbour. This is because, as it is in the law, there is also a moral or religious duty of care not to injure your neighbour. By opening a door for the entry of your neighbour without putting on clothes you will injure them emotionally or subject such neighbour to temptations.

The society is therefore to be protected through legislations against such experience. That way, African societies, being part of international community and beneficiaries of basic human rights, are being emotionally injured when they are exposed to homosexual experience.

Another form of legal injury caused by homosexual behaviour is that threat to the continued existence of intangible cultural heritage of humanity. In this regard, those who are interested in the behaviour are duty-bound not to show others who are not interested what they do.

Can acts of governments criminalizing homosexual behaviour lead to extermination of the

same?

The answer is no. As distinguished from the law, for morals or religion, it is enough for a person to appear in the manner consistent to and in conformity with the set religious or moral standards even if they behave in the contrary, provided that their evil behaviour is seen by none in the society.

The law threatens sanctions upon proof by evidence after investigation while morals threaten declaring persona non grata in a society upon evidence by overt acts and religion threatens eternal pains after death with or without overt acts.

So, the law, morals and the religion have sanctions in common although such sanctions have different styles of imposition. But the law differs from morals or religion in the sense that it goes deep to investigate actions which would be reasonably invisible to the ordinary public. The law has investigation machinery to probe hidden actions so as to discover whether the suspect indeed committed the offence while morals and religion rely on the super power seeing the culprit even in the darkness.

In law, investigation may start when there is suspicion or complaint while in morals or religion once a person looks like obeying moral or religious standards, it is enough and the rest are left to the super natural power. For that reason, offences of homosexuality just like other crimes and evils are there to stay. The sanctions are merely there to establish fears in the society so as to reduce immoral or criminal extremism but the truth is that we will continue experiencing such actions across generations and those who will be seen contravening the law will also remain facing legal sanctions.

So, the continued criminalization of homosexual behaviour will not lead to extermination of the behaviour except to continue creating fear that humans should not be extreme.

In Europe, apart from education without morality and free run rearing of children, another factor leading to high rate of homosexual behaviour there includes among other things, feminism which I will discuss shortly later.

The brain of human child by nature is born tabula rasa. As the

child grows, he or she can adapt the behaviour which the society may consider unacceptable thus need for nurturing a child under the closer guidance of the parent if necessary combined with soft corporal punishment so as to prepare a child to behave in a socially acceptable manner.

In short, unlike an animal kid, the behaviour of a human being by nature is influenced by many factors including intuitions and environment or experience while the behaviour of an animal is influenced by only intuitions although in exceptional circumstances the animal can also be trained.

That is why the behaviour of a goat in New York will resemble the behaviour of other goats in Dar es Salaam, New Delhi, Hong Kong or Cape Town while the behaviour of humans living in those mentioned cities will automatically differ considerably. It is worth noting therefore that early parental guide and nurturing to the child is necessary and it would be advised that European governments have to change laws of child liberty against their parents.

The author is an advocate of the High Court (To be continued on Monday)

Rethinking public debt as positive investment in sustainable development

By Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

THE unprecedented fiscal firepower used to protect the vulnerable from the harsh socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic contraction have pushed the average government debt level in the Asia-Pacific region to its highest since 2008.

Public debt distress is expected to worsen amid the global economic slowdown, record high inflation and rising interest rates, and uncertainty induced by the war in Ukraine.

And surging debt service payments are expected to put public debt sustainability of several developing Asia-Pacific economies at risk. Most concerning, debt distress risk is highest for countries with the highest development finance needs, including small island developing States.

Public debt is a powerful development tool in need of a major rethink

Yet, a higher debt level is not necessarily a bad thing, according to this year's edition of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific. Current policy debates on public debt sustainability do not take into

account the long-term positive socio-economic and environmental impact of public investments in laying the foundations of inclusive, resilient and sustainable prosperity.

Indeed, left unaddressed, development deficits and climate risks hurt economic prospects and public debt sustainability itself. Our analysis shows that social spending cuts increase poverty and inequality and undermine economic productivity in the long term.

Conversely, investing in healthcare, education, social protection and climate action is good economics.

Multilateral lenders and credit rating agencies focus excessively on keeping debt sustainable in the short term. Such perceived optimal debt levels are too low and lead to suboptimal development outcomes.

Revisiting current debt sustainability norms has also become necessary with the emergence of major non-traditional bilateral creditors and a drastic fall in concessional development lending to Asian and Pacific countries over the past decade.

It is time for a bold shift in thinking about public debt sustainability. We propose an augmented approach that assesses public debt viability



that takes into account a country's SDG investment needs, government structural development policies aiming to boost economic competitiveness, and national SDG financing strategies.

It is time for creditors, international financial institutions and credit rating agencies to consider the positive

long-term economic, social and environmental outcomes of investing in the SDGs, while assessing public debt sustainability.

Our research finds that public debt is found to decline over the long term when the socio-economic and environmental benefits of public investments are in-

corporated.

Rather than penalizing bold fiscal support for people and the environment, international creditors should consider if such spending would boost economic productivity.

Lenders and credit rating agencies should see debt relief as helping support the

fiscal outlook, rather than as a sign of an upcoming debt default.

Developing countries should also strive to balance investing in the SDGs with ensuring debt sustainability. Governments should not feel deterred from borrowing for essential, high-impact sustainable develop-

ment spending; rather, funds should be used efficiently and effectively.

Public coffers should also be boosted by resource mobilization strategies designed to generate social and/or environmental benefits, such as through progressive taxation.

Effective public debt management reduces fiscal risks and borrowing costs, with several examples of good public debt management practices in the Asia-Pacific region. At the same time, countries with high debt distress levels may need pre-emptive, swift and adequate sovereign debt restructuring, while efforts towards common international debt resolution mechanisms and restructuring frameworks needs to be accelerated.

We are in the fourth year of the Decade of Action to accelerate progress towards the SDGs with not much to show in gains. It is time for Asia and the Pacific to rise to the challenge of mobilizing the financial resources to realise the dream of resilient and sustainable prosperity for all. IPS UN Bureau

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Food shortages deepen in cyclone-devastated Vanuatu

By Catherine Wilson

ONE month after the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu was hit by two Category 4 cyclones within three days, food scarcity and prices are rising in the country following widespread devastation of the agriculture sector.

In the worst affected provinces of Shefa and Tafea, the "scale of damage ranges from 90 percent to 100 percent of crops, such as root crops, fruit and forest trees, vegetables, coffee, coconut and small livestock," Antoine Ravo, Director of Vanuatu's Department of Agriculture and Rural Development told IPS.

Vanuatu is an archipelago nation of more than 80 islands located east of Australia and southeast of Papua New Guinea. More than 80 percent of the population of more than 300,000 people were impacted by Cyclones Judy and Kevin, which unleashed gale-force winds, torrential rain and flooding across the nation on the 1 March and 3 March. Properties and homes were destroyed, power and water services cut, seawalls damaged and roads and bridges blocked.

In the aftermath, many households turned to their existing stores of food and any fresh produce that could be salvaged from their food gardens. But these have rapidly depleted.

In the large undercover fresh produce market in the centre of the capital, Port Vila, about 75-80 percent of market tables, which are usually heaving with abundant displays of root crops, vegetables and fruits, are now empty. Many of the regular vendors have seen their household harvests decimated by wind and flooding.

Susan, who lives in the rural community of Rentapao not far from Port Vila on Efate Island, commutes daily to the market. "The cyclones destroyed our crops and our homes. We lost a lot of root crops and bananas. Today, I only have half the amount of produce I usually sell," Susan told IPS. But, faced with the crisis, she quickly

diversified and, alongside a small pile of green vegetables, the greater part of her market table is laden with packets of dried food, such as banana and manioc or cassava chips.

Agriculture is the main source of people's income and food in Vanuatu, with 78 percent and 86 percent of households in the country relying on their own growing of vegetables and root crops, respectively, for food security and livelihoods.

But, as families grapple with increasing food scarcity, they have also been hit by a steep rise in prices for basic staples that are the core of their daily consumption. A cucumber, which sold for about 30 vatu (US\$0.25) prior to the disasters, is now priced from 200 vatu (US\$1.69), while pineapples and green coconuts, which could be bought for 50 vatu (US\$0.42) each, also sell for 200 vatu (US\$1.69).

Leias Cullwick, Executive Director of the Vanuatu National Council of Women, said that, in the wake of the cyclones, children were experiencing deprivation and anxiety. "Water is the number one concern [for families] and, also, food. And children, when they want water and food, and their mother has none to give, become traumatised," she told IPS.

Lack of clean water and contamination by the storms of water sources, such as rivers and streams, in peri-urban and rural areas is also causing illnesses in children, such as dehydration and diarrhoea. Meanwhile, the current wet season in Vanuatu is increasing the risks of mosquito-borne diseases, including malaria and dengue fever, Cullwick added.

It will take months for some households to regain their crop yields. "Root crops have been damaged, and these are not crops that you plant today and harvest tomorrow. It takes three months, it takes six months, it will take a while for communities to get their harvests going, so it's a concern," Soneel Ram, Communications Manager for the Pacific Country Cluster Delegation from the International Federation of Red



Cross and Red Crescent Societies told IPS in Port Vila. Although, he added that access to food at this time is easier in Pacific cities and towns.

"In urban areas, the main difference is access to supermarkets. People can readily access supermarkets and get food off the shelf. For rural communities, they rely on subsistence farming as a source of food. Now they have to look for extra funds to buy food," Ram said. In response, the government is organising the distribution of dry food rations to affected communities, along with seeds, planting materials and farming tools.

The Pacific Island nation faces a very high risk of climate and other natural disasters. Every year islanders prepare for cyclones during the wet season from November to April. And be-

ing situated on the 'Pacific Ring of Fire', it is also prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) forecasts that Vanuatu will experience increasingly extreme climate events, such as hotter temperatures and more severe tropical storms, droughts and floods, in the future. And, on current trends, global temperatures could exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming as early as 2030, reports the IPCC.

The impacts of Cyclones Judy and Kevin in the country follow damages wrought by other cyclones in recent years, including Cyclone Pam in 2015, which is estimated to have driven 4,000 more people into poverty, and Cyclone Harold in 2020. And the impacts of the pandemic on

the country's economy and local incomes, especially from agriculture and tourism, since early 2020. Agriculture and tourism are the main industries in Vanuatu, and agriculture, forestry and fisheries account for 15 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The most important cash crops are copra, cocoa and kava, with copra alone accounting for more than 35 percent of the Pacific nation's exports. Now the environmental havoc and the sudden decline in international tourist arrivals following the cyclones threaten to hinder the building of recovery in the country.

The government reports that this month's disasters will leave the country with a recovery bill of USD 50 million. And it predicts that the rescue of the agricultural sector will take years.

"It will take three months for immediate recovery of short-term food production, and six to nine months for mid-term crops, such as cassava, taro, yam and bananas. But it will take three to five years for coconut, coffee, pepper, vanilla and cocoa," Ravo said.

With climate losses predicted to continue accumulating in the coming decades, the Vanuatu Government remains determined to pursue its 'ICJ Initiative', now supported by 133 other nations worldwide. The initiative aims to investigate through the International Court of Justice how international law can be used to protect vulnerable countries from climate change impacts to the environment and human rights.

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Tanzania, FAO and stakeholders meet to discuss national roadmap to transform agri - food systems

By Getrude Mbago

THE series of national and local dialogues on food systems during 2021 allowed a renewed outlook into strategic action pathways needed to build sustainable food systems. With support from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), other UN agencies and partners, the Government and other national and local actors came up with the pathways and the roadmap to transform agri - food systems in Tanzania.

The national roadmap calls for the preparation of an action plan and monitoring and evaluation framework for the implementation of the outcomes of the dialogues.

The Tanzanian government's decision to host Africa's Food Systems Forum in 2023 gave impetus to the country's efforts to transform agri - food systems through a sustainable development aim. The forum will be held in September in Dar es Salaam, following two previous annual editions aligned with the global United Nations Food Systems Summit in New York in 2021.

"The result of the Dakar summit where the President Samia Suluhu Hassan actively participated set a precedent in changing the narrative of Food Systems transformation and investment in our country," Gerald Mweli, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan herself has championed agri - food systems transformation in Africa, calling for strong actions and localized solutions to strengthen food security across countries in the continent. She has particularly urged greater participation of young people in agriculture.

In line with these calls, Tanzania's Ministry of Agriculture launched a bold initiative to enhance the involvement of 200,000 young people in the sector. The Building a Better Tomorrow: Youth Initiative for Agribusiness (BBT-YIA) aims to promote motivated youth engagement, strengthen their capacities, and provide them with mentoring and coaching, as well as improve the agribusiness environment to enable more youth-led enterprises.

Yesterday, senior government representatives, including the Prime Minister's Office, FAO and other UN agencies, Embassies, and other actors gathered in Dar es Salaam to discuss how to take the six food systems



pathways forward, work more effectively across public and private sectors, to advance the preparation of an action plan and framework for agricultural and food systems transformation in Tanzania.

The action plan called the Implementation and Sustainability Plan will facilitate the inter-linkages and complementarities across the ongoing initiatives such as Tanzania Agro-industrialization Flagship, BBT, Hand in Hand Initiative, One Country one Crop Initiative, Dairy Nourishes Africa and Africa Food Future Initiative.

The results of this process will inform the upcoming stocktaking planned in July and Tanzania hosted Africa's food systems forum in September 2023.

"Through our implementation and sustainability plan, to be developed together with our FAO, UN and other partners, we are taking our transformation

food systems development forward with an effective Monitoring and Evaluation framework to ensure impact for all Tanzanians, said Dr Kassey, national convenor, food systems, Ministry of Agriculture.

He said: "Under the Agriculture Sector Development Programme (ASDP), we are also looking for planning indicators for improved food security and health, including increased availability of legumes, protein and other nutritious foods as we improve food systems transformation in the country. The office of Prime Minister will join hands with partners to move this forward and look forward to more and better investments and returns under ASDP 2."

Dr Salim, ASDP II coordinator, Prime Minister's Office said: "We stand ready to co-ordinate and support the needed integrated planning across multiple

sectors in Zanzibar and look forward to the next steps for food systems development."

In his remarks, deputy permanent secretary, Second Vice-President's Office in Zanzibar, Dr Sahlina Ameir said: "We need to transform our agri-food systems to ensure they are sustainable, equitable, and able to provide healthy food for all. And here I would like to express my greatest compliments to Tanzania for preparing to host Africa's Food Systems Forum 2023.

Nyabenyi Tipu, FAO Country representative said this will be an imperative and unique opportunity to mobilize the country and all of Africa on the transformational change needed in our food systems.

"The United Nations has been a key partner in supporting Tanzania's path-

way towards the Sustainable Development Goals - the SDGs. The UN has been working on areas such as poverty reduction, healthcare, education, gender equality, environmental protection, and many others. And these efforts often intertwine and crosscut themselves, urging us all to work more and more together. You simply can't have Zero Hunger if you don't also encompass climate mitigation and adaptation strategies," said Shabnam Mallick, head of UN resident coordinator's office Tanzania.

FAO is also supporting Tanzania to review the Agriculture Sector Development Programme - Phase 2 (ASDP II) and the mid-term review of the National Development Vision 2025 - the overarching development framework setting national priorities and identification of investment needs. The mid-term review is the opportunity to ensure food system transformation is included in ASDP II.

Together with a wide range of partners, FAO is supporting the government in its efforts to promote more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agri - food systems in Tanzania," said Dubravka Bojic, FAO programme officer. "This participatory approach motivates the development of priority policies, influencing and shaping rules and practices that impact rural people and the society as a whole."

"Using innovative hand in hand tools and approaches such as the Geospatial Platform and advanced data management and digitalization, governments such as Tanzania can bring in investments at scale for needed food systems transformation. We look forward to having Tanzania present its prioritized value chain investments at the FAO Hand in Hand Investment Forum, to be held in Rome, Italy in October 2023," advised Anthony Bennett, Hand in Hand coordinator, FAO-HQ, Rome.

Vodacom, WWF's 'Kijani Zaidi' programme supports national tree planting strategy plan

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, in collaboration with WWF-Tanzania, has effectively executed two greening initiatives named 'Kijani Dodoma' and 'Kijani Zaidi' - in Kisarawe and Mkuranga districts'. These programmes were launched as part of Vodacom's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative to provide assistance to the communities of Tanzania.

The 'Kijani Dodoma' project, launched in 2019, with the aim to support the government's national tree-planting strategy by planting a minimum of 100,000 trees in Dodoma and promoting sustainable waste management practices in the region. The 'Kijani Zaidi' project, which began in 2020, seeks to restore the coastal forests of Vikindu and Pugu-Kazimzumbwi through conservation and sustainable tourism programmes.

These initiatives have yielded significant success in achieving their objectives, as reflected in the 2021/2022 annual evaluation report. 'Kijani Dodoma' has achieved a survival rate of over 85% for the 71,782 trees planted, out of the target of 100,000 trees. Additionally, the project has provided employment opportunities to 412 casual laborers, including 245 youths and 167 women. Further-

more, the project has donated 10 litter bins with a capacity of 1,100 liters each to support solid waste management work and erected a 1,129-meter fence made of concrete poles and fencing wire around the Medeli Urban Forest in the Dodoma City Council

The project has also provided training to women and young entrepreneurs in environmentally sustainable economic skills, equipping them with skills to create non-plastic carrying bags that are environmentally friendly, as well as lessons on managing a business, providing customer care, and developing effective marketing strategies. As a result, over 40,000 local youth and women, including those attending educational institutions in Dodoma, directly participated, and over 350,000 people benefited indirectly.

'Kijani Zaidi' has contributed towards restoring the coastal forests of Vikindu and Pugu-Kazimzumbwi through conservation and sustainable tourism programmes. Women and youth groups have received support to produce alternative charcoal from forest and farm residues in efforts to promote the use of clean energy. The initiative provided them with technical training and access to suitable production technologies, enabling them to create a range of products

such as stoves, bread, cakes, and scones. As a result, they can now earn between TZS40,000 - 60,000 per week, according to Zuweina Farah, the External Affairs Director of Vodacom Tanzania. The program aimed to empower these groups and promote sustainable economic practices while addressing the issue of climate change. 2 tree nurseries have been established in Mkuranga and Kisarawe with the capacity of up to 30,000 seedlings

Vodacom Tanzania employs SMS and radio marketing campaigns to foster awareness and behavioral change towards environmental conservation in the regions, while also promoting social inclusion through several interventions. Both initiatives are thriving and have met their objectives, such as revitalizing the coastal forests of Vikindu and Pugu-Kazimzumbwi through conservation, sustainable tourism programmes, and the support management of the greening Dodoma initiative.

Implemented in close collaboration with the government, the success of these programs highlights the importance of promoting and supporting initiatives that raise awareness of climate change, its effects, and approaches to address it. It also underscores the significance of collaborative partnerships between the government



and the private sector to mobilize resources and expand these programs nationwide. By taking active steps to address climate change, we can work towards achieving the global sustainable development goal and create a better future for our planet.

Similar sentiments were echoed by the Vice President of Tanzania Hon. Philip Mpango during the launch of the national tree planting program earlier in the year where he said "tree planting should be

taken seriously across the country as mitigation against climate change that is causing dire consequences."

Vodafone, the parent company of Vodacom Tanzania, was named the first principal partner for the COP27 UN Climate Change Conference hosted by the Egyptian government in November 2022. This move is significant in the fight against climate change and its impacts as it contributes towards achieving the global sustainable

development goal by 2030.

Vodafone's proposal to integrate essential digital technologies and services, such as the Internet of Things, can help communities conserve energy, create eco-friendly cities, and increase the efficiency of various economic sectors like transportation and agriculture. With these achievements in mind, it is crucial to actively promote and support programs that raise awareness of climate change, its effects, and solutions.

Global provider Metito lands key wastewater treatment plant work

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

METITO, a leading global provider of intelligent water management solutions, said it has secured a contract from the Tanzanian government to design, build and operate a new wastewater treatment plant in the capital Dar es Salaam.

The project, being developed by Dar Es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Au-

thority (Dawasa), will have a 16,000-cu-m-per-day capacity.

Metito said its scope of work involves three years of operation and maintenance for the wastewater treatment plant with the full participation of Dawasa staff members in all operational sections of the treatment plant.

Located at Mbezi Beach area in Kinondoni District of Dar es Salaam, the wastewater treatment plant will have

state-of-the-art engineering and technologies to enhance operational and maintenance costs, improve sludge quality, and minimize the overall carbon footprint.

Additionally, the plant will be designed in almost half of the allocated area, optimising land usage and maximising savings, it stated.

Work on the project is likely to begin this month with the commissioning date set for October 2024.

Metito said it will utilise conventional activated sludge technology and implement anaerobic digesters to produce biogas followed by Combined Heat and Power (CHP) generation system which will reduce electric power consumption by almost 40 per cent at ultimate plant capacity.

The company will also use the sludge anaerobic digestion process in the first treatment phase to ensure the

sludge is stabilised and the quality of the sludge is maintained.

On the contract win, Africa managing director Karim Madwar said: "Metito's founding principles are impact, sustainability, and innovation, and this project ticks all the boxes. We are proud to be working with Dar Es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority on this project and are looking forward to making this

a benchmark to similar projects in the region."

It is a true milestone towards modernizing Dar es Salaam's wastewater system and bolstering the resilience of its water infrastructure, all while safeguarding its natural ecosystems," he added.

Kiula Kingu, the acting CEO for Dawasa, said the project was being funded by the Tanzanian government in collaboration with the World Bank. "Access to water and sani-

tation in Tanzania can transform the economic outlook in Dar es Salaam and propel its social development and sustainable growth. We have trusted Metito, a world-leading provider, to develop the new WWTP in the Mbezi beach area and we are confident that the impact that will be created once the plant is operational is highly cost-effective and brings great value to the local community," he added.

Foreign investors' shares uptake improves in Q1

By Guardian Reporter

FOREIGN investors' participation on buying shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) improved during the first quarter of this year, compared to the last quarter of last year, market data have shown.

According to the market reports, turnover from share bought by foreign investors nearly tripled to 3.5bn/- during Q1, 2023 compared with 1.2bn/- recorded during the fourth quarter ended in December 2022.

During the first quarter of this year, the value of share buying by foreign investors was 17.12 percent of total value of share sold in the market, an increase from 6.56 percent during Q4, 2022.

However, the report shows the decrease of the value of share sold by foreign investors during the reported quarters.

According to the market report, total turnover from shares sold by foreign investors decreased to 6.56bn/- or 32.21 percent of the value of total shares sold

compared with 8bn/- or 43.49 percent during the fourth quarter of last year.

The share of local investors' participation on the side equities selling increased while on buying share decreased.

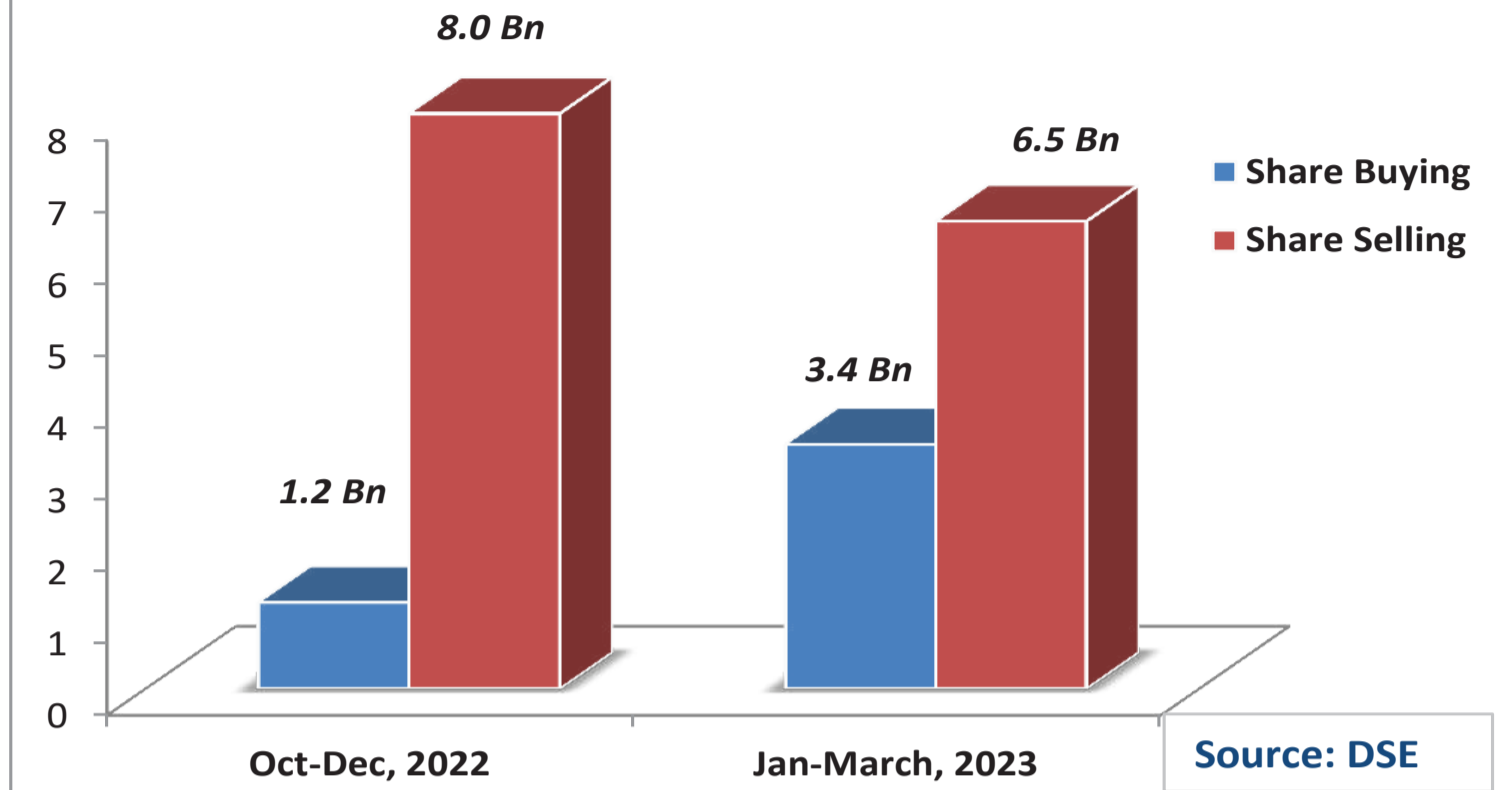
The percentage of turnover from share bought by local investors went down to 82.88 percent in Q1, 2023, compared with 93.44 percent in Q4, 2022.

On the selling activity, the share of the value local investors increased to 67.79 percent compared with 56.51 percent respectively.

The quarterly highlights show a total turnover of 20.4bn/- was recorded during the first quarter of this year compared with 18.5bn/- recorded during the fourth quarter of 2022. However, total turnovers for both fourth quarter of last year and first quarter of this year were lower than 34.8bn/- recorded during the first quarter of last year.

According to the report, during the first quarter of last year, foreign investors injected 24.1bn/- through buying shares or 69.12 percent of total buying value.

Foreign Investors' Participation on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) in Shillings



During the first quarter of last year, turnover from shares sold by foreign investors amounted 19.6bn/- or 56.32 percent of total value of selling activity. Total market capitalization also declined to 15.7trn/- during Q1, 2023 compared

with 16trn/- in Q4, 2022 while domestic market capitalization improved to 10.8trn/- compared with 10.7trn/- respectively.

The market reports show DSE's All Share Index (DSEI) slowed to 1,888.79 points by the end

of the first quarter of this year compared with 1,924.33 points at the end of December 2022.

The report show Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained to 4,091.56 point compared with 4,046.51 points respectively.

High imports bill widens Zbar current account deficit

By Guardian Reporter

HIGH imports bill has widened Zanzibar current account deficit by 48.9 percent to US\$356.2 million during the year ending February this year, compared with the deficit of US\$239.3 million recorded in the year ended in February 2022.

According to Bank of Tanzania (BoT) and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) provisional data, imports of goods and services, rose to US\$568.3 million, from US\$412 million in the year ending February 2022.

Goods imports (fob) increased by 38.6 percent to US\$477.4 million from US\$344.5 million respectively while exports of foods slowed by 16.6 percent to US\$68.6 million compared with US\$82.3 million respectively.

The major increase of imports value was recorded on both capital and intermediate goods including fuel and lubricant, non-industrial transport equipment, wheat grain, industrial supplies, electrical machinery and equipment, motor cars for household,



food and beverage for household consumption, soap and detergent as well as paper and paper products.

Intermediate goods imports recorded annual growth of 43.1 percent to US\$377.5 million, largely driven by refined white petroleum that accounted for 75.8 percent of the increase in total

imports, much associated with price movements in the world market.

The report shows the value of imported fuel and lubricants increased to US\$189.1 million compared with US\$88.3 million respectively while the value of industrial supplies increased to

US\$113.3 million compared with US\$102.2 million respectively. On month-to-month basis, data show, imports of goods and services increased to US\$48.5 million in February 2023, from US\$45.8 million in February 2022.

Exports of goods and services during the year ending February 2023, was US\$198.6 million, higher than USD 158.8 million in the year ending February 2022, on account of an increase in service receipts, amid decrease of the value of goods exports.

The decrease of the value of goods exports caused by the decline of the value of traditional exports, mainly cloves, as both unit price and volume fell, which affected the value.

According to data, the value of cloves exports, which account for the largest share of exports earnings in Zanzibar decreased by 31.6 percent to US\$42.2 million during the year ending in February 2023, compared with US\$61.8 million in the year ended in February 2022.

This was caused by the fall of both price and volume as data shows the exported volume went down by 19 percent to 6,700 tonnes in 2023 compared with 8,300 tonnes recorded in 2022 while the unit price per tonne slowed by 15 percent to US\$6,332.1 from US\$7,447.8 respectively.

However, the value of exported seaweed increased by 13.1 percent to US\$6.9 million compared with US\$6.1 million respectively, amid the decline of volume to 12,500 tonnes from 14,900 tonnes.

The value of exported goods including manufacturing and other exports categorically noted as souvenirs and spices increased during the reviewed period, while those of fish and fish products decreased.

On month-to-month basis, goods and services worth US\$ 17.1 million were exported in February 2023 compared with US\$ 12.3 million in February 2022, according to BoT.

Oil prices increase further as OPEC+ cut production

SINGAPORE

OIL built on the largest gain in a year after OPEC+ delivered an unexpected and substantial production cut that will tighten the global market.

West Texas Intermediate advanced toward \$81 a barrel after rallying by more than 6% on Monday. The surprise reduction in supply by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies blindsided the global crude market, prompting many banks to jack up their price forecasts.

There's concern that the move by OPEC+ will inject fresh vigor into inflationary pressures, with US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen criticizing the group's decision as "unconstructive." Still, President Joe Biden downplayed the concerns, saying late on Monday its

impact is likely not "as bad as you think."

Crude has soared by about a quarter since collapsing in mid-March to its lowest level since late 2021. The rebound was driven initially by expectations Chinese demand would pick up as Covid Zero abruptly ended, and by interruptions to supplies from Iraq. It was then supercharged by the OPEC+ decision to remove more than 1 million barrels of daily output from the market.

The producers' group began to see the need for a change in policy on March 20, according to people familiar with the matter, when global benchmark Brent sank to a 15-month low. The Saudis reflected that short sellers were due a reminder of the pain OPEC+ can still inflict on them, the people said.

"The supply cuts have thrown

short sellers under the bus," said Jessica Amir, a market strategist at Saxo Capital Markets Ltd. in Sydney. Although US shale drillers might see this as an opportunity to boost output, it's unlikely that production expansion will be able to make up for the cutbacks, she said.

Many on Wall Street including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. upgraded their price forecasts in the wake of the decision. Still, Morgan Stanley bucked the trend, noting China's demand growth has lagged behind expectations and lowering its outlook. Citigroup Inc. also rebuffered talk of a swift rally back to \$100 a barrel.

Widely watched time spreads have also signaled increasing strength in the market. The gap between the nearest two December contracts for global benchmark Brent rose to \$5.76 a barrel in back-



wardation, from \$3.80 on Friday before the OPEC+ announcement.

"This move sends a strong mes-

sage to the market, with OPEC drawing a line in the sand regarding oil prices," ANZ Group Holdings

Ltd. said in a note, adding that the supply reduction would quickly push the market into a deficit.

Habib African Bank posts 1.04bn/- net profit in 2022

By Guardian Reporter

HABIB African Bank Limited posted a net income after tax of 1.04bn/- last year, compared with 1.3bn/- recorded in 2021, the bank audited financial statement for the year ended

December 31, 2022 has shown.

According to the audited statement published yesterday, basic earnings per share amounted 402/- last year compared with 518/- earned in 2021.

Net interest income in-

creased to 10.3bn/- compared with 8.1bn/- respectively, while non-interest income slightly increased to 4.8bn/- in 2022, compared with 4.7bn/- recorded in 2021.

Operating income jumped to 3.3bn/- compared with 1.9bn/-

respectively, while income tax provision increased to 2.2bn/- from 599mn/- respectively.

Total assets slightly increased to 302.5bn/- against liabilities amounting 261.8bn/- last year from 300.3bn/- against the liabilities of 260bn/- in 2021

due to increase in cash and loans, advance and overdrafts, amid slowing balance with Bank of Tanzania (BoT) and investment in government securities.

Lending went up to 170bn/- compared with 148bn/- respec-

tively while cash increased to 7.8bn/- from 5.6bn/- respectively.

Balance with BoT slightly went down to 22bn/- last year from 28bn/- in 2021 while investment in government securities amounted 22.2bn/-

compared with 26.3bn/- respectively.

Total shareholders' funds increased to 40.7bn/- last year, more than doubled capital requirement by the BoT compared with 39.9bn/- recorded in 2021.

Mkinga farmers get 20,000 free oil palm seedlings

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE ministry of agriculture has distributed free 20,000 palm oil seedlings to farmers in Mkinga district, Tanga region as part of enhancing local cooking oil production.

The distribution was made by the agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde, who said that the government is currently embarked on sunflower and oil palm seedling production aims to boost edible oil production and reduce dependence importation from abroad and reduce price fluctuations.

According to edible oil production statistics, Tanzania produces 205,000 tonnes of cooking oil a year through oil seeds against a demand of 570,000 tonnes and the deficit gap is filled by imported edible oil from Malaysia, India, Singapore and Indonesia.

The distributed oil palm seedlings were developed by the Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA) nurseries.

He explained that the government is spending about 474bn/- annual to import edible oil from overseas noting as that exercise of distributing free of charge palm oil seedlings is part of government efforts of cost cut and boosting production of cooking oil sector near the future.

"In order to omit ourselves from our commitment of ordering edible oil from overseas, our priorities are to produce more sunflower and palm oil seedlings, we must making sure the closer monitoring of our embarked efforts is strongly supervised in line with developing of this program," he said.

He further said that among supervising efforts including to put serial number for every seedling aimed at making thorough follow up as well as determining a farmer by noting that in future days will improve the follow up and monitoring system whereby a farmer will using QR Code technology that



will enabling him/her to making seedling growing progress follow up through smart phone.

Recently, Tanzania research institutes discovered new high yielding palm oil seed variety called 'Terena' that undergone trials and showed

good results which is set to boost the cultivation of trees and production of edible oil in the country.

The government plans to producing 700,000 tones of edible oil a year, hence in order to meet its target instructed Agriculture Seeds

Agency to produce 15,000 tones of quality seeds for distribution to farmers in various regions by 2025.

Kenya equities rise to record on EABL deal

NAIROBI

THE successful closing of British multinational Diageo's Sh22.7 billion purchase of additional shares in East African Breweries Ltd (EABL) boosted the monthly equity turnover at the Nairobi bourse to a record high of Sh32.37 billion in March.

Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) data shows that the purchase was recorded on the market on March 21, four days after the closure of the sale window during which investors offered Diageo a total of 143.52 million shares.

The company bought 118.4 million shares in the brewer at Sh192 per unit, which put the total purchase cost at Sh22.7 billion.

The sale was done in two phases which ran from February 6 to 24, and between February 27 and March 17, with both phases posting oversubscription.

On March 21, the NSE recorded a total of 118.43 million EABL shares

changing hands, which saw the day's turnover hitting a daily record of Sh23.5 billion.

Overall, the outlier raised the monthly total to Sh32.37 billion, a seven-fold jump month on month from the Sh4.61 billion worth of shares traded in February, while boosting the total for the first quarter of the year to Sh44.8 billion from Sh17.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The inclusion of the block trades in the daily NSE price list came just weeks after the bourse had amended its rules to allow for oversized trades to be shown on daily listings, a move meant to enhance the transparency of the market and give investors a truer picture of trade statistics.

Under the changes announced in February, the NSE said that block trades would constitute sales whose value: exceeds Sh3 billion in value and five percent or more of a listed company's total issued shares, sub-



ject to a maximum of 24.99 percent.

In cases where the value of the shares is below Sh3 billion, the sale ought to constitute more than 15 percent of issued shares, subject to a maximum of 24.99 percent, for it to be considered a block trade. The EABL transaction also had an effect on the foreign trading desk, which saw a spike in outflows on March 21 to Sh8.88 billion.

The net outflows during the month stood at a record Sh10.69 billion, dwarfing the Sh382.4 million outflows recorded in February.

Other than the jump in turnover, the other key indicators of the market in the first quarter of the

year were all in the red.

Investor wealth at the NSE – as measured through market capitalisation – dropped by Sh229.8 billion or 11.6 percent in the period to Sh1.756 trillion.

The NSE All Share Index (NASI) was down by a similar margin of 11.4 percent to 112.76 points.

The benchmark NSE 20 Share index however contracted by a significantly smaller margin of 3.2 percent to 1,622 points.

The market cap-weighted NASI was affected more by the fall in the share price of the bourse's largest listed firm Safaricom, which dropped by 24.7 percent in the period to Sh18.10.

Arusha resident wins car in SBL promotion

By Frank Monyo

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) through its beer brand Pilsner Lager's promotional campaign dubbed 'Kapu la Wana' has conducted the final draw of the two-month campaign which saw one consumer walking away with a brand-new car.

Speaking with the winner over the phone during the draw held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Pilsner Lager Brand Manager, Wankyo Marando thanked the winner for participating in the promotional campaign and congratulated him for the win, noting that SBL team will hand over the car to him over the weekend.

The winner was identified as Shamimu Hemed Mushi, a resident of Arusha.

"We commend you for using our beer brand and participating in this campaign, we are planning on coming to Arusha on this weekend to officially hand over your prize," said Marando.

She said the purpose of the campaign was to empower hardworking consumers by rewarding them various prizes after participating in the campaign, "this is the second time we run this campaign and through this campaign we wanted to give our consumers an opportunity to elevate their lives in one way or another and also reward them for supporting our brand."

For his part, a representative from the Gaming Board of Tanzania, Salim Mguji commended SBL for running the two-month promotional campaign whilst adhering to all regulations of the gaming board, "I have been overseeing all four draws of this campaign and throughout the campaign I have observed that SBL,

The campaign which started in early February and implemented in Lake, North and South zones has so far saw 22 consumers walking away with various prizes including smartphones, smart television, motorcycles and the car as the grand prize.

SBL invested a total of 36mn/- in the campaign.



Yuan beats dollar as most traded currency in Russia

WASHINGTON

CHINA'S yuan has replaced the US dollar as the most traded currency in Russia, a year after the invasion of Ukraine led to a slew of Western sanctions against Moscow.

The yuan surpassed the dollar in monthly trading volume in February for the first time, and the difference became more pronounced in March, according to data compiled by Bloomberg based on daily transaction reports from the

Moscow Exchange. Before the invasion, the yuan's trading volume on the Russian market was negligible.

The switch comes after additional sanctions this year affected the few banks in Russia that retained the ability to make cross-border transfers in dollars and other currencies of countries branded "unfriendly" by the Kremlin. Raiffeisen Bank International AG, whose Russian branch remains one of the main conduits for international pay-

ments in the country, was among lenders that came under elevated pressure from European and US authorities.

Russia has deepened its ties with China since the Feb. 2022 invasion prompted a break in relations with the West. In March, Chinese President Xi Jinping made Moscow his first visit abroad after his reelection and promised the Kremlin expanded cooperation in the areas of trade, investment, supply chains, mega projects, energy and hi-tech.

Sweeping sanctions targeting Russia's financial system have forced the Kremlin and Russian companies to switch their foreign-trade transactions from the dollar and euro to currencies of countries that have declined to join any restrictions.

The Finance Ministry converted its market operations to the yuan instead of the dollar earlier this year and developed a new structure for the national wealth fund to hold 60% of its assets in yuan. The Bank of Russia regularly calls on companies and citizens to move their assets into the ruble or "friendly" currencies to avoid the risk of having them blocked or frozen.

Despite all that, the dollar remained the most popular currency on the Russian market until now, only rarely losing out to the yuan in terms of volumes on any given trading day, according to exchange data compiled by Bloomberg.

Also, although the yuan has been more popular in Russia, China's capital account controls as well as geopolitical concerns

among global investors remain a barrier as Beijing seeks to promote the currency's usage overseas. Global foreign-exchange reserves allocation in the yuan accounted for about 2.7% of the total amount by end of last year, down from the peak at 2.9% in the first quarter, IMF data showed.



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SPORT



Dar es Salaam junior hockey players put their skills to show at a training which took place at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's venue recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

2023's Tulia Marathon set for next month

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MORE than 500 athletes are expected to compete in this year's edition of the Mbeya Tulia Marathon slated to get underway next month.

Luiza John, one of the marathon organizers, said preparations for the annual event which is happening for the sixth time in a row are going on very well.

She said the Mbeya Tulia Marathon, sponsored by CRDB, Oryx, and Betika will be held for two days (May 5-6).

Luiza pointed out: "This year's edition of the Mbeya Tulia Marathon will be held next month, it will take place for two days, on the first day there will be field events involving 100m, 200m, 400m, and 1500m races while on the last day, there will be 5km Fun Run, 10km, 21km, and full marathon events."

She said they expect top local and international athletes to honour the event.

Luiza said prize categories are open to foreign athletes but so far three in each category will be allowed.

According to her, to be registered the athletes have to apply to Athletic Tanzania (AT) through their respective national athletics federations.

She, however, stopped short of mentioning the guest of honour on the closing day but revealed that the closing date for registration is May 3.

The official said this year there will be equal prize money for winners in both men's and women's categories of field and track events.

The top winner in the field event will take

home 500,000/- while the runner-up will go home with 350,000/- and the third-placed contender gets 150,000/-.

She said winners in the track event (10km) will receive 500,000/-, 350,000/- will go to the second-place finisher, 200,000/- will be presented to the third-placed competitor, and 100,000/- each will be handed over to athletes coming fourth and fifth.

The top winners in 21km will pocket 2m/-, the second-placed contender will walk away with 1m/-, and 700,000/- will be handed over to the third-placed contender.

The fourth-placed competitor will receive 400,000/-, while the athletes who will end fifth takes home 200,000/-, and 100,000/- each awaits contenders coming sixth to 10th.

In the full marathon, top-place finishers will be presented with 3m/-, 2m/- will be handed over to athletes coming second, and 1m/- awaits competitors coming third.

Cash prize totaling 500,000/- will be presented to the fourth-placed competitor, a performer who will finish fifth will take home 300,000/-.

There will also be 140,000/- to be handed over to athletes who will take sixth to 10th places.

The first edition of the Mbeya Tulia Marathon was held in 2018 and it turned out to be a spectacular race.

The showdown offered participants and sponsors the rare and memorable privilege of racing.

It further created positive attention toward supporting underprivileged groups in society.



Dr. Tulia Ackson

SPORTS

Painful lesson for ambitious Simba SC in epic formality

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

A formality encounter between Simba SC and Raja Club Athletic ended in a 3-1 win for the home side in an away match, played in Morocco, that was meant to finish up the calendar, but for the Msimbazi Street side, it was a sampling of the shape of things to come.

Finishing off the Group Stage with an away tie of that sort was like a training event for the quarterfinals, and the home side made sure that the visitors take back no illusions as to the strength of their side as it moves into the quarterfinals.

It was a clinical check on the state of the side along with all occasional risks that may arise.

Most of this was at the end of 90 minutes more or less imprinted on the psyche of the club rank and file, holding no illusions about their abilities in the knockout stage, but all the same, having some strong points to be joyful about.

It was, for instance, quite noticeable that in all its CAF Champions League encounters at home, Raja Club Athletic had not allowed a goal since April last year in an Al Ahly meet where the sides drew one all.

In an earlier encounter in Cairo, Al Ahly won 2-1 after Raja Club Athletic was reduced to 10 via a red card, in the CAF Super Cup final in December 2021 in which Al Ahly won by a penalty shootout.

This series of results by the Moroccan side shows not the rationale for the result this past weekend but the first encounter at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, nicknamed 'Estadio Lupaso', as it was the Msimbazi Street side that wished to test its capacities for the next round.

Raja Club Athletic does not need to test its capacities given this series of results with Al Ahly in home and away competitive encounters, in which case it is hard to say they played at their best.

Even for the earlier encounter with coach Robertinho's Simba SC, they would have been careful not to overwork themselves, merely observe the rules, and in scoring an early goal, knew the game was in the basket as it can't be reversed.

In that case, the record-setting observation of scoring a goal at the Mohamed V Stadium is also dented given the fact that Raja Club Athletic was not seeking to prove anything though for some reason it decided to field its regular side.

Part of the reason might be their local league standing as they are reported to be fourth, with 11 points behind the league leaders, and current CAF Champions League's champions, Wydad Casablanca, at second position and within four points of the leaders, AS FAR, seemingly the side based on the Moroccan armed forces.

The Moroccan league is in this respect perhaps the best in Africa, though we keep thinking of Egypt as the most polished.



Tanzania's Simba SC attacker, Kibu Denis (L), seeks to outfox Morocco's Raja Club Athletic winger Yousri Bouzok as the two outfits locked horns in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group C encounter at Mohammed V Stadium in Morocco last week. Raja Club Athletic commanded a 3-1 win. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Based on this sort of data, it would imply that if the Msimbazi Street met any of Morocco's top four sides they would lose in the quarterfinals, though chances are that they may stand a chance against any of Egypt's top four (though with fewer chances against Al Ahly).

The club that comes closest in approximation to the strength of either of our city rivals is RS Berkane, which is lying sixth in the Moroccan Premier League.

Leading Tanzanian international, Simon Msuva, was more successful at Difaa El Jadida, placed 12th on Morocco's Premier League standings, for three years, earning recruitment to Wydad Casablanca but lasted just one year. Being supplementary to club needs may have led to contract shenanigans and Msuva shifting to the Saudi Arabia league.

Adding to the fact that our clubs tend to have a greater number of professionals than most of those with whom we contend, it follows that what is noticeable about our current soccer level is the quality of the sponsorship.

It has enabled the city rivals to fret with some energy at the top sides of the continent, even if with a perennial underdogs tag pinned on them at that level.

This year's run has shown how our club sides, beefed with professionals from the near region, are relatively comfortable in the group stage of either championship run, but scarcely beyond.

In other words, there is something ironic about staying awake until 3 am to see off the Simba SC versus Raja Club Athletic encounter merely for the prestige of the sponsorship while we all of us believe it was a matter of raising the Tanzanian flag.

It is interesting to figure out how many countries in the sub-Saharan region have as many professionals on their league sides.

No immediate cases come to mind, the nearest being the Saudi Arabia league where both Cristiano Ronaldo

and Simon Msuva play on different sides.

Where this leaves - or leads - the local premier league is hard to say, as other clubs are also bringing in plenty of outside players as usual nearing the end of their careers, and sometimes recycling has produced wonders.

Some of us took the likes of Said Ntibazonkiza as 'has beens' for having been released by either of the city sides in past years, but surprisingly he has been smart on the Simba SC forward line in their last few continental tourney outings.

That he had to be replaced towards the final minutes by another veteran John Bocco was not surprising but he proved solid.

Getting new excellent players is gradual, like Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu' or George Mpole, the latter now enriching the neighbourhood like we poached quite a few such players.

Twelve netball teams gear up for East Africa Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Netball Association (Chaneta) has said 12 netball teams will battle it out in the 2023 East Africa Netball Championships slated for next month in Nairobi, Kenya.

Rose Mkisi, Chaneta Secretary-General, said the championships have been slated for May 13-20 involving men's and women's netball teams.

She said the teams are the ones that performed well in the National Club Championships which were held in Morogoro late last year.

According to the Chaneta official, Tanzania will field men's and women's teams in the regional showdown.

She mentioned the teams as Tamisemi, JKT Mbweni, Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT), Smart Boy, Nyika Queens, JKT, Jiji Arusha, and JKV.

Others are JKU, Bandari Veterans, Mafunzo, Zimamoto, and JKU men's and women's teams.

Rose (pictured) asked all teams to start preparations for the championships as Chaneta is keen on ensuring the country's teams perform well in the tournament.

"Twelve teams of men and women from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar will compete in the next month's East Africa Netball Championships, we are geared to see our teams bring medals home but they must start preparations now to achieve such a feat," she said.

Meanwhile, Rose said the umpires and coaches course organized by the association has attracted 66 participants



from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The two courses now taking place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam end on Friday, with Christopher Eliakim and Grace Siuhi operating as the courses' instructors.

She stated that the courses will help the country have many qualified coaches and umpires who will take the game to the grassroots.

"The two courses are going on very well, they are of great help to the country's development of netball, it has attracted participants of all levels, starting from beginners to level four," Rose noted.

"Those who will perform well in their level will qualify to another level, while those who will do well in Level 4 will go for International Netball Federation (INF)-recognized certificates," she explained.

Chaneta through the association's president Devotha Marwa revealed to

promote the sport in the country, the body will host coaches and umpires courses.

She lamented that her association has been organizing umpiring courses but the results have not been good as many participants perform well in practicals but fail in theory.

Devotha said so after local umpires missed out on the list of 23 officials appointed by the World Netball to officiate this year's Netball World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa from July 28 to August 8.

She said Tanzania has no umpire with either a license or qualification recognized by the World Netball governing body and, due to this, none of the country's umpires have been considered for either the World Cup or any other prestigious tournament, except for East Africa Netball Championships.

Last year, Chaneta organized the netball coaches and umpires course at Filbert Bayi School in Kibaha, Coastal Region.

The 10-day course attracted 53 participants (25 in coaching and 28 in umpiring) from more than 15 regions of the country with Malawians Mary Waya and Rebecca Dulanya operating as instructors.

Mary is a former head coach for Tanzania's national netball team, Taifa Queens, and Filbert Bayi Secondary School's netball team.

The course, which was sanctioned by the INF, witnessed those who perform well being presented with Gold (Africa Level A), Silver, and Bronze certificates.

Chelsea interim head coach Bruno Saltor: I've never picked a team before

BY MATT LAW

It was not a response that will fill Chelsea fans with confidence, but interim head coach Bruno Saltor had been placed in a difficult situation and there was no point making it even more uncomfortable with bluster or avoidance.

So when the tough question of whether Bruno, who only started coaching under Graham Potter at Brighton four years ago, had ever picked a team, ahead of having to prepare a side to face Liverpool on Tuesday night, he gave an honest answer.

"I have been coaching for four years and have been coaching under Graham," said Bruno. "Obviously, he has been the manager and he always had the last word. It's quite clear that it's not been the case [Bruno picking a team]. Tomorrow [Tuesday] is going to be the first time.

"I feel good. It is my duty. A duty and a responsibility. I am at a really important club and I want to try my best."

Bruno can take great credit from the fact he agreed to face questions from the media less than 24 hours after being thrust into by far his biggest coaching test to date, however long it lasts.

The 42-year-old had spoken on the telephone to Potter just five minutes before sitting in front of the media and it was clear that his loyalties are split. There have been suggestions that he was prepared to resign when Chelsea decided to sack Potter, but Bruno made it clear he is now ready to help the club.

It was key for Bruno that Potter gave his blessing for him to take the interim role and he said: "If I am here right now, it's because Graham and the club thought it was the right step and I'm here just trying to help the club, and trying to be the most professional I can."

"Obviously, it's been a difficult 24 hours for all of us, for the staff, for the families, and now we just have to deal with the situation. It's really important to focus just day by day, how much we can affect every day, what we can control. What we can control is how we train today, how we play tomorrow and after we see how it goes."

*What makes Bruno tick?

Footballers like to talk about "controlling the controllables" and, as a Brighton player, Bruno paid close attention to every aspect of his life on and off the pitch. His diet was punishingly strict – gluten free, lots of green tea – and he tried to sleep up to 10 hours a day. Such was his focus on his own conditioning, he had a body fat percentage of less than six per cent when he was 37 years old.

Controlling the controllables is far easier as a player than as a manager, though, and it seems unlikely that Bruno will be getting 10 hours of sleep in the coming days and weeks.

"I didn't sleep a lot [on Sunday night] because it is a new situation, trying to think, with a lot of things to consider," said Bruno, ahead of taking his first training session as interim head coach. "But I will sleep tonight [Monday]."

What can Chelsea fans expect from Bruno in the dugout? In truth, and as he admitted himself, no one knows, given his lack of experience. It is clear that the former right-back is aligned with Potter's way of thinking, but that does not mean he will ask the same players to play the same way in the same system.

As a player, Bruno understood the importance of simplifying the game. "When I had the best performances, it was when I did not think," he told the Raising Your Game podcast in 2020. "It was when I had that flow. When you have too much information, you do not feel free."

Many Chelsea supporters would argue that the squad, with their many players and numerous tactical set-ups, would benefit enormously from a more stripped-back approach. Especially after a weekend in which two full-backs, Reece James and Marc Cucurella, were told to play as centre-backs against Aston Villa.

Like so many young coaches, Bruno's view of the game has been heavily influenced by the work of Pep Guardiola. It helps that both men are Catalan, and that Bruno almost signed for Guardiola's Barcelona side during his playing days. "For me, Guardiola was always an idol," Bruno told Sky Sports in 2021.

Bruno is a genuine Brighton legend, making 235 appearances for the club after joining from Valencia in 2012, and was the subject of two murals in the city during his time as a player. He spent more than a decade at the Amex Stadium, as player and then coach, before moving to Chelsea with Potter earlier this season.

As a newly appointed coach at Brighton, Bruno soon earned Potter's trust on the south coast. He was often asked to lead training sessions, and he has spoken glowingly and gratefully of his former boss.

Last summer, Bruno told the Brighton website: "There's not enough time to say what makes him special, because there are so many things. Graham is not just a great coach and manager, but he's an amazing human being who looks after everyone."

Such human qualities can only take you so far in the cut-throat world of top-level football, as Bruno has learned this week. His entire coaching career has been spent with Potter, but now the Spaniard must bring something different to the table at Chelsea.

He will no doubt have his own ideas and his own strategies. Now is his chance to show them to the world.

THE TELEGRAPH

Why divisive Chelsea manager target Julian Nagelsmann left Bayern Munich

BY STEFAN SZYMANSKI

THOMAS Tuchel puts a lot of effort into giving the impression that he couldn't care less about the way he looks on the sideline. At a packed Allianz Arena on Saturday evening, the former Chelsea head coach donned his typical outfit: tracksuit bottoms, fleece and cap all plucked directly from the club shop.

It's a look which goes some way to explaining his style of coaching. Tuchel wants to make one thing clear: he's here to be a football manager and nothing else. Not so the stylish, image-conscious Julian Nagelsmann, and it's exactly why Bayern took the unexpected decision to sack Nagelsmann two years into his five-year deal with the club, and appoint Tuchel instead.

For Bayern, a move away from fast fashion and towards something, possibly, more classic. But could Nagelsmann, a Chelsea managerial target, be this year's model down the King's Road?

Although dress sense has rarely been a deciding factor in how well a coach does at a club, it does go some way to explaining the 14-year age gap between Nagelsmann and the man Bayern chose to replace him. Unlike his successor, the former Hoffenheim and RB Leipzig head coach Nagelsmann wouldn't have been caught dead in a Bayern tracksuit or fleece.

Far more interested in turtle-necks, designer suits or custom-made jackets from the club shop that minimised the club's logo and branding, the 35-year-old head coach often looked like an exotic bird in the Bayern dug-out.

This gives an important insight into Nagelsmann as a manager. After retiring as a player at the age of 20 following a recurring knee injury, the Bavarian-born former defender has spent the last 15 years working his way up the managerial ladder as a young contender in an old man's game. But rather than push against constant claims that he was too young or inexperienced to be a first-team head coach, Nagelsmann has instead leaned into his boyish charm and used it to his advantage. Like his colourful outfits certainly suggest, he isn't



Julian Nagelsmann

shy about making himself the centre of attention.

At Hoffenheim and RB Leipzig, Nagelsmann made his name by having a keen eye for tactics and outside-the-box thinking on the training ground, but his success crucially came from his ability to relate to younger players and get them to buy into his system and style of coaching. Constantly making jokes, coming across at times as rather immature and having the unquestionable self-confidence that demanded he controlled every facet of the sporting operation, Nagelsmann's success at both clubs came from his ability to come across as a cool older brother rather than as a disciplined father figure.

Unquestionably an extremely intelligent coach, Nagelsmann and his right-hand man, Benjamin Glück, have been plotting his trajectory from day one. It's why the then 30-year-old manager turned down an opportunity to manage Real Madrid in 2018 and instead opted for RB Leipzig after taking Hoffenheim from relegation fodder to the Champions League. Like the players he coached every day, Nagelsmann knew he could only make the next step in club size if and when he was truly ready. And in Saxony he was able to apply his unorthodox style of coaching and man management to a club with more resources and grander ambitions.

After two years in Leipzig, Nagelsmann clearly felt like he was now ready for one of Europe's biggest clubs and in turn Bayern sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic was eager to appoint a long-term

coach that could bring the tactical acumen not seen since Pep Guardiola called the shots at the Allianz Arena. The previous head coach, Hansi Flick, had brought success in the Bundesliga and Champions League but had shown little regard for implementing a lasting vision at the club. And as such, Nagelsmann would be the man to couple success on the pitch with stability off it. At least, that was the idea.

In reality, Nagelsmann either wasn't ready for Bayern or Bayern weren't ready for him. While players were certainly interested in his tactics, his boyish personality simply didn't win over the senior players at a club that are used to working with proven winners and managers that could essentially guarantee a shot at the Champions League each season.

Instead, Nagelsmann routinely dropped seemingly untouchable stars like Thomas Müller, Serge Gnabry and Leroy Sané for the sake of his formation and tactics. Which may have perhaps been justified had the club not crashed out of last season's Champions League to Spanish minnows Villarreal in the quarter-finals, exited the German Cup in the second round to lowly Borussia Mönchengladbach and stumbled to the Bundesliga title.

This struggle with Bayern's old guard perhaps hit breaking point late last year when Nagelsmann made the decision to sack goal-keeping coach Toni Tapalovic, in favour of bringing in his own former colleague Michael Rechner from Hoffenheim. Not only had Tapalovic been at the club since 2011 but he was also Manuel Neuer's closest ally at the club, to the extent

that he was also the shot-stopper's best man at his wedding.

As such, as Bayern returned from the winter break to try and improve on a tepid league campaign, Nagelsmann was facing a minor mutiny from the senior powerbrokers in the squad. While the likes of Joshua Kimmich and Leon Goretzka bought into his tactics and ideas, others remained entirely unconvinced. And, crucially, while Salihamidzic had hoped to build a long-term project around the young coach, the club's CEO Oliver Kahn believed an older and more sophisticated manager would be better suited to getting the best out of this Bayern squad.

Prior to the 2-1 defeat by Bayer Leverkusen in late March which ultimately sealed Nagelsmann's fate, the young head coach had confided in close friends at how stressed and exhausted he had become with trying to keep everyone at the club happy. And that regardless of whether his team won or lost, he found himself overwhelmed with opinions and demands from every facet of the club. Whether that was simply part and parcel of managing a club of Bayern's size was besides the point. What was clear was that the young tactician wasn't in Hoffenheim or Leipzig anymore.

In turn, Bayern decided to cut their losses and turned to Tuchel for guidance, who had rather conveniently moved to Munich to be closer to his daughters following his dismissal from Chelsea. While both head coaches trade in similar tactics and formations, Tuchel brings a wealth of experience and, crucially, the authority of a Champions League winner. And, unlike his predecessor, knows how to handle big clubs with even bigger names in the dressing room.

Whether Tuchel will work out at Bayern remains to be seen, but what is certain is that Nagelsmann wasn't quite ready for Germany's biggest club. And while the aforementioned Stamford Bridge side and Tottenham Hotspur may be willing to offer the 35-year-old a quick return to management, Nagelsmann is more likely to wait until the summer before he plots his next move.

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Ceferin poised for new term as UEFA president

LISBON

ALEKSANDER Ceferin stands unopposed for a new term as president of UEFA when European football's governing body meets in Lisbon on Wednesday.

The 55-year-old Slovenian lawyer, elected in 2016 following the downfall of Frenchman Michel Platini, is therefore assured of a further four years in the role despite a turbulent second term overshadowed by the breakaway European Super League project.

The UEFA Congress in the Portuguese capital comes just a few weeks after Gianni Infantino was re-elected as president of FIFA, also unopposed.

Ceferin has had his differences with Infantino, with the UEFA chief notably one of the main voices against FIFA's proposals to host the World Cup every two years instead of the current four.

That idea has been abandoned by Infantino, but the European Super League is not dead and buried, with Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus continuing to pursue the project.

A lawsuit has been launched against UEFA and FIFA at the European Court of Justice, accusing the governing bodies of abusing their power by threatening to expel clubs and players interested in joining a breakaway league.

A final ruling is expected in the coming weeks, although the court's advocate general, whose opinions are often followed by judges, provided a first ruling favourable to UEFA in December.

Assuming that decision goes UEFA's way, Ceferin will be able to focus on pursuing the planned introduction of new Financial Fair Play rules,



Aleksander Ceferin

which will see clubs forced to limit spending on player and staff wages, transfers and agents fees to 70 percent of total revenues by 2025/26.

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He will also oversee the introduction of a new format for the UEFA Champions League starting in 2024, which will see the so-called "Swiss system" model adopted for

a group stage featuring 36 clubs, up from the current 32.

Ceferin, who has also recently hinted at softening rules that currently prevent clubs with the same owners facing each other in European competitions, can expect to face questions on these issues when he speaks to the press following Wednesday's meeting.

He may also be asked about the refereeing scandal involving Barcelona that could have serious implications for the Catalan club and for La Liga.

"The situation is extremely serious. So serious that, in my view, it is one of the most serious cases in football since I have been involved in it," Ceferin told the Slovenian daily Ekipa on Monday.

Prior to Ceferin's re-election, UEFA will hold an executive committee meeting in Lisbon on Tuesday in which it will name the hosts for the 2025 Women's Euro.

A joint Scandinavian bid from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden goes up against bids from France, Poland and Switzerland.

Belarus will also be on the agenda, with the country in danger of being excluded from UEFA competitions due to its support of Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine.

Russia was expelled from all club and international competitions by UEFA last year following the invasion, but Belarus is involved in the qualifiers for Euro 2024, which it began with defeats against Switzerland and Romania last month.

In mid-March more than a hundred EU lawmakers called on UEFA to expel Belarus too.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Kagera Sugar's goal-getter, Anuary Jabir. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR FC

Tanzanian striker Jabir starts trials with top Belgian outfit

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIAN striker Anuary Jabir, enlisted with Kagera Sugar, will spend some time in Belgium where he has been invited for trials.

According to a statement released by Kagera Sugar, Jabir has landed a lucrative opportunity for trials with one-time Belgian League Champions KAA Gent.

He left the country for Belgium on Monday morning ready to immediately start participating in training sessions.

Jabir attracted interest from KAA Gent, a club in the Belgian topflight after a good season with Kagera Sugar, where he scored five goals and provided one assist in 19 appearances in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

His domestic performance earned him a place in Tanzania's national team 'Taifa Stars' squad for the African Cup of Nations qualifier against Uganda last month.

The former Dodoma Jiji FC striker will spend two weeks training with the Belgian side before returning home.

Should he earn deals with the side, this will be the first that he will be playing for a club outside Tanzania.

A successful trial could also see Jabir become the fourth Tanzanian to play in the Belgian Pro League following in the footsteps of Mbwana Samatta, Kelvin John, and Novatus Dismas.

Samatta and John are with KRC Genk while Dismas is turning out for Zulte Waregem.

According to Wikipedia, Koninklijke Atletiek Associatie Gent, Royal Athletic Association Ghent, often simply known as Ghent or by their nickname De Buffalos (English: The Buffalos), is a Belgian sports club, based in the city of Ghent, East Flanders.

They have been playing in the Belgian First Division A since the 1989-90 season.

They won the national league once, in 2014-15, in addition to four Belgian Cup victories.

Ghent played their home matches in the Jules Ottenstadion in Gentbrugge from 1920 until 2013, when they moved to the Ghelamco Arena.

Their team colours are blue and white. The principal sponsor is the financial institution VDK Bank.

KAA Gent enjoyed its first spell at the highest level in Belgian football between 1913-14 and 1928-29 and a second one from 1936-37 to 1966-67.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the club had several promotions and relegations between the first and second divisions, before returning to the highest level in 1989.

The club reached the quarter-finals of the 1991-92 UEFA Cup, which is their best achievement ever in European competitions.

This season, KAA Gent is currently in fourth place, with three games to go, the team is well on course to qualify for the Championship playoff.

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Simba SC head coach denies fearing CAF CL quarterfinal opponent

By correspondents Nassir Nchimbi & Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC head coach, Roberto Oliveira, has said that there is no sense of pressure in the club ahead of today's draw for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinals scheduled to take place in Cairo, Egypt.

Oliveira (pictured) insisted that his focus is on how to work on the mistakes committed by his team in the Group Stage and improve his squad.

The draw for the quarterfinals of the premier continental club competition, as well as the CAF Confederation Cup, organized by the Confederation of African Football (CAF), takes place in the evening with Simba SC and Yanga eager to know their fate in the showdowns' last eight.

In the CAF Champions League quarterfinals, Simba SC will meet either Wydad Casablanca of Morocco which led Group A, Group B leader Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa, or Group D leader Esperance of Tunisia.

Oliveira, former Uganda's Vipers SC head coach, pointed out that he cannot choose an opponent for his team in the next Stage and, instead, he is prepared to face whoever comes their way.

The Brazilian revealed: "We cannot choose an opponent to face, whoever we will be paired against, we will face him, we can do wonders and surprise Africa."

"We will prepare step by step, there are those mistakes that we highlighted in the groups we will discuss with to set things right before the quarterfinal stage," the tactician noted.

The gaffer pointed out: "Simba SC is not afraid of anyone, I repeat it, we have showcased change when it comes to playing these big matches."

"We respect all teams that we can meet but, for me and my team, we are waiting to know who we will meet and, after that, we will analyze their strengths and weaknesses and then we will plan how to make it into the last four," Oliveira noted.

In the draw for the quarterfinals of the CAF Champions League, the leaders of the four groups, namely Wydad Casablanca, Raja Club Athletic (Morocco), Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), and Esperance de Tunis (Tunisia), will be separated from those who finished second. Al Ahly (Egypt), JS Kabylie, CR Belouizdad (Algeria), and Simba SC (Tanzania).

Then a draw will be played between the teams that are in the first pot (top) and those that took the second place, teams that came from the same group such as Simba SC and Raja Club Athletic will not take on each other at this stage and even those that come from the same country.

In the semi-final draw, teams from the same group or those of the same nation can face each other.

The first games will be played on April 15-16, and the rematches will be played on April 22-23.

This year, Simba SC and other teams that finished second in their groups will start at home and finish away to get the overall winners.

Simba SC, Yanga to learn quarterfinals opponents in 2022/23 CAF inter-club tournaments draws

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA football giants Simba SC and Young Africans will know their opponents in the 2022/23 CAF inter-club competitions' quarterfinals this evening.

The 2022/23 CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup's last eight draws will be conducted in Cairo, Egypt at 20h30 local time (18h30 GMT and 21h30 East Africa Time).

This comes after Young Africans, alias Yanga, made history by reaching the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals for the first time while Simba SC booked a place in the CAF Champions League last eight for the fourth time in the last five years.

Yanga topped their group which contained Tunisia's US Monastir, DR Congo's TP Mazembe, and Mali's AS Real de Bamako.

It was viewed as a tricky group but one that should have seen them qualify for the knockout, and that is how the fixtures panned out.

While their progression to the last eight was already secured, they needed to get a good result against TP Mazembe in Lubumbashi on Matchday 6 to ensure they topped Group D.

They won 1-0 to finish first, courtesy of a superior goal difference, despite US Monastir beating AS Real de Bamako 2-1 in Tunisia.

The other qualified teams for the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals are Rivers United (Nigeria), AS FAR (Morocco), US Monastir (Tunisia), ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire), Marumo Gallants (South Africa), Pyramids FC (Egypt), Al Akhdar SC (Libya), and USM Alger (Algeria).

Yanga's local rivals, Simba SC, qualified for the quarterfinals of Africa's most prestigious club competition, the CAF Champions League, after finishing in second place in Group C with nine points.

After back-to-back defeats in the opening games, they won 1-0 in Kampala and Dar es Salaam against Uganda's Vipers SC and sealed their ticket with a historic 7-0 home victory over Horoya AC at home, but that was followed by a 3-1 defeat to the group leader, Raja Athletic Club, in Casablanca.

The other seven clubs that qualified for the CAF Champions League quarterfinals are CR Belouizdad (Algeria), Esperance Tunis (Tunisia), JS Kabylie (Algeria), Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), Raja CA (Morocco), Wydad AC (Morocco), and Al



Tanzania's Simba SC midfielder, Mzamiru Yassin (R), negotiates his way past Morocco's Raja Club Athletic midfielder Abdellilah Hafidi as the two outfits took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group C tie at Mohammed V Stadium in Morocco last week. Raja Club Athletic garnered a 3-1 win. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

Ahly (Egypt). In the draw for the quarterfinals of both competitions, the four group winners will be seeded, and the four group runners-up will be unseeded.

The seeded teams will be drawn against the unseeded teams, with the seeded teams hosting the second leg.

Teams from the same group could not be drawn against each other, while teams from the same country can be drawn against each other.

As the draws for the quarterfinals and semi-finals will be held together before the quarterfinals will be played, the identity of the quarterfinal winners will not be known at the time of the semi-final draw.

As group runners-up, Simba SC, also nicknamed 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi', could match up against Mamelodi Sundowns, Es-

perance Tunis, or Wydad AC, meaning they could face a South African opponent in the quarterfinals for a third year in a row.

In 2021, they were eliminated by South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs by a 4-3 aggregate score in the CAF Champions League quarterfinals, last year they fell short against another South African outfit Orlando Pirates following a penalty shootout defeat in the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals.

For Yanga, they will be drawn against one of the three teams: USM Alger, Rivers United, and Pyramids FC in Africa's secondary club competition, the CAF Confederation Cup.

Yanga has faced all three possible opponents in previous editions of the CAF Confederation Cup and CAF Champions League.

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