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Police kill six as 'panya road' gangs terrorise Dar residents

By Guardian Reporter

POLICE in Dar es Salaam have killed six people believed to be members of 'panya road' criminal gangs amid fears among city residents, some of whom now return home earlier than usual and remain indoors.

Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander Jumanne Muliro told journalists in the city yesterday that the deceased formed part of a group whose other nine members were arrested by police, shot by police while resisting arrest. The six sustained injuries and died later, he said.

The incident happened at Goba Kinzudi area in Ubungo municipality after the law enforcers received information that there was a group of armed criminals who were in a van with registra-



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tion number T260 BEP travelling from Mabibo area towards Goba Kinzudi, intending to carry out an attack, he stated.

After receiving that information, a quick follow-up began and when police officers arrived at Makongo area, they met the car and when police stopped the vehicle "the suspects got out and started threatening the police with knives so that they would not be arrested."

"In that situation the armed soldiers opened fire several rounds into the air, but the criminals continued to defy arrest, seeking to injure the police line. Then they were shot at and injured, rushed to hospital but those shot lost their lives," he elaborated.

Three suspects in the chase managed to escape and the police are now looking for them, hoping to net them as soon as possible, he said, noting that preliminary investigations show that two of the suspects, Salum Mkwama (30), a resident of Mbagala and Khalifan, a resident of Buguruni, had waiting charges of extortion on traders in the streets.

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Dar es Salaam Special Zone Police Commander Jumanne Muliro pictured yesterday showing journalists weapons said to have been seized during an on-going police crackdown that has thus far resulted in the killing of six people suspected to belong to criminal gangs of youths commonly known as 'panya road'. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Stakeholders: Democracy now on positive trajectory

By Guardian Reporters

POLITICAL stakeholders are convinced that the country's democracy is on a positive trajectory in view of a widening consensus for a new constitution.

However, they say clamping down

on public meetings was still an obstacle for the growth of democracy, a view aired in various interviews during World Democracy Day at the weekend.

Those raising the point said it is essential that amendments be made to various laws to have a new constitu-

tion, unlike in the present environment.

Gwadumi Mwakatobe, a television pundit, said the country's democracy is proceeding in the right direction as it is on the way to obtaining a new constitution in view of the general consensus now being seen.

An article written by President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the weekend to mark World Democracy Day said the task force formed to coordinate

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'Wami Bridge proof of govt seriousness on vital projects'

By Guardian Reporter, Kibaha

CCM is satisfied with the speed of implementation of strategic projects being implemented by the sixth-phase government of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, a top secretariat official has declared.

Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the head of the Ideology and Publicity Department in the ruling party secretariat, made the remark yesterday after inspecting the progress of the construction of the new Wami Bridge in Coast Region.

Its construction has reached 89 percent and its total construction cost is put at upwards of 75bn/-, officials said at the site. The NEC secretary said that some people were making ridiculous statements about how implementation of strategic projects is being conducted, "but now they see with their naked eyes."

"What is interesting is that the construction of the bridge is its completion will be a record in history, as one among a few major projects in the country completed before the scheduled time," he asserted.

"When President Samia came into office plenty was being said about this project, insinuating that the president will not continue with this strategic

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Forbes Magazine: Adani Group CEO second in billionaire ranks

By Correspondent Gloria Haraito

ADANI Group chairman Gautam Adani (pictured) has surpassed French clothing Moghul Bernard Arnault and is now the world's second-richest person with a net worth of \$155.5bn. This was affirmed at the weekend on Forbes Magazine 'real-time billionaire rankings,' tracking billionaire fortunes by the hour, after increasing \$5.2bn or

3.49 per cent of his earlier net worth from yesterday. Arnault is CEO for Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, a designer clothing corporate group based in Paris commonly known as LVMH, whose fortune is \$300m behind Adani's at \$155.2bn, thus slipping to number three on the rankings. Adani similarly overtakes US Amazon Group chairman and founder Jeff

Bezos whose fortune dropped by \$2.3bn or 1.49per cent to \$149.7bn, while Tesla CEO Elon Musk remains the world's richest person with a net worth of \$273.5bn. Adani owns stakes in six publicly traded companies that operate

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views of democracy stakeholders has continued to stress lifting the ban on rallies, pointing at the hurdle of laws and regulations governing political meetings.

She said in the article that the foundation of democracy is respecting decisions of the people even if those in government at that moment do not like the verdict.

The pundit said Tanzania has not attained full-fledged democracy as the constitution in place is not multiparty but is projected from the 1977 one-party constitution that in 1992 was amended to accommodate multiparty democracy.

He said back in 1977 only about 20 people wrote that constitution, including former Pius Msekwa, a close aide to founder President Julius Nyerere who was involved in drafting the Interim Constitution of 1965 and the Permanent Constitution of 1977. He was Speaker of the National Assembly from 1994 to 2005.

"They did not go around the country to collect views from the people as the task force was doing now," he added, skipping the fact that the 1992 amendments involved taking views of the people, where the vast majority were skeptical of a multiparty system.

The 2014 constitutional assembly preliminary draft commission under former premier Joseph Warioba toured the entire country to collect people's views for the new constitution, submitted to the special legislature in the two months long meeting.

Various proposals in that draft were voted upon and failed; with the fourth phase government taking up a number of proposals discussed in the proposals and drafted constitutional amendments that have since started being applied.

One related to Zanzibar being able to enter into international commercial agreements, where it was agreed that when the Zanzibar authorities have reached an accord that is in line with Zanzibar interests and the country as a whole, the signature of the Union authorities will be granted as a formality.

This change has speeded negotiations with groups of investors seeking to explore Zanzibar hydrocarbon resources, and vitally require that the Union authorities underwrite those accords, observers noted.

John Mnyika, the Chadema secretary general, said Tanzania was still young in its thrust towards democracy, reflected in the ban on political meetings, urging that the government should remove the ban without the need for input from the task force or changing the relevant legislation.

Both the law on political parties and legislation governing the police force provides the right to hold political meetings, he emphasized.

The country's democracy lacks free and fair elections, an independent electoral commission, issues which the 1991 commission headed by then Chief Justice Francis Nyalali recommended for the constitutional review in view of adopting a multiparty system, but was not implemented.

"In order to build solid democratic foundations and strong institutions, we have no choice but write a new constitution," he stated, highlighting that on the eve of World Democracy Day the government should give a statement on the subject by way of a time frame for collecting views and evaluating them for a constitutional draft.

Dr Azaveli Lwaitama, a retired University of Dar es Salaam lecturer and noted activist, said in order for the country to have democratic foundations, the decision on the basic law "should be given by the people themselves."

"For Tanzania, that is the main shortfall. Lack of devolution in the establishment," he asserted, underlining that where a person leading the lives of the people was not elected by those people, no claim to democracy is warranted.

Upon marking World Democracy Day, United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres said in a video message that countries around the world need to boost democracy and protect media freedom.

Tanzania joined other countries to mark 15th World Democracy Day on September 15, an international day created by the UN General Assembly in 2007 to mobilise pro-democracy activities around the world.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has an audience at Zanzibar State House yesterday with a visiting Hindu Community delegation from India led by Sheikh Morari Babu. Photo: State House

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project," he said, affirming that two weeks ago the publicity team visited Mwanza and saw the construction of the Kigongo - Busisi bridge "going faster than as we thought." "The construction of the ship, MV Mwanza is also going faster than we

thought," he said, noting that Wami Bridge construction is equally ahead of schedule.

"If you stand here and look ahead, you can see how Coast and Tanga regions shine through this bridge," he stated. "All the money has come out on time and so if you take 47 percent and 42.2 percent you get 89.2 percent of

which a lot of work has been done during one year and several months of President Samia," he said, underlining that this is where one sees how Tanzanians benefit from their taxes. All the money that builds this bridge has been sourced within the country, he affirmed. "The money used in building this mod-

ern bridge is a taxpayers' account and I was told that in the history of our country, this will be the first bridge to be completed before the projected time." Building the bridge was estimated to require four years, but we will open it before the end of November, "which we hope shall be the last month," he added.



Geita regional commissioner Martine Shigella (R, kneeling) and Geita Gold Mine managing director Terry Strong pictured at the weekend planting a tree in Geita as the RC launched a campaign meant to make the town green again. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Police kill six as 'panya road' gangs terrorise Dar residents

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The suspects were found with six machetes, two knives and other tools for breaking into houses, he said. Initial investigation indicated that the suspects are likely to have participated in the housebreaking and murder incident shook the city, taking place at Kawe on Tuesday last week.

The police shall stick to instructions given by Inspector General Camillus Wambura to stamp out the 'panya road' menace wherever it rears its head, to ensure that security is

restored in the city of Dar es Salaam.

Operations were being pursued against groups involved in crime in different areas of the city, he said, asking city residents to provide urgent information so that suspected criminals are apprehended before they cause any harm.

Cooperative defense groups need to be strengthened, he said, putting criminals to be on their guard as those who disobey will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

An opinion survey indicated that residents in scores of suburbs are now returning

home early and stay indoors lest they fall victim to dreaded gangs of criminals.

Gang members armed with crude weapons invade homes, attack and injure people with machetes and make away with their belongings, after which they move to other areas.

Residents say the groups were affecting their business activities by forcing early closure, in the wake of the killing of Maria Basso (24) a University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) second year student.

A grocery shop attendant said he opens his shop at 9:00am instead of 6:00am and closes at 7:00pm instead of

10:00pm, which has impacted on his turnover.

"I used to sell 100,000/- worth of goods per day, but now the figure is not above 80,000/-," he said.

Dorothy Mathias, a resident of Tabata Kinyerezi said she now fears to remain outside her home as criminal gangs invade their area and maim people, even those who remained inside their dwellings.

"Two days ago, my younger brother was sitting outside the house and suddenly a group of youths passed armed with machetes and took away his mobile phone. We all live in

great fear," she said.

Hamis Nassib, a Mbagala resident said he has to escort his Form II daughter to school, as the criminals attack people unmindful of age or gender.

He praised efforts by the Temeke district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo to beef up patrols, enabling arrests of some of the suspects.

On Wednesday, the regional commissioner, Amos Makalla said 300 more police officers are being deployed in city suburbs for special operations to stop the gangs now terrorizing various areas of the city.

Any parent or guardian who

will have his/her child missing will have to check inj police stations or in hospitals, he had pointedly warned.

"We shall not be light with them. They started with here at Zingizwa, then Tabata Kinyerezi and now Mzimuni in Kawe," he recalled, intoning that the police will perform its duties, "and any parent who will come to bail out his child, he should be ready to answer questions."

Last week, city police said that 119 adolescents netted in raiding those involved in criminal incidents in various areas of the city were in custody.

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in ports, airports, green energy, data centers and more. Adani became Asia's richest person in February this year when he overtook fellow Indian billionaire Mukesh Ambani, whose current net worth of \$93.4bn places him at number eight in the world rankings.

Shares of Adani's conglomerate Adani Enterprises are surging and hit an all-time high yesterday of 3,749.15 rupees (\$46) per share, more than double from a year ago. Shares of his Adani Power have soared threefold in the past year to 398.4 rupees (\$4.9) in response to the rising demand for electricity.

Renewable energy firm Adani Green Energy also saw its share nearly doubling in the past year to 2,343.05 rupees (\$29.2), the magazine indicated.

Adani's appetite for expansion has seen him making bold moves to enter new businesses. The group is in the throes of completing its \$10.5bn acquisition of the Indian arm of Swiss cement manufacturer Holcim Group.

In this deal, Adani Group will acquire shares in two listed cement companies, with a 63.11 per cent stake in Ambuja Cement and a 54.53 per cent stake in ACC, formerly Associated Cement Companies Ltd. These transactions, for which open offers were concluded last week, would make Adani India's second-biggest cement producer, it affirmed.

Last month, Adani's media unit mounted a hostile bid to acquire New Delhi Television (NDTV), a broadcaster that is seen as critical of the Indian establishment.

Adani Group's AMG Media Networks (AMNL) bought Vishvapradhan Commercial for 1.14bn rupees (\$14.3m), giving it a 29.2 per cent stake in NDTV. Renewable energy is another big play as Adani's utility firm Adani New Industries sets out to invest more than \$50bn in developing green energy over the next 10 years, it said.

Observers note the wide ranging expansion of Adani Group interests as relevant for the Indian Ocean Western Rim, as it has vast unexplored potential and expanding markets.



Janet Lekashingo (C), a commissioner with the national Mining Commission, officiates at a local content workshop organised by Twiga Minerals Corporation at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Kahama District at the weekend. She is with BGM acting manager Jan Jacobs (L) and the commission's mineral audit

Govt working to rehabilitate many 'dilapidated factories'

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

MINISTER for Investment, Industry and Trade Dr Ashatu Kijaji has directed workers of Morogoro based clothing factory-21st Century Textile Limited to operate 24 hours, seven days a week as the government works on the challenges facing it.

She is optimistic that with the strategies the government is taking to revive dead industries, the clothing factory is going to thrive in the market and perform much better without taking measures to lay off some of the workers.

Dr Kijaji made the statement over the weekend during her tour of the industry. She said the ruling party's 2020/2025 election manifesto directs the government to revive and develop dead factories for purposes of creating at least seven million jobs.

Dr Kijaji asserted that the government is ready to collaborate with the factory management in finding solutions to the existing challenges which includes frequent power cuts and unreliable water services to curb illegal importation of clothes and other garment materials.

Illegal importation of the clothes creates an uncompetitive playing field between local manufacturers and importers as the latter do not pay government taxes.

The minister also advised the factory management to look for alternative water

sources which includes recycling of used water. She urged them to ensure the quality of the produced products to be able to compete locally and internationally.

Presenting a report on performance of the factory to the minister, the industry's Legal and Administration Officer, Nicodemus Mwaipungu said they have so far employed 2400 Tanzanians.

He said once the present challenges are resolved, the factory will employ up to 3000 people.

"We appeal to the government to assist us with reliable power and water services to be able to operate more efficiently. Controlling illegal importation of goods into the country would boost our business as well as government coffers," said Mwaipungu.

According to him, illegal imported garments are sold at cheaper prices thus affecting performance and production of the factory.

Chairman of the Tanzania Union of Industrial and Commercial Workers (TUICO) at the industry,

Halfani Mahamudu called upon the government to prioritize finding solutions to the challenges they are facing so that they can increase efficiencies and employ many people.

"These challenges should be resolved to safeguard the jobs of more than 2000 people working in the industry," he added.

Govt lauds mining firm for executing local content policy

By Guardian Reporter

COMMISSIONER of the Mining Commission, Janet Lekashingo has commended Barrick for their efforts being made in ensuring that it implements local content policy for the aim of benefitting Tanzanians.

Janet made the remarks over the weekend when wrapping up the two day seminar on local content which was organized by Twiga Minerals Corporation and held at Bulyanhulu Mine.

She said that Barrick is among companies which have suc-

ceeded to a great extent in implementing the local content in deeds.

The seminar involved Barrick employees and senior officers from the Mining Commission who delivered various presentations in relation with running of mining activities in the country by adhering to the laws and government directives.

"I very much congratulate them for being in the forefront in implementing the local content in deeds and also to bring about success in implementing development projects in areas

surrounding the Mine through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds," she said.

Janet said that one of the responsibilities of the Mining Commission is to oversee stakeholders in the mining sector and ensure that they implement this policy and especially in offering tenders to indigenous companies registered by the commission and foreign companies which are in partnership with the local people including offering employment opportunities to them.

She further stated that the

Mining Commission is ready to offer technical expertise free of charge to Barrick and other stakeholders in the mining sector by ensuring this policy is implemented and achieve its objective of ensuring that Tanzanians benefit with the mining sector.

Presenting a paper on how Barrick implements local content policy, the firm's country manager, Georgia Mutagahywa said: "Up to this moment at least about 70 percent of service providers in the Barrick Mines in the country are indigenous people."

"The company has succeeded in implementing this policy in the areas of employment, tenders awards alongside assisting in facilitating community development projects in surrounding areas of the Mines through the CSR allocated funds," said Mutagahywa.

She added that Barrick has already introduced Local Business Development Programme (LBD) which is managed by North Mara Mine, which is a basis of adhering to this regulation and ensure that Tanzanians benefit from it in improving

their lives through mining sector investment and other existing opportunities in the sector and already some of the local businessmen have undergone training in the first batch.

The Mining Commission Officers also got an opportunity of visiting Bulyanhulu Mine and see for themselves how mining activities are done by Barrick by using modern technology with international standards and also they visited Bugarama Health Centre which has been modernized through CSR funds given by the company.

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GGML collaborates with Geita authorities in planting trees along Geita-Mwanza road

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) worked with the Geita Regional Commissioner's office and the Geita town council to plant trees along Geita-Mwanza road from Geita town roundabout to the Bombambili area.

Speaking during the event in Geita's Bombambili area Septemba, 17, 2022, Geita Regional Commissioner Martin Shigella urged the Geita community to embrace the good habit of tree planting.

"I applaud Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML), security institutions, and government officials who have gathered here to support us in this endeavor. Every month, we committed to achieving our goal of planting more trees.

"We want to see Geita turn green with modern, well-maintained gardens and trees. We walked three kilometers today to plant many trees, but next month we will go even further to the Magogo area, where my office and the Geita Town Council are located," said the Geita RC.

Terry Strong, Managing Director of Geita Gold Mining Limited, was delighted to be a part of the initiative and commended the Regional Commissioner's office for coming up with such an important initiative at the start

of the rainy season.

"I applaud the Regional Commissioner's and Town Director's efforts in developing this initiative. Respecting the environment is one of our core values at AngloGold Ashanti-Geita Gold Mining Limited," he said.

He went on to say that GGML has been running several environmental campaigns since it began operations in Geita in 2000.

"It is worth noting that more than seventy (70%) percent of our special mining license exists within the Geita forest reserve, which must be reforested on a regular basis to protect it for Tanzania's sustainable development and the conservation and management of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations," Terry Strong added.

"I am hopeful that through such activities, the community will understand the impact of environmental conservation and do away with deforestation activities that have undesirable consequences," he said.

I applaud Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML), security institutions, and government



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) communications officer Elizabeth Eusebius briefs residents of Manga village in Handeni District at the weekend on the implementation of the third phase of Chalinze water project, which they are lined up to benefit from. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders in Z'bar called on to discuss blue economy policy draft

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

SULEIMAN Masoud Makame, Zanzibar minister for Blue Economy, has said stakeholders in the blue economy sector have a great responsibility to discuss the draft policy.

He called on the stakeholders reviewing the draft to make sure they look into important areas that reflect better use of the sea to attract investors

to transform the country's economy.

The minister made the remarks here at the weekend when opening a one-day professional meeting to go through the blue economy sector draft.

He said if the draft will look into the government's priorities in the blue sector including challenges posed by the effects of climate change, better utilisation of alternative energy as well as minimizing environmental destruction of

the sea will help in increasing more employment opportunities through marine resources.

He said the blue economy policy will divide up ocean areas into essential areas including areas for fishing, seaweed growing and others in order to make sure the sea is an important component for the development of the blue economy.

He added that the finalization of

the blue economy sector draft will provide benefits and achievements in the implementation of various activities on the utilisation of marine resources through public and private institutions.

He said UNDP has begun seeing the importance of the blue economy policy and that is why they brought together various stakeholders from both Zanzibar and the Mainland to

arrive at recommendations.

For his part, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr Aboud Suleiman Jumbe said the blue economy policy is rooted in the Isles and that is why the meeting is being held in Zanzibar.

He added that his ministry is set to make sure the policy is discussed and improved for the development of Zanzibar and that they hope the

development of the blue economy will be attained.

For his part, the Acting representative from Zanzibar's UN sub-office Ambrose Mugisha said the meeting aims to bring development in Tanzania's blue economy sector and will provide opportunities for the people to understand the correct way in the utilisation of sea resources to avoid destroying marine life.



Feza Zanzibar Secondary School student Munna Abdi (2nd-R) explains to parents the basics of quality town planning. It was during a science and art exhibition held at the school yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ashrack Miraji

Govt unveils measures to end water challenges in Dodoma

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Water is planning to hold a round table meeting with the ministry of finance and planning and key stakeholders, including development partners to chart ways over implementation of immediate initiatives to help contain water shortage in Dodoma city.

Jumaa Aweso, minister for water said he was not comfortable and the ministry has vowed to meet water challenges facing the city.

"Dodoma is the country's capital city with increased human population and endless diplomatic activities and thus, reliable access and accessibility of safe water is potential to ensure smooth executions of such activities that often attract hundreds of dignitaries from within and outside the country," he said.

Apart from the on-going long term strategies to solve water woes in the region, the minister said the situation has 'arm-twisted' him to think on how to engage into implementation of an immediate measure.

"I am planning to convene together with officials from the ministry of finance and planning to mull and lobby over possibility to acquire funds to help implement immediate measure to improve water accessibility in Dodoma Capital City."

"During the meeting, we will also invite potential development partners for giving us key inputs, technically and financially," he unveiled.

The minister unveiled the crucial plan during his remarks to launch the third phase of the country's Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP III), the five-year robust initiative which is set for implementation at a cost of around US\$6.5 billion.

Speaking earlier at the event, Dodoma Regional Commissioner (RC) Rosemary Senyamule expressed that the region was facing a challenge of poor provision of clean and safe water, in both rural and urban areas.

"Impeccable statistics show that currently availability of wa-

ter in Dodoma's rural areas is at 65.1 percent while in urban areas water is available at only 57 percent. This is a low rate in comparison to the increased human population, especially in urban areas due to relocation of the government's administration headquarters from Dar es Salaam to Dodoma," she expressed.

She challenged the parent ministry to mastermind and implement an immediate measure to help improve the situation. However, minister Aweso said among the ongoing long-term strategies for solving challenges of water in Dodoma region include implementation of the 125.2 million US Dollars (about 290.7bn/-) project for improving clean water and sanitation services in the capital city Dodoma.

Funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB), said the project is envisaged to serve the growing population of Dodoma capital city with clean and sustain productive infrastructures, reliable access to energy, strengthening the business and investment enabling environment as well as education and training systems.

"The overall development objective of the Dodoma Resilient and Sustainable Water Development and Sanitation Programme is to improve and expand water supply for domestic and industrial use, sanitation services, food and nutrition," he expressed.

Specifically, the programme aims to construct water storage and treatment facilities and prepare transmission and distribution systems to meet the current and future water demand for supply, sanitation, irrigation, fisheries and industrial use.

The implementation of the project will be completed in five years and will involve construction of a 32-metre high Farkwa Dam, which impound raw water (with the volume of 470 cubic metres); construction of a 128,000 cubic metres per day Water Treatment Plant; conveyance systems to Dodoma City, Bahi and Chamwino Towns, wastewater treatment and sanitation facilities, fisheries development; and catchment project and management and capacity development.

UNICEF, stakeholders pledge to beef up efforts to arrest child marriages

By Getrude Mbago

THE ongoing campaign to end child marriage in the country has collected over 10,000 signatures of pledge and commitment of various people, groups and organisations from inside and outside the country since it was launched two months ago.

Dubbed "Binti" the campaign which is supervised by UNICEF Tanzania was launched in July, this year and received well by a number of stakeholders who have been working to end child marriage in the country.

Speaking during the launch of Binti Day 2022 in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator Zlatan Millisic said every girl has a right to an education, to shape their future and pursue their dreams.

The day which is part of the campaign,

brought together key stakeholders, young people and change makers from various parts in the country to join forces and take action to end child marriage in Tanzania.

"I urge everyone to join the Binti campaign and pledge to never take part in any marriage ceremony for someone involving someone below 18 years of age. This campaign aims to rally public support to increase girls' marriage age and change societal perceptions about the importance of the girl child," he said.

An estimated three in 10 women in Tanzania get married as young as children, making it home to the 11th largest number of child brides worldwide.

He noted that preventing child marriage is an entry point to addressing broader issues around children and young peoples' aspirations and life opportunities, the value of girls in society, breaking the intergenera-

tional cycle of poverty, and ensuring the roles of young people as agents of change.

"When girls are conditioned to expect to sacrifice their learning, childhood, and dreams in order to get married, it's damaging to their mental health, and they are exposed to a cycle of violence, exploitation, health challenges, and poverty. They cannot fulfill their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society," Millisic said.

With a population of nearly 60 million and more than 50 per cent under 18 years, Tanzania is experiencing increasing demands for quality education, improved healthcare, and growing challenges for young people to get employment, among other bottlenecks.

Millisic also underlined the need for amendment of the Marriage Act, 1971 that allows girls to marry at 14 with court con-

sent and at 15 with parental consent.

"I hope the amendment of the Marriage Act, 1971 will happen soon, as child marriage hinder girls," he said.

He committed that the UN will continue to work together to support Tanzania to achieve its development priorities, in line with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Najma Paul, presenter at East Africa TV (EATV) and children rights champion, urged parents to know the value of the girl child and work on supporting her to realise her full potential instead of thinking of marriage.

"Girls can do wonders in the society if well protected and empowered to work for their dreams, majority of them still unaware of their value and this calls for increased efforts to educate both parents and girls to know their value," she said.

Rahim Mohamed, one of the champions against child marriage said most of the societies are still supporting early marriages something which thwarts girls from achieving their dreams.

"I have witnessed at the area where I live, an older man marrying a young girl aged 17, this is how the challenge is, so we should continue campaigning to fight this," he said.

Lilian Timbuka from Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF), called for stakeholders to extend the campaign and focus more on rural areas, as it is where young girls largely face the challenge of being forced to marry at an early age.

Child marriage is rooted in gender inequality and the belief that girls and women are inferior to boys and men. It is made worse by poverty, lack of education, harmful social norms and practices, and insecurity.

Lindi, Mtwara regions to land 812,119 treated mosquito nets

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

SIX districts in Mtwara and Lindi regions have been provided with 812,119 treated mosquito nets which will be distributed to 367,456 households to fight malaria.

Speaking here at the weekend at the launching of the anti-malaria campaign held in Mpwapwa, Mtwara Regional Commissioner, Col. Ahmed Abbas Ahmed said the nets are treated against mosquitoes.

He called on the people who will receive the nets to use them against mosquitoes and should not use them to shelter chicken or as fishing gear.

Col. Ahmed said 2017 national statistics show that 63 per cent of Tanzanians have access to mosquito nets while those using them is 52 per cent.

He said in regard to Mtwara Region, 75 per cent of people have access to the nets while those using them is 64 per cent.

He added that the main goal of the anti-malaria campaign in Lindi and Mtwara regions is to make sure the nets distribution attains the set targets for the two regions and to ensure they are used correctly.

He said malaria infection prevalence dropped by almost 50 per cent from 14.8 per cent in 2015 to 7.3 per cent in 2017.



Strategis Insurance marketing manager Lilian Malakasuka (with handbag) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend briefing Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (in blue suit) as he visited pavilions during the on-going insurance education festival. Participants include insurance firms, the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority, Police and owners of garages. On the Right is Moureen Majaliwa, head of CRDB Bank Plc's Insurance Division. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Col. Ahmed said 2017 national statistics show that 63 per cent of Tanzanians have access to mosquito nets while those using them is 52 per cent

SDF spends 37m/- empowering 150 students at Sikonge FDC

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) through its flagship project, Skills Development Fund (SDF), is implementing a 37m/- worth project targeting to impart at least 150 students at Tabora-based Sikonge Folk Development College (FDC) with useful skills on Information Technology (IT).

The college stands among 81 learning institutions that are benefiting from the second phase of the SDF program, funded by the World Bank (WB).

SDF is an initiative under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) which among others focuses to complement efforts by the government to stamp out a challenge of unemployment among the majority of local youth.

The program is a product of the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) and a Program for Education and Skills for Productive, with the overall vision of minimizing skills gaps by rapidly increasing the supply of graduates with skills relevant to the labor market.

The College's rector, Enock Joseph, told The Guardian in an interview that implementation of the project has so far played a meaningful role in helping improve IT subjects teaching-learning standards at the famous college, as well as heighten student's enrollment.

"SDF has enabled us to start offering a long-term program on Information Technology (IT) to the tune of at least two years, and currently the program attracts a total of 20 students," Joseph unveiled.

Giving more details, he said some of

the beneficiaries of the program have succeeded to employ themselves into relevant self-employed projects, the impressive situation which communicated the clear message that the project was fetching intended end-results.

"Truly we're feeling very proud for being part of this initiative, the program has to a greater extent managed to enable us to mould useful experts on IT facets, he said, added: "Due to our excellency, our students were even employed to install the modern IT systems at the Sikonge municipal office."

And he added, before the project-SDF- the college was experiencing acute shortage of facilities necessary in training IT subjects, but saying through the program the college had managed to procure at least 16 computers and two printers.

"With the availability of the facilities we are now standing a professional

and sustainable chance to offer the vital training, and we are expecting that even after phasing out of the fund the college will smoothly continue to run the course," he assured.

Vicent Kapombe, a beneficiary student at the college, said SDF program has assisted him to escape from shackles of poverty through investing into an own-stationery business.

"Formerly, I was not aware of anything pertaining to computer applications, but after receiving relevant training I have even managed to establish a stationery business," he expressed.

The other beneficiary, Agneta Kiniko expressed happiness that the timely program (SDF) has helped her to get a permanent employment post, and she thanked the government for running the move which plays a vital role in assisting many youths to cheat the challenge of unemployment.

On his side, SDF's coordinator at the Sikonge FDC, Silvesta Shirende, said there has been a positive turn-out of the youths within the region, who wish to join the SDF program, urged the government to extend the helpful program to more folk development colleges across the country in order to empower more youths.

Skills Development Fund (SDF) program focuses to fund diverse training over skill development with an eye to enable youth communities in the country to stand a better opportunity to employ themselves, as well as employ others, with a target to reach out to at least 38,000 youth in the country.

During the first phase of its implementation, SDF majored to fund training pertaining to agriculture and agribusiness, whereby a total of 3.1bn/- was set aside to assist at least

15 institutions, and out of the amount, so far 2.9bn/- has been spent.

Moreover, implementation of SDF -II commenced during 2019/20 fiscal years whereby a total of 9.7bn/- was set aside for the purpose of empowering a total of 81 institutions to run programs to impart beneficiary students with key skills on six different sectors. The sectors include agriculture and agribusiness, tourism and customer care services, construction, information technology and energy.

Up to June 2022, the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) rolled out disbursed a total of 8.6bn/- for financing 81 projects, whereby a total of 33,510 youths (17,257 -men, equivalent to 51.5 percent) and 16,253 women-equivalent to 48.5 percent- were imparted with diverse skills during the first and second phases.



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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE



Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited is inviting sealed tender bids for the purchase of Residential Property located at Masaki with registered plot No.316 Toure Drive, Oyster Bay, just opposite Golden Tulip Hotel, Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The property is sold "as is, where is" basis and inspection may be done by interested Bidders before submission of bids.

Bids indicating offer for the purchase of the above-mentioned property with a specific amount quoted in US Dollars and full address of the Bidders should be submitted by **19th October 2022** at 10:00 HOURS at Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited Head Office Plot 237, Kurasini Area Near Dock Yard, and P.O. Box 105638 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Alternatively, bids can be submitted through the office email address, info@zamacargo.co.tz, within the set deadline. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids will be opened at 10.30am at Zambia Cargo and Logistics Limited Boardroom before all the Bidders.

PROPERTY DETAILS

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3,173 square metres as area size</p> |
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Dodoma police swoop nets criminal suspects

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FOLLOWING police operation 126 criminal suspects have been nabbed in various areas in Dodoma Region, particularly Relini area, Kizota Ward in the city and the residents have appealed for enforcement organs to beef up patrols against criminal gangs which have been attacking people in the area, robbing them of their belongings.

Speaking to this paper at the weekend, Dodoma Regional Police Commander Martine Otieno said the criminals were nabbed from different areas after committing various crimes.

He said the crackdown is sustainable and aims to make the city of Dodoma safe from criminals.

However, he called on the residents to report to the police whenever they come across a crime being committed.

In regard to people calling themselves "Panya Road", he said in Dodoma these

have no opportunity and called on the people to remain calm as the police continue with its crackdown against criminals.

As the police give this assurance Relini residents in the city of Dodoma have appealed to the police to beef up patrols in the area.

One resident, Nelson Ivan, is among those who were injured by a criminal gang who recently invaded the area.

He said the incident that happened Friday has created fear among residents of the area and asked the police to reinforce security.

"We have been injured by machetes by unknown people and appeal for the police's intervention.

For his part, Siwajibu Rajabu said people with machetes caused unexplained havoc in their area, many people were injured and had their belongings stolen.

Relini Street chairperson said his people are currently living in great fear due



James Meitaron, NBC Bank's corporate and investment banking director, makes a business meeting presentation to the bank's customers and stakeholders in Arusha city at the weekend. It was on the use technologically driven products and services to simplify banking and enhance customer experience. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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NBC meets Arusha corporate customers for technology-driven banking updates

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has met with its large clients (corporate) in Arusha to discuss business opportunities, introduce the bank's new services and update clients with a suite of technologically driven products and services that simplify banking and enhance the customer experience.

The bank further used the opportunity to discuss with the stakeholders how it can improve its services according to their needs.

Speaking during a 'Power breakfast business meeting' organized by the bank over the weekend in Arusha, NBC Bank Corporate and Investment Banking Director, James Meitaron said the meeting was just beginning of the series of similar meetings specifically for corporate customers in a number of regions including Mwanza, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya and Dodoma.

"The move follows major improvements we have made to our services and products that are more digitally simplified and compatible with the needs of our customers, including

corporate ones. We have decided to meet with them so that we can update them with a suite of technologically driven products and services that simplify banking, enhance the customer experience and also to receive feedback from them about our services," Meitaron said.

He said: "We do this more easily because we are the most experienced financial institution in the country with a wide network of branches, agents and digital services. Our experience in the market gives us the advantage of providing services that are compat-

ible with the legitimate needs of our customers."

The official mentioned some of the services and products offered by the bank to large customers and the government that include financial markets services, debt management, corporate finance as well as government payment solutions such as GePG and MUSE while mentioning that the bank commands over 10 per cent of total Government collections, and it is targeting to reach 25 per cent by 2025.

According to Meitaron, among the important projects that the bank has

been giving priority to are those strategically designed for development of natural resources, infrastructure, energy, agriculture and communication sectors.

Arusha City Council Executive Director, Hargeney Chitukuro said the meeting came at the right time when the region is undergoing a major economic revolution due to the great prosperity of the tourism sector as a result of the efforts made by President Samia Suluhu Hassan through her Royal Tour initiative.

One of the participants July Bede Ly-

imo from the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) thanked the bank for organizing the meeting while expressing her satisfaction to the service improvements that the bank continues to show. She further urged the bank to invest more in the tourism sector.

"I would like to thank the management of NBC Bank for coming up with a good idea to meet us customers, and exchange ideas. I also call on the Bank to give more priority to the tourism sector in the country and provide solutions to the sector's financial needs to further develop this important sector



Organic greenhouse farmer Daniel Lameck (R) of Singida Region briefs Prof Joyce Ndlichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), on how training in modern agriculture he underwent courtesy of support from Manyoni District Council has helped him. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mwanga resident wins motorcycle in ongoing game dubbed 'Mchezo Supa'

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi.

MWANGA District resident in Kilimanjaro Region, Masheli Rabieli Msuya (46) has won a motorbike for the ongoing game dubbed: 'Mchezo Supa' run by Radio One and Capital Radio media.

The prize was handed over yesterday by the representative from the media which is among IPP Media companies, Moses Fumbuka in Moshi yesterday.

Speaking during the handover of the brand-new motorbike, Fumbuka explained that, Radio One and Capital Radio will at the end of this month handover a prize, Toyota IST worth 15 mil/-, to an overall winner of a special game dubbed: 'Mchezo Supa' run by the media.

He further explained that, the weekly winners of the 'Mchezo Supa' will also be guaranteed to win four motorcycles each worth 2.6 mil/- and cash prizes every day.

Fumbuka further explained that

the car prize is presented to Radio One listeners while motorbikes and cash prizes are presented to Capital radio listeners.

"Millions of money has been won so far in this game and this time around it's a mega prize of Toyota IST worth 15mil/- which will be handed over to the September winner," he explained.

He further explained that, the main aim of the 'Mchezo Supa' game among many others is to empower Tanzanians economically for sustainable development.

For his part, the motorbike winner, Masheli Msuya applauded Radio One and Capital Radio for such a game that has changed his life.

"I will use the motorbike I won for income generation and as my personal means of transport to and from work as I'm working as an agent for buses ticketing to different regions including Dar-es-salaam, Morogoro, Tanga, and Dodoma, among many other regions in Mwanga Township," he explained cheerfully.

PPRA pushes participation of special groups in public procurement

By Guardian Correspondent, Rukwa

TANZANIAN youth have been challenged to explore opportunities embedded in preferential procurement—an approach aimed at involving special groups in the procurement of public goods and services.

Joseph Muhozi, Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) public relations officer threw the challenge over the weekend when speaking at the regional debate as part of this year's Fiesta held in Sumbawanga Municipality, Rukwa Region.

Muhozi said that initiative is geared toward integrating young people into the job market, which solves the unemployment equation, combats poverty, and promotes inclusive economic growth. The youth population has been largely excluded from this sizable market due to minimal access to information on bids, un-

derstanding of procedures, and the ability to meet requirements.

He said that in accordance with Section 64 (2) (c) of Public Procurement Act Cap 410 (as amended) and Regulation 30 C of PPR of 2013 (as amended), all Procuring Entities (public bodies and any other bodies, or units established and mandated by the government to carry out public functions) shall set aside 30% of their Annual Procurement volume for the special groups. The distribution with respective percentages includes youth (10); disabled (10); women (5) and elderly (5).

"There lots of tenders offered by government and youth, women groups, who think that the money is for some people and companies and the current Public Procurement Acts (Cap 410) is very friendly to ordinary people and the disadvantaged groups," a PPRA official said.

"Over 70percent of money approved by the house is going to public procurement, for instance, this year out of 4trn, 30trn/- goes into public procurement and all these tenders are open, competitive, fairly and without corruption to get value for money," he said.

The procurement act wants all public entities to have 30 percent of their budget 30trn/- (which is 9trn/-) for youth, women, elderly and disabled.

In this case, he said: "Of the 9trn/-, youth need to be given 10 percent, where they able to get 900bn/- and to get these tenders for the youth is very simple, as it requires them to be in a group of five to twenty people and register to district council so that we get to know them and know what they're doing."

"It also needs to be assured that they are Tanzanian youth through their NIDA IDs and get TIN number what they do and after that,

they ask the registrar that they want to participate in government tenders and be enrolled in PPRA tendering system, the move is to be qualified to get a chance of getting this tenders; we've a system that is open for qualified people and get into the system and get access to the system and apply depending on what you do."

The winner of the tender is announced publicly and criteria used to pick him/her and the one who is not satisfied has a room to appear for further decision, he said.

"And we came to understand that most youths are not well informed on the matter and that's why we used this platform, to make youth aware of the matter and explore this initiative."

Rukwa Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga said: "There are lots of tenders' opportunities as there are a number of develop-

ment projects—road and airport construction. That's why we're encouraging youth in the region to grab the opportunities for their own development."

The RC also suggested the need to provide in-house training for the government officials who deal with youths programmes, so that they can join PPRA move to sensitize youths to grab the opportunities in the PPRA's tendering process.

"We have an example of young graduates in the Laela area, which asked for a council loan and bought three motorcycles and they paid back the loan within nine months. Some of them are engineers. They asked for bricks-making machines and they were given 50m/- . The procurement set aside budget for youth is another window that youths can benefit from," RC Sendiga said.

Dar es Salam restaurant in new partnership with energy firm



Dough Works Limited managing director Vikram Desai briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on the strategic partnership he said the firm has established with Oryx Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DOUGH Works Limited (DWL) and Oryx Energies Tanzania Limited has launched the strategic partnership to advance the Quick Service Restaurant and Convenience industry in Tanzania in efforts to deliver consistently high-quality food and the most convenient consumer experiences.

Held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, the launching event was ahead of the official opening of the KFC Drive-Thru and BAO Café at Oryx Morocco service station where esteemed guests, stakeholders and employees gathered to celebrate the occasion.

The KFC Drive-Thru at ORYX Morocco will be the latest addition to the existing restaurants at Mlimani City Mall, Masaki, Diamond Plaza - City Center, Mikochehi Plaza, Kariakoo and Julius Nyerere International Airport.

Vikram Desai, managing director of Dough Works Limited said: "The launch meant that we continue to deliver on our promise to offer consistently high-quality food and convenience experiences in Tanzania." KFC is a global brand, with

23,000 outlets in more than 140 countries worldwide.

"We're thrilled to further embed this globally iconic restaurant chain in our community, delivering increased consumer choice. We are further delighted to roll out the BAO Café brand, which is uniquely designed and developed to offer convenience amenities in key locations to meet consumer needs."

Kalpesh Mehta, managing director of Oryx Energies Tanzania, said: "Demand for energy products is growing year on year in Tanzania and Oryx Energies is expanding its operations through generating new propositions and new levels of service."

He said: "The opening of the new KFC Drive-Thru and BAO Café at ORYX Morocco symbolises this commitment. Our service stations provide convenience retail offers to our customers, beyond the provision of fuel, lubricants and LPG along with additional services such as car wash. We are delighted to be working with a strong partner in Dough Works Limited., on this and on future expansion projects in the country."

MIGA guarantees \$7bn of foreign investments for African countries

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

MULTILATERAL Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), Vice President Ethiopia Tafara has said that his organisation has currently guaranteed over \$7billion of foreign investments to African countries.

Speaking during the just ended two-day high-level dialogue to promote foreign direct investment (FDI) that was hosted by both Tanzanian government MIGA, said that Indeed, Africa represents about 30 percent of MIGA's global portfolio.

He said that the Tanzania Roundtable Dialogue marked the second in a series of government-investor dialogues that MIGA is co-hosting together with specific host governments in various regions across Africa, the Caribbean, South America

and Asia.

The Tanzania Roundtable Dialogue that took place from the September 14th to 15th brought together international foreign investors with government representatives from Tanzania, as well as other East and southern African countries.

In 2022 alone, MIGA's guarantees provided over 35 million people in Africa with access to power and helped generate almost \$3 billion in annual tax revenues for African governments.

"Energy access has been one of MIGA's top priorities for many years. We are constantly looking to leverage new technologies, improve regulatory frameworks, and strengthen utilities, all of which help to crowd in the private sector. This is why we were very excited to

issue our first-ever guarantee for Box's off-grid solar projects supporting rural communities in Kenya, Rwanda and DR Congo."

He further said that MIGA guarantees also span infrastructure, financial services, manufacturing, agriculture, and services sectors, and trade. From covering Silver lands' farms in Tanzania and Namibia; to Kasada Hotel's hotel projects in 10 African countries including Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda.

We want to do more. There is much more to be done and Africa remains one of MIGA strategic priorities. Acutely aware that public financing is under severe pressure, MIGA is ready to expand its commitment to investors and governments to unlock private capital at the scale required.

Meanwhile, Tafara has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for strongly expressing interest in opening up the Tanzanian economy to private sector investors (and we are seeing increasing investment interest in the country) in areas such as agriculture, logistics, warehousing, energy and infrastructure.

The big question here today is how can we do more? How can African governments bring in more FDI? How can private investors take on the opportunities, navigate global and local risks, and invest in a big way in Africa?

According to him, "The risk, at its most basic, is about uncertainty. And, in a world of finite resources, risk management means identifying the uncertainties with which

we can live, and those with which we can't. A willingness to assume some risk in development projects is a necessary component of investment decisions. It means knowing where uncertainties exist and understanding the allocation of risks and benefits as between government and investors."

He further noted "I often hear critics charge that investors overestimate the level of local risk they assume in development projects and that the actual risks are remote and unlikely. You'll forgive investors if they perceive local risk and uncertainties the same way. The good news is that MIGA can serve to bridge the difference between perception and reality through our political risk insurance."

Minister for Investment, Indus-

try and Trade Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, Dr Ashatu Kijaji commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for opening an economic diplomacy.

She said that over 10 countries, and over 75 foreign companies attended that investment forum. So, she has urged potential and prospective local and foreign investors to come and invest in the country because the government has put in place a conducive business environment.

Kijaji said that the investment situation in the country has tremendously improved, whereby for the year 2021/22, the Tanzania Investment Centre [TIC] registered around 528 projects worth over Itrn/-. This achievement had never happened in the history of this

Small-scale farmers face many challenges in K'njaro Region

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

SHORTAGE of water for irrigation and invasion of elephants in farms as well as insufficient regulatory and legal enforcement to net and punish some traders who hike the prices of agriculture inputs has been cited as major challenges faced by small-scale-farmers in Kilimanjaro region.

Speaking with this paper in an exclusive interviews yesterday during their special workshop meant to solve some challenges faced by farmers in the region, some the members of Network of Farmers' and pastoralists' groups in Kilimanjaro region (MVIWAKI) explained that, insufficient regulatory and legal enforcement has paved a loophole to agriculture inputs traders including seeds, fertilizers and insecticides to hike the prices of the crucial inputs.

The workshop is a part of MVIWAKI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) that attracted agriculture stakeholders from different districts of Kilimanjaro region, was graced by Dr Emmanuel Lema from the Regional Commissioner (RC) office.

The peasant, Hussein Mfinaga from Mkalama ward in Hai district explained that, in this year, drought has been a big challenge to them, the problem that fuels lack of enough food among many of them.

He also added that, agriculture inputs including seeds have been mushrooming in the Tanzanian market because of scarcity of genuine agriculture inputs.

"To fight the importation of fake seeds and other agriculture inputs by multinational companies, more production is needed to satisfy our customers," he explained.

He added other challenges that they face such as lack of funds for agriculture as it is very difficult for

the small farmer to get loans from financial institutions due to the difficult conditions.

Other famers, Sylvia Malamsha from Mamseara in Rombo district, and Linda Msuya from hedaru in Same district explained that drought has been a big challenge in this year's season and they are astonished to see food smuggling to Kenya.

"There is also a big challenge of elephant's invasion in our farms, destroying

all foods in our farms, particularly in the Ruvu Mferejini area in Same district, we have a lack of food now, my appeal to the government is to deal with them," they lamented.

Another farmer and pastoralist from Ruvu in Same district, Naitapwaki Mbure explained that a group of jumbos have invaded her farm, destroying all her maize, and her area is very drought stricken, killing most of her livestock.

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This relentless carnage on roads: Too little done; we must do more

ROAD traffic safety refers to the methods and measures used to prevent road users from being killed or seriously injured. Typical road users include pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, vehicle passengers and passengers of on-road public transport mainly buses.

Best practices in modern road safety strategy. The basic strategy of a safe system approach is to ensure that in the event of a crash, the impact energies remain below the threshold likely to produce either death or serious injury. This threshold will vary from crash scenario to crash scenario, depending upon the level of protection offered to the road users involved.

As sustainable solutions for classes of road safety have not been identified, particularly low-traffic rural and remote roads, a hierarchy of control should be applied, similar to classifications used to improve occupational safety and health. At the highest level is sustainable prevention of serious injury and death crashes, with sustainable requiring all key result areas to be considered.

At the second level is real-time risk reduction, which involves providing users at severe risk with a specific warning to enable them to take mitigating action. The third level is about reducing the crash risk which involves applying the road-design standards and guidelines (such as from AASHTO), improving driver behavior and enforcement.[1]

Traffic safety has been studied as a science for more than 75 years.

If there are things society can wish away, road crash would definitely be one of them. This is because road crash cause injuries and premature deaths among the budding, energetic and productive bracket of the society.

Is it not sad to learn from a World Health Organisation (WHO) report published online on June 20, this year that road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death of chil-

dren and young adults aged 5-29 years and that approximately 1.3 million people die each year?

These are truly budding, energetic and productive individuals whose lives have been cut short by the recklessness of a driver taking them on an educational trips across Tanzania and the world at large. This is unacceptable because the associated pain and the implications of socioeconomic loss cannot be quantified in real terms; they are unimaginable.

It is on record that more than 90 percent of road traffic deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, with the injury and death rates being highest in the African region and lowest in the European region.

Besides, the record has it that even within the high-income countries, people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are more likely to be involved in road traffic crashes. Since Tanzania is said to be a middle-income country and yet most of its population falls within the lower-income category, this evidence should prompt the our government should plan what to do to effectively check the carnage on the country's roads.

Road crashes everywhere are attributed to the driver's psychology or poor behaviour; poor road infrastructure; non-effective or inadequate safety regulations; corruption on the part of the police, especially in developing nations, among other risk factors.

However, the contrast between the poor and the rich must engage attention as there seems to be a lesson to be learnt from it to help reduce road crashes and related miseries in poor countries.

National road safety commission ought to provide strategic leadership for developing and implementing interventions and measures towards a sustainable management of road safety in Tanzania, road crashes keep increasing.

Lake Zone fish sanitary quality debate a reminder of sustainability challenges

PROFUSE assurances were being made in Parliament towards the end of the week on the safety of Lake Zone fish, seeking to allay fears that fish preservation isn't done by using harmful chemicals, leading to occurrences of cancers.

A deputy minister was at pains to discount the fears, affirming fish products in the country are safe for human consumption. A supplementary question from an opposition MP put in black and white what was circulating in the media, shocking the public.

While media and especially social media are prone to exaggerating things, at times the sources of such fears are impeccable and well informed, whose affinity with the public interest on any issue is above board.

It was that sort of situation that came up, as it wasn't just a social media rumour that led to the MP's demand for clarity, but top level government officials were also affirming the same thing. In that case the profuse assurances sought to limit the publicity damage on the sector, partially.

There is an expression in the national language that 'what is said is there, and if it isn't there, then it is coming.' That means even if ordinarily fishermen don't use harmful chemicals to prolong the shelf life of the perishable commodity, many will be tempted to do so if it 'pays.'

The rumour simply asserts that many seem to be succumbing to that proposition, but it is altogether plausible that such practices aren't as widespread, nor indeed would they be the standard means of preservation.

Assuming that those in the fishing community have at least a minimum of professional acumen, the issue is why anyone, and indeed a sizeable group of individuals, would go as far as using detestable chemicals to prolong the shelf life of their catch.

First it shows that the compounds aren't easy to detect by colour, taste or smell, and may even resemble enzymes regularly used on processed foods - which virtually all environmentalists will say they cause cancers. Still there is a welter of causes working in concert for the body to lose bearings, contract cancer.

There is all the same as problematic situation where low prices of fish, low catch levels and an expanding population lead to desperate actions, where fishermen must preserve and sell each item of their catch, to at least earn what they need to survive upon.

This spells trouble as fish isn't grain where one can choose when to sell, and thus fishing needs people who would sell and discard the leftovers.



Luz Truss's premiership: What's up for Africa?

By Nana Sifa Twum

THE United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Mary Elizabeth Truss recently assumed office as the 77th Prime Minister following the resignation of Boris Johnson. She becomes the third female British Prime Minister after Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May. It makes her Britain's fourth Prime Minister in six years.

Johnson delivered his final speech for seven minutes, seven seconds, and followed it up with a meeting with Queen Elizabeth II, who wields the executive powers, to officially resign from office, while Truss was also asked by the Queen to form a government for her people as per the political tradition of the British.

The embattled Boris Johnson said that he was resigning as Prime Minister, bowing to calls from ministerial colleagues and lawmakers in his Conservative Party. It took the resignation of nearly 60 members of his government, for Johnson to finally abandon his attempts to cling to power.

Truss's political party, the Conservative Party members chose her over, over Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

She won 81,326 votes to Sunak's 60,399 votes, a margin that while comfortable was not as overwhelming as some of the polls suggested it would be. Analysts noted that Sunak, not Truss, was the top choice of Conservative lawmakers in the first round of the leadership contest.

Still, Truss has made a remarkable political journey to the top of the Conservative Party. Raised in a left-wing family, with a father who was a mathematician and a mother who was a nurse and teacher, she was an active member of Britain's centrist party, the Liberal Democrats, as a student at Oxford University, once calling for a vote to abolish the monarchy.

Her rich political experience will be brought to bear at the peak of her career. She served as Secretary of state for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade, Chief secretary to the treasury, Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Justice, Secretary of State for Environment, food and rural affairs, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State for Education and Childcare

She takes office at a time the country is experiencing economic setbacks. Double-digit inflation, a looming recession, labor unrest, soaring household energy bills, and possible fuel shortages this winter. This and others that will confront Truss as she moves into 10 Downing Street. She also must repair a party deeply divided after Johnson's turbulent three-year tenure, which peaked in 2019 with a landslide general election victory but descended into unrelenting scandals after that.

In a businesslike speech to a party gathering after her victory was announced, Truss promised a "bold plan" to lower taxes and bolster the economy, adding: "We will deliver, we will deliver and we will deliver."

The cost of living has been high recently with inflation rising above 10 per cent in July this year for the first time in 40 years. It was driven by the rising cost of energy and food. Average household energy bills have risen 54 per cent already this year and are forecast to go even



higher.

The economy is gradually becoming poor as of recently the British pound dropped 0.3 per cent to its lowest level against the US dollar since 1985, before recovering slightly.

Lots of things in the UK simply seem to be failing at the moment. Waiting times to receive health care are at their longest in recent history.

There are similar staffing and funding problems in social care, schools, universities, and local government.

Throughout this year, transportation workers, journalists, lawyers, refuse workers and postal workers have gone on strike. In many cases, union bosses have blamed the government for failing to meet their demands and break the deadlock.

The new prime Minister is entering office amid a complicated global situation. Ukraine is still under Russian invasion. China is still threatening Taiwan. And then there's the mess of Brexit, which is still causing huge problems both in Britain and overseas.

What is more the biggest danger for her comes from her own Conservative MPs, who are now rather well versed in regicide. She has not outlined how she plans to address any of the issues above and her par-

liamentary colleagues are far from confident she has the answers.

she is reported to have been finalising her strategy with Kwasi Kwarteng, the man widely expected to be the new chancellor, to freeze bills at the current price cap of £1,971 for the average household, in order to avoid the cap rising to £3,549 in October. This will cost the country 100 million Pounds.

"Political commentators and economists have been poring over Truss' political history as well as her economic pledges on the campaign trail for a better idea on where she might take a country that, as well as facing a potential imminent fall in living standards, is yet to find a grip on the economic cost of the COVID-19 pandemic or the fallout from leaving the EU."

A curse look at her strategies during her political career connotes that she has been a fan of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan who ruled in the 1980s. The speculations are that Truss will base her economic policies on what people term as "Reaganomics". "Reaganomics refers to the economic policies implemented by Reagan which broadly aimed at reducing taxes and regulations while also reducing public spending and controlling the supply of money."

This is clear in her first plan

spelled out in her address to party members on her elections. Thus freeze bills at the current price.

What is not certain has been direct policies for Africa and Ghana for that matter. As U.K. foreign secretary, Truss hasn't exactly been afraid to ruffle a few feathers. She is said to have shepherded through controversial legislation which the European Union says risks ripping up the hard-won protections for Northern Ireland in the Brexit deal and caused outrage in China.

It is envisaged Truss's foreign policies may not jeopardise Africa's worsening economy, particularly Ghana. Currently, UK aid in Ghana is said to be a mixed record in contributing to strong and sustainable institutions that do not rely on donor support for their continued functioning.

Available data indicates that the UK has invested about £2.8 billion in bilateral aid in Ghana over the past two decades. Since 2011, the UK's aid portfolio has been reoriented towards helping Ghana overcome its economic and governance challenges and mobilising the resources to finance its own development. We expect this to be continued and improved especially with a Ghanaian descent, Kwasi Kwarteng tipped to be the secretary to the Treasury.

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

We must strive to produce skills that are relevant to the labour market

ONE of the main challenges for Tanzania is an education system that does not respond effectively to the needs of the labour market. While graduates idle in the streets with A-4 size brown envelopes containing curriculum vitae and academic transcripts, employers on the other hand complain of lack of well-trained workers.

Economists argue that making the education system more responsive to labour market needs can help support the employability of recent graduates, minimise skills imbalances and improve the resilience of the workforce to future changes in labour market demand.

To respond to this challenge, the government introduced Skills Development Fund (SDF) through National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) 2016-2027 to ensure development of a skilled workforce in key economic sectors in the country.

The overall goal of SDF is to minimize skills gaps by rapidly increasing the supply of graduates with skills relevant to the labour market. To achieve this objective, SDF aims to expand the number of individuals with the relevant skills in key occupations and sectors as stipulated in NSDS.

Managed by the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) the SDF has been funding provision of short courses geared to promote the expansion and quality of labour market-driven skills development opportunities in six key economic sectors namely agriculture, agribusiness and agro-processing; tourism and hospitality; transport and logistics; construction; Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and energy.

The fund's manager TEA is public institution which works under the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and was established in 2001. SDF intends to benefit over 38,000 youth by the end of this year and has already benefited 33,310 youth all over the country since its establishment.

Bahati Geuzye, Director General of TEA, told this writer in an interview recently that during the first phase of implementation of SDF, they spent 3.1bn/- on training of youth in agriculture and agribusiness whereby 15 institutions were engaged to conduct the trainings.

In the first phase which was implemented in financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21, a total of 9.7bn/- was spent in 81 projects, she said, adding that until July 2022, there were a total of 33,510 beneficiaries, 17,257 being male and 16,253 female.

According to the director, through SDF, a total of 385.8m/- was availed to benefit 1,018 youth in the field of Information and Communication Technology



Bahati Geuzye, Director General of Tanzania Education Authority (TEA), speaks at a past event. File photo

(ICT), tourism, hospitality industry energy, transportation and construction.

She said SDF also funds skills development programme to over 4,000 youth who come from underprivileged families and special groups, adding that the aim is to ensure the fund benefits many youth from needy families so that they can be able to introduce income generation activities.

The implementation of second phase kicked off in August this year whereby a total of 2,373 are scheduled to benefit until December this year including 474 persons with disabilities.

The director said that the skills development programme is conducted by different accredited vocational training colleges in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar. Also, she said SDF has started funding innovative training through e-learning which is expected to benefit over 4,305 youth by December this year. A total of 2.3bn/- was used to fund the programme whose aim is to provide opportunities for youth to acquire skills.

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"I commend the government for availing funds which enabled us to implement various projects across the country. We have been doing this by considering the government's five-year strategic plan," she said.

Apart from projects which were implemented under SDF sponsorship, TEA also implemented various education projects to complement the government efforts to improve education sector in the country.

Since its establishment, TEA spent 212bn/- to implement a total of 3,314 education improvement projects with beneficiaries ranging all the way from nursery to secondary schools, teachers' training colleges as well as vocational institutions and universities.

Through the Education Fund, TEA facilitated the renovation of education infrastructures including 17 old schools and 89 whose renovation is in

the pipeline. The director named some of the old secondary schools which have been renovated as Ngaza, Ilboru, Same, Msalato, Mzumbe, Mwenge, Tabora Boys, Tabora Girls, Kilakala, Pugu, Sengerema, Ruvu, Korogwe Girls, Dodoma, Bihawana, Kondo and Bwiru Girls.

She said since its establishment, the Education Fund has also facilitated the renovation of education infrastructures in higher learning institutions including lecturer rooms, hostels, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities, laboratories and teaching equipment in 11 institutions.

She said the authority implemented the programme to facilitate girls to join science and technology courses whereby a total of 594 candidates have benefited from the programme in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

In the past financial year 2021/2022, the authority spent a total of 8.6bn/- to sponsor 160 projects meant to improve education infrastructure in 151 schools in the country.

The projects included the construction of 210 classrooms in 65 primary and secondary schools, four science laboratories, 1920 latrines holes in 80 primary and secondary schools as well as learning and teaching facilities in nine special schools.

Assess people you lend money or risk losing both cash and friends

By Thomas Lyimo

HUMANS are relational beings. This means that human beings cannot exist in isolation. They need to interact with one another in their struggles to meet their needs. To go further, many people hold that any success that one can register on earth must originate from other people and hence making relationships in the society vital.

In society, there are different forms of support one can receive due to the fact that no one is self-sufficient. The support can include food, housing and finance among others. This form of support has become more important in the post-barter trade era is finance. The value of money is high compared to other assets or possessions because it is easily transferred to other forms of wealth.

The role money plays in society is huge and significant. Money enables us to strengthen social relations and push forward social and economic initiatives. There are some previously poor people who are now well-off due to financial assistance they received from their friends or philanthropists.

The most common and less frustrating way of supporting one another is lending and in most cases being free of interest. Lending is justifiable regarding the fact that it is not possible to be financially well-off in all the seasons of the year due to the dependent nature of human beings.

With all the goodness of lending money to one another, the practice is full of challenges as getting back the money in due time has become something probable. This situation causes conflicts if not said bitterness that dwells inside the hearts of lenders. The repercussions of difficulty in repayment of the credit may affect the social or psychological atmosphere in a society or workplace, causing unpromising performance due to grief that lenders struggle with.

Money is a value and therefore many plans surround it. It is unlikely to find a situation where a person has nothing to do with their money. Being assisted and not considering repaying annoys the lender bearing in mind the truth that most families especially in Africa and Tanzania in particular, are low income earners without sufficient

savings.

Those people whose money is not paid back fail to carry out their economic endeavours and hence causing personal and social underdevelopment. This situation is unhealthy as people are always fond of the success of their initiatives, something which boosts their morale and comfort and hence making life more meaningful.

One of the strategies to improve our relations in the sphere of finance is making sure that we do not lend an amount of money to someone whose income is very far from the amount requested. If you give someone money without regarding their income level, the chance of getting back the money is very narrow.

Also, the lender should demand the receiver to put in a perspective how they are going to repay

the amount. There must be a justification of how the money can be paid back that the lender can retain hope valuing the assertion that we live by hope. For example, if the borrower is an employee, they can commit to paying on a monthly basis a certain proportion until the whole money is paid back. Although every lender would prefer to be paid the whole sum at once, in many cases it becomes difficult and hence receiving repayment in installments is something inevitable.

There are some individuals who lend money to friends or relatives at an interest. This seems irregular as lending sometimes carries elements of assistance and cementing of social links which are necessary for broad social advancement in many angles of life. If you lend your friend or family an interest, your conduct becomes similar to that of financial institu-

tions or loan sharks, hence the risk of eroding your social significance.

There are some people who when asked about their debt, just say "I know, I will give you your money." But when asked to be specific, these fellows tend not to respond. It annoys when the lender realizes that the debtor actually spends money on other issues including entertainment.

I once witnessed an altercation between my friend and his friend. He had lent him some money and the fellow promised to repay after a month. But for six months there was no money or any word. Then one day, he found this fellow at a certain joint drinking like fish. He confronted him and there was ugly altercation. They are no longer friends.

An interest-free credit from a friend or family member is not a right but a privilege. We should be

very careful how we go about lending one another. To pay back in due time is encouraging and helps to retain the flavour of social relations. Supporting one another financially is a good thing but let us handle it well. Or else, you are at risk of losing both the money and the friend.

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Queen Elizabeth's death leads to renewed African calls for apologies

By Lebo Diseko and Catherine Byaruhanga

AT a community radio station in the heart of Johannesburg's bustling Hillbrow neighbourhood, MJ Mojalefa is hosting a phone-in following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

The 22-year-old DJ wants his large youth audience to share their thoughts on the legacy of the British empire, which once included South Africa.

"We were colonised by the British and [the Queen] never changed the nature of that relationship," one caller tells him, between the thumping baseline of Amapiano music.

"People have moved on, and the past is in the past," says another.

As for MJ Mojalefa, he wants an apology from the new King Charles III: "Most people are saying the Queen didn't apologise - and that is what they wanted from her."

South Africa became a republic in 1961. By then the enforced racial segregation of apartheid had been law for 13 years, nine of them with Queen Elizabeth II as monarch.

For many young South Africans that history has left them grappling with how to reconcile the painful past with the present.

That is a sentiment heard again when speaking to artists Mzoxolo "X" Mayongo and Adilson De Oliveira. Their work focuses on decolonisation.

"When we look at South African history, we don't just look at it in isolation," says De Oliveira. "One thing leads to another."

Speaking to his grandmother about the experience of living under apartheid brought that into sharp focus for Mayongo. "You can't take away the scars. And how do you heal those wounds?" he asks.

But both say that this moment presents an opportunity for King Charles III to build a new relationship with the continent.



Sammy Musyoka (left) and Nelson Njau (right) want the British monarchy to apologise for colonisation

"We're not all doom and gloom," says De Oliveira. "We think that the future relationship the monarchy could possibly have with Africa could be one of taking responsibility - of coming to the table to have this conversation with African countries."

Asked what that would look like, they both say they want conversations about reparations, the return of artefacts and the return of mineral resources, for example the largest diamond ever found - the Star of Africa which is now part of the British Royal Family's Crown Jewels.

Those calls for restitution from the British monarchy for colonialism are echoed further north in Nairobi.

Kenya saw its own transition this week when William Ruto was sworn

in as the country's fifth president since independence from the UK in 1963.

Despite the obvious focus on their own changing head of state, the death of the Queen still made front-page news in Kenya. It has also led to a renewed debate about the country's relationship with its former colonial ruler.

"It's sad that we lost a soul," 30-year-old Nelson Njau says outside the 60,000-seat Moi International Sports Centre where President Ruto was sworn into office.

"But what they did to the African culture, to the African nations, to our wealth, to our organisation of society - really they need to come out and apologise to us."

Next to him, 29-year-old Sammy Musyoka nods his head in agreement: "We still feel we're treated as subjects not as equals."

That sentiment of being treated as a subject is rooted in historical trauma. Just a few months after Queen Elizabeth II became monarch, Kenya's Mau Mau rebellion against British rule was brutally repressed, with the Kenya Human Rights Commission saying 90,000 people were executed, tortured or maimed.

In 2013, the UK government agreed to pay 5,000 elderly Kenyans \$22.6m (£19.9m) in compensation for the abuse they suffered during its colonial administration.

Many older Kenyans, unlike their younger counterparts in the crowd at President Ruto's inauguration, think fondly of their former colonial power.

Caroline Murigo, who says she is over 50, tells us news of the Queen's death was sad.

"It's somebody I have known all my life. It was sad but it was her time. We wish all the best to the new King, King Charles."

While 46-year-old Mary Muthoni thinks the monarchy is still relevant to Kenyans today. "They will help us to improve our economy, and to improve our infrastructure in our country."

The official condolence messages from leaders and officials on the continent have almost unanimously praised the Queen's reign, record of duty and long-standing engagement with the continent. In Uganda, where she made her last visit to Africa for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2007, parliament held a special sitting to honour her.

While in Nigeria, another former British colony, the Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion in Abuja held a Remembrance service.

Dean of The Church of Nigeria, Most Reverend Ali Buba Lamido, said: "The Anglican Church has its roots from the church of England and the King or the Queen historically of Church of England is the Head of the Anglican Communion, the defender of faith, so she was the head of our church."

A BBC reporter who attended the ceremony said the mood was sombre but that many did not want to go on the record to offer their condolences - perhaps a reflection of the heated debate over the British Monarchy's legacy in Africa.

Back in Nairobi in the Mathare informal settlement, 32-year-old Douglas Mwangi thinks the Queen should be celebrated for her work with the Commonwealth, which she led for 70 years. It is a loose organisation of 56 countries, mostly former British colonies.

In 2018, he visited Buckingham Palace to receive the Queen's Young Leaders Award from the Monarch. He receives training and funding from the Queen's Commonwealth Trust that helps his organisation support the young with IT skills. He says the trust has helped over 14,000 people in Mathare since 2014.

"That [award] gave us credibility. We are learning the best practices on what's happening across the Commonwealth and see how we can improve our model. The late Majesty the Queen became Queen at a very young age and she believed in the leadership of young people."

But not all feel the same way. Back outside Kenya's national stadium, Mr Njau, a businessman, says he does not see how the Commonwealth helps him: "It is crazy that we're even in that wealth - whatever that Commonwealth is - I have tried to research how we benefit as Kenyans by being in the Commonwealth and it looks like it just benefits a few leaders, a few people."

The debate that has followed the Queen's death on the continent is a clear sign that there are many unhealed wounds and trauma from colonial times and many feel now is the moment for Britain and its new King to have honest conversations with Africans about how to heal this painful past.

BBC

By He Yin

BRI a great undertaking that benefits people of all participating countries

IN Pakistan, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is well underway, and the electricity projects under the framework have lighted up numerous local families.

In Uzbekistan, the Kamchiq Tunnel along the Angren-Pap railway built with Chinese technologies, has put an end to the history when Uzbeks had to make a detour via another country for domestic transportation.

In the Horn of Africa, the China-built Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway has given landlocked Ethiopia a faster access to the sea, bringing more businesses to and creating more jobs for the African country.

The past nine years proves that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is a great undertaking that benefits the people of all participating countries.

On Sept. 7, 2013, Chinese President

Xi Jinping proposed building a Silk Road Economic Belt when visiting Kazakhstan, and on Oct. 3 the same year, he called for building a 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road in Indonesia.

Over the past nine years, the BRI has achieved tangible and fruitful progress, becoming the world's broadest-based and largest platform for international cooperation. It has been joined by 149 countries and 32 international organizations, showing strong vitality.

The ultimate goal of the China-proposed initiative is to bring a better life to people of all countries.

Xi noted at the opening ceremony of the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation that "We need to take a people-centered approach, give priority to poverty alleviation and job creation to see that the joint pursuit of Belt and Road cooperation will deliver true benefits to the people of participating countries and contribute to their social and economic development. We also need to

ensure the commercial and fiscal sustainability of all projects so that they will achieve the intended goals as planned."

The BRI raises living standards for people of participating countries. The Tana Beles sugar factory in Ethiopia has created tens of thousands of local jobs; farmers growing Chinese hybrid rice in Mozambique have embraced big harvests; and a series of training facilities have been built by China in Cambodia, Algeria and Djibouti for better careers of local workers.

Over the past nine years, livelihood projects under the BRI have brought clean drinking water, safe electricity, stable jobs and a happy life to more and more people in participating countries. As long as Belt and Road countries continue their efforts, the BRI will be able to lift more people out of poverty and make global development more balanced.

The BRI energizes the development of participating countries. When the China-Maldives Friendship Bridge opened to traffic, the local people said

the bridge has brought them an opportunity to create a better future; when the China-constructed Peljesac Bridge was put into use in Croatia, Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic said it was a day of historic significance for his country and the bridge is a centuries-old dream coming true for his country; the China-Europe freight trains have planned 82 routes that connect 200 cities in 24 European countries.

Over the past nine years, trade cost for commodities, capital, information and technologies has been significantly reduced for Belt and Road countries, which has effectively promoted the orderly flow of inter-regional resources and optimized resource allocation. The improved connectivity, helping "forgotten corners" around the world better integrate into the global industrial, supply and value chains, has made win-win results possible.

The BRI vitalizes global development. According to a World Bank report, trade will grow from between 2.8 and 9.7 percent for economies along the

Belt and Road and between 1.7 and 6.2 percent for the world. Increased trade is expected to expand global real income by 0.7 percent to 2.9 percent, the report said.

According to World Bank forecast, if all BRI transport infrastructure projects are carried out, by 2030, the BRI will generate \$1.6 trillion of revenues for the world, or 1.3 percent of global GDP. Up to 90 percent of the revenues will go to partner countries.

Facts have proved that the Belt and Road is a road to common prosperity.

The splendid picture of the win-win Belt and Road cooperation includes not only railways and factories, but also the smiles on the faces of the people from participating countries.

Keeping moving along the road of opportunities and development, the world will be able to reach a bright and harmonious future.

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ETS is the way to go in tax collection - expert

By Guardian Reporter

TAX collectors in Tanzania have past experienced a challenge with compliance and declaration of true volumes of production something that demanded new solutions that was to match the demands of the day.

These challenges demanded technologies that would match the modern day requirements and that are why the Tanzania Revenue Authority sought the services of Swiss firm, Société Industrielle et Commerciale de Produits Alimentaires (SICPA).

The first phase of the project was launched on January 15, 2019 where electronic stamps were installed in 19 companies that produce alcohol, wines and spirits across the country.

This was followed by the second phase on August 2019, where electronic stamps were installed on products such as sweetened or flavoured waters and other nonalcoholic beverages, a process that began on August 1, 2019.

In an interview TRA's Project Manager for ETS Innocent Minja said the main objective of rolling out the ETS three years ago was to safeguard the government's revenue.

"We had a huge challenge on compliance, especially low level of voluntary tax compliance. Historically, we had to station officers to monitor production and ensure the manufacturers declare the true production volumes. However, it was a chaos and a new solution was needed," says Minja.

He adds: "Among manufacturers, some were not genuine and under declared their production data and thus creates unfair competition with the genuine ones."

According to him, the ETS system has in the three years enhanced tax compliance and a mechanism to cover all traders in the segment by creating an equal playground and enhancing fair competition has been created.

"This has led to every manufacturer of the selected products is paying taxes fairly," he says.

The installation of the ETS has ensured that TRA obtains production data on timely basis (real time) from the manufacturers.



TRA officials verify the electronic tax stamps (ETS) campaign to encourage the public on the need to check the quality of beverages before consuming any. Photo courtesy of TRA

"This was because of the Excise Duty, which is levied upon production of specific goods, therefore knowing the actual production is very critical in revenue collection."

As expected, the introduction of ETS came with high technology security features, electronic means which simplified the administration of taxpayers

in the country. "It created transparency in assessing taxes especially Excise Duty, Value Added Tax (VAT) and Corporate Tax, which ultimately minimizes taxpayers complains," says Minja. The installation process he says is a continuous one especially as factories increase their levels of automation.

"We have already installed the ETS

system for all eligible manufacturers of specified goods. About 135 equipment have been installed to the fully automated factories while others (semi-automated and manual factories) are using the system manually," says Minja.

But much as the attention has been on the installation the ETS has become a savior to manufacturers and import-

ers of the selected products.

The system also enables manufacturers to get the quantity of products that were being imported into the market, a vital step that informs local manufacturers on what they should do to protect their products from imports.

"This system has increased transparency, and for now, manufacturers and importers of selected products are assured that everyone is paying a true/correct tax and now their competition is on other things contrary to before the ETS system."

He added: The ETS is not only about tax projections. It also helps the manufacturers to get precise information about his production volume and time spent on producing it. It also helps them to know challenges associated with his production processes and this be able to work on the solution to the identified challenges," he said.

Despite the positive strides, TRA has on many occasions had to deal with manufacturers and importers who use counterfeit stamps.

"We urge manufacturers, importers and public at large, to use the system genuinely and to avoid the use of counterfeited stamps because TRA is much into this and the enforcements campaigns are ongoing everywhere in the country," says Minja.

According to him, TRA carries out regular enforcement campaigns in each region to educate business people on how to authenticate the stamps.

Customary certificates raise confidence among rural women

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale, Mafinga

RESIDENTS of Ikongosi and Ikongosijuu villages in Mufindi District, Iringa Region are optimistic that they will now face few conflicts over ownership of land after 1,0890 Customary Certificates of Right of Occupancy (CCRO) were issued to them over the weekend. The number is part of 2,128 Certificates prepared for the two villages, thanks to a joint project implemented by Landesa, PELUM and Mufindi District Council that began in May, this year.

The provision of certificates has ushered in relief among villagers who expressed optimism in not only reducing conflicts over land among individuals, families and

clans but also in enjoying social and economic benefits. The certificates add value to pieces of land they own.

A total of 1,000 women from the two villages are among the beneficiaries who have acquired the right to own land and use it in a manner they deem fit, without having to ask permission from their husbands or family members. Their ownership of land is now legally recognized.

"I will no longer be harassed by my in-laws because of the piece of land that my late husband left because I have legal evidence of ownership. The certificate will provide security for me and my children; we can use the land to meet our needs without interference from anyone," said Nelia

George Mtewa (40), a widow who has four children. She explained that since her husband passed away three years ago she has known no peace because her in-laws wanted to take away the land other property of the family. "With this certificate I am now protected," she added.

Another recipient of the certificates, Consolata Kibiki, acknowledge the change of attitude among men and tribal elders. "Men are no longer a problem when it comes to having equal rights to own and use land. They allow women and girls to own land and use it according to their wish; but I think this is because of education and awareness campaigns that Landesa and other non-governmental or-

ganisations have been running. Husbands have no grudges when their wives own land and use it for the welfare of the family," she said.

Giving some remarks during the event, Landesa country programme director Godfrey Massey said that the organization works with stakeholders to ensure that men and women have equal rights to own and use land. "But in order to benefit from land, it is important to have evidence of ownership and secure tenure. Customary certificates respond to this need," he explained.

While the whole process of surveying plots of land, drawing land use plans and eventually producing customary certificates

must involve all stakeholders at family and village levels, Landesa gives special emphasis to women for various reasons. "Women manage families, they feed them and keep the economy of the family buoyant but they often don't enjoy the fruits of their work. We must empower them through ownership of land, among others, in order to eliminate gender-based violence in economy and any other form," explained Massey.

On his part, PELUM executive director Donati Alex Senzia said that those who have acquired certificates must now ensure that their property goes a long way towards improving their lives especially if they intend to engage in farming. "You have to maintain sustainably of soil fertility so as to

get good harvests. In order to do this you have to engage in ecological farming which takes into account not only the crops you grow but also the soil and the land in general. This is best implemented when one owns the land as no one takes care of land that they don't own," he said. He urged all those who have acquired the customary certificates to abide by land use plans and implement them accordingly so as to benefit socially and economically.

In his speech read by the District Land Officer Leonard Jaka, Mufindi Acting District Executive Director Kenny Shilumba said that the project to issue villagers with CCROs aims to ensure that women and the youth legally own the land they have so that they can use it

to improve their lives by using it as collateral when they apply for loans from financial institutions. "However, some villagers could not have their pieces of land surveyed and be issued with customary certificates due to conflicts within families, conflicts between individuals or within a clan. Some people have also claimed to own land within road reserves and near water sources; under the circumstances we could not issue certificates of occupancy," he explained.

Mufindi District has 113 villages out of which only 69 have land use plans. The District Council is working with stakeholders to step up efforts so that land use plans are prepared for more villages.

NBAA outlines the many feats it has registered over the years

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) has made a significant contribution to the development of the accounting profession in Tanzania, especially in motivating, registering, setting standards and administration of examinations.

NBAA Executive Director, CPA Pius Maneno said in an interview that since its inception, the board strived hard to make a great contribution to encouraging good governance through the development of the accounting profession in Tanzania.

Maneno explains that the accounting profession has an important role in stimulating business confidence and supporting economic growth. It has been at the forefront to ensure that accounting and auditing professionals meet the required international standards.

At the age of 50, NBAA has recorded that it has made a significant contribution to the development of the accounting profession in Tanzania, especially in motivating, registering, setting standards, and administration of examinations.

In an interview, NBAA Executive Director, Pius Maneno said that since its inception in 1972, the body strives to make a great contribution in encouraging good governance through the development of the accounting profession in the country.

Maneno explains that the accounting profession has an important role in stimulating business confidence and supporting economic growth.

"NBAA members make a great contribution to influencing the public and private sector as a professional body. It also supports members and stakeholders through various services and provides a common voice for the profession," he says.

According to Maneno, NBAA is led by the board of directors, the chairman of the board, who is appointed by the president, and board members are being appointed by the finance and planning minister for a three-year term and for not less than that two terms.

"NBAA's daily activities are managed by the executive director assisted by four department managers as well as the heads of the procurement and supply, internal audit, and legal divisions," he says, citing those managers as manager of corporate services, manager of education and training, member services manager, technical and consulting services manager.

The board also has improved its information and communication technology (ICT) systems, managing and coordinating training resources and services, promoting and strengthening good governance and ethics, and building confidence in audited financial statements.

He says the board's vision is to be a member management and accounting body at the world level if it is, "To protect the public interest and set values for stakeholders by registering members, setting standards, developing and managing the accounting profession."

He also said that among the key board responsibilities include registration and deciding on registration applications



NBAA executive director Pius Maneno

and registering accounting technicians, CPA PP and CPA accountants; and accounting and auditing firms as well as evaluating the qualifications of academics from abroad for exemption from some of the Board exams for those who want to write the board exams.

It also evaluates the qualifications of local institutions seeking accounting training for the exemption of some parts of the Board exams for graduates of those colleges who want to write the board exams.

Preparing and maintaining a register of members and accounting and auditing firms [certified public accountants in public practice (CPA PP), certified public accountants (CPA), Graduate Accountants (GA), Accounting Technicians (AT), and Practising Firms.

On regulation, Maneno says that to control the work and conduct of members/professionals and accounting and auditing firms.

To control the teaching standards of accounting studies by preparing training curricula and accounting syllabus nationally and to ensure that the syllabus in institutions providing accounting training throughout the country is compatible with the National Accounting Curriculum and Syllabus

The official also says that the board encourages and provides opportunities and resources for study, and training in accounting and auditing and studies related to the accounting profession as well as formulating and supervising the conduct of examinations and giving awards to (awarding) graduates of accounting training, auditing and studies related to the ac-

counting profession (CPA, Diploma, and Certificate)

On standard setting, the official said that setting standards and providing accounting and audit guidelines appropriately, and ensuring the implementation of those standards and guidelines by the parties

He says the main reasons for the establishment of the National Board of Accountants and Auditors (NBAA) include the serious great shortage of accountants in the country in the 1970s, where there was a great shortage of Accountants due to the great growth in the number of public organizations, government departments, and various private sector organizations.

Other factors include the high cost of educating accountants abroad, and the existence of different systems of preparation and interpretation of financial statements: foreign accountants hired from different countries like India, Pakistan, Canada, the United States (USA), and Sri-Lanka and the absence of training guide and control of accounting syllabus and curriculum in the country.

Maneno also mentioned the absence of a special tool to provide statistics on the needs of accountants and the absence of the authority to control the accounting profession.

Jonathan Kagenzi, a resident of Kagera Region, who is a scholar in the field of accounting, says NBAA has been the catalyst for the development of the profession and it's aimed at increasing income and protecting the sustainability of financial capacity, providing better services to stakeholders and protecting public interests, preparing and implementing training programs that are in line with market needs and creating value for stakeholders

Beatus Kapama, who is a resident of Dar es Salaam, congratulates the for protecting their profession which has a great contribution to the development of the nation.

By Liao Ruiling, Zheng Yangyang

China to launch 'urban check-up' in 59 cities this year to improve urban development

EVERY weekend, Pei Yiting from Taiyuan, north China's Shanxi province, goes cycling along a bike lane on the bank of the Fenhe River that drains the center of the province. The bike lane is surrounded by wetlands where large numbers of water birds inhabit.

"The bike lane is a great place for cyclist and also offers citizens splendid river views," Pei said.

The riverside bike lane, extending all the way from Taiyuan's north part to its south part, is an outcome of "urban check-up," a comprehensive urban evaluation system that aims at optimizing urban development, strengthening urban construction and balancing rapidly swelling populations and scarce urban resources through targeted measures.

According to Han Ran, an official with Taiyuan's municipal housing and urban-rural development bureau, many citizens demanded a riverside bike lane along the Fenhe River during Taiyuan's 2020 "urban check-up." In May 2021, the bike lane was put into use, and it formed a complete urban bicycle transport system with other operational bike lanes in the city, which has significantly facilitated nearby residents and made surrounding areas more energetic.

"At present, China's urbanization rate of permanent residence stands at 64.72 percent, with an obviously slowing speed of urban space expansion. It has resulted in an imbalance between the growing urban population and scarce urban resources," said Pan Fang, vice president of Tsinghua



An old residential building in Shuangjiang township, Tongdao Dong autonomous county, Huaihua, central China's Hunan province is being renovated, August, 2022. [People's Daily Online/Li Shangyin]

Tongheng Urban Planning and Design Institute. There's an urgent need to improve the living environment, she said.

In 2018, Beijing became the first Chinese city to launch an "urban check-up" under the guidance of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, and the comprehensive urban evaluation system was piloted in 11 cities a year later, including Shenyang, Nanjing and Xiamen.

It was promoted in 36 cities in 2020 and the scope was further expanded to 59 last year, which covers all municipalities, cities under separate state planning, and provincial capitals, as well as parts of the cities with subordinate districts.

This year, the number of items on the check-up list has increased from 65 to 69 on eight aspects. The ratio of prefabricated structures in all newly built constructions, as well as the reutilization of construction waste are included in the 2022 list.

Social satisfaction surveying is one of the methods adopted by "urban check-up." Through questionnaires and field visits, it studies people's satisfaction with urban construction performance and searches for prominent problems and weaknesses.

Besides, "urban check-up" also em-

plloys third parties for quantitative surveys.

Pan told People's Daily that the third-party check-up includes a series of procedures such as data collection, index calculation and the making of evaluation standards. According to her, data is acquired and analyzed by Python programs, geographic information systems, remote sensing and the internet of things. Besides, a data sampling system was also established, she said. For instance, map apps are employed to estimate the coverage of restaurants for seniors and affordable kindergartens to see whether the supply of relevant infrastructure is at a reasonable level.

At present, China is building an "urban check-up" system featuring an annual examination and a quinquennial evaluation, aiming to find solutions to livelihood issues and strengthen urban development.

Based on the results of the "urban check-up," the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development will work to discover common problems facing Chinese cities, learn from local experiences and make state policies, so as to comprehensively improve urban planning, construction and management.

People's Daily

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

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5 letters SHARE, AMUSE,
6 letters MEDDLE, UTOPIA, ZEALOT, YACKER
7 letters CENTRAL, LAICIZE, DROUGHT
8 letters TIGRINYA, INTRENCH, RESTRICT
9 letters MOUNTAINS

CLUES: Across
1 Evil spirits
5 Togo's Capital
6 a risky or daring journey
9 the size of a dose of a medicine
11 the person who leads
12 a wooden frame for holding an artist's work in progress
13 primeval
14 A very longtime
16 not previously known
18 a cereal
19 central
20 the subject of a talk

Down:
1 grow or cause to grow and become larger
2 damage property
3 insect infests human skin and hair
4 the sale of goods to the public for consumption
5 one of the limbs for walking on one's own
7 not often
8 perfume
15 stiff hairs- like or bristle-like structure
16 the state of being famous
17 a position of an object

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An old residential building in Shuangjiang township, Tongdao Dong autonomous county, Huaihua, central China's Hunan province is being renovated, August, 2022. [People's Daily Online/Li Shangyin]

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Plastic pollution at the beach

Advocacy group pushes for plastic crisis solution

By Guardian Correspondent

Countries have been urged to create strong policies that will bring people together to learn about the waste situation, especially those related to plastics lifecycle.

Speaking during the commemoration of the World Cleanup Day yesterday at the Selandar Beach cleanup site in Dar es Salaam, Nipe Fagio's executive director Ana Le Rocha said her organization is proud to be the leader of World Cleanup Day in Tanzania.

Nipe Fagio is a pioneering organization in Tanzania working on a cross-sector approach to sustainable development in the sector of waste management and pollution education.

"We are very proud to lead the World Cleanup Day in Tanzania for the fifth year in a row, since 2018. This year, we had events in eight locations in Dar es Salaam and twenty locations in the other regions of the country," she said.

With waste being a fundamental issue in Tanzania, she explained, events like the World Cleanup Day are a way for us to engage people and to collect data through waste and brand audits, which help to identify the top polluters and sources of pollution in the country.

"We hope that these efforts will drive systemic change in the environmental and solid waste management sector in

Tanzania," Rocha said.

Rocha noted that the waste and brand audit report generated from the World Cleanup Day is key to providing decision-makers with tools to address the issue of waste and plastic pollution by enhancing data-driven decision-making to drive positive change in Tanzania.

"One of the goals of organizing the World Cleanup Day is getting people to better understand the pollution found in our environment and collecting data to advocate for measures, like Extended Producer Responsibility, that enable systemic change," Rocha said.

"As a leader of the World Cleanup Day in Tanzania, Nipe Fagio would like to thank our partners all over the country for their support and applaud all the community groups, volunteers, NGOs, local governments, schools and other key actors in the environmental sector for making this year's World Cleanup Day a successful one."

She added that there is a need of collaborative efforts to beat plastic pollution and make Tanzania a waste-free country through awareness raising, data collection and advocacy.

World Cleanup Day is one of the biggest civic movements uniting 191 countries across the world for a cleaner planet.

Foreigners record 7bn/- net inflows at DSE in Q3



Foreign investors injected 14.8bn/- through the buying of shares and moved out 7.78bn/- through selling shares. FILE PHOTO

By Guardian Reporter

With less than two weeks left towards the end of third quarter, foreign investors have so far recorded 7.1bn/- net inflows at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) from nearly 2bn/- net outflow recorded during the second quarter of this year.

This indicates that foreign investors' confidence on economic performance is stable, in a time when many small markets are experiencing their exit due to challenging global economic trends.

The market analysis by African-Markets.com has shown during the period of three months to September 16, 2022, All Shares Index (DSEI) gained by 1.81 percent and an increase of 2.55 percent two year-to-date.

The DSE market report shows during the period, foreign investors injected 14.8bn/- through buying shares and

moved out 7.78bn/- through selling shares.

However, the amount was less than 25.02bn/- injected through buying shares during the second quarter of this year and 27.1bn/- moved out through selling shares.

The market report shows a total turnover of 36.27bn/- has so far been recorded during the period reviewed of which local investors dominated in both selling and buying transactions, in terms of value.

Local investors contribute 59.08 percent of the value of shares buying and 78.53 percent through shares selling, higher than 37.80 percent of buying value and 32.51 percent of selling value during the second quarter of this year, according to the market report.

The third quarter's total turnover is however more than total turnover of 34.48bn/- recorded during similar quarter of last year of which foreign

investors injected 19.8bn/- through buying shares and moved out 20.5bn/- through selling shares.

The market report as at September 16 this year shows total market capitalization has fallen by 600bn/- during the period of one year to 15.6trn/- from 16.2trn/- recorded during the end of September 2021 due to fall of share prices among cross listed companies.

The domestic market capitalization increased during the period to 10.27trn/- from 9.48trn/- respectively due to improvement of share prices of local firms.

All Shares Index (DSEI) closed at 1,873.24 points on Friday last week from 1,948.51 points recorded during the end of September last year while local share price index (TSI) closed up at 3,887.03 points from 3,585.85 points respectively.

Industry and Allied Index (IA) also improved to 5,075.41 points on

September 16, 2022 close, from 5,004.83 points recorded on September 30, 2021 while Commercial Services Index (CSI) closed at 2,169.63 points from 2,138.49 points respectively.

The report shows Banking, Finance and Investment Index (BI) recorded huge gains during the period as it closed at 3,279.93 points from 2,409.55 points respectively.

The improvement of BI resulted into the increase of share price of CRDB Bank and NMB Bank.

The market report shows CRDB Bank share price increased to 390/- during last week's close from 240/- recorded during the end of September last year, pushing its market capitalization to 1.01trn/- from 626.84bn/- respectively.

According to the report NMB Bank Plc share price has increased from 2,240/- to 2,840 respectively, pushing its market capitalization to 1.42trn/- from 1.12trn/- respectively.

UK pound records 37-year low against dollar

LONDON

The pound sterling slid to its lowest level since 1985 against the dollar on Friday after a round of weaker than expected data on UK retail sales amplified concerns that the country was headed for a prolonged recession.

The pound dropped as much as 1 per cent to \$1.135, the first time it has breached the \$1.14 mark in almost four decades. It rose back to just above \$1.14 in New York trading but remains down almost 16 per cent in 2022.

The currency's sharp decline reflects a broad and powerful rally this year in the dollar, as well as particular concerns over the UK economy. Sterling was off about 0.5 per cent on Friday against the euro at €1.141, leaving it down about 4 per cent this year.

Retail sales fell sharply in August as UK consumers struggled with soaring prices and high energy costs, according to data published on Friday by the Office for National Statistics. The quantity of goods bought in the UK fell 1.6 per cent between July and August, reversing a small expansion in the previous month.

This was a larger drop than the 0.5 per cent contraction forecast by economists polled by Reuters and the largest fall since July 2021, when Covid-19 restrictions on hospitality were lifted.

Olivia Cross, economist at Capital Economics, said the figures suggested "that the downward momentum is

gathering speed" and supported her view that "the economy is already in recession".

The ONS said that rising prices and cost of living pressures were affecting sales volumes, which have continued a downward trend since the summer of 2021, following the reopening of the economy after pandemic lockdowns.

The figures highlighted how high inflation has hit consumers and the wider economy. The government's £150bn energy support package announced this month is expected to limit the blow from the recent surge in gas prices, but it did not dispel the risk of a recession.

Victoria Scholar, head of investment at Interactive Investor, said the fact that sterling fell against both the dollar and euro on Friday showed "this is not a dollar move... but, in fact, it is traders selling the pound amid negative sentiment towards the UK's economic outlook and investment case".

Bank of England data also show that the effective sterling exchange rate, a measure that is weighted to take into account its strength against major trading partners, has declined 6.5 per cent since the start of the year. The gauge is still above the historic lows it reached in 2020 and 2016.

The BoE is expected to raise interest rates for the seventh consecutive time at its meeting next week as it deals with an inflation rate almost five times its 2 per cent target.

Oil prices fall by around 25 pct in three months

LONDON

Oil prices have tumbled by around a quarter in the past three months, largely due to fears of a prolonged slump in global energy demand.

But no major forecaster is actually predicting one.

Two of the most closely followed predictors of global oil demand, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) - the West's energy watchdog - see it growing by between 2 per cent and 3 percent this year and next.

That's nearly double the yearly average in the decade before the Covid-19 pandemic struck in 2020, when annual growth in global oil consumption averaged 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd).

Despite economic storm clouds from Beijing to Washington, neither forecaster expects the post-pandemic rebound in oil consumption to be significantly marred by a possible recession.

"We are still optimistic," OPEC's new Secretary General Haitham Al Ghais told Reuters last month. "In 2023, there will be a slowdown in growth but it will not be something that we currently anticipate to be lower than historical norms."

Generally bullish, the group of 13 oil exporting nations predicts an increase in demand of 3.1 million bpd this year and 2.7



An aerial view shows an oil factory of Idemitsu Kosan Co. in Ichihara

million next year.

The IEA - which acknowledged this week that demand growth would stall in the final three months of this year - still expects a 2 million bpd rise in oil consumption overall in 2022, to be followed by 2.1 million in 2023.

Investment bank Goldman Sachs forecast in August that demand would rise next year by 2 million barrels - despite the signs of an economic slowdown from China, to Europe and the United States.

JP Morgan, meanwhile, reaffirmed this week that growth in oil demand would remain

resilient, citing "our expectation that the global economy will stay out of recession".

In oil markets, the mood has been darker. Pushed briefly to near \$140 per barrel in March by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, prices have suffered the biggest 90-day fall since the start of the Covid pandemic - and, before that, the major plunges of 2014-15 and 2008-09.

For Swiss asset manager Julius Baer - whose view that the price of benchmark Brent crude oil will average \$95 this year is among the most bearish - the equation is simple: supply is outstripping demand.

"We still see demand growth, mainly in emerging markets, but we also see stagnant demand in the Western World and China", said Norbert Rucker, Julius Baer's head of economics.

In addition to strict Covid-19 curbs in many Chinese cities that have slowed economic activity, oil demand there has been undercut recently by temporary refinery maintenance, industry experts note.

Neil Crosby, senior oil analyst at consultancy OilX, noted that major forecasters like the IEA have downgraded

their outlooks for oil demand slightly but that bearish investors were pricing in a much more drastic impact from the slowdown.

"Nobody is acutely wrong per se, but inevitably at some stage these two signals will have to converge and likely somewhere in the middle," Crosby told Reuters.

Fuel use in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) group of prosperous nations is expected to decline in the second half of this year, the IEA said in its monthly oil report this week.

Indian firms to showcase industrial products at 3-day exhibition in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

More than eighty Indian companies are expected to showcase their industrial and engineering products and machinery as part of Indian Engineering Exhibition (INDEE) Tanzania, 2022.

The event coincides with the 22nd Indusmach 2022 international trade exhibition which is showcasing engineering products, tool, hardware, machinery and equipment for the East African market.

The trade show will be held from 22nd to 24th September in Dar es Salaam.

Salaam at the famed Diamond Jubilee Hall.

Exaud Silaoneka Kigahe (MP) - deputy minister for investment, industry and trade will inaugurate the mega business event, according to the press statement issued by organizers of the event.

The event is supported by EPZA (Export Processing Zone Authority) the Director General Mr Charles Itembe who will also be addressing the delegates at the event on the association's role in promotion of Tanzania's industry and measures towards its growth.

Leading manufacturers and

suppliers are bringing the latest technology specific to major industries in the region.

The event is expected to showcase a wide range of products and equipment including machinery and tools for industries like packaging, automotive, food processing, oil and gas technologies, water industry, solar, construction and infrastructure, printing, plastics, metals, agriculture and automation technologies.

Major manufacturers attending include BEML Limited - Heavy Machinery and Equipment Supplier For Mining, Construction, Aerospace, Defence, Rail And Metro Sectors,

Nipha Exports - Major Agricultural Machinery & Equipment Supplier, Yama Engineers And Testing Instruments Pvt. Ltd. - Hand Tools & Power Tools and Assomac Machines Limited - Wire Drawing.

Others will include Wire Cutting Machinery & Wire Making Machinery, DGC Industries Pvt Ltd - Automotive Components Supplier, Fertiplant Engineering - Material Handling Equipment Manufacturer, Unique Welding Products Pvt Ltd - Wire & Cables, Food Processing Machinery, Agrovision Farm Equipment - Agricultural Machinery & Equipment, Shree Sai Steels - Iron & Steel

Products and Aira 4Matic Global Valve Automation - Pumps & Valves.

The visitors are expected to include top industry professionals such as consultants, engineers, builders, traders, manufacturers, importers & distributors in the East Africa region as several leading international brands are looking to build a solid foundation in the East African market.

The expo brings together the leaders of the East African industry by becoming the primary source for new products, services and technology from around the world forming a vital part of a growing infrastructure and manufacturing industry in East Africa.

Credit Suisse now settles US shareholders' \$5.5bn lawsuit

NEW YORK

Credit Suisse Group AG reached a \$32.5 million settlement to resolve a lawsuit accusing the Swiss bank of misleading shareholders about how well it managed risk, including its exposure to "high-risk" clients such as Archegos Capital Management.

A preliminary settlement of the proposed class action was filed on Friday with the U.S. District Court in Manhattan, and requires a judge's approval.

The bank was accused of playing "a kind of high-finance game of Russian roulette" by letting hedge funds and other "prime" customers make risky, multi-billion dollar bets with its credit, despite publicly pledging a "core commitment" to managing its risk limits, risk oversight and credit exposure.

Credit Suisse's "laissez-faire" approach led to at least \$5.5 billion of losses, including from the collapses of Archegos and British financier Greensill Capital, causing shareholders to lose money as the price of its American depository shares fell, court papers alleged.

The bank denied wrongdoing in agreeing to settle. It said in a statement that it was pleased to resolve the lawsuit.

Credit Suisse has dubbed 2022 a "transition" year as it reduces risk-taking, and installed restructuring expert Ulrich Koerner as chief executive. Archegos' collapse caused about \$10 billion of losses at banks and wiped out more than \$100 billion of shareholder value.

Friday's settlement covers ADR investors from Oct. 29, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

The lead plaintiff is the Sheet Metal Workers Pension Plan of Northern California. Its lawyers plan to seek up to 27.5% of the settlement amount, or about \$8.9 million, for legal fees.

The case is City of St. Clair Shores Police & Fire Retirement System v Credit Suisse Group AG, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, No. 21-03385.

SBL partners to ensure portable water for Tanzanians

Guardian Reporter

Water is one of the most important substances on earth. All plants and animals must have water to survive. If there was no water, there would be no life on earth.

However, access to portable water has been a challenge in many parts of the developing world including some parts of Tanzania.

Kihanju is a village located about seven kilometers from the headquarters of Itigi District Council town. It is bordering Sanjaranda in the South, Itigi Town in the North, Songambe in the East, and Kitaraka in the west.

According to the village profile, there are 1,986 people residing. Currently, there is no reliable water supply in Kihanju. People in Kihanju depend on unprotected water sources, mainly local dug shallow wells.

Further findings showed that the shortage of water in Kihanju attracts the spread of diseases associated with a lack of water and poor sanitation.

The evidence of disease spread was verified at the health care facility in the village where it was reported that out of 15 to 20 patients who visit health facilities per day, half of them suffer from poor wash services related diseases.

And then, like a breath of air, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), partnering with Water Aid, came calling, and not only did the two organizations address the predicament of Kihanju village but also the health and wellbeing of the villagers through the provision of potable water.

Constructed at a cost of 293mn/-, the project can serve over 2,000 people directly and it consists of a borehole and its systems, a water pump, a water tank, and a distribution network.

Speaking during the launch ceremony held at the village recently, SBL Managing Director Mark Ocitti said the project is one among many across the country that SBL has provided to communities through the Water of Life program.

Mark noted that SBL has similar Water of Life projects in Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Tanga, Ruvuma, Dar es Salaam, Coast, and Dodoma regions serving over one million



Serengeti Breweries Limited managing director Mark Ocitti (R) signs a handover agreement with Water Aid country representative Anna Mzingo during the recent inauguration ceremony of the Kihanju borehole that supplies over 2000 residents with clean and safe water in Itigi District, Singida Region. PHOTO/COURTESY

beneficiaries.

"SBL takes pride in enabling the people of Kihanju to access safe and clean water closer to their residents. We believe the project will not only boost their health but also lead to their increased economic productivity as people, particularly women, will no longer walk long distances to seek water elsewhere," he said.

The guest of honor at the function, Singida Regional Commissioner Hon. Peter Serukamba commended SBL for providing the much-needed support, saying that the brewer has been at the forefront in promoting development projects in the country that lead to a

healthy and productive society.

The Regional Commissioner expressed his gratitude to SBL for helping the President and the water Ministry to expand access to clean and safe water, especially to needy Tanzanians living in rural areas.

SBL has since 2010 to date, spent over 1.1bn/- in drilling 19 boreholes across the country, an undertaking that has made a significant contribution to the alleviation of the shortage of water in the country.

Through its program known as Water of Life (WOL), the brewer has in most of these projects partnered with other organizations to ensure

that Tanzanians are provided with safe and clean water in some of the neediest areas.

According to Mark, the beer-maker considers water to be key to the country's future prosperity and that's why it has always been ready to collaborate with the government and other partners in facilitating the country's access to safe and clean water.

"SBL has a policy commitment towards the wellbeing of communities in the country with Water of Life being one of our four priority areas that our company has defined in its objective to provide social support to improve

the social wellbeing of Tanzanians", says Mark describing other priority areas as, provision of Skills for Life, Environmental Sustainability and Promotion of Responsible Drinking.

According to water.org, only 57 percent of Tanzania's population of 57 million has access to an improved source of safe water, and only 30 percent has access to improved sanitation.

The global non-profit organization adds: "People living under these circumstances, particularly women and girls, spend a significant amount of time traveling long distances to collect water".

Katoro Gold assessing potential new projects

By Guardian Correspondent

UK based gold and nickel explorer and developer Katoro Gold posted an operating loss of £640 372 for the interim period to June 30, an improvement on the loss of £783 710 reported for the first half of 2021.

This results in a total loss of £483 175 for the period under review, a 37.4 percent improvement on the £771,791 loss recorded during the six months to June 30, 2021.

During the first half, the company completed drilling at the Haneti nickel project and signed a joint venture agreement with Lake Victoria Gold for its Imweru gold project, both in Tanzania.

Despite generating no revenue by periods end, Katoro says it has adequate cash and cash equivalents to

ensure the group is able to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future until such time that revenues are earned through the sale or development and mining of a mineral deposit.

Moving into the second half of the year, Katoro is in the process of assessing various new projects to further diversify its portfolio and unlock value-based opportunities that align with its strategy.

At present, the company is in advanced discussions with a number of parties with regard to the new projects under assessment.

"I remain optimistic about [Katoro's] prospects into the second half of the year. As such, I thank the directors and management team of Katoro Gold for their dedication and hard work throughout this period,"

says executive chairperson Louis Coetzee.

In March this year, the company signed a joint venture (JV) agreement with Lake Victoria Gold (LVG) to develop the Imweru gold project in Tanzania.

Under the deal, Australian mining firm LVG will earn a stake of up to 80 percent in the project while Katoro will own the remaining 20 percent stake as a carried interest. LVG is responsible for 100 percent of the JV's funding requirements, as well as all debt funding.

The JV will reimburse previous expenditures, totalling €792,000, to Katoro on or before 31 December 2023. The agreement follows the cancellation of the deal signed by Katoro in June 2020 to sell the Imweru project to LVG.



WORLD

UN launches first-ever International Finance Facility for Education

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and his special envoy for global education, Gordon Brown, on Saturday launched a multi-billion-dollar International Finance Facility for Education (IFFEd).

With the first projects expected in 2023, IFFEd will support education and skills development investments in lower-middle-income countries. With an initial funding of \$2 billion, the facility is expected to expand to 10 billion dollars by 2030.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, two-thirds of countries have cut their education

budgets, but education is the building block of peaceful, prosperous, stable societies, said Guterres at a joint press conference with Brown. "Reducing investment virtually guarantees more serious crises further down the line. We need to get more, not less, money into education systems."

Wealthy countries can increase funding from domestic sources, but many developing countries are being hit by the cost-of-living crisis, and urgently need support for education, Guterres said, adding that this is exactly the role of the IFFEd.

This facility is aimed at getting financing to



Pupils pose at a window of their school in Douala, western Cameroon, on Jan 13, 2022. AFP

lower-middle-income countries - home to half of the world's children and youth - and to the majority of the world's displaced and refugee children, he noted.

IFFEd is not a new fund, but a mechanism to increase the resources available to multilateral banks to provide low-cost education finance. It will complement and work alongside existing tools that provide grants and other assistance, said Guterres, urging all international donors and philanthropic organizations to back IFFEd.

Brown said IFFEd is to deal with a crisis when 260 million school-age children do not go to school, 400 mil-

lion children at the age of 11 are not able to read or write and leave education for good, and 840 million children and young people, by the time they leave education in their teens, have no qualifications for the workplace of the future.

"Over time, we expect the fund to grow from the two billion (dollars) that it will be initially, to five billion and then to 10 billion. This means that today we're announcing the biggest-ever single investment in global education that the world has seen, and we believe it can transform the prospects of millions of children," he said.

Escalating Israeli raids cost Palestinian Authority position of security strength

RAMALLAH

THE Palestinian Authority is losing its position of strength in the West Bank security affairs because of escalating Israeli military operations, including daily raids of villages and towns in areas ruled by the Palestinians or under Israeli-Palestinian joint governance, Palestinian analysts said.

Since March, the Israeli army has escalated its raids in Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank to almost a daily routine, killing about 80 Palestinians and arresting some 1,500 others, as part of what the Israeli army called a "mission to thwart terrorism" launched after a series of Palestinian attacks that killed at least 19 Israelis in the territory.

Aviv Kochavi, the Israeli army chief, warned on Sept. 5 that such military operation will intensify if deemed necessary, blaming the increased Palestinian attacks on the lack of Palestinian security control in parts of the West Bank.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry later issued a statement saying the Israeli government "bears full responsibility for the current campaign of escalation, which threatens to explode the conflict into a cycle of violence, and raises the alarm bells against ... any efforts to resolve the conflict."

Likewise, Ramallah-based polit-

ical analyst Ashraf al-Ajrami and other Palestinian observers highlighted "Israeli incursions" in the areas under the Palestinian jurisdiction as a major factor behind the helplessness of the Palestinian Authority in security affairs.

"The Palestinians are getting killed, injured and arrested every day during the Israeli incursions into the occupied Palestinian territories, without differentiating between areas A, B or C, mainly in Jenin's area in the northern West Bank," al-Ajrami told Xinhua, referring to three administrative divisions in the West Bank that have been largely in place since the mid-1990s.

Back then, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a pair of agreements known as the Oslo Accords, agreeing on the transfer of the control of major Palestinian cities and towns in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to a newly-created Palestinian Authority.

Pending a final arrangement, the accords also established the West Bank's three administrative divisions, with area A under full Palestinian jurisdiction, area B jointly administered by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and area C under Israeli security and administrative control.

According to al-Ajrami, the on-



Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtaye speaks during a joint press conference with Libya's interim prime minister in the Libyan capital Tripoli, on Feb 14, 2022. File photo

Palestinian Authority's jurisdiction have not only undermined the latter's role, but reveal the Israeli authorities' rhetoric about strengthening the Palestinian Authority.

"The ongoing Israeli army incursions, arrests, cold-blooded killings, house demolitions, settlements, and the endless settlers' attacks on Palestinians and their property did not achieve any security for Israel," he explained.

"No one can expect the Palestinians to accept this reality, nor the Palestinian Authority to have the material and moral strength to impose security in a way that does not affect the interests of the Israelis," al-Ajrami concluded.

In August, probably the most violent month since March, Palestinians carried out 172 attacks in the West Bank, including 23 shootings and 135 incidents of throwing Molotov cocktails and homemade grenades, according to Israeli media reports.

Describing the recent spasm of Palestinian attacks as an "intifada," Hani al-Masri, director of the Ramallah-based Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies (Masarat), said these incidents are characterized by "a new combination of spontaneous, individual armed actions and popular resistance."

"However, all the incidents, which came in the power vacuum left by the Palestinian resistance factions, have increasingly made the Israeli solution the only one on the table," al-Masri noted.

Xinhua

Erdogan says he agreed with Putin to continue talks on grain, fertiliser supplies

ANKARA

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he had agreed with Russian President Vladimir Putin to "cautiously proceed with" discussions on grain and fertilizer supplies via the maritime corridor in the Black Sea.

"We are undoubtedly engaging in talks with corresponding states on all types of products coming from both Russia and Ukraine. It can be grain products and fertilizers. There have been no problems in the negotiation process. During our meeting with Mr. Putin, we agreed to cautiously pro-



ceed with this process," the Turkish leader was quoted as saying by the TRT channel after the summit in Samarkand.

The Turkish leader went on to say that he, together with Putin, "spoke in favor of

using the grain corridor for the benefit of poorly developed nations."

"Naturally, President Putin emphasized this issue as well. In the future, we will closely monitor the supply process so that the corridor would benefit poorly developed nations as much as possible," he added.

A package of documents aimed at resolving the issue of food and fertilizer supplies to global markets was signed in Istanbul on July 22. Under a Russia-UN memorandum, the United Nations engaged in efforts to lift anti-Russian restrictions preventing the export of agricultural products and fertilizers.

Another document created a mechanism to export grain from Ukraine-controlled Black Sea ports.

The deal inked between Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and the UN established a four-party coordination center whose representatives will inspect grain ships in order to prevent arms smuggling and false flag operations.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the Eastern Economic Forum last week that almost all the agricultural products shipped from Ukraine had gone to EU countries, with only two vessels out of 87 sailing to poorest countries.

President Xi Jinping's visit to Kazakhstan charts new blueprint for China-Kazakhstan relations

THIS year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and Kazakhstan. Over the past 30 years, China-Kazakhstan relations have progressed by leaps and bounds and reached the high level of permanent comprehensive strategic partnership, setting a good example of good-neighborly friendship and win-win cooperation.

Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to Kazakhstan will deepen the two countries' political mutual trust, expand their comprehensive cooperation and usher in next golden 30 years of Kazakhstan-China relations.

China and Kazakhstan have always maintained reliable political

relations. They offer each other firm support on issues concerning their respective core interests.

China firmly supports Kazakhstan in safeguarding independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and Kazakhstan has openly and repeatedly expressed its firm support for the one-China principle.

When the unrest took place in Kazakhstan in January this year, President Xi immediately sent a verbal message to his Kazakh counterpart, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, stressing that China firmly opposes any forces undermining Kazakhstan's stability and threatening Kazakhstan's security.

In recent years, the two countries

have witnessed an increase in inter-governmental exchanges at all levels. The strategic guidance of the two heads of state has charted a blueprint for all-round China-Kazakhstan cooperation.

China-Kazakhstan practical cooperation has maintained healthy development. New fruits are constantly being achieved in the two countries' Belt and Road cooperation and other pragmatic cooperation.

Bilateral trade between China and Kazakhstan surged 18.9 percent year on year to \$17.67 billion in the first seven months of this year, and the full-year figure is expected to reach a historic high.

The two countries have identified

52 projects of production capacity cooperation in mining, energy, industry, commerce and transport, with a total worth of more than \$21.2 billion.

The two countries have continuously enhanced interconnectivity. In the first half of this year, a record of 6,195 China-Europe freight trains passed through Kazakhstan.

Chinese home appliances, mobile phones and automobiles are popular in Kazakhstan, and Kazakhstan's green agricultural products are welcomed by Chinese consumers. The two countries are seeing increasing economic complementarity and dependence. In the future, China and Kazakhstan will further strengthen

communication and coordination in terms of development strategies to add more substance to bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

China-Kazakhstan friendship has taken deep roots between the two peoples.

Facing COVID-19, the two countries and their people offered mutual understanding and support, setting a good example of anti-pandemic cooperation.

Kazakhstan is home to five Confucius Institutes that offer Chinese language courses to over 3,000 people each year. The two countries are also seeing closer cooperation in education, films and television, publishing, entertainment and the media, and

will soon establish cultural centers in each other's countries.

China and Kazakhstan have established 19 pairs of sister provinces and cities. This July, they resumed direct flights between each other and Chinese nationals can enter Kazakhstan for up to 14 days based on a new visa-free policy. The two countries have decided to set up consulates general in China's Xi'an and Aktobe in Kazakhstan respectively.

As the two peoples continue enhancing mutual understanding and deepening their friendship, China and Kazakhstan will jointly write a new chapter in the century-old Silk Road.

People's Daily

US envoy slammed for downplaying climate crisis in Africa

NAIROBI

Green campaigners from the Sub-Saharan African region on Saturday slammed the United States Climate Envoy John Kerry for giving lip service to the continent's quest for a low-carbon and resilient future.

Kerry, who addressed the 18th session of African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) held on Sept.13-16 in Dakar, Senegal, appeared indifferent to the plight of the vulnerable population in the continent bearing the brunt of the climate crisis, said the campaigners.

Mithika Mwenda, the executive director of Nairobi-based Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), regretted that Kerry's address fell short of acknowledging the United States and West's lip service to the continent's green aspirations.

According to Mwenda, the major Western powers are yet to deliver on their pledges to help Africa deal with the escalating climate crisis that has worsened poverty, inequality, conflicts and disease outbreaks. In particular, Mwenda said that Washington is yet to demonstrate commitment to support communities in the climate hotspots of the Sahel and Horn of African region to cope with the phenomenon. During the just concluded Africa's environment ministers summit, Kerry said that the West bore no responsibility to the ravages of climate change in Africa and the global south by extension.

According to Mwenda, Kerry insisted that each country should bear the burden of climate emergencies, adding that Africa should prioritize mitigation as opposed to adaptation measures.

Augustine Njamnshi, the Chair, Technical and Political Committee of PACJA, said in a statement released in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, that failure by the United States to honor its financial pledges to support Africa's climate response had taken a toll on livelihoods.

He added that Washington bears historical responsibility for run-away greenhouse gas emissions that had worsened climatic shocks like droughts, cyclones and floods in Africa. "We thus call on the U.S. to stop dilly dallying and avail to African people its fair share of climate finance to build their resilience," Njamnshi said.

Egyptian president's visit to Qatar gives impetus to deepening ties

CAIRO

ABDEL-FATTAH AL-SISI's state visit to Qatar, the first made by an Egyptian president in four years after the diplomatic rift between the two Arab countries, has added strong impetus to deepening the bilateral relations, experts said.

His two-day visit, which came upon an invitation by the Qatari emir, ended on Wednesday, reflecting that the two countries are keen to consolidate the rapprochement into cooperation in a wide range of fields since diplomatic relations were restored in January 2021, according to the experts.

Leaders of the two countries discussed ways to foster closer cooperation and deepen the relations in trade, economy and investment, in addition to Arab regional and international developments.

They also witnessed the signing of three cooperation agreements respectively in investment, social affairs, and ports, according to Egypt's Presidency Spokesperson Basam Rady. "The visit is part of recent moves for warming ties after quite a long time of frayed relations," said Tariq Fahmy, professor of political sciences at Cairo University.

In January 2021, the Arab quartet of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain signed the Al-Ula Declaration with Qatar, ending their all-around boycott of Doha since mid-2017.

In response, Qatari emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani visited Cairo in June. In late March, Cairo and Doha agreed to invest 5 billion U.S. dollars in Egypt.

Fahmy told Xinhua that the emir's visit was vital since it expressed good intentions and a willingness to promote closer ties, which was much-needed in the Arab region facing challenges. He added during the past year, a follow-up committee formed by the two countries to develop the recently-resumed ties held seven rounds of talks.

According to the Egyptian analyst, Sisi's visit to Doha made in the run-up to the Arab League summit scheduled in November in Algeria shows Cairo and Doha have kept each other well-informed of stances, such as the consensus on conflicts in Libya and the Palestinian enclave of Gaza Strip, and made adjustments if necessary.

"Egypt is strongly present in terms of the Gulf's security," said the analyst, noting Egypt and Qatar along with other Gulf states need to work together to fight against the repercussions of security developments and risks in the region.

As to one of the three memoranda of understanding (MoUs) signed in Doha, Waleed Gaballah, an Egyptian economic expert, said "the deal between the two nation wealth funds is an executive measure to start pumping already-planned Qatari investments to Egypt."

Xinhua

Putin supports Uzbekistan in efforts to stabilise Karakalpakstan – Kremlin

MOSCOW

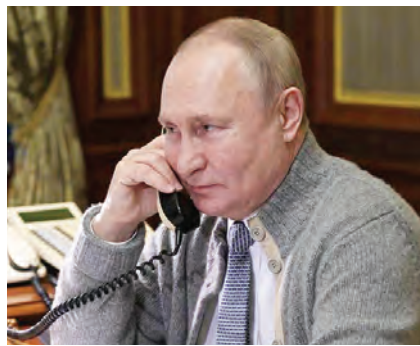
RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin in a conversation with Uzbekistan's leader Shavkat Mirziyoyev voiced support for the Uzbek authorities in their efforts to stabilize the situation in Karakalpakstan, the Kremlin said in a news release on Saturday.

"Some topical issues on the bilateral agenda were discussed, including those in trade and the economic sphere. The mutual intention was confirmed to further strengthen the Russian-Uzbek strategic partnership and relations of alliance. The Russian side expressed support for the leadership of Uzbekistan in its efforts to stabilize the situation in Karakalpakstan," the statement says. message.

The parties also discussed the schedule of upcoming contacts.

Karakalpakstan on July 1-2 saw mass riots. The demonstrators argued they were against changes to the status of their region in the new version of Uzbekistan's Constitution.

The unrest left 21 people dead and several hundred others injured. The authorities said the protesters had been brainwashed by instigators with the aim of seizing government offices.



Mirziyoyev introduced a state of emergency and a night-time curfew in the region for one month. On July 21 the state of emergency was lifted. The head of state also decided not to make changes to the fundamental law that would deprive Karakalpakstan of the status of a sovereign republic within Uzbekistan and the right to secession following a referendum.

As a result of the riots, according to the deputy commander of the national guard of Uzbekistan, Khamijan Dadobaev, 516 suspects were detained.

Later, the Prosecutor General's Office of Uzbekistan said that 14 people had been detained under the article of the Criminal Code "Infringement on the Constitutional System."

Agencies

Chinese envoy calls for lifting sanctions against South Sudan

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Friday called for the lifting of sanctions against South Sudan and for the provision of more international assistance.

The political transition in South Sudan has entered a new and important state as the signatories to the Revitalized Agreement have agreed on a roadmap to extend the transitional period.

It is a political decision made independently by the parties in South Sudan. It is also a correct choice in light of the current situation and is conducive to the peace process, said Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations.

China welcomes this and hopes that all parties concerned will continue to cooperate and work together to gradually achieve the remaining goals of the transitional period in accordance with the roadmap so as to lay a solid foundation for elections, he told the Security Council.

Some individual countries should understand the practical difficulties faced by South Sudan, take an objective view of the decision on extending the transitional period and should not regard elections as a panacea and should not ignore political efforts made on dialogue and reconciliation among the parties in South Sudan, he said.

The successful graduation and deployment of the first cohort of the Necessary Unified Forces (NUF) symbolizes significant progress in the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement.

It marks a solid step forward in South Sudan's peace process, he said. It cannot be ignored that the NUF follow-up and the implementation of other security arrangements contained in the Revitalized Agreement require tangible help from the inter-

national community, said Dai.

"Cutting off funds while complaining about delays in implementing the agreement is not an effective solution to the problem."

Security Council sanctions against South Sudan are not conducive to the NUF's access to the security equipment needed to carry out its mandates. A growing number of council members have already recognized this, he said. "China, once again, calls on the council to pay attention to South Sudan's concerns and appeals on the issue of sanctions, lift the arms embargo and other sanctions against South Sudan at an early date, and help South Sudan improve its security capacity."

As the youngest country in the world, South Sudan requires continued support from the international community.

Affected by food shortages, violent conflicts and other challenges, South Sudan is facing a dire humanitarian situation and is in urgent need of help, he said. In such circumstances, reducing development assistance and imposing indiscriminate sanctions are making things worse.

The international community should not only increase humanitarian assistance to South Sudan, but also help accelerate its independent development, enhance its capacity and resilience to counter risks and challenges and promote peace through development, he said.

China has always been respecting South Sudan's sovereignty and independence and supported its efforts for a development path that fits its own national conditions.

Going forward, China will continue to work with the international community to provide support and assistance for the implementation of the Revitalized Agreement and help the people of South Sudan lead a peaceful life, said Dai.

Aussie 'war crimes' suspect invited to attend Queen's funeral

SYDNEY

AN Australian soldier who was given the highest award in the British honours system, but who is also accused of war crimes, is to attend the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

The attendance of Ben Roberts-Smith, a recipient of the Victoria Cross, or VC, at the Sept 19 funeral has raised eyebrows because the former Special Air Services, or SAS, corporal has been the subject of multiple alleged war crimes investigations over his conduct while serving in Afghanistan.

It was announced on Sept 13 that he had been invited, along with about 500 or so British and foreign dignitaries, to attend the ceremony in London.

Roberts-Smith, 43, is awaiting the outcome of one of the most controversial and bitter defamation cases in Australia in which he sued the former Fairfax newspaper The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and The Canberra Times, now owned by television and media company Nine, and three journalists over reports he alleges wrongly portrayed him as a war criminal and murderer.

The newspapers alleged that Roberts-Smith was involved in six unlawful killings, including the execution of a man at Darwan in southern Afghanistan. Claims which the former elite SAS soldier has firmly denied.

He is also being investigated by the Australian Federal Police for war crimes while serving in Afghanistan. He has not been charged with any crime.

Roberts-Smith and three other Australian Victoria Cross recipients were invited separately by the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association of which the Queen was patron of since its inception in 1956.

It is understood that it was a request before the British monarch's death on Sept 8 that all living VC members be invited to her funeral.

All four VC recipients, the highest military award for gallantry while under fire, were not invited to fly with



In this May 16, 2018 photo, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II shakes hands with Victoria Cross recipient Ben Roberts-Smith (second right) during a reception for living recipients of the Victoria and George Cross medals, in the Picture Gallery at Buckingham Palace in London.

the Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his entourage.

Instead, all four had to make their own way to London and at their own expense.

As a Victoria Cross recipient Roberts-Smith's invitation was to be expected but it has been reported that some Australian diplomats were "annoyed" he accepted it.

Australian High Commission officials in London expected he would decline to attend while dogged by accusations of war crimes and a high-profile trial.

His invitation has also been met with outrage from some reporters at Nine, despite it being automatic due to his medal. Roberts-Smith who was presented with his medal by the Queen described the late monarch as "magnificent".

"I had an immense respect for her, and she was someone I admired greatly. In every interaction I had with The Queen she was warm, insightful, and engaging," he told The West Australian newspaper recently.

The owner of the newspaper, Kerry Stokes, is financing Roberts-Smith's legal fight.

Although the case ended on July 27 the verdict in which has become Australia's longest defamation case is not expected until the end of the year.

In his summing up Arthur Moses acting for Roberts-Smith, urged the court to reject the newspapers' truth defence, tell-

ing the court that allegations of war crimes levelled against his client had their genesis in the "corrosive jealousy" of a handful of his former Special Air Service comrades.

The media outlets' case was based on "mere suspicion, surmise and guesswork", he said.

Moses said a "war of words" had erupted between Roberts-Smith and some of his former comrades after he was awarded the Victoria Cross in 2011 for his actions in a 2010 battle in Tizak, Afghanistan.

He said the evidence revealed those men had embarked upon a campaign of rumour and innuendo against Roberts-Smith and the newspapers' journalists had "jumped on the rumours like salmon jumping on a hook" and published them as fact.

The case, however, has highlighted serious problems within the Australian Defence Force and especially the army's elite Special Air Service.

In November 2020 the government released a heavily redacted report by the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force, into alleged war crimes committed by the Australian military in Afghanistan between 2005 and 2016.

The four-year inquiry led by former New South Wales Supreme Court judge and a major general in the army reserve, Paul Brereton, painted a grim picture of abuse by some of Australia's most revered soldiers.

SCO to create brighter prospects of common development

THE Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) countries have maintained sound development since the regional organization was established.

Since the SCO's founding in 2001, the total economy and foreign trade volume of its member states have grown by 12 percent on average per year. In 2020, the two figures have increased eleven fold and eight fold respectively.

Last year, the combined economic size of SCO member states exceeded \$20 trillion, taking a larger share of the global economy and contributing more to global growth.

Russia's Sputnik said that over the past 20 years, SCO member states have achieved fruitful results in trade, investment and engineering contracting, and enhanced regional connectivity, which boosted economic development and livelihood improvement. As the SCO further expands its membership, it will enjoy greater potential for cooperation and brighter prospects.

The in-depth Belt and Road cooperation is leading to closer alignment among the development strategies of SCO countries and an improving level of trade and investment. A high-quality regional connectivity network is taking shape, and highlights are showing in agricultural and regional cooperation.

Melons from Uzbekistan, sunflower seed oil from Kazakhstan, and cherries from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan have become available on Chinese markets, and China-Central Asia cooperation has expanded from the traditional areas of petroleum, natural gas and mineral resource exploitation to electricity, telecommunication, chemical engineering, agriculture and commercial services.

A record 15,000 China-Europe freight train trips were made in 2021, and the first China-Russia highway bridge opened to traffic.



Photo shows the China-Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Local Economic and Trade Cooperation Demonstration Area in Jiaozhou, Qingdao, east China's Shandong province. File photo

Besides, the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway is well underway.

SCO member states firmly safeguard the multilateral trading system and promote synergy between the Belt and Road cooperation and the development strategies of various countries and regional cooperation initiatives such as the Eurasian Economic Union, so as to smoothen the regional economic cycle and protect the security of global industrial and supply chains, as well as international food and energy security.

In March last year, the 75th session of the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 75/268 that recognized SCO's constructive role in ensuring peace and sustainable development, promoting regional cooperation and enhancing good-neighborly partnerships. It said that the quality of cooperation among SCO member states has significantly improved, which further enhanced the role of the multilateral mechanism.

SCO countries boast rich resources, huge market size, strong capability in scientific innovation and other unique advantages. They enjoy robust development momentum and bright cooperation prospects.

In recent years, the SCO has approved a series of documents on enhancing cooperation in digitalization, telecommunication technology and scientific innovation. SCO member states

all agree to deepen exchanges in the digital economy to make their own economies more innovative.

Zhang Ming, Secretary-general of the SCO, noted that SCO countries have rich human and financial resources, adequate raw materials and sound technological potential. These countries' efforts to share their development outcomes in the digital economy and launch digital trade cooperation will promote regional peace and stability and sustainable development, and create broader prospects for the implementation of the Global Development Initiative.

Since this year, SCO member states have reached new consensus in their cooperation in technology, energy, and finance, to seek new directions and opportunities for regional development.

In April, the 6th meeting of ministers of science and technology of the SCO adopted the Action Plan on Scientific and Technological Cooperation in Priority Areas for 2022-2025, the Mechanism for Implementing Joint Multilateral Research and Innovation Projects within the SCO Framework and the Plan of Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence.

In June, the 2nd meeting of energy ministers of the SCO was convened. SCO member states agreed to coordinate energy security and low-carbon energy development, ac-

tively build demonstration projects of renewable energy, deepen cooperation in innovative sci-tech development and upgrade energy cooperation.

In August, the SCO Interbank Consortium signed a cooperation document. Member banks will launch financial cooperation in infrastructure connectivity, low-carbon development, digital economy and livelihood, to offer strong support for the region's stable economic recovery.

As of the end of June, China's direct investment in other SCO member states totaled \$37.5 billion. To help with SCO countries' post-pandemic recovery, China will strive to reach \$2.3 trillion in its cumulative trade with other SCO countries in the next five years.

People's Daily

UN chief calls for global solidarity on Int'l Day of Peace

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday called for global solidarity, collective action, commitment and mutual trust on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, which falls on Sept. 21.

"As we meet today (to mark the International Day of Peace), peace is under assault -- across regions, countries and communities," he told an annual peace bell ceremony.

"The poison of war is infecting our world, jeopardizing the lives of millions, turning people against each other, pitting nation against nation, eroding security and well-being, reversing development."

War is also pushing our shared goals for the future farther and farther away, he added. Instead of fighting each other on the battlefield, humanity should be rallying together to tackle common challenges, like poverty, hunger and inequality, climate change and biodiversity loss, the COVID-19 pandemic, and racism,

said Guterres.

Advancing the cause of peace is the primary mission of the United Nations.

But the task of building peace belongs to every person, he said. "Now more than ever, we need global solidarity, collective action, commitment and mutual trust. It starts here, and it starts now."

Let us sound the call for a world of peace for all people," he said, referring to the ringing of the peace bell. In his remarks, Csaba Korosi, the president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, said global peace is in grave danger.

More refugees and displaced persons are fleeing violence today than any time since the creation of the United Nations.

There are more armed conflicts in the world than any time since the end of the Cold War. The consequences of the conflict in Ukraine are global and felt far beyond the region, he said. **Xinhua**

Video Assistant Referee technology now needed in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THIS season's NBC Premier League has reached the fourth round, with five clubs, Yanga, Simba SC, Singida Big Stars FC, Namungo FC, and Azam FC boasting an unbeaten run.

Yanga leads the Premier League, Simba SC sits second, followed by Singida Big Stars FC in the third spot.

There have been incidents such as players being shown red cards, yellow cards, teams getting penalties, and various warnings to players and coaches.

There have also been unofficial complaints to the referees that have prevailed, with fans raising their voices early on.

The soccer lovers' issues have been addressed to the authorities, Tanzania Football Federation and its various committees, and the

Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB), which have been taking time to come up with decisions.

The situation has caused the fans to complain to the authorities for not taking action per the principles of managing and operating the Premier League.

One of the events that have come into the limelight is a reckless foul committed by Simba SC center-back Henock Inonga against Yanga midfielder Salum Abubakar during this season's Community Shield tie between the two clubs, which had the latter cruising to a 2-1 victory.

There was moreover an incident that had Mtenje Albano, Coastal Union midfielder, injuring Yannick Bangala, Yanga's utility footballer, following the former reckless challenge on the latter as the clubs locked horns in a Premier League encounter.

Coastal Union center-

back, Lameck Lawi, went for a dangerous foul on Yanga winger Jesus Moloko during the same clash.

There are many more incidents than the ones mentioned that have happened in the four rounds of ties.

It is clear that with the referees taking appropriate action including showing the perpetrators either yellow or red cards, there are still fans who believe that the punishments are not enough due to the type of events that happened.

The biggest solution to these incidents is to invest in Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology, despite being expensive.

It is possible that some cases have been decided beyond the penalty by the referee or under the rules and others were not dealt with due to the lack of technology.

It is an undeniable fact that VAR has challenges that some countries that

use it have encountered.

Still for Tanzanian football, VAR technology can help to either eliminate or significantly reduce the challenges and complaints that are very common in the league.

Several weeks ago, TFF in collaboration with Azam Media Limited tested the use of VAR technology in this season's U-20 Premier League matches and saw its effectiveness.

The use of VAR technology brought great success in the competition and soccer fans witnessed many decisions being overturned due to reference images where the referees went to satisfy themselves.

It is an indisputable fact that there is a structural challenge apart from the high investment costs of the technology, but I believe the technology does not cost much compared to what the world football governing body (FIFA) has

adopted, so what is required is to ask the parties to allow the use of VAR.

The government more-over announced in one of its budget sessions in parliament the possibility of using the technology which exists under the International Football Association Board (IFAB), its costs are not less than 14bn/-.

There may be a procedure that FIFA has put in place to achieve the use of VAR for countries that need the use of technology, but still, those procedures are not an obstacle according to the investment in NBC Premier League so far.

It is clear that with the direction of the domestic top flight, the existing investment in it, and its popularity in Africa, TFF and TPLB should start strategies to achieve the use of VAR technology and continue to develop football in the country.



Simba SC center-back, Henock Inonga (L), commits a reckless foul on Yanga midfielder Salum Abubakar when the sides locked horns in a 2022/23 Community Shield tie duel played in Dar es Salaam last month.

NMB Bank soccer outfit clinches 2022 NMB-Bunge Bonanza's title

By Guardian Correspondent

THE NMB Bank soccer team has emerged as the champion of this year's NMB-Bunge Bonanza, dubbed 'Kivumbi na Jasho', after cruising to a 2-0 win over Members of Parliament's side in the final played at Kilimani ground in Dodoma on Saturday.

The NMB-Bunge Bonanza, organized by the bank, is a one-day sports festival involving sports squads of NMB Bank and Parliament.

It started with a walk led by the Speaker of the National Assembly, Tulia Ackson, and NMB Bank Chief Executive Officer Ruth Zaipuna before the teams began taking part in various games.

Parliament's side, Bunge SC, did well in tug-of-war, chicken chase, volleyball, netball, and basketball matches which were

played at Chinangali Park.

NMB Bank squad held sway in soccer, beating Bunge SC 2-0 in the final with goals netted by Alex Joseph and Laurent Kilumanga.

Apart from the victory, the NMB-Bunge Bonanza has been held with great success, with participants using the showdown to prepare for various sporting events involving the NMB Bank and Bunge SC.

Bunge SC used the bonanza to shape up for the 2022 East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Inter-Parliamentary Games.

NMB Bank's teams were gauging their skills in preparation for the 2022 NMB Marathon charity race, dubbed 'Mwendo wa Upendo'.

Speaking during the bonanza, the Speaker of the National Assembly Tulia said that they believe

that the 2022 NMB-Bunge Bonanza will have a positive contribution to their teams towards the 2022 EALA Inter-Parliamentary Games.

The Speaker added they planned to pay a lot of attention to ensure that the bonanza benefits their teams, as was the case last year.

She noted: "Last year we took part in EALA Inter-Parliamentary Games and we led overall, the success was brought about by the quality and strength of our teams, which started in the NMB-Bunge Bonanza, and we believe it has given us practice this year, enabling us to do better than last season."

Ruth said her institution's teams have participated in the bonanza as part of their hosting of the NMB Marathon, which will be held soon.



NMB Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ruth Zaipuna (in blue tracksuit) holds the trophy to celebrate with the bank's football players after beating Bunge Sports Club 2-0 in the final of this year's NMB-Bunge Bonanza, termed 'Kivumbi na Jasho', that took place in Dodoma last weekend. The bank organized the bonanza which involved various games which took place at Kilimani ground and Chinangali Park. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa, is expected to be the chief guest of the race, which aims to collect 600m/- to support the treatment of women suffering from fistula now at CCBRT Hospital.

"In the next few days we will be hosting the NMB Marathon, that's why we are using this bonanza to

practice while asking the Speaker and all Members of Parliament to come and register to participate in the race, which aims to collect money to treat women suffering from fistula now at the CCBRT Hospital," Ruth said.

Despite NMB Bank's side emerging victorious in soccer,

the institution held sway in the men's chicken chase game, while Bunge SC's sides dominated other competitions.

In the men's basketball clash, Bunge SC beat NMB Bank's squad 44-40, while the former's women's hoops side had a walkover as the latter's side did not turn up for the

clash.

Other sports events that had Bunge SC emerging victorious include tug-of-war (men and women), netball (in which Bunge SC beat NMB Bank's side 29-4), women's volleyball tie, and women's chicken chase game.

TCA lauds national U-19 women's squad heroics in 2022 ICC U-19 T20 WC Africa Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Cricket Association (TCA) has congratulated the national U-19 women's squad for showcasing good performance in this year's ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers which took place in Botswana.

The regional qualifiers that took place from September 3-12 had Tanzania's national U-19 women's cricket squad losing to Rwanda by six wickets in deciding match, and the latter as a result secured qualification for the next year's ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup.

Nine nations, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Namibia, Malawi, Rwanda, Nigeria, Mozambique, Tanzania, and hosts Botswana, battled it out in the ICC Africa U-19 Women's World Cup qualifiers.

Rwanda U-19 women's cricket team triumphed in the qualifying competition to book a place in the 2023 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup scheduled to take place in South Africa.

Tanzania's cricket squad was well received by a section of the local

cricket fraternity that was present at the Muhimbili Academy upon the side's arrival.

Premji Pindoria, TCA Chairman, and the body's vice-chairman, Shaheed Dhanani, expressed delight in the efforts put by the squad.

The officials, TCA information officer Atif Salim noted, heaped praises on the players, coaches, and team manager for their exemplary effort and for making the country proud with their overall performance.

Salim revealed the association's officials were adamant that it was so close yet so far, but the outcome hardly changes the attitude of the national U-19 women's cricket squad.

Players making the national U-19 women's cricket team which battled it out in the ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers are Svaum Aziz, Rahma Yahya, Farida Amiry, Josephine Ulrik, Agnes Joseph, Adolphina Jeremiah, and Sheila Shamte.

Sonia Chachala, Martha Kalist, Saidath Simba, Mwanamvua Hamisi, Sharifa Idd, Saumu Deo, and skipper Jennifer Gabriel also make the list.



Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA)'s Chairman, Premji Pindoria (seated 3rd L), and the body's other officials are pictured with the national U-19 women's cricket squad after the latter returned to the country last weekend, having played in the 2022 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers in Botswana from September 3-12. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Tanzania's national U-19 side grabbed a win in five ties to secure progression to ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers' final clash.

This year's ICC U19 Women's T20

World Cup Africa Qualifiers' competitors were placed in groups A and B, with squads taking first and second place in the groups making it to the semi-finals.

Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria,

Rwanda, and Tanzania were making Group A, whereas the show-down's Group B was made up of Sierra Leone, Uganda, Namibia, and host Botswana.

The 2023 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup will be the first edition of the ICC Women's U-19 Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted by South Africa in 2023.

In April 2021, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that the tournament had been moved from its original slot at the end of 2021 to January 2023 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally, the tournament was scheduled to take place in January 2021, before being moved back to December 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In November 2020, the ICC looked at the possibility of deferring the tournament from its scheduled slot of January 2021 to later in the year.

In January 2021, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) confirmed that they would host the tournament in December 2021, however, the tournament was postponed for a second

time and was moved to January 2023.

In January 2022, Geoff Allardice, the CEO of the ICC said that the tournament was 'very much on the cards', and that the ICC was starting the process for hosts.

In June 2022, the ICC confirmed the qualification process for the tournament.

Hosts South Africa, along with Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, West Indies, and Zimbabwe all qualified automatically for the tournament.

The United States also qualified automatically, as they were the only eligible team to compete from the Americas regional group.

The United Arab Emirates was the first team to qualify from the regional groups after they won the Asia Qualifier.

Indonesia won their three-match series against Papua New Guinea to win the East Asia-Pacific group to qualify.

It was the first time that Indonesia had qualified for an ICC World Cup tournament at any level.

Rodgers accepts pressure growing after 6-2 loss

LONDON

UNDER-PRESSURE Leicester City manager Brendan Rodgers said he would respect any decision made about his future by the club's owners after his side's season hit a new low with a 6-2 defeat at Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Saturday.

Leicester had opened the scoring through Yuri Tiemans penalty and were still very much in the game as they trailed 3-2 with a little under 20 minutes left on the clock.

But a stunning, quick-fire hat-trick by Son Heung-Min off the bench left Leicester reeling after their sixth successive league defeat.

They are currently bottom of the table with one point from their opening seven games, and they have already conceded 22 goals.

As the Premier League takes a two-week break for the international window, Rodgers is the favourite to become the next manager to be shown the door.

Asked if he was feeling the pressure, Rodgers, who took over in February 2019 and guided Leicester to consecutive fifth-placed finishes before, told Sky Sports: "It increases the pressure on me very much so. I come in every day and do my work. I totally understand the frustration of supporters. I can't hide from that. It's my responsibility.

"Whatever happens I'll have a huge amount of respect for them [the owners] because they've given me great support. I understand the game. The scoreline didn't reflect the game but the bottom line is it's a heavy defeat.

"Whatever happens to me at Leicester whether I stay and fight on, I'll always respect them."

Rodgers had raised eyebrows when he appeared to criticise the owners over Leicester's lack of strengthening in the summer transfer window.

The result at Tottenham was harsh on Leicester, who were matching their high-flying hosts for long periods with James Maddison's goal sending them in level on 2-2 at half-time.

They almost made it 3-3 as well when Patson Daka had a header brilliantly saved by Hugo Lloris.

"For 73 minutes it was a good game and we were arguably the better side with the chances we created. We got punished for mistakes," Rodgers said.

"I asked the players to play with courage and be brave, and they were that. We conceded early in the second half for 3-2 and Hugo Lloris makes a great save for 3-3.

"Then we lose the ball and they break away. At 4-2 it becomes open and that's about managing the game and the scoreline. The scoreline looks worse than the game was.

"I feel for the players. They didn't deserve that."

Despite his perilous position, Rodgers sounded a defiant note, saying he was still confident he could turn it around.

"It's a challenge I will relish," Rodgers said. "Now we can only look forward."

(Agencies)

Vinicius on dancing after goals: 'I am not going to stop'

BARCELONA, Spain

REAL Madrid forward Vinicius Júnior called out the haters of his goal celebrations as racist and insisted he will keep on dancing.

Spanish sports talk shows have been discussing the appropriateness of his celebrations, and a commentator on television said he should stop "doing the monkey."

Real Madrid criticized the comment on Friday, and Vinicius issued a video statement in Portuguese on Saturday in which the Brazilian eloquently explained that dancing forms part of his cultural expression, and cited other soccer players, both Black and white, who also have danced after scoring.

"I will repeat it for you, racist: I am not going to stop dancing," Vinicius said.

"I was victim of xenophobia and racism in a single declaration, but none of this began yesterday," Vinicius said over freeze frames of social media posts using racist language to insult him.

The controversy also comes in the buildup to Sunday's always hotly contested Spanish capital derby in which Real Madrid visits Atlético Madrid. This week, Atlético captain Koke Resurrección, when asked what would happen if Vinicius danced after scoring, responded "There will be trouble."

Koke appeared to make the comment in jest, but it has been widely commented on. Brazil star Neymar chimed in on social media by tweeting, "Dance Vini Jr."

In his video, Vinicius listed players, including Atlético's Antoine Griezmann, who is white, over images of them dancing to celebrate goals.

"For weeks my dancing has been criminalized, dances that are not mine, but rather of Ronaldinho, Neymar, Paquetá, Pogba, Matheus Cunha, Griezmann and João Félix," he said. "They are dances of Brazilian artists, of Latino singers and reggaeton artists, and Black Americans. They are dances to celebrate the cultural diversity of the world. Accept them. Respect them. I won't stop."

The 22-year-old Vinicius emerged as one of the Spanish league's best players last year, becoming a perfect attack partner for Karim Benzema. He helped Madrid win the Spanish league and the European Cup, including scoring the goal to beat Liverpool 1-0 in the Champions League final.

He has scored five times already this season. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said he was sure his player was focused on playing, despite the noise.

AP

Álvarez beats Golovkin by unanimous decision to end trilogy

LAS VEGAS

AFTER 36 rounds together in the ring over the past five years, Canelo Álvarez finally put a convincing finish on his remarkable trilogy with Gennady Golovkin.

The Mexican superstar decisively won his third ring meeting with Gennady Golovkin on Saturday night, earning a unanimous-decision victory and clear superiority in their rivalry.

Four years after the fighters' most recent meeting ended in a narrow, disputed victory for Álvarez (58-2-2, 39 KOs), the four-division world champion left little doubt about this verdict – even though he won by just 115-113 on two judges' scorecards, with the third seeing it 116-112.

"He's a strong fighter," Álvarez said to the raucous cheers of his supportive Vegas crowd. "For me, I'm just glad to share the ring with him. He's a really good fighter. I'm glad to be involved in that kind of fight."

Even with an injured left hand that he says will require surgery, the 32-year-old Álvarez delivered a comprehensive pummeling of the now-40-year-old Golovkin (42-2-1) in the first eight rounds, repeatedly testing Triple G's famed chin with combinations and overhand rights. Golovkin rallied late, but ran out of time.

Golovkin started far too slowly with no clear strat-



Canelo Álvarez, right, fights Gennady Golovkin in a super middleweight title boxing match, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo)

egy to take the initiative away from Álvarez. Fighting at 168 pounds for the first time in his career, the Kazakh middleweight star still had moments of his dynamic best in the later rounds against a wearier Canelo, but they weren't enough to turn the bout against a younger opponent more comfortable at super middleweight, where he reigns as the undisputed champion.

"Everybody knows this is high level, the best fight for boxing," Golovkin said. "Look at his face. Look at my face. It's high level, because we trained well, and this is shows that we did a very good fight, very good quality."

The bitter rivals embraced and spoke warmly to each other after the final bell, perhaps signaling a thaw in their frosty rela-

tionship.

Judges Steve Weisfeld and David Sutherland both scored the no-action first round and four of the final five rounds for Golovkin, leading to those 115-113 scores in a bout that Álvarez largely dominated for long stretches. The Associated Press also favored Canelo, 117-111.

Golovkin landed only 23% of his 521 punches, and he only threw 10 punches to Canelo's body, according to CompuBox. Álvarez wasn't much more accurate, landing only 26% of his shots, but the Mexican star landed 85 power punches to Golovkin's 46 and controlled the ring for long stretches.

With a clear victory to wrap up one of the liveliest rivalries in recent boxing history, Álvarez rebounded splendidly from only the

second loss of his career, a fairly one-sided light heavyweight defeat delivered by Dmitry Bivol last May.

"Thank you so much for your support," Álvarez said to the crowd. "I've gone through very difficult things in my life. Only thing you can do is continue to move forward. I've gone through difficult times with my defeat, but defeats can show how you can be great, how you can come back and show humility."

Golovkin again said he won't retire after this bout, but the longtime middleweight champion took only his second loss – and the first that was decisive. All three blemishes on his career record are the results of his trilogy with Álvarez.

"I have a great plan," Golovkin said of his future. "I have a lot of appointments.

Congrats today, Canelo. Congrats, fans. Remember, I'm still champion at 160. I come back, guys. I'm still champion."

After their first two fights resulted in a draw and a narrow majority-decision victory for Álvarez, the fighters finally met again four years later, again fighting just off the Las Vegas Strip at T-Mobile Arena, the site of all three meetings in the trilogy.

The 32-year-old Álvarez was a 5-to-1 favorite shortly before the opening bell, and he fought like it. Throwing far more punches and taking the initiative away from Golovkin, Canelo largely dominated the first half of the fight while a welt rose on Golovkin's right temple.

Golovkin had no discernible game plan against Canelo's bullying in the first eight rounds, instead absorbing Álvarez's blows and not launching enough of his own. Golovkin finally upped his work rate and made progress against a wearier Canelo in the late rounds, but it wasn't enough.

Álvarez was cut over his right eye in the later rounds, but the damage and Golovkin's increased activity didn't appear to wobble him at all, even while his offensive effectiveness dipped.

The bout was the long-delayed final chapter in one of the most intriguing trilogies of this era. Álvarez and Golovkin first fought in 2017 and again in 2018, but those 24 rounds did

nothing to determine superiority among two evenly matched fighters with nearly unmatched combinations of skill and punching power.

They fought to a split draw in their first meeting, but nearly everybody without an official scorecard thought Golovkin deserved the victory. Their second meeting was closer, and while Álvarez won by razor-thin majority decision, Golovkin again vehemently disagreed with the judges in his only career defeat.

Golovkin had fought only four times in the four years since that bout, and this third bout likely was delayed by his vocal criticism of Álvarez for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance before the second fight. Álvarez said the rivalry was now personal after years of bad blood and mutual criticism, while Golovkin insisted Álvarez was just another opponent.

That's clearly not true: This matchup was special, and it may turn out to be the greatest rivalry of both fighters' careers.

In the show's penultimate bout, Jesse "Bam" Rodriguez remained unbeaten and retained his WBC super flyweight title with a difficult unanimous-decision victory over Israel Gonzalez. The 22-year-old Rodriguez (17-0, 11 KOs) is a rising star, and he overcame a point deduction for a low blow to win a tactical matchup with an unorthodox opponent.

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As Roger Federer retires, an appreciation of his career

By HOWARD FENDRICH

ROGER Federer never let 'em see him sweat.

He played tennis with a style that only rarely betrayed the effort behind the masterful serving, the rare-in-sits-day attacking and the flawless footwork. He was not one to grunt loudly on shots or celebrate wildly after them.

The way he wielded a racket helped him to win, yes, and win a lot, to the tune of 20 Grand Slam championships – a half-dozen more than any man before him – across a 15-year stretch, and 103 tournament titles in all, plus a Davis Cup trophy and Olympic medals for Switzerland, and spend week after week at No. 1 in the rankings. It also helped him manage to avoid serious injuries for so long and achieve the consistent excellence over decades he prized.

"Every time people write me off, or try to write me off, I'm able to bounce back," Federer once said in an interview with The Associated Press. On Thursday, at a little more than a month past his 41st birthday and after a series of knee operations, he announced that there would be no more comebacks.

It is a loss for tennis, to be sure, and a loss for the sports world. The news arrives less than two weeks after Serena Williams, who owns 23 Grand Slam singles titles, played what she indicated would be the last match of her own illustrious career shortly before she turns 41.

"Some depart, others come and the world keeps going," one of Federer's great rivals, Rafael Nadal, said recently. "It's a natural



Roger Federer

cycle." OK, the world will keep going. But tennis will not be the same.

Not without Williams, who was feted at the just-concluded U.S. Open. And not without Federer, whose last tournament came last year at Wimbledon, and whose final appearance on court will be next week in London at the Laver Cup, a team event his management group founded.

Tennis will miss Federer, the player. And Federer, the statesman and ambassador who spoke several languages. And Federer, the instantly recognizable global pitchman who brought his sport to places all over the world that didn't even have tournaments through exhibitions to raise money for his charitable foundation.

Once a tantrum-throwing kid – on the court and off, where he would overturn a chess table when losing to his father – who grew up admiring basketball stars such as Michael Jordan and soccer players more than tennis players, Federer became a symbol of his sport and someone known as much for the way he carried himself as the hardware he accumulated.

"He was the epitome of a champion; class, grace, humility, beloved by

everyone," Hall of Famer Chris Evert wrote on Twitter.

He became friends with Vogue editor Anna Wintour and showed up at the Met Gala. He had a special jacket with a gold "15" on it to don right there on Centre Court after winning Wimbledon in 2009 to break Pete Sampras' men's mark of 14 career major trophies. He kept playing, and winning, well past an age that is customary for that sort of thing in tennis, to the point that his two sets of twins – now ages 13 and 8 – eventually were able to be present in court-side guest boxes. He returned after left knee surgery in 2016, the first significant absence of his

career, and used a larger racket head and a rebuilt backhand to collect his last three Slams.

"There won't be anybody like him," said Tony Godsick, Federer's agent since 2005. "There will be people who will win more tournaments or will have more Grand Slams. There will always be a new No. 1. There will always be someone holding a trophy up. But no one has had such a big impact and will continue to have such a big impact."

When it came to defining success, Federer cared about longevity as much as anything. He was proud of facing – and defeating – stars from an earlier generation (Sampras and Andre Agassi), from his own generation (Andy Roddick, Lleyton Hewitt, Marat Safin), from the next generation (Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Stan Wawrinka) and from the current crop (Daniil Medvedev, Stefanos Tsitsipas).

He chased the first group, dominated the second, dueled with the third – Nadal, with 22,

and Djokovic with 21, eventually surpassed Federer's Grand Slam total – and set an example for the fourth.

Aside from those major trophies won from 2003 to 2018, Federer put together unprecedented stretches of elite play, appearing in 10 consecutive Grand Slam finals (and 18 of 19), along with 23 semifinals and 36 quarterfinals in a row.

His contests against Nadal, now 36, and Djokovic, 35, were happenings, tantalizing matchups against a backdrop of differing ways of play and contrasting personalities.

"I was lucky enough to play so many epic matches that I will never forget," Federer wrote in the section of his goodbye post addressed to his competitors. "We battled fairly, with passion and intensity, and I always tried my best to respect the history of the game. I feel extremely grateful. We pushed each other, and together we took tennis to new levels."

Predicted to be a star from the time he won the

Wimbledon junior title as a teenager – a sentiment that only built when he stunned Sampras in the fourth round there in 2001 – it took Federer a little time to get pointed in the right direction: He did not win a quarterfinal match in his first 16 Grand Slam appearances.

There were six first-round exits in that span, including at the 2003 French Open. So then came this concern: Might Federer not quite be as good as he, and others, thought?

It all came together at Wimbledon that year, where Federer claimed his first Grand Slam title at the tournament that always meant the most to him. And off he went.

"There was pressure from all sides; also from myself. I wanted to do better in Slams," Federer said that day. "I've always believed, but then in the end, when it happens, you don't think that it is possible. It's an absolute dream for me. I was always joking around when I was a boy: 'I'm going to win this.'"

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Kipanga FC to face Tunisian giants in CAF CC second preliminary round

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ZANZIBAR Premier League (ZPL)'s club, Kipanga FC, has successfully qualified for the second preliminary round of this season's CAF Confederation Cup and will now play against Club Africain of Tunisia.

The two teams are expected to meet in the first leg game at Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar on October 7 before facing each other in the reverse fixture at the Rades Olympic Stadium in Tunis on October 14.

Kipanga FC, the 2000/01 ZPL champion, has managed to sail through to the second round of the CAF Confederation Cup after defeating Al Hilal Wau of South Sudan 4-3 on penalties following a 2-2 draw at home and away.

In the first match, the two teams were locked to a 1-1 draw at the Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week and, last weekend, they also got similar results at the Amaan Stadium in Zanzibar before the game was decided by spot kicks.

As a result, Kipanga FC returned to the CAF club competitions' second tier for the first time since it last participated in 2005, joining Mainland Tanzanian envoys, Azam FC, which will start in the round with a clash against Al Akhdar of Libya, who defeated Ahli Khartoum of Sudan in the first preliminary round.

This is the second time for a Zanzibar club to qualify for the first round since 2019 when Malindi defeated Mogadishu City of Somalia.

Club Africain, leaders of Tunisia's top flight's group A, own several sports teams playing football, handball, basketball, swimming, and volleyball.

The football team was the first Tunisian club to win an international trophy, clinching Maghreb Cup Winners Cup in 1971.

Twenty years later, Club Africain became the first Tunisian club to win the African Champions League in 1991.

Last season the Tunisian outfits did not participate in any of CAF inter-club showdowns' group stage matches.

Yanga still has a lot of work to do, says Nabi



Tanzania's Yanga striker Fiston Mayele (R) dribbles past South Sudan's Zalan FC defenders when the sides faced off in 2022/23 CAF Champions League's first preliminary round's second leg in Dar es Salaam last Saturday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Yanga head coach Nasreddine Nabi has admitted his club still has a lot of work to do to compete against experienced teams in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League despite winning on an aggregate score of 9-0 against Zalan FC of South Sudan in the first preliminary round.

Victory against the aggregate winners of the round's duel

between Sudan's Al Hilal and Ethiopia's St. George would see them qualify for the CAF Champions League's group stage for the first time in 24 years.

Coach Nabi said his side has plenty of work to do to avoid finding themselves in difficult situations against experienced teams in the premier continental inter-club competition campaign.

The gaffer noted: "I con-

gratulate my players for the qualification though, in truth, I think we have a lot of things to work on because I am not very happy with the performance of the team, especially in the first half."

"It's not normal to miss so many chances because in the coming games in this African competition, against more experienced teams, you won't have many chances," the tactician revealed.

"You are going to have two or three and if you fail to score, you are going to have a lot of difficulties."

Nabi noted: "We haven't had a lot of time, I have a lot of work, especially the plan for my team to be more competitive in the future, we have a lot of tactical points to work on, and I would like us to be a little bit better in finishing."

Nabi also had to field questions on the early struggles of

attacking midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki.

The Burkina Faso international was signed by Yanga after turning out for ASEC Mimosas, after his impressive displays in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup but has only shown glimpses of brilliance so far.

Against Zalan FC, Aziz was guilty of missing easy chances in the first half but was able to register his second goal for Yanga. He has now been directly involved in four goals in seven matches.

The gaffer revealed: "I have compassion for my player Aziz who is not yet at his normal levels, there are problems of adaptation of understanding between him and his fellow players, I know his level."

Nabi pointed out: "This is not the time to be very demanding of him, he is a very good player who needs time to adapt and understand his playing partners."

The reigning NBC Premier League champions will get back to the pitch on September 29 against newly promoted Ifeju SC as they continue competing on the domestic and international fronts.

Tanzania's cricketers clobber Cameroon in 2022 ACA Africa T20 opener

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S national cricket side has opened its campaign in this year's African Cricket Association (ACA) T20 Cup impressively, notching two wins in Gauteng, South Africa last weekend.

In the opening clash, the national cricket team cruised to a comprehensive 10-wicket drubbing of Cameroon and thereafter garnered a four-wicket win over one of the showpiece's favourites, Kenya.

The Group B encounter had Cameroon choosing to start batting once they had won the toss and scored paltry 77 runs whilst losing all wickets in 18.2 overs.

Opening batsman Bruno Toube, Roland Amah, and Alain Toube were the performers with notable contributions during the side's innings, with the other batsmen facing early exits.

Amah was the batsman with the most runs ending with 18 runs, Toube scored 17 runs, and Alain Toube posted 11 runs.

Experienced spinner Nassoro had no mercy for Cameroon having notched a four-wicket haul, giving away 18 runs, and was ably assisted by Chohan and Maurice that notched two wickets apiece.

In response, the national cricket side had no trouble reaching the target, given the openers Ismail and captain Patwa had a solid partnership and won the encounter in 7.5 overs.

Youthful Ismail scored 33 runs not out, and captain Patwa was the batsman with the most runs, ending with 42 runs not out.

In the following clash, Kenya had the opportunity to start batting, posting 155/3 in 20 overs, and in response, Tanzania confidently reached the target after registering 159/6 in 19 overs.

Tanzania got a late invitation to battle it out in the 2022 African Cricket Association (ACA) T20 Cup with the other seven nations, being currently hosted in South Africa.

The national team had been prac-

ticing regularly under Kenyan head coach, Jimmy Kamande.

The invitation is an opportunity in disguise for national cricket players who have been itching to play international matches.

The national cricket squad is made up of Jitin Singh, Ally Mpeka, Harsheed Chohan, Mohamed Yunus, Johnson Nyambo, Yalinde Maurice, and Akhil Anil.

Mohamed Omary, Salum Jumbe, Ivan Ismail, Amal Rajeevan, Kassim Nassoro, Riziki Kiseti, and skipper Abhik Patwa complete the national team's list.

The 2022 ACA Africa T20 Cup is a cricket tournament be-

ing played in Benoni, Gauteng, South Africa.

The tournament was originally scheduled to be held in September 2019 but was moved to March 2020, with the original host city being Nairobi, Kenya.

On March 9, 2020, the tournament was postponed again due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in line with the Kenyan government's 30-day ban on international gatherings.

The tournament was initially rescheduled to be played in 2020 and then moved to 2021.

The tournament was earlier to be contested by the top two teams from each of three regional qualification events, plus South Africa and Zimbabwe as

automatic qualifiers.

It was later decided to make the tournament open only to associate members of the International Cricket Council, and so two additional teams from the qualifiers would be entered into the finals in place of the two full members.

Ghana and Nigeria qualified from the North-Western region in April 2018, with Cameroon later granted an additional place in the finals.

Botswana, Malawi, and Mozambique progressed from the Southern region in November 2018.

The Eastern qualifier was due to be played in Nairobi in July 2018 but did not take place, Ke-

nya and Uganda were automatically advanced to the finals.

Shortly before the finals in September 2022, Nigeria was replaced by Tanzania in the tournament.

All matches played in the tournament finals are having full T20I status as the ICC granted T20I status to matches between all of its members from 1 January 2019.

The eight qualified teams have been split into two groups, with the top two teams from each group advancing to the semi-finals. The finals are taking place at Willowmoore Park in Benoni, Gauteng, South Africa.



Dar es Salaam's Kivukoni Ward Councilor, Sharik Choughule (front row, 2nd L), presents sports equipment to the ward's Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Youth Wing (UVCCM)'s football team's skipper Ali Songoro in the city last weekend. Looking on are the ward's other officials and the outfit's players. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Flexibles by David Chikoko

