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Govt introduces COSTECH-based Samia Scholarship scheme for girls studying sciences

By Guardian Reporter

STUDENTS who perform highly in science subjects will benefit from a scholarship programme for which 3bn/- has been allocated for the scheme, named 'Samia Scholarship' to encourage students to venture into science. Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister made this announcement in a press conference at the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) yesterday in Dar es Salaam, enumerating the ministry's direction, priorities and strategic areas of work for the current financial year. Awards for the 'Samia Scholarship' will be based on excellent performance in science studies and readiness to continue studying science, engineering and medical studies, he said.

The scholarship was named after President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her encouragement of students at high school to strive and perform well in science subjects, he stated.

"The scholarship is an incentive to encourage students to venture into science subjects," he said, noting that this would eventually boost the number of those training to be experts in those fields.

The minister discounted considerations of gender or socioeconomic background of the potential beneficiary, as anyone whose pass marks are high will be eligible for consideration.

To start with, beneficiaries of the programme will be placed

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting an award to Contractors' Registration Board chairperson Consolata Ngimbwa (R) for emerging the Best Female Contracting Engineer of the Year. This was at the Seventh Women Engineers Symposium. Second right is the Zanzibar government's Chief Secretary, Zena Ahmed Said. Photo: PMO

'Govt values women engineers'

By Guardian Reporter

CONTRIBUTIONS of women engineers in the country's economic growth are recognized by the government, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said yesterday.

Addressing participants at the 7th Tanzania Women Engineers Convention and Exhibition (TAWCE) under the theme 'employability, leadership, and innovation,' he said the government is aware of the con-



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tribution of women engineers.

It is determined to further promote the work of women engineers and create more women

leaders in the industry, he said, citing President Samia Suluhu Hassan as an influential leader while not from the engineering field.

He said that through the president's leadership Tanzania is more open to the world while a bigger number of women take up leadership positions. Women engineers need to be diligent for their own development and that of the country, he stated.

The government was allocating funds for promotion of science subjects and encouraging more girls to

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Minister says no new cases reported since mid-July

By Getrude Mbagu

MUGUNDA fever, which erupted in Lindi Region a fortnight ago, has been contained and the area is now safe, the government announced yesterday.

Health minister Umyy Mwalimu told a press conference in Dar es Salaam that since the disease erupted in mid-July, 20 people were confirmed to have symptoms. Three of them died, but since then no new cases have been reported.

On its eruption, the disease scientists know as 'leptospirosis' brought fear in the region and other areas but the minister was reassuring residents in the region and all over Tanzania that the outbreak had been contained.

All patients had been discharged from the hospital and are doing fine, she said, noting that the disease is curable with medicines available in most health centres countrywide.

Mgunda-fever was contained due to availability of medicines, she said, underlining that government experts were pursuing investigations on people, livestock and the surroundings to find out in greater detail how the disease broke out, to come up with robust strategies to prevent a repeat.

People need to take appropriate measures to shield themselves by avoiding touching water or anything that is conceivably contaminated with animal urine. Residents must drink clean and safe water that has been boiled or treated, she emphasized.

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The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo (C) briefs the Saharawi Republic's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mahayub Buyema Mahafud (R), during the latter's familiarisation tour of The Guardian Ltd offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on is media consultant Mboneko Mnyaga, who accompanied the envoy. More photos on Page 4. Photo: John Badi

EABC: Tanzanian firms more optimistic on business climate

By Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter Businesses in Tanzania stood out with an optimistic view of the outlook across all dimensions in a recent survey by the East Africa Business Council (EABC). John Bosco Kalisa, the EABC executive director, said in a media statement yesterday that business in the East African Community (EAC) zone is projected

to increase by 11 per cent in the 2022/2023 financial year. This projection stems from findings of the barometer on business and investment outlook, conducted with support from GIZ, a German governmental development agency, and launched at an online seminar on facilitation of cross border investments. The launch occasion and theme were organized by EAC

and Africa Reform for Investment and Sustainable Economies (ARISE) project supported by the European Union (EU). On the basis of the findings, EAC partner states need to adopt tax harmonization policies regimes across borders to best accelerate growth in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The study argued for elimination of trade

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barriers such as tariffs and quotas on cross-border trade, effective implementation of free movement of persons as per EAC Common Market protocol, along with harmonization of policies especially trade regimes. It similarly voiced encouragement of business formalization, a review of regulations or restrictions based on pandemic context, enabling countries to regulate, reinforce and promote investment in all sectors. This is essential for post-pandemic recovery and resilience in the region, he said, highlighting that integration of informal trade into formal channels related to trade agreements in goods and services would produce best results. Indicators of the survey showed that businesses in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda experienced lower cost of doing business while those in South Sudan and Tanzania felt that costs increased during the pandemic and recovery relative to the period just before the pandemic. Explaining the tool applied, it said the EABC business barometer captures the sentiment of business stakeholders about how they see the business environment within the bloc during 2022 and 2023. Current rates of investment, operation and performance of businesses in the zone show signs of recovery.

Most businesses in Rwanda, South Sudan and Tanzania were optimistic on improvements in the business climate and performance whereas governments are expected to put in place interventions for business expansion and recovery from losses suffered during the pandemic, the director noted.

Movement restrictions during Covid-19 had the most negative effect, slotted at 58.2 per cent of respondents followed by border closures which elicited the interest of 54.4 per cent of respondents. By contrast, banning of in-person meetings was cited by 44.5 per cent of those interviewed, inter-country movement restrictions by 43 per cent and banning of public gatherings cited by 36.5 per cent of respondents.

Listed effects of the COVID-19 pandemic include lack of customers, finances, reduced sales volume and high financial losses, it stated, noting that traders then opted for new ways to reach customers—online or remotely as well as new delivery ways of products and services. Some of them changed operational schedules or temporary closure of business, the statement added.

Leptospirosis now eradicated

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Expert advice is vital to prevent any new eruption of the disease, with using clean and treated water and being vigilant as the crucial requirements, the minister noted.

Monitoring teams will be at work to inspect public health systems, she said, urging people not to ignore initial public rumors of diseases so that immediate action is taken.

People are affected by contact with water as the bacteria can enter the human body through broken skin or eye mucus, mouth or nose, experts had explained, noting that direct infections from one person to another is minimal. Investigations on those affected shows that no one was affected though human contact, the minister had explained. Mguni fever is one among diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. It is caused by 'Leptospira interrogans' bacteria, which can be accentuated by environmental pollution, when water points are contaminated by urine of infected animals.

The disease is largely prevalent in hot weather, with rats, wild dogs, wildebeest and other carriers becoming vectors of the bacteria via water points, scientists had explained.



The Ambassador of the Netherlands to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, cuts ribbon in Arusha city yesterday to launch a project involving the making of charcoal from human excreta sludge. He is with acting Arusha regional administrative secretary Adam Mtopwa (to his right) and the Arusha Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Authority managing director Jastine Rujomba. Photo: Correspondent Allan Isack

'Govt values women engineers'

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take up science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

Support is extended to women engineers through capacity building to learn skills to set up companies capable of competing in construction tenders, he said.

"You must work closely with the Ministry of Works and Transport to

ensure a good number of women are involved in construction projects. We recognize the importance of engineers in economic growth," he told the gathering.

March 2022 data indicates that there are 30,921 registered engineers in the country, among them 3,982 are women (slightly over 12 per cent), he said, figuring out that the number is small. That's why the government is working on setting up a girls' science secondary school

in each region, he remarked.

Works and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya called upon women engineers to ensure diligence and timely completion of projects.

"You should make sure all your works are in accordance with set professional regulations," he emphasized, noting that this will ensure value for money in all the projects they implement.

Zena Said, the Zanzibar chief

secretary, commended the current leadership for trusting women in various top government positions.

Rizwan Qadri, president of the Institute of Tanzania Engineers Women Chapter (IETWC) said the institute, established in 1975, now has more than 4,000 members. It focuses on promoting the engineering profession, and has opened branches in 16 regions.

The conference brought together women engineers from Tanzania,

Zambia, Uganda and Kenya to discuss challenges and ways of tackling them in mentoring women on how to grab opportunities in the engineering field.

Women engineers saw the conference as forum to see how to motivating young women to take opportunities in the field. That would enhance their own development and that of the country, one participant observed.



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday briefing editors from various media houses on the ministry's direction, priorities and strategies for financial year 2022/2023. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt comes up with COSTECH-based Samia Scholarship scheme for girls studying science

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within the country's universities, he said, with total amounts allocated gradually increasing, in line with budgetary provisions and beneficiaries' requirements.

The scholarship procedure is intended to be permanent and is likely to be expanded to create more opportunities to students, he said, elaborating that a window will be set up for students with special needs.

The idea is that they should benefit from the funding, as it will be given regardless of the student's family background as long as he or she has passed science and is aware that he is studying at

the expense of Tanzanians.

Such a beneficiary would show effort to come and serve the people after finishing studies, he said, remarking that the scholarship scheme is tied to the fact that in the current world, science and technology are gaining momentum.

Every country wants to invest a lot in science, the minister underlined, laying accent to the government's intent to focus on science and technology owing to unquestioned benefits to the society and for national development.

The government is working on how to improve education by reviewing policies and curriculum so that students get skills that enable them to initiate income generating activities later.

A team has been formed to assess higher education loans application and allocation as some eligible applicants were denied while non-eligible ones received loans, the minister had earlier announced.

The team will analyze loan allocation and disbursement for the last five years, with Prof Allen Mushi, the deputy vice chancellor for administration at Mzumbe University chairing it. The team will submit recommendations to the ministry for further action.

The minister expects the team to give advice on the best way to issue loans and address challenges emerging in recent years such as giving loans to non-eligible students.

By 2025 Pemba's economy will be at par with Unguja - Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Hussein Ali Mwinyi has spelt out his government intention that come 2025, the economy of Pemba will be strengthened to the level of that of Unguja.

President Mwinyi made the remarks as he was winding his visit to Pemba North Region at Micheweni Council Hall on Monday.

He said the government has pledged to make Pemba a special investment zone for investors, adding that the response was good and many investors have emerged to invest in the island.

He said the government plans to build a new airport in Pemba, Wete-Chakechake highway and Chakechake-Mkoani road including feeder roads.

President Mwinyi expressed his pleasure with the good preparations for his visit to inspect various development projects funded by Covid-19 funds in Pemba as well as making sure 2020 CCM Election manifesto is implemented.

He also praised the prevailing peace in Pemba saying the government of national unity (GNU) formed has contributed to the situation.

He also called on both Wete Town Council and Micheweni District Council to mobilise themselves in revenue collection and good financial expenditure so that more funds are directed to development projects for the people's economic growth.

In regard to the health sector, he said he was pleased with the construction of Wete and Micheweni District Hospitals and stressed that it would be better for officials to make sure medical equipment are procured in time for installation for the people to start receiving health services as well as for providing employment to health workers.

In regard to the education sector, President Mwinyi said he was pleased with the schools building projects adding that the construction pace, if maintained will bring big achievements.

He also used the occasion to shower praise on the Anti-Smuggling Unit (KMKM) saying all government security units both in Unguja and Pemba were doing a good job.

Kinana pleads for construction of four-lane Dar-Tunduma highway

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ABDULRAHMAN Kinana, the CCM vice-chairman (Mainland), has advised the government to consider the possibility of constructing a four-lane road from Dar es Salaam to Tunduma in Mbeya region to address truck congestion and reduce accidents.

Kinana (pictured) made the call yesterday here during his tour to inspect various development projects in the region.

The party's leader experienced congested cargo trucks on the road, something which is named to affect trade and other development activities.

"Every time I travel from Tunduma to



Mbeya and the situation shows need of a four-lane road, we should not construct the road by pieces, this will not address the challenges, but the road needs to be constructed at four-lane," he said.

He said the road is important as it depended on transporting various goods from Dar es Salaam port and other major markets, so expanding it was a matter of paramount importance.

"By expanding the road to four-lane will not only facilitate transport services but also stimulate economic activities in the regions Dar es Salaam, Pwani, Morogoro, Iringa, Mbeya and Songwe as well as in neighboring countries. With the economy growing, we will be able to largely reduce poverty among people," he added.

In addition, he said the Tanzania-Zambia Railway was the best way to transport cargo and passengers and thus also needing major improvements so as to strengthen services and increase income.

"The Chinese government is ready to implement this and ensure that the railway is improved, we also appreciate that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is also ready to supervise the renovations," he explained.

He noted; "In the implementation of the plan, new train wagons will be purchased, we will have modern and speedy trains thus transporting passengers and cargo on time, stimulating trade and business."

He said President Samia's efforts to seek funds in various ways were aimed to address various challenges facing people and the nation.



Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority director general Adam Fimbo (C) updates journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on the authority's activities for the last one year. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Power transforms lives of smallholder farmers

By Guardian Reporter, Rungwe

AVOCADO farmers in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region have started benefiting from the presence of agro-processing investment in the area that facilitated by the presence of reliable electricity by Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (Tanesco).

Energy minister January Makamba said this here on Thursday when speaking shortly after visiting the avocado oil processing plant operated by the Kuza Africa Limited.

Makamba said that the presence of electricity has reduced post-harvest losses incurred by farmers, who sell their avocados abroad.

"Avocados are grown for export, but before exporting, they are being inspected and half of them pass

the test and the rest now brought here. This is a relief for farmers as they were supposed to be discarded and farmers were to be the loser but now it's not the case," Makamba said.

"So if a farmer has cultivated 20 tonnes, she/he used to get money for 10 tonnes, now gets all the money for 20 tonnes because there is a processing plant here," he said,

lauding the investor for putting the factory in the area.

He said that the investor put a factory because of the power availability in the area and in turn the plant generates 30 jobs and more than 200 jobs.

He noted that the goal of bringing electricity to rural areas is to balance the development between urban and rural people and it's the

work of the government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The factory's investor, Rob Clowel, has thanked Minister Makamba and the power utility firm—Tanesco for connecting him to electricity, saying it has made production easier.

"We encourage farmers to continue producing avocados, we more of them to meet the market demand,"

he said.

Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr. Vicent Anney Mwanitona said earlier there was a problem with the transformer, but it was solved by Tanesco and ensured that enough electricity was available.

"This is an investor and hired local people and others bring their avocados here at the plant, so he needs more support."

(PUBLICATION OF UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)



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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022		
	(Amounts in million shillings)	
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-22
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	33,209	30,107
2. Balance with Bank of Tanzania	117,057	64,502
3. Investment in government securities	113,467	123,627
4. Balance with other banks and financial institutions	35,907	18,521
5. Cheques and items for clearing	-	-
6. Interbranch float items	-	-
7. Bills Negotiated	-	-
8. Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9. Interbank loans receivables	12,000	17,000
10. Investments in other securities	9,907	13,139
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts	406,025	400,957
12. Other Assets	46,732	49,630
13. Equity Investments	-	-
14. Underwriting accounts	-	-
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	10,548	11,598
16. Right of Use of Assets	7,172	5,588
17. TOTAL ASSETS	792,024	734,669
B. LIABILITIES		
18. Deposits from other banks and financial institution	9,015	17,095
19. Customer deposits	545,798	503,204
20. Cash letters of credit	-	-
21. Special deposits	13,578	14,945
22. Payment orders / transfers payable	-	-
23. Bankers' cheques and draft issued	87	82
24. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	3,163	1,553
25. Acceptances outstanding	-	-
26. Interbranch float items	-	-
27. Unearned income and other deferred charges	3,226	3,295
28. Other Liabilities	5,541	7,235
29. Lease liabilities	7,934	6,167
30. Borrowings	78,565	79,155
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES	666,905	632,731
32. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (17 minus 31)	125,119	101,938
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
33. Paid up share capital	148,538	125,218
34. Share Premium	400	400
35. Retained earnings	(34,015)	(34,015)
36. Profit / (Loss) account	5,872	3,173
37. Other reserves	4,325	7,163
38. Minority interest	-	-
39. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	125,119	101,938
38. Contingent liabilities	203,601	219,723
39. Non Performing Loans & Advances	120,401	125,846
40. Allowances for Probable Losses	104,410	101,876
41. Other Non Performing Assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders funds to total assets	15.8%	13.9%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	23.8%	25.1%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	89.7%	93.8%
(iv). Loans and Advances to total assets	51.3%	54.6%
(v). Earning assets to total assets	68.4%	75.5%
(vi). Deposit growth	6.6%	37.4%
(vii). Assets growth	7.8%	1.4%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2022				
	(Amounts in million shillings)			
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Comparative Quarter (previous year) 30-Jun-21	Current Year Cumulative 30-Jun-22	Comparative Year Cumulative (previous year) 30-Jun-21
1. Interest Income	17,258	15,981	35,753	28,985
2. Interest Expense	(7,848)	(6,088)	(15,278)	(11,818)
3. Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	9,410	9,892	20,475	17,167
4. Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5. Impairment losses on loans and advances	(4,000)	(3,600)	(6,900)	(4,600)
6. Non-Interest Income	11,106	6,840	19,570	12,656
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains / (loss)	3,149	2,041	6,134	4,265
6.2 Fees and commissions	3,963	3,338	7,718	5,968
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.3 Other operating income	3,994	1,461	5,718	2,423
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(12,328)	(10,128)	(24,658)	(20,362)
7.1 Salaries and benefits	(4,564)	(3,955)	(9,150)	(7,612)
7.2 Fees and commissions	(1,823)	(1,224)	(3,680)	(2,517)
7.3 Other operating expenses	(5,941)	(4,949)	(11,828)	(10,233)
8. Operating Income / (Loss)	4,188	3,005	8,487	4,862
9. Income tax provision	(1,490)	(1,454)	(2,616)	(2,011)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	2,698	1,551	5,872	2,851
11. Other comprehensive Income	(2,830)	(65)	2,598	(216)
12. Total Comprehensive Income/Loss for the year	(139)	1,486	8,470	2,634
13. Number of Employees	435	400	435	400
14. Basic Earnings per share	-	-	-	-
14. Number of branches	15	14	15	14
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on average total assets	2.3%	1.9%	2.4%	1.6%
(ii) Return on average shareholders' fund	9.3%	5.8%	10.8%	5.3%
(iii) Non interest expense to gross income	60.1%	60.5%	61.6%	68.2%
(iv) Net interest income to average earning assets	7.2%	6.2%	7.8%	6.7%

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements

Signed by:	Name	Signature	Date
Acting Managing Director	Isabela Maganga	Signed	26/07/2022
Head of Finance	George Radonde	Signed	26/07/2022
Head of Internal Audit	Douglas Bashobeza	Signed	26/07/2022

We, the undersigned non-executive members of the Board of directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the banking and Financial Institution Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Signed by:	Name	Signature	Date
Chairman	Eng. Raymond Mbilinyi	Signed	26/07/2022
Director	Prof. Ahmed Ame	Signed	26/07/2022

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2022				
	(Amounts in million shillings)			
	Current Quarter 30-Jun-22	Previous Quarter 31-Mar-22	Current Year Cumulative 30-Jun-22	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30-Jun-21
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net Income (Income)	4,188	4,299	8,487	4,862
Adjustment for:	-	-	-	-
- Impairment / amortization	5,703	4,710	10,413	8,637
- Net Change in Loans and Advances	(9,068)	(9,393)	(18,461)	(50,432)
- Gain / Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
- Net Change in Deposits	33,146	4,939	38,085	26,645
- Net Change in Short Term Negotiable securities	13,392	(23,645)	(10,253)	(7,308)
- Net Change in Other Liabilities	(5)	(2,587)	(2,592)	(2,547)
- Net Change in Other Assets	(10,720)	2,807	(7,913)	3,545
- Tax Paid	(944)	(944)	(1,888)	(1,653)
- Others	949	(2,396)	(1,447)	(3,211)
Net Cash Provided / (Used) By Operating Activities	36,641	(22,211)	14,431	(21,463)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(2,383)	(487)	(2,870)	(624)
Proceeds From Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds From Sale Non-Dealing Securities	-	-	-	-
Others (Specify)	2,537	-	2,537	-
Net Cash Provided / (Used) By Investing Activities	154	(487)	(333)	(624)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	(1,828)	-	(1,828)	(6,457)
Proceeds From Issuance of Long Term Debt	-	-	-	14,179
Proceeds From Issuance of Share Capital	23,320	-	23,320	-
Payment of Cash Dividends	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Long Term Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Lease Liability payment	(1,041)	(768)	(1,809)	(1,799)
Net Cash Provided / (Used) By Financing Activities:	20,450	(768)	19,682	5,923
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:				
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	57,245	(23,465)	33,780	(16,164)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	99,745	123,210	123,210	83,993
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Quarter/Year	156,990	99,745	156,990	67,829

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 JUNE 2022						
	(Amounts in million shillings)					
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	General Provision Reserve	Others (FVOCI) reserve	Total
Current Year 2022	125,218	400	(34,015)	-	1,727	93,330
Additional Share Capital	23,320	-	-	-	-	23,320
Profit for the year	-	-	5,872	-	-	5,872
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	2,598	2,598
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	5,872	-	2,598	8,470
Balance as at the end of current period	148,538	400	(28,144)	-	6,923	125,119

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021						
	(Amounts in million shillings)					
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	General Provision Reserve	Others (FVOCI) reserve	Total
Previous Year 2021	125,218	400	(32,001)	10,867	2,889	107,473
Regulatory reserve transfers	-	-	10,967	(10,967)	-	-
Loss for the year	-	-	(12,981)	-	-	(12,981)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-	-	(1,162)	(1,162)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	(12,981)	-	(1,162)	(14,143)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	125,218	400	(34,015)	-	1,727	93,330

SAHARAWI REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR PAYS VISIT TO THE GUARDIAN LIMITED



The Saharawi Republic's Ambassador to Tanzania, Mahayub Buyema Mahafud, exchanges greetings with The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo (R) during the envoy's familiarisation visit to the offices of The Guardian Ltd (TGL), publishers of The Guardian and Nipashe newspapers, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are TGL finance manager Samuel Orgeness (L), Nipashe newspaper managing editor Beatrice Bandawe (2nd-R) and media consultant Mboneko Mnyaga. Photos: John Badi



Nipashe managing editor Beatrice Bandawe (R) shows the ambassador around the TGL newsroom. Left is TGL finance manager Samuel Orgeness.



Ambassador Mahafud exchanges greetings with TGL management information systems manager Balaji Gokhalakrishnan.



TGL's acting printing manager, Christian Ngwapula (R), introduces the ambassador to operations in the firm's printing press.



Ambassador Mahafud signs a visitors' book in The Guardian managing editor's office.



Mary Kadoke (L) from the TGL Digital Unit briefs the ambassador on the unit's activities.



Ambassador Mahafud (C) engaged in talks with (from-L) Nipashe ME Beatrice Bandawe, TGL finance manager Samuel Orgeness, The Guardian ME Wallace Mauggo, and media consultant Mboneko Mnyaga in the TGL boardroom after being shown around the firm's premises.

Government urges TARURA and TANROADS to ensure timely follow-up on state of roads

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Works and Transport Minister Godfrey Kasekenya has instructed Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to deal in time with reports provided by road users through the new system for follow up of roads condition.

He also instructed Road Fund Board (RFB) to make follow ups and make sure reports and complaints submitted by road users are worked on in time by the road agencies.

The deputy minister gave the instructions when opening a three-day workshop that discussed how

to deal with the effects of climate change in regard to road infrastructures that also involved the launching of the electronic system for following up of roads condition, the workshop held in Mwanza.

"Reports on road conditions in time is among important ways to protect road infrastructures, I praise RFB for inventing the electronic system that will be used by the people and road users in particular to report road condition to the appropriate agencies," said Kasekenya.

He also continued to give directions to both roads agencies to make regular inspections at bridges and culverts to avoid big disasters such as the one that

happened to the Kiyegeya Bridge a few years ago.

Meanwhile, RFB Board Manager, Eliud Nyauhenga explained that for the period of more than 20 years they have witnessed huge frequent destruction of road infrastructures due to floods from heavy rains caused by the effects of climate change.

The destruction includes washing away of bridges and culverts thereby causing great inconveniences to transporters and incurring great cost to the government.

"The example is the collapse of the Kiyegeya Bridge in 2020 that had closed all road traffic along the Morogoro - Dodoma road that serves the country's central regions, including Lake Regions and neighbouring countries of Rwanda, DRC Congo and Burundi," said Nyauhenga.

Concurrently, RFB chairperson, Joseph Haule explained that the roads sector is an important lever for economic development.

"Without reliable means of transportation it is difficult for people to benefit by social and economic services provided and facilitated by their government including health, education and access to markets for crops and other industrial products," explained Haule.

Statistics show that in 2020 the value of the country's formal road network was 21trn/- or 10 per cent.



CRDB Bank PC CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (C), the African Development Bank (AfDB) director general for the East Africa Region, Nnenna Nwabufu (L), and African Guarantee Fund CEO Jules Ngankam hold the copies of documents shortly after signing two agreements worth US\$110 million in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. The support is in part meant to facilitate the issuance of loans to women entrepreneurs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mwinyi pledges to build primary school at Kojani

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has explained his government's intention to build a primary school at Kojani Island to meet the education sector need in the area.

President Mwinyi made the remarks soon after laying the foundation stone for seven classrooms built by the Special Anti-Smuggling Unit (KMKM) at Kojani, Wete District in Pemba North Region.

He made a pledged to the people of Kojani Island to build the storeyed primary school due to the increasing number of students.

He further said the government will construct five remaining classrooms in the area and praised the Sheha of Kojani for the hard work including offering his land plot for the construction of the school.

He also commended KMKM for building the seven classrooms in a period of one month.

During the visit, Dr Mwinyi also explained government's intention to assist small fishermen to make sure they realise their goals, including sending fishing boats to the Island.

He also spelled out his government's plan to build sports grounds through the Ministry of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports, saying Kojani will also benefit from these plans.

In regard to the health sector, Dr Mwinyi called on Health Ministry officials to find solution in regard to workers at the Kojani Health Centre.

He also praised for the big welcome he was accorded by the people of Kojani Island.

For her part, Zanzibar First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi stressed on students in Kojani Island to study hard to realise their dreams in life.

KMKM Commander, Commodore Azana Hassan Msingiri cited challenges they faced during classrooms' construction saying they too deliberate steps to make sure construction work done, saying that was one reason how they managed to finish the project within one month.

Earlier, the Permanent secretary in the Ministry of education and Vocational training, Ali Khamis said the construction of the seven classrooms at Kojani Primary school was funded by Covid-19 funds.

He said the currently the school has about 2,257 both elementary and primary with the average of 70 pupils per classroom.

Villagers resolve to fundraise, begin dispensary construction

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

RESIDENTS of Ngeleka Village in Kisegele in Busokelo District, Mbeya region are forced to walk for more than five kilometres for treatment in the neighbouring Ntaba Ward, or to Kyela District Hospital due to lack of health services at Ngeleka Ward since it was established.

In the circumstances, the residents have decided to conduct fundraising to get money for building a dispensary, with the building now needing roofing.

The villagers revealed this early this week during the visit by Transport and Works Deputy Minister, Atupele Mwakibete to the village to inspect their development activities.

Speaking on behalf of the villagers, Kisegele ward councillor, Brighton Kala said since its establishment 10 years ago, the ward has been without a dispensary, let alone a health centre.

"We therefore appeal to the government to assist us in completing the dispensary, but also there should be a plan for the construction of a health centre in the ward," said Kala.

He added that the residents are faced with another challenge - lack of road infrastructures, electricity and water the situation that makes their lives hard.

He called on the Deputy Minister to assist in the construction of the road leading to the dispensary to reduce challenges facing construction work.

Meanwhile, Acting Busokelo District Executive Director, Nuru Mwenda-pole said after the villagers initiated the dispensary project, already the government, through the council has provided 75m/- to finish the project.

"The money will be used for roofing and complete the entire project until the time the dispensary starts providing health services to the villagers," Nuru added.

She said the council has readied health experts and other staff to man the facility soon after construction work is completed.

The deputy minister, who is also the Member of Parliament for the Busokelo Constituency said he will continue working together with the residents to make sure the dispensary project is completed.

He also contributed 100 bags of cement on the spot towards the project and pledged to make follow ups on other relevant institutions in regard to the issue water, road infrastructures and electricity.



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TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION SERVICE PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/10/2022-2023

Introduction: MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

Scope of Service MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking to pre-qualify potential bidders for the year starting October 2022 to September 2023 on the various number service for the FIKIA - project PEPFAR funded award.

MSPH Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible and registered service provider for the following cluster Lots.

Lot No.	Description of the Services/Goods
CATEGORY A: INSURANCE SERVICES (MWANZA AND DAR ES SALAAM)	
Lot 1	Provision of Medical Insurance; Provide quotation per person 1. Adult (320) 2. Child (258) 3. Senior (1)
Lot 2	Provision of Life Insurance for all ICAP Staff (230 staff)
Lot 3	Provision of Motor Insurance
Lot 4	Provision of Property Insurance
CATEGORY B: SERVICES	
Lot 5	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Venue Package. Provide quotation for Dar es salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Dodoma, Morogoro, Mbeya and Zanzibar. 1. Hotel accommodation specifying location within the regions your quoting - per night per person 2. Venue package per head specifying location within the regions your quoting
Lot 6	Provision of car hire service for Mwanza and Dar Office Provide quotation per vehicles per day 1. 4WD - 5 doors, 9 seaters with roof rack (fuel, maintenance, and driver inclusive) 2. Minivan - 10 seaters high roof (fuel, maintenance, and drivers inclusive) 3. Indicate the maximum number of 4WDs and Minivan you can provide
Lot 7	Provision of Flight booking ticketing service: Provide quotation 1. Service fee for local flight 2. Service fee for international flight 3. Service fee for flight change
Lot 8	Provision of Internet; Provide monthly quotation for dedicated internet connection bandwidth 1. Dar office - 40mbps up/down dedicated connection 2. Mwanza - 30mbps up/down dedicated connection for each office 3. Provision of internet bundle for tablets
Lot 9A	Provision of courier service for luggage, cargoes, and parcel; provide quotation per kgs: 1. Local shipment from 1 kg - 999kg 2. International Shipment from 1 kg - 999kg
Lot 9B	Provision of Medical/biological sample Transportation Service
Lot 10	Provision of Security Services for Dar es salaam, quotation for 2 security guard without gun (1 for night guards and 1 for day guard)
Lot 11	Provision of Catering services for Dar es salaam and Mwanza region
Lot 12	Provision of Drinking water for Mwanza and Dar Office - Provide quotation per bottles of 20L and 500ml
Lot 13	Provision of maintenance and repair of Biomedical Machine for health facilities in Mwanza region
Lot 14	Provision of fleet management & fuel sensor system service; provide quotation for 50 vehicles 1. Please clearly indicate Installation charges Monthly service charge
Lot 15	Provision of monthly electricity top up, water bills, all government payment by control number payments, airtime and mobile internet bundles top up service for Mwanza and Dar Office.
Lot 16	Provision of refreshment package to participants at supported Facilities - Mwanza region 1. Ilemela and Nyamagana facilities - 1181 Participants 2. Buchosa and sengerema facilities - 1196 Participants 3. Kwimba and Magu facilities - 1316 Participants 4. Misungwi facilities - 566 Participants 5. Ukerewe facilities - 262 Participants
Lot 17	Provision of Clearing and forwarding Services
Lot 18	Provision of motor vehicles repair and maintenance services (Major and Minor services) for Mwanza and Dar es salaam Office.
Lot 19	Supply of Office Furniture (Office chairs and Tables, Metal cabinets, Conference tables, bookshelves, side cabinet two drawers) & Fixture, Tents, and Gazebo.
Lot 20	Supply of Office Stationeries for Dar es salaam and Mwanza Office
Lot 21	Supply of IT equipment (Printers, Computer Laptops, UPS) and other IT Related supplies
Lot 22	Provision of Printing, Promotion services and Branding Materials.
Lot 23	Supply of Medical, Laboratory and Pharmaceutical supplies
Lot 24	Supply and delivery of carbon dioxide gas for Mwanza health facilities.
Lot 25	Provision of warehousing service 300-500 square meters - Dar es salaam Region
Lot 26	Provision of warehousing service 300-500 square meters - Mwanza Region
Lot 27	Maintenance of IT equipment's, laptops, scanner and printers
Lot 28 A	Supply and delivery of Sanitary Supplies (Mwanza and Dar es salaam)
Lot 28 B	Provision of Cleaning service (Mwanza & Dar es Salaam)- Provide quotation per cleaner with the list of supplies for cleaning
Lot 29	Supply, delivery, fixing and alignment of Motor Vehicle Tires.
Lot 30:	Provision of Boat Parking service (Mwanza)

Other criteria

- Business introduction letter
- Business/company profile
- Valid business license
- Tax identification number (tin)
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- Value added tax registration certificate (if any)
- Certificate of incorporation (if any)
- Article of association (if any)
- Manufacture authorization (if any)
- Memorandum of association (if any)
- Experience justification
- Letter for recommendation from at least know well companies

Please submit certified true copies

Please Note

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Mwaikibaki Road Mikochei
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All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings or USD
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Iringa district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo (in glasses) looks on as Covid-19 vaccination campaign gets under way in Magulilwa ward, in Iringa Region, on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Tree growers in Missenyi counting losses following frequent wildfires

By Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

TREE and other crop growers in Missenyi District, Kagera Region are counting losses following constant wildfires that attack their farms and thus destroying hectares of plantations.

The farmers are arguing that the fires which were on the increase are mostly set by pastoralists who look for new pastures of their animals, wood and honey harvesters as well as farmers who clean their lands in preparation for the new farming season.

Respius John, one of the growers in Igayaza ward said he has lost a total of six hectare of eucalyptus trees thus leaving him in great loss.

"I invested heavily in the business while denying my family some basic necessities, expecting to earn more than 80m/, but I have nothing to earn as my plantations are gone," he said.

He appealed for authorities to take stern measures to those who set the fire as the situation was affecting a number of tree growers in the district.

Another grower at Bunazi centre, who asked for anonymity, said he had lost one hectare of banana and other crops, thanks to the neighbours

who fought the fire and prevented it from destroying the whole farm.

Missenyi District Commissioner, Col Wilson Sakullo told this paper that the fires were causing a great loss not only to plantations but also to government infrastructures such as electricity poles and others.

He said the fire has destroyed farms and infrastructures while also threatening people's lives, citing an example of the recent event between Bugororora and Mushasha wards on Bukoba -Mukulu highway when heavy fire smoke blocked the traffic.

It is reported that one person died and others sustained injuries, after the car that they were traveling in diverged from the road due to heavy smoke.

Sakullo said the office is implementing a campaign to educate the public on the effects of setting the fires while calling on the residents to reveal those who are behind the challenge.

"I will soon meet with all executive ward officers and other stakeholders to lay down strategies on the way forward on curbing the challenge," he said.

Information ministry, UK firm organise forum for communications stakeholders

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has signed an agreement with UK's Extensia Limited aimed at organising a forum that will bring together stakeholders in the communications sector both from within and outside the country known as "Connect To Connect" (C2C).

The forum will also focus in more use of the national Communication Broad Band as well as opening up opportunities to communication systems, innovation and investment in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Speaking at the signing event here yesterday, the Ministry's Permanent secretary, Dr Jim Yonazi said the C2C Forum will be held for two days

- September 8 and 9 this year and several countries are expected to participate including those from the east Africa region.

He added that Tanzania is joined up with seven neighbouring countries - Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique through the National Communication Broad band, hence, he said there is a big to the

economic development via ICT.

According to Dr Yonazi, the Forum will also provide opportunities to participating countries to hold discussions learn and put in place strategies in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) that would contribute to the economic growth, increase investment opportunities, employment and education.

For his part, Extensia Limited Chief Executive Officer, Tariq Malik said the forum was also held in Tanzania between 2013 and 2015 with great success.

The Director of ICT in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Mulembwa Munaku said the signing of the agreement is an initial step for the forum's preparations that will bring together over

300 stakeholders from within and outside the country.

For his part, the Chief Government spokesman and director of Information (MAELEZO), Gerson Msigwa praised the ministry for its efforts to put in place robust communications systems that would enable the government realise its goals in economic growth through ICT.



Dodoma district commissioner Jabir Shekimweri (C, in all-white) cuts the ribbon in Dodoma yesterday to launch a Vodacom mobile shop for city's central zone. He is with (from-L) Vodacom Tanzania Plc's Central Zone head of sales Joseph Sayi; director of customer service Harriet Lwakatare; the shop designer, Emmanuel Maiga; and the firm's head of sales and distribution, George Lugata. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

IMC emerges with best innovative marketing agency of the year award

By Guardian Reporter

IMOERIAL Marketing and Communications (IMC) which is an award winning experiential marketing agency that provides clients out of the box interactive activation solutions and integrated marketing services has been named the most innovative marketing agency of the year in "Excellence In Interactive Marketing", "Pioneers in Immersive and Interactive Technology" and "Innovative Consumer Engagement".

The announcement was made during the Tanzania Marketers Awards hosted by the Tanzania Marketing Science Association (TMSA).

The event, which took place in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, attracted 14 different categories and was aimed at encouraging more professionalism in the marketing ecosystem.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Imperial Marketing and Communications Managing Director Murtaza Ebrahim said: "We are pleased to have received this award in such a competitive market and it shows our commitment in transforming how business engages with their customers and ensuring they are able to amplify their products and services through innovation."

Murtaza added: "We are really thankful to our customers who have trusted us and given us the opportunity to shift from traditional marketing to accepting the new concept 'Phygital', which means physical and digital interaction using interactive and immersive technology to promote their businesses."

He said the agency is committed to provide even more innovative solutions to uphold this position and ensure our customers' experience is enhanced further.

Murtaza added: "We are so fortunate that our company Imperial Marketing and Communications has been recognised for this prestigious award. It's clearly the efforts of our team and our vision remains to continue investing in technology and keep innovating for our clients."

Leaders urged to educate public on conservation of natural forests

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

LEADERS at village, district and national levels have been urged to invest their efforts in educating and encouraging residents in conservation of natural forests as well as supervise proper use of the resource for sustainable development.

Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS) senior conservator in Morogoro municipality Faustine Msokwa said communities have been forgetting thinking of the future and thus end

up cutting trees without thinking that the future generations are the ones who will suffer the most.

According to him, if villages could see the potential available in the forest reserves and invest efforts to conserve them, then they could reap big and thus stimulate development.

"Villages and forests have a lot of opportunities, what we have to do is to conserve them and use products from the forests sustainably to improve income; villagers should be

educated on the importance of protecting forests," he said.

He noted that natural forests play a vital role in sustainable development, climate change mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

He said village leaders have a big role of supervising sustainable use of forest resources which include controlling deforestation and charcoal production.

Msokwa said participatory management of forest resources and products needs coordinated efforts from the government, stakehold-

ers and community working together to fight deforestation and the improper use of the resources.

"Many people have been taking permits to cut trees for farms but they have been ending up doing so for charcoal making and not cleaning the areas for farming, this should be well investigated and fought in all efforts, this is very dangerous for our forests," he said.

He however said participatory forest conservation including the cross-cutting policies of ministries that encourage the conservation

of forests with others encouraging farmers to expand their fields for sustainable agriculture.

Msokwa also urged communities to venture into bee keeping and the agency will provide them free cages to enable them implement the projects well.

He said poor awareness among the people was one of the major reasons making communities not to venture into beekeeping which the demand of honey was growing high in side and in foreign markets.

Wrangle within Anglican Church of Tanzania now takes a new twist

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE wrangle within the Anglican Church of Tanzania has taken a new twist as the ousted Secretary General, Rev Can Dr Mecka Ogunde has filed for resolution at the Commission for Mediation and Arbitration (CMA).

The step follows his removal from office in June this year by the church's board of trustee on allegations that he stayed out of office for too long.

Speaking to journalists after the first hearing at the CMA, his lawyer said they reached the decision after the church's board had failed to honour his client's demands.

"In the dispute case number CMA/DOM/84/2022 we have filed at CMA is due to complain from our client that he was removed from office without due process and law, rendering him jobless to date" said the lawyer.

He said yesterday was the first hearing but the accused have submitted objections that they were going to work on, appealing for more time to go through the objections and provide response on 10th August, 2022, when the mediation process will be heard again.

The lawyer added that his client opted for the arbitration at CMA after all meetings within the church did not yield any fruit, giving him the due rights.

Early in June, this year when the matter occurred, Rt. Rev. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa, the Primate of Tanzania and Bishop of Anglican Church, presided over church sermon to install Canon Bethuel Mlula as the new secretary general in a service held St Paul Church in Kondoa.

Dr Mndolwa insisted that there was no dispute as such, adding that the decision was made in a meeting within the 'house of bishops' that resolved for his removal, paving way for another leader to continue with the work.

He refuted claims that there was dispute between him and the ousted secretary general in the process to the next election of a new bishop.



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Muheza District Traffic Police Officer Reonald Bandola (L) sensitises motorists and motorbike taxi riders at a bus stand in Tanga on Thursday on the importance of observing road safety regulations. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Stakeholders' joint efforts vital in fighting mental health challenges

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

CONCERTED efforts from the government, stakeholders and the community are highly needed to fight mental health challenges as this was among leading causes of disability, health experts have said.

Speaking during the official opening of the Youth Change Summit (YCS) that was also graced by the deputy minister for Health, Dr Godwin Mollel in Moshi recently, one of the facilitators of the special youth meeting, Prof Joseph Mbatia said that even beyond diagnosed conditions, subclinical symptoms of depression and anxiety which are most common symptoms of mental health, affect the wellbeing and functioning of a

large proportion of the population.

"Therefore, through this special summit with the main theme; 'The Rapid Emergence of Mental Problem in the Community', new approaches to managing both clinically diagnosed and sub clinical depression and anxiety are highly needed," Prof Mbatia said.

According to him, most of the community members have experienced mental health illness due to the gender-based violence, poverty, and lack of good family caring, among many others.

In his address, Dr Mollel said investing in nutrition was crucial to address mental health challenges.

"We cannot separate good nutrition, mother and children health

with mental health, as lack of good nutrition among children also causes the problem of mental health illness," Dr Mollel explained.

The deputy minister said relationships between nutrition and longstanding mental illness are compounded by barriers to maintain a healthy diet. These barriers disproportionately affect people with mental illness and include the financial and environmental determinants of health, and even the appetite inducing effects of psychiatric medications.

Brenda Shuma from Gabriella Children's Rehabilitation Centre (GCRC) Down syndrome, which is also a mental illness and is one of the human body disabilities world-

wide, is not recognised by many people particularly in Tanzania and in Africa in general.

According to her, in every cell in the human body there is a nucleus, where genetic material is stored in genes. Genes carry the codes responsible for all of our inherited traits and are grouped along rod-like structures called chromosomes.

"In a move that aims at battling the stigma and prejudice against people with brain disabilities in Africa particularly children with Autism, learning disabilities, hyperactive brain disorders and Down syndrome, Gabriella Children Rehabilitation Centre (GCRC) has provided awareness training on autism

and other brain disabilities including Down syndrome an hyperactive brains disorders to the village and ward executive officers (VEOs) and WEOs), special needs teachers from Kilimanjaro Region as well as care givers, a move that aims at improving sustainable Inclusive Quality Education for all children in the community.

Shuma who is also an occupational therapist explained that, her organisation has organised such meeting to them as a part of a series of activities to mark the International World Autism Awareness Day (IWAAD) observed on April 2, every year aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism

face every day.

She further explained that, most of the African communities tend to hide their children with disabilities at home, particularly those suffering from brain disorder.

Managing director for Youth Peace Makers (YPM) organisation located in Tanga region, Rev Godfrey Walalaze explained that his organisation organised the Youth Change Summit Change 2022 in Moshi under the sponsorship of the KFUK-KFUM Global organisation from Norway.

He added that they have several projects including the Tokomeza Umasikini project under the Youth Peace Makers Forum (YPMF) that aims at eradicating poverty among the people in the community.



Bayport Tanzania head of operations Nderingo Materu (2nd-L) presents documents to Dar es Salaam resident Haji Manara shortly after the signing of an agreement in the city on Thursday under which the latter became "ambassador" in advertising the firm's loans meant to benefit the public employees. With them are Bayport Tanzania head of sales Lugano Kasambala (R) and head of customer service Mercy Mgongolwa. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Minister happy with construction of geothermal project in Rungwe

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Energy January Makamba has expressed satisfaction with the construction of a geothermal project at Iramba village, Ntaba ward in Rungwe District Mbeya Region.

Speaking after touring and inspecting the project during his ongoing 21 days tour of energy projects in 14 regions, the minister said the government has decided to invest more on producing energy via various sources including water, gas and geothermal.

Minister Makamba said in this year's budget, the government has set aside 5bn/- for various energy projects which includes purchasing a special machine for drilling up to three kilometers down the earth.

"Electricity is a very important project to us because we have several places in the country where electricity can be generated and produce more energy compared to the one we have currently," he said.

The minister said it was necessary for the country to have variety of energy sources so that when one faults there is a backup saying the country expects to generate 200 megawatts by 2025 from other sources adding that the plan is to generate more.

TGNP, DIT team up to establish gender and ICT innovation hub

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

THE Tanzania Gender Networking (TGNP) has signed a three year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) to establish and operationalise Gender and ICT innovation hub.

Speaking during the signing ceremony at DIT in Dar es Salaam this week, TGNP's Executive Director Lilian Liundi said: "TGNP is happy to reach at this stage by signing this MoU with DIT, and some of the benefits of this programme include empowering female students to make innovations that will address gender challenges especially for women."

She further noted that due to the advancement in technology and its importance in slackening and in addressing various social challenges, TGNP saw that there was a need to collaborate with DIT to formulate some innovations that will help in addressing challenges facing women.

"This three year MoU focuses at creating technological discoveries and innovations with the objective of addressing gender challenges so as to speed up women empowerment and gender equality.

She further noted that historically women are responsible for family care, producers of resources, guardian and protector of a family.

"These women spend between 10 and 15

hours servicing for family activities, which normally go unaccounted in the national GDP."

Citing the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-2019) findings, Liundi said that their findings have indicated that there is a gender gap by 10 per cent of the usage of internet globally.

Liundi said that following that, TGNP introduced to DIT the idea of establishing a gender and ICT innovation hub, bearing in mind that the institution is a centre of excellence in information technology (IT).

She thought that by doing so women will have an opportunity to participate in social and national strategic issues, including participating in leadership and in decision

making levels. Also in economic issues, and therefore improve the women contribution in the nation development.

DIT Principal Prof Preksedis Ndomba said that the DIT team was happy to sign that MoU with TGNP because they will be able to collaborate to tackle and address challenges facing women and the entire Tanzanian society in as far as technology is concerned.

He said: "This exercise is possible because both institutions have a common goal. Fundamentally their objectives are similar."

He said that the pact goes in line with their institution's vision that clearly states as 'to become a leading technical education institution in addressing societal needs. So,

there is need to be known like that nationally and internationally in that issue.

"To fulfill this dream we are required to follow the national and international guidelines to ensure women and the entire community is not left behind.

In making this reality DIT has prepared its own guidelines. We have a gender policy that requires all activities being done at the institute to observe gender issues. The curriculum, construction of buildings, classes and teaching, among other things need to observe gender."

Prof. Ndomba believes that many societal challenges can be addressed through using science and technology.

MONUSCO disaster in DRC shows need for UN to recast peacekeeping

CHAOS is reigning in the United Nations military mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) following days of demonstrations and invasion of MONUSCO offices (from its French abbreviation) in Goma, eastern DRC. In the clashes surrounding that invasion both MONUSCO guards and the country's security forces were forced to use live ammunition as at any rate the situation was beyond orderly reorganization. Decisions have to be made on what happens next.

As Tanzania has also participated in the mission but it hasn't been cited as among those losing personnel in the recent flare up, this situation will be keenly followed in the capital, within the armed forces high command and diplomatic missions. What though is apparent is that the sort of peacekeeping mission that has been pursued at DRC for just over two decades is at an end. People there want better but the mission isn't designed to fight the country's wars, just help watch over peace.

The country has been a battle zone for decades, some arguing that the reason is its minerals that attract neighbours and local 'big men' to form militia groups to take out precious stones unmolested.

Still the more substantial reason is that like other African countries it has a low level of actual cohesion as a country, whose people aren't susceptible to follow this or that dissenter with cash, uniforms and arms. The state has centrally governed spheres and 'free zones' where militia groups reign.

As in other conflicts especially in Africa and the Middle East, left liberal critics have a habit of blaming outside

forces, which in this case unavoidably include some next door neighbours on the eastern part. And usually the critics will not stop there but engage in a magisterial presentation of which big powers support or even sponsor the actions of the neighbouring states. This effort at casting chaotic states as victims of the machinations of others is delusional; the big fault is inside, in our sheer inability to build civil society, where there are competitors, not tribal rebels.

Two credible lessons emerge from this situation, one being international and likely to be decided upon by the UN Security Council, which renewed the mandate of the force in the past few months. They will have an option between engagement in the country's wars and leaving the place, where the second is a more feasible option. Chances that they agree on sanctions against one or other neighbor are negligible.

The second lesson is something that is slowly being realized within the region, as DRC is now a member of the East African Community (EAC); the even more war-torn state of Somalia is on the doorsteps to membership. Noticeably, a semblance of stability is apparent in South Sudan but frankly just in its early stages much as its territorial cohesion isn't in jeopardy.

EAC member states hope that DRC efforts to be part of the region in a workable and well regulated manner will generate positive internal energies for consensus, and even sort out mutual military threats with its neighbours. M23 forces haunt the DRC but ex-1994 Hutu militia of the second and even third generation are deep inside DRC; nothing is heard about this.



The sharp edge of a razor is difficult to pass over

By Capt Sam Addaih

THE *Razor's Edge* is a 1944 novel by W. Somerset Maugham. It tells the story of Larry Darrell, an American pilot traumatised by his experiences in World War I, who sets off in search of some transcendent meaning in his life. The story begins through the eyes of Larry's friends and acquaintances as they witness his personality change after the war. His rejection of conventional life and search for meaningful experience allows him to thrive while the more materialistic characters suffer reversals of fortune.

The novel's title comes from a translation of a verse in the Katha Upanishad, paraphrased in the book's epigraph as: "The sharp edge of a razor is difficult to pass over; thus the wise say the path to Salvation is hard."

The book has twice been adapted into film: first in 1946 starring Tyrone Power and Gene Tierney, with Herbert Marshall as Maugham and Anne Baxter as Sophie, and then a 1984 adaptation starring Bill Murray.

It has often been said the line, which separates winning from losing, is as fine as a razor's edge – and it is. Here Bob Proctor is talking about winning in a big way and in all areas of your life. "The Razor's Edge" implies there was not a big difference among people; there was only a big difference in the things they accomplished.

One person "just about" starts a project, the other person starts it. One individual "almost" completes a task, the other does complete it. One person sees an opportunity, the other acts on it. One student "nearly" passes the exam, the other does pass it – and although the difference in their marks may be only one percentage point out of a hundred, it is that one point that makes all the difference.

The annals of sport's history are rich with dramatic illustrations of the Razor's Edge concept. For example, at the Olympic Games, there are eight finalists competing in the one-hundred meter dash, but the runner who wins the Olympic gold medal is frequently only one-tenth of a second faster than the runner who finishes in last place.

Now, you may have grown up with the idea that some people have it and some people do not. Or, because some people are much better than others, they enjoy much more of the abundance of life. But Proctor reiterates that this idea is absolutely false!

For you are every bit as good, or as powerful, as anyone you see, know, or even hear about. Remember, since the difference between them and you is only in the area of accomplishments, and since there is something you can do that will vastly improve the results you are achieving presently, you have the potential to become even more successful than they are.

You may already know how to do what others are doing (if you do not, you can learn), and since your potential power is unlimited, you can do even greater things than they are now doing.

The "something" that you must do to become more successful may not be what you think it is. But whatever it may be, rest assured, you are quite capable of doing it. Always bear in mind, however, that because each person's world is just a little bit different, the something, which you must do, is not necessarily the same thing the person you live with or work with, must do.

Nevertheless, there is no question that you will eventually find out what it is that you must do. So make up your mind – immediately – when you do figure out what that Razor's Edge is for you, you will



do it.

Vince Lombardi, former football coach of the outstanding Green Bay Packers football team, described the Razor's Edge concept in football very well when he said, "Most games are won or lost in the last two minutes of the first and second half."

But what Lombardi is best remembered for – with respect to football's Razor's Edge – is the "Second Effort" concept, which he introduced for the edification of his players. In a nutshell, the "Second Effort" concept simply meant, that when a player was initially stopped by the opposing team, he would always surge forward a second time, with the added thrust of a "second effort."

Now, just consider the tremendous difference you could create in your own life if you were to adopt a similar mental attitude. For example, if you are a person who is working in sales and currently selling only three units a week, what would the consequences be for you if you were to decide to make one additional sale per week, through a conscientious application of the second effort concept?

Well, on a weekly basis, it might not appear to be a major breakthrough. However, viewed over the time frame of an entire career, it would actually amount to well over two thousand extra sales.

Moreover, from a monetary standpoint, it would mean you would actually receive an extra ten years' income over the span of a forty-year career. Yes, that one sale would be the Razor's Edge difference, which could catapult you into "the big leagues" in your chosen career.

As your awareness becomes increasingly great with respect to "The Razor's Edge" concept, the number of such examples you encounter every day will astound you. As a case in point, just consider how much kinder you feel towards a particular retail store, where the cashier smiles and "thanks you for your business," and then asks you to come back "real soon," as compared to one where you

are greeted with a stern, "Well, are you going to buy anything or not," attitude.

Most educators will admit – with some coaxing – that the average individual reads at only about a grade six or seven level. The reason for this is we are taught to read by the time we reach grade six or seven, and then we never bother to improve our reading skills beyond that point. You should realize, moreover, that what is true about "reading," is also true of most other skills which we acquire in life.

Once people have become proficient in the basics in any particular field, they usually choose to stop learning, and of course, from that point forward they cease to improve.

Since this is true of most people, it follows that it is only the small minority of people in any given field who will go on to become the acknowledged experts in their chosen vocation. Therefore, they are the people who can demand and who will receive the lion's share of the income in their field.

Taking this information into account, consider the job you are doing presently and ask yourself the following questions: "How good am I at doing it?" and "How much better could I be?" Realize that if you would study your chosen field for one hour per day, in five years' time you would have studied for 45 forty-hour weeks, which amounts to almost a full year of study. Moreover, since you would only be studying for one hour at any given time, you would be able to give the material your undivided attention.

Therefore, it would actually be the equivalent of "a full year" of concentrated study. This means that by the end of the first year, you would already have put in nine forty-hour weeks of invaluable study time.

Although this amounts to only one hour of study per day, if you were to follow this schedule rigorously, in a relatively short span of time, you would stand among your peers like a giraffe in a herd of field mice.

In fact, when you really think about it, you will soon understand there is not any competition at all, because there are so few people in the race, that even the losers are winners.

Therefore, you need not do a tremendous amount of studying to gain the understanding you require, because again, the difference between knowledge and ignorance, maybe as fine as "the Razor's Edge." Napoleon Hill devoted an entire chapter in his classic book, *Think and Grow Rich*, to the subject of "persistence." He said, "There may be no heroic connotation to the word persistence, but the quality is to the character of man, what carbon is to steel."

In another part of that same chapter, he wrote, "I had the happy privilege of analyzing both Mr. Thomas Edison and Mr. Henry Ford, year by year, over a long period of years, and therefore the opportunity to study them at close range. Therefore, I speak with actual knowledge when I say that I found no quality, save Persistence, in either of them, that even remotely suggested the major source of their stupendous achievements."

Proctor believes that there was a tremendous difference in the accomplishments of these two men, as compared with the accomplishments of most other people. Yet by their own admission, neither of these men were intellectually superior. Nevertheless, because both men possessed the vital quality of "persistence," their results in life were invariably superior to those of the masses.

Therefore, perhaps the factor that will catapult you into the "big leagues," which will multiply your income from a material, as well as a psychic point of view, will be your own ability to persist. So the next time you step out to do something, and "the going gets tough," just remember that the Razor's Edge difference for you could well be your own ability to persevere.

Just try one more time – with enthusiasm – and you could watch your accomplishments go from the very ordinary, to the very extraordinary.

RC appointments not an electoral design, as that would put the cart before the horse

STREAMS of reflections have been heard on the political design or expectations from appointments of regional commissioners, some being retained in their current stations, some transferred and a number of them relieved from their duties. As it is often the case there is a bit of celebration when this or that name is left out of the new list, and some perplexity when a previously 'disowned' cadre is recalled to the same functions. That calls for little discussion as it is all part of good governance.

What though merits some reflection is an idea that was relayed on international radio talk shows that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is arranging a team for the 2025 election effort. That is a gratuitous reflection, which doesn't say much on what is expected of them, but in a common sense view it is an insinuation for checking opposition influence in those areas, etc. That is where the fault lies in the discussion, and admittedly it also reflects badly on their evaluation of political action or policy drive by the president at present, what is required of close aides.

That is why a credible reading of repositioning RCs and even cabinet either in the past or anytime soon, and periodically, heads of parastatal organisations of some executive agencies has to be seen in relation to policy action. Those not in the least showing effectiveness – and at times even confidence, faith in the policy line being followed – will definitely not be able to deliver. They will not sort out lapses in administration in time, nor take initiative to make things

go better for this or that category of producers, entrepreneurs or investors; simply they will be a burden.

Saying in an aura of brilliance that the president is placing friends or allies in positions of authority ahead of elections is to mistake three years with six months, if there such reshuffle half a year before the polls. Speculation has at least to be realistic, that the president has to ensure that people who are ardently devoted to her line of policy are in charge, who are capable of the right initiative when the need arises. Government doesn't need people who only act after a plethora of complaints as otherwise they seem to be insensitive, or are askance over policy.

As a matter of fact the president doesn't need exceptionally devoted allies to put up a good showing in this or that constituency, let alone a whole region. At the same time the campaign will be made easier by sorting out complaints well ahead of time by having people who can deliver. Failing to see the point is an illustration that one has a preordained view of things, not finding out what is being done.

In addition, there is an overall dimension of media culture where bad mouthing is seen to be more exciting than inquiry or interrogation, where discovering that the president is scheming satisfies some on-lookers, for reasons of hindsight. Given that scores of political activists and some political parties have a penchant of blanket criticism of those in authority. They see no reason to look at issues inquisitively as it would ruin their preferred scenarios as to prospects for 2025, etc.

By Telesphor Magobe

LAST week we briefly looked at divorce and its painful legal consequences. We said although marriage is fundamentally meant to last until the death of either party thereto, sometimes it becomes so unbearable that spouses resort to separation or divorce.

We further said when a marriage is dissolved the court has power to order the division of matrimonial assets accumulated together during the subsistence of the marriage, maintenance of spouse and custody and maintenance of children. We then advised that it is good for married persons to engage in soul-searching before they petition for divorce so that they may be well-informed about the legal consequences for them.

Today, I invite you to look at adultery and enticement in marriage and their legal consequences. You are familiar with cases of adultery and enticement in marriage, but you may not be knowledgeable about their legal consequences so much so that you could easily be joined in a case and sued for adultery if you participated in one way or another.

Section 72 of the Law of Marriage Act, 1971 (as amended 2019) provides for a right to damages for adultery. Subsection (1) states that an aggrieved spouse may lodge a suit for damages against any person who has committed adultery with his wife or her husband when a) a spouse complained of has not consented or connived and when 2) the damages prayed for in relation to adultery have not been claimed in a petition for divorce. This

Right to claim compensation for adultery, enticement in marriage

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means that if the aggrieved person petitioned for divorce and in the process claimed damages for adultery, then he or she is disqualified from claiming damages for adultery.

Furthermore, Subsection (2) states that a suit lodged in respect of the damages for

adultery under this section shall be dismissed if the respondent satisfies the court that he or she did not know and could not have reasonably known the person he or she committed adultery with was married.

Section 73 provides for a right to damages for enticement. Subsection (1) states that a married person may lodge a suit for damages against any person who has enticed or induced his wife or her husband to desert him or her, respectively. According to Subsection (2), a suit lodged under this section shall be dismissed if the court is satisfied that it has been filed to force the husband or wife to leave the matrimonial home.

In the case of *Evangerina Kokushubira Elizeus v Revina Anatory* (Civil Appeal No 16 of 2021), the plaintiff lodged a suit against the respondent (Revina Anatory) in the High Court of Tanzania in Bukoba, claiming Sh50 million compensation for adultery after establishing that the respondent had committed adultery with her husband, who had contracted a second (civil) marriage. The appellant received affidavits of the parties, stating that they had no subsisting marriage.

The district court found that adultery was committed and that the subsequent marriage was contracted while the first Christian marriage was still subsisting, but did not give any declaration order or an order stopping adulterous relationship. It neither said anything about the second marriage and it finally dismissed the suit after which this appeal was lodged.

Referring to Section 72(2) of the Law of Marriage, the Judge held that, the respondent was duty bound to satisfy the court on the balance of probabilities that she made due diligence to inquire into the status of the appellant's husband before committing adultery with him.

The Judge consulted Black's Law Dictionary (Eighth Edition, 2004) to see what the word due or reasonable diligence meant and found out thus: "Diligence is a continual effort to accomplish something or a care, caution; attention and care required from a person in a given situation. Due or reasonable diligence is the diligence reasonably expected from and ordinarily exercised by, a person who seeks to satisfy a legal requirement or discharge an obligation. A failure to exercise due diligence may sometimes result in liability."

According to the Judge, the respondent did not satisfy the court that she made a continual effort to exercise such an obligation since had she made any due diligence, she would have reasonably known that Elizeus Banyenza

aged 62 years was married to the appellant, the obligation she had failed to exercise.

The Judge further said that it was obvious that the respondent entered into a sexual relationship with the appellant's husband while knowing or having reasons to have known that he was married. However, the Judge held that the appellant in her evidence testified that in the village the respondent was the one taking care of his 'husband' when he was sick.

So, the Judge said the appellant had condoned adultery for keeping quiet for a long time [see Section 72(1)], while she knew her husband was living with another woman in an adulterous relationship in town, while she was living in the village.

Because of this the Judge did not award any damages for adultery on the ground of connivance. The Judge also said that since the respondent did not satisfy the trial court that she did not have knowledge that the appellant's husband was married the suit on adultery was wrongly dismissed in the trial court. The Judge said in the circumstances, the trial court had power to declare that the second (civil) marriage, which resulted from such an adulterous relationship, was null and void and with no legal effect even if there was no such specific prayer in the plaint.

Therefore, take time to read well and understand sections 72 and 73 of the Law of Marriage lest you are sued for committing adultery and enticement with the husband or wife respectively of another person whose marriage still subsists.

Today's proverb: "He who says what he likes will hear what he dislikes."

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Africa's huge debt burden caused by western banks and private companies not by China

By George Muntu

THERE have been frequent allegations from western politicians against China that it gives loans to African countries which have become a burden, thus making them unable to pay their debts.

These allegations which are carried out with the aim of tarnishing China, have made many Africans believe that, the loans which are provided by China to Africa are not good and not profitable, but a burden.

However, their efforts have hit a rock after the Debt Justice Organization released a report of its research on July 15 and 16, 2022 about the foreign debts of African countries showing that all the accusations directed at China are not true but fabrications.

The research has revealed that, the Western banks and private companies are the ones that provide loans with higher interests, thus, causing African countries unable to pay their debts and put them into burden.

The findings show that, African governments owe three times more debt to Western banks, asset managers and oil traders than to China, and are charged double the interest. And according to the calculations based World Bank data, Chinese public and private lenders accounted for 12 percent of the continent's \$696 billion compared to 35 percent owed to Western private lenders.

Furthermore, the research has shown that, interest rates on private loans are almost double those on Chinese loans, while the most indebted countries are less likely to have their debt dominated by China. The calculations show that the average interest rate on private sector loans is 5 percent, compared to 2.7 percent on loans from Chinese public and private lenders.

The research also finds that, 12 of the 22 African countries with the highest debts are paying private lenders over 33 percent of their total external debt payments (Camp Verde, Chad, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Malawi, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, South Sudan, Tunisia and Zambia). In contrast, debt payments to Chinese lenders are over 15 percent in just six of the 22 countries—Angola, Cameroon, Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Zambia.

Western leaders have been using all kinds of names such as, debt trap and predatory loan to explain their



false feelings that China is deliberately giving bad loans to African countries so that it can put them under its rule and promote neo-colonialism. They blame China for debt crises in Africa, but the truth is that Africa's debt crisis is caused by their own banks, asset managers and oil traders, not Chinese banks or private companies.

With these findings provided by Debt Justice, Western countries are supposed to take more responsibility to cancel African debts and not to blame China for their own fault. It should be noted that, China took part in the G20's debt suspension scheme during the pandemic, but private lenders did not and have used every means to block any debt relief agreement.

According to the calculation data, all international debt contracts are governed by New York

or English law, with 90 percent of bonds of countries eligible for the G20's debt relief scheme are governed by English law. In 2020 and 2021, China took part in the G20's debt service suspension initiative, but the scheme only suspended 23 percent of the external debt payments of countries which applied, because private and multilateral lenders were not included.

In this debt service suspension initiative, China extended debt relief to developing countries worth a combined \$2.1 billion under the G20 framework, the highest among the group's members in terms of the amount deferred. This debt relief was granted to more than 23 developing countries.

In its commitment to help Africa fight against Covid-19, China cancelled the outstanding debts

of 15 African countries in the form of interest free loans. The exemptions applied to Africa's least developed countries, heavily indebted and poor countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing countries that have diplomatic relations with China.

What Africans need to understand is that, Chinese loans to Africa have helped finance large-scale investments with potentially significant positive effects for growth. Chinese lending to Africa has covered over 1,000 projects. Its investments have developed critically needed infrastructure, and contributed to economic growth, particularly in sectors or geographic areas in which international financial institutions and Western governments and companies have been unwilling to engage. Apart from that, Chinese

built infrastructures have undoubtedly contributed to Africa GDP growth and have been responsible for more than half of Africa improved growth performance.

Therefore, Africans should not allow themselves to be swayed by the propaganda and false information that China's loan to Africa undermines their sovereignty. Instead, they should thank China for such loans because African countries have been able to reduce infrastructure shortages by building vital infrastructures that have stimulated development and economic growth in the continent.

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ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia eyes ambitious tree planting initiative in bid to curb adverse effects of climate change

AS Ethiopia braces itself for achieving the aspiration of building a green economy, a government-led massive tree planting initiative has gained momentum across the east African country.

The Green Legacy campaign, a personal initiative of Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed as part of his ambition to recover Ethiopia's lost forests, was launched some four years ago, with an overarching goal of planting 20 billion seedlings in four consecutive years.

As the initiative gets traction among Ethiopians from all walks of life, this year's edition of the campaign, which marks the end of the ambitious initiative, started last month under the theme "Our Legacy for Our Generation."

One of the ardent participants of the tree planting initiative is Getachew Birhanu, a civil engineer in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Birhanu said he has already planted close to 35 seedlings over the past few weeks alone, together with his wife and two young children.

During the course of the recently-started Ethiopian rainy season alone, the ambitious Green Legacy initiative will see the plantation of some six billion tree seedlings throughout the East African country in the coming months.

"As a father of two toddlers, I believe we are truly leaving behind our legacy for our country and the generations to come.

This is something we should really be proud of," Birhanu told Xinhua one day in early July after he planted seedlings on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, accompanied by his wife and children.

Birhanu, who had been actively participating in all the previous tree planting campaigns, said he would continue planting trees even after the end of the four-year national



Children plant a sapling in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, Aug. 10, 2020. The tree planting ceremony is part of Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's green legacy. Xinhua

campaign as it would propel Ethiopia's green development efforts. Over the past three years, the East African country has planted more than 18 billion seedlings, according to figures from the Ethiopian government.

Experts blame the growing rate of deforestation for the rise in the adverse effects of climate change in Ethiopia as Africa's second most populous nation lost its abundant forest coverage, with worsening trends over the past few decades.

According to the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority (EEPA), Ethiopia only contributes to an estimated 0.04 percent of the global green-

house gas emission, but is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, mainly due to its high dependence on rain-fed agriculture and natural resources, as well as its relatively low adaptive capacity.

Speaking to Xinhua recently, EEPA director-general Getahun Garedew said the East African country is now facing the brunt of climate change and needs to urgently build climate resilience capability.

"Ethiopia is contributing very little toward climate

change but being affected very hugely," he said. "Biodiversity loss is another challenge, which is also a world-wide problem." According to Garedew, as the adverse effects of climate change persist, heavy rains, flooding and soil erosion are putting both urban and rural infrastructure at risk, particularly for the vulnerable segment of the population. According to EEPA figures, there has been considerable evidence of climate change impacts in Ethiopia over the last 50 years.

At the national level, temperatures have increased by an average of around 1 degree Celsius since the 1960s.

Rainfall is subject to high inter-annual and intra-annual variability, in which yearly variation around the mean rainfall level is 25 percent and can increase to 50 percent in some parts of the country.

Extreme weather events like droughts and floods have also become more frequent in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian PM, in his message on the launch of this year's campaign, said Ethiopia is gravely affected by climate change-induced challenges and is considered a climate vulnerable country.

"Our immediate and practical approach to addressing climate change is the Green Legacy Initiative," Ahmed said, as he called on Ethiopians to make this year's edition of the tree planting initiative a success.

According to the Ethiopian government figures, with an annually improving survival rate of around 80 percent of the newly planted seedlings, the initiative is ultimately contributing to the creation of new forest areas across Ethiopia.

Of this year's seedlings prepared for planting, agroforestry trees make up about 52 percent and forestry trees account for 47 percent, while the remaining are ornamental trees, according to figures from the Ethiopian government.

Billene Seyoum, a press secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, told journalists recently that one of the key successes of the green legacy initiative has been its instrumental role in mobilizing millions and creating public awareness, eventually leading to a significant decline in the rate of deforestation over the past couple of years.

Seyoum also emphasized that the proliferation of more than 120,000 nursery sites throughout the country has enabled job creation for various sections of society.

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US impedes fair competition by politicising economic issues

BASED on the so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act," the U.S. defines all or part of the products manufactured in Xinjiang as so-called goods produced through forced labor, and prevents Xinjiang-related products from entering the U.S.

What's behind the lies concocted by the U.S. is clear - protectionism in disguise of human rights.

As a matter of fact, the U.S. is oppressing Xinjiang's competitive industries through political means, which is typical economic coercion and complete political manipulation. It seriously undermines the conventions and rules of the international trade.

China is the world's second largest cotton producer, as well as the largest cotton importer and textile producer. It is also the world's largest photovoltaic (PV) manufacturer and has more installed capacity than other countries.

Xinjiang, as an important production base of cotton in China

and the world's most important production base of polysilicon, an essential material of the PV industry, possesses a vital position in the industrial and supply chains of the global textile and PV industries.

Large-scale mechanized and industrialized production has been achieved in Xinjiang. For instance, in most of the areas in the autonomous region, more than 98 percent of the cotton sowing work was carried out by machines, some of which were guided by the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System and autopilot technology. Besides, drip irrigation and mechanical picking have been widely adopted in Xinjiang's cotton production.

Xinjiang's products have been deeply integrated into the global industrial and supply chain. The fundamental reason lies in the autonomous region's industrial advantages and the quality of the products.

The so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" is implemented to protect U.S. trade,



A farmer picks, sorts and packs grapes in a grape plantation in Hutubi county, Hui autonomous prefecture of Changji, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, July 20, 2022. File photo

not human rights. It is not preventing the so-called goods produced through forced labor, but eliminating competitors of the U.S.

Some American politicians have claimed under public occasions that the U.S. would compete with China in clean energy and other areas. The so-

called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act," which requests American companies and other countries to remove Xinjiang's products from the supply chain, is exactly an excuse for the U.S. to contain Xinjiang's industrial advantages and transfer the PV industry out of China.

The U.S. claims that its com-

merce and industries are facing unfair competition. However, it indeed is the one preventing fair competition by politicizing the economy.

The so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" is another piece of hard evidence proving U.S. sabotaging the order of international trade and the rules of free trade.

Following a principle of "presumption of guilt," the U.S. arbitrarily detains or confiscates the products from Xinjiang and requests all Xinjiang-related enterprises around the world to prove their "innocence." It has seriously distorted the normal order and competition of global trade, and trampled on the fair competition principle and the rules of the WTO.

To prove the so-called "innocence," relevant enterprises have to spend tremendous manpower, materials and money. They even have been forced to seek more expensive substitutes, which significantly drives up their cost. The so-called act

has brought significant and unreasonable pressure to global importers.

Such practice receives little support as it is against the market rules and business ethics, and undermines the international business environment. It has been strongly opposed by a number of American companies.

Former chairman Rick Helfenbein of the American Apparel & Footwear Association said the enforcement of the act was like a "level-10 typhoon" for relevant American industries.

Sean Hunkler, CEO of American company FTC Solar noted that the practice of the U.S. restrained the imports of PV parts and the development of the American PV industry, as many enterprises had been forced to halt production and shipment.

Politico believes the enforcement of the act would throw American retailers and manufacturers into chaos, and some analysts said the act might exac-

erbate the inflation of the U.S., which has hit a 40-year high.

It will be proved that the so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act," which tries to take Chinese enterprises' fair opportunity to join global trade competition, will only end up hurting the U.S. itself.

A business insider from Xinjiang recently said that Xinjiang would focus more on technological innovation and make better products that are more competitive, so as to prove its capability to more partners and leave the choice to the market. It indicates that Xinjiang's products fear no fair competition, nor the political manipulation by the U.S.

The U.S. should reflect on its protectionist and hegemonic practices, stop political manipulation, halt sanctions against Xinjiang, and abandon the practice of undermining the rules of international trade and hindering global growth.

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How legitimate is 'legitimate self-defence' in Nigeria?

By Justine John Dyikuk

WHAT did Jesus really mean when he said, "he who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and get one?" (Cf Luke 22:).

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Recently, Zamfara State, North-West Nigeria, has been in the news because the governor, Bello Matawalle urged citizens to apply for and obtain licences to bear arms to defend themselves from terrorists, simply known as bandits, who have turned the state into a banana republic, and the epicentre of armed banditry, where life is "short and brutish."

The Ongoing Debate On Legitimate Self-defence in Nigeria The governor, who made the statement as part of events to mark his two years in office, stressed that Zamfara "would collaborate with security agencies and traditional leaders to ensure that credible persons (are)... recruited from the communities."

Although some Nigerians supported the motion, it did not go down well with others across divides.

For example, the governor of Ondo State, Rotimi Akeredolu, backed the call by the Zamfara helmsman for residents to arm and defend themselves against terrorists. According to him, "We have called on our traditional rulers that we must all be ready to rise up to defend our land and defend our people. What I really mean by that is that, you can't fold your hands and say people (attackers) are coming and you are running away."

The governor, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria, who was reacting to the recent Pentecost Day massacre of over 40 parishioners at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Owo, Ondo State, South-West Nigeria, which he governs, added that: "If they bring a fight to you, fight them back. There is no room to run away from it."

"That was why when I heard my brother in Zamfara, who said people should carry arms and license people to carry arms, it might be to some a bit of extreme measure, but when you are pushed to the wall, there is nothing else you can say."

For Benue State Governor Samuel Ortom, Matawalle's call was essentially an adoption of the Benue option.

It could be recalled that in 2019, the governor advised residents of the state to defend themselves against armed invaders.

While Speaking to journalists in the state capital, Makurdi, he maintained that: "The renewed killings and attack will not stop us from doing the right thing. We are not against anybody. But this intimidation must stop. I already told my people to arm themselves because the Bible also allows us to defend ourselves."

Ortom also stressed that, "And those who kill by the sword should die by the sword. Those who kill by AK-47 or what-



President Buhari meet wit sojas for Borno State on 17 June, 2021. File photo

ever means, should also die by AK47. I have told my people, don't waste your time, don't wait for anybody to kill you, kill that person first. That's is my stand."

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Clerics, Experts On Legitimate Self-defence

"Rise up in prayer to God in vigilance and in legitimate self-defence, for the rights to life, to our homes, to our lands that is God-given", the Catholic Bishops of the Owerri Ecclesiastical Province had said on this issue in August 2020.

In a related development, the Catholic Archbishop of Lagos, Most Reverend Alfred Adewale Martins highlighted the fundamental right to self-defence when he said, "If a person is under attack, he has the right to defend himself with equal force that he is being attacked. So, in principle every human being has the right to defend himself or herself."

He made the assertion amid multiple cases of violent attacks in Nigeria in a Thursday, June 3 news report, while speaking on the occasion of his 62nd birthday on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

On his part, a frontline evangelical pastor, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adeboye recently said, "Christians don't need guns. Samson did not fight with AK-47."

The cleric who cautioned that no one can be killed until God's appointed time, stressed that "no one should stay away from Church because of fear of being attacked."

Bishop Osadolor Ochei seems to agree with this position when he surmised that, "it is my own personal opinion that Nigerians should rise up to defend themselves as the governor of Zamfara said."

Legitimate Self-defence, Just War Theory

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"Nor is it necessary for salvation that a man omit the act of moderate self-defence to avoid killing the other man, since one is bound to take more care of one's own life than another's" (CCC #2264).

This simply means that killing should be the last resort after every other means has been exhausted.

By stating that "killing one's assailant is justified provided one does not intend to kill him," the Angelica Doctor, Saint Thomas Aquinas laid a solid foundation for the theology of legitimate self-defence in the Catholic Church.

Also known as "the principle of double effect", this position allows one to defend oneself without the intention of killing another person.

Here, the priority is to defend yourself; however, if in the process the Christian kills the person who attacked him, the act of killing the person who attacked him is not intended.

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Church underlines that we have a legitimate right to self defence on the basis of rightly ordered self-love. We have a duty to protect those in our care, such as our families; force should be used in moderation - it should be met with like force; and the taking of a human life in self defense should be a last resort, when all other options have been exhausted.

As such, because his primary intention is to defend himself, his action, including its consequence, is justified. This leads us to the just-war theory.

The Hague and Geneva Conventions cover how rules are drafted and implemented for soldiers, as well as punishment for war crimes, on the basis of ethical considerations.

This is where war ethics attempts to investigate whether going to war is right or wrong, the appropriate time to engage in war, and the moral basis for declaring such a war.

Between the fifth and thirteenth centuries, Saints Augustine and Thomas Aquinas wrote about the morality of killing or waging a war.

These scholars seem to agree that a war could be morally justified if weapons of mass destruction or landmines, torture, chemicals and drones are not employed.

In the worst scenario, war must be based on ethical values, such that if it must be waged by a legitimate authority like a state, there must be a just cause, it be waged with the right intention, there must be some degree of success, it must be the last resort, and there must be a proportionate use of force.

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Conclusion

Consumers face headwinds, but SA economy remains in growth mode

By Roelof Botha

CONSUMER sentiment around the globe has been dealt a blow by the sharp increase in price levels, particularly of fuel and some food products. In South Africa's case, two other factors have added to high levels of frustration: regular electricity blackouts and rising interest rates (in both nominal and real terms).

No person or business has been able to escape the harsh realities of rolling blackouts, which have been particularly severe since mid-June, while the Reserve Bank has decided (irrationally) to raise the cost of capital in a country that does not have demand-led inflation.

On a micro level, it is quite evident that a tough economic climate exists, but on a macro level, several key indicators still confirm the existence of fundamental economic stability and a growing economy, despite some intimidating headwinds.

Proof of this statement abounds. First, South Africa's international trade performance keeps on going from strength to strength and continues to break records, most notably the cumulative value of exports during the first five months of the year, which amounted to R791-billion. Furthermore, new vehicle sales in the domestic market increased by more than 7% in June and export sales by 18% (year on year).

A third light in the proverbial tunnel can be found in the latest wholesale trade sales fig-

ures, which amounted to more than R260-billion in May – the second-highest ever. Cumulative wholesale sales for the first five months of the year amounted to almost R1.2-trillion, which is a record and 18% higher than in the same period last year. Another economic record that has just been shattered is the value of mining production, which came in at R89-billion in May – 92% higher than the same month in 2019 (pre-Covid).

There is also encouraging news in the latest Altron FinTech Household Resilience Index (Afhri). Although the reading for the first quarter of 2022 was unchanged from a year ago, one of the key components of the index, household disposable income, moved to an all-time record high (in real terms). Positive year-on-year real growth rates were also recorded for salaries in the public and private sectors.

On a year-on-year basis, only six of the 20 indicators that comprise the index recorded declines of more than 1%, a clear indication that a measure of stability has returned to the financial disposition of households.

Unit trusts caught napping

One interesting observation from the Afhri is the poor showing for total unit trust assets (a proxy for one element of household wealth), which declined between the fourth quarter of last year and the first quarter of 2022, despite the record high of the All Share Index (Alsi) on the JSE during early March. On 1 Oc-



tober last year, the Alsi stood at 63,661. Five months later, it had risen by 22% to a record level of 77,536.

Intuitively, one would have expected the total assets of South Africa's unit trust industry to benefit from this huge increase in equity prices – which is even more impressive when factoring

in capitalised dividends. Unfortunately, it seems as if many unit trust fund managers either do not have mandates to switch between asset classes at relatively short notice or they have been rather complacent, knowing that their domestic bond portfolios will deliver close to double-digit returns.

Apart from the sharp increases in fuel prices, the most immediate issue threatening the financial resilience of businesses and households is rolling blackouts. Society at large is piling pressure on the government to address the energy crisis as a matter of urgency and it is encouraging that the National Planning Com-

mission – NPC – (which functions within the Presidency) has recommended drastic steps to ensure the acceleration of renewable energy grid connection.

In the event of the government lifting the 100MW limit for private power generation licensing and simplifying the energy regulation processes (as recommend-

ed by the NPC), several thousand megawatts of renewable energy could be introduced into the grid over the short to medium term.

In the interim, the next three months will continue to test the resolve of South Africa's citizens, but there are insufficient grounds to fear a recession.

By Sanya Osha

S. Africa's Thabo Mbeki at 80: Admired on the continent more than at home

THABO Mbeki, who succeeded Nelson Mandela as South Africa's second post-apartheid president, celebrated his 80th birthday on 18 June 2022. Following Mandela's era of multiracial and multicultural rainbowism, Mbeki had to squarely address the challenges of acute inequality and the numerous grievances of the black majority caused by colonialism and apartheid. This was tough work with no easy solutions.

Mbeki was born in what is now the Eastern Cape province to fairly educated and politically conscious parents - Epainette, a schoolteacher, and Govan, a contemporary of Mandela and other freedom fighters of that era. Govan was seldom home as he pursued the cause of freedom for South Africa. Thabo had to grow up fast and joined the youth league of the African National Congress (ANC) when he was only 13.

The topic of Mbeki's political legacy is moot. Even his position between global icon Nelson Mandela and alleged state capture architect Jacob Zuma is quite telling. For the most part, Mbeki, whom he succeeded, basked in the glow of post-apartheid reconciliation and euphoria. But Mbeki could not afford that luxury. There was serious work to be done in building a post-apartheid political dispensation. Much of this arduous

task fell on him, whom many considered Mandela's de facto prime minister.

Mbeki is attractive to many intellectuals beyond South Africa because of his thinking about pan-Africanism, the African renaissance and neocolonialism. All these issues are pertinent in Africa and its vast diaspora, which put Mbeki in the spotlight of the pan-Africanist movement. Numerous works have been written on his tenure as president and his legacy.

Mbeki found his second wind as probably the most respected African elder statesman after his ignominious exit as ANC leader. His transition from national politics to the African continental stage has been without great fanfare but quite effective.

As the ANC, which has governed South Africa since 1994, became afflicted by widespread corruption and deadly politicking, Mbeki kept above the fray. His nemesis and erstwhile deputy, Zuma, who succeeded him as president, went further in tarnishing the ANC brand and legacy in the most disrespectful manner.

This is the uncomfortable position



Former South African President Thabo Mbeki

from which Mbeki is compelled to be assessed.

A no-frills technocrat

Mbeki is not a charismatic leader, neither does he pretend to be. He does not possess Mandela's charm or Zuma's demotic earthiness, which can move peo-

ple to declare they'd kill for him.

Mbeki had a winning smile that floored Hollywood A-listers. Zuma sang and danced his way into the hearts of the South African masses and wasn't afraid to make a fool of himself. Mbeki always remained aloof. His appeal was largely among intellectuals.

Mbeki is rather a conscientious technocrat equally at home with other technocrats such as Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and Trevor Manuel. The two served in prominent positions in Mbeki's cabinet.

During his tenure as ANC president (1997-2007), Mbeki couldn't woo the rank and file in his party with rousing speeches delivered with visceral directness. That isn't his forte. He is, instead, a manager of systems and institutions and a purveyor of ideas.

Downfall and resurrection

Mbeki is a promoter of pan-Africanism - the quest to unite Africans in pursuit of a united, prosperous Africa. Frantz Fanon, the Haitian revolution, the Harlem Renaissance and important milestones of black empowerment powerfully shaped

Mbeki's ideological make-up.

There is a certain cosmopolitanism present in his outlook. But the masses of the South African people did not appreciate it. Instead, he was deemed cold, unresponsive and, therefore, uninteresting. This, more than any other failing, was the reason for his political downfall. His detractors and the party cast their lot with a more engaging Zuma in December 2007, which turned out not to be the best of choices. Mbeki was subsequently unceremoniously fired as president of the country by the ANC in September 2008.

Mbeki's rejection by his party undoubtedly reduced his political influence within the ANC. But he did not become idle. He worked diligently on the continental African stage, where his expertise and experience are highly valued. He has been traversing the continent on behalf of the African Union, putting out political fires and helping broker peace with an energy and commitment that many of his age don't possess.

While Zuma reigned supreme in the ANC from 2007 to 2017, Mbeki kept a

respectful distance. All through Zuma's scandals and motions of impeachment, Mbeki more or less maintained his silence and dignity.

Zuma, on the other hand, abdicated his powers to a shady cabal that influenced key government appointments and commandeered most of the lucrative government contracts of the ANC-led administration.

Then people started to think that perhaps Mbeki wasn't that bad after all. Some might argue that he had dictatorial tendencies but he was always his own man. Under Zuma, foreign actors without the least connection to the South African electorate wielded unimaginable power and influence.

After years in a political purgatory, Mbeki seems to have undergone a resurrection, based on the unmitigated disasters of his successor. He is now helping to save the ANC.

Africa's elder statesman

It is a pity that Mbeki's invaluable work on continental affairs isn't much valued in South Africa. Beyond South Africa, Mbeki is increasingly being considered among African intellectuals such as Toyin Falola (Nigeria), Paul Zeleza (Malawi) and Mammo Muchie (Ethiopia). He's placed in the same league as African philosopher-kings like Senegal's Leopold Sedar Senghor, Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah and Tanzania's Julius Nyerere.

'China-Africa cooperation promotes implementation of friendly projects'

By Guardian Reporter

IN the historical annals, on the afternoon of July 21, the first sub-forum of the 11th Meeting of the China-Africa Think Tanks Forum "Belt and Road Initiative and China-Africa Cooperation on Financing for Development", jointly organized by the Institute of African Studies of Zhejiang Normal University and the Jinhua Municipal Government, was successfully held online and offline.

Therein, representatives from the political, academic, media and business circles of China and six African countries, including South Africa, Mali, Senegal, Nigeria, Tanzania and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, gathered virtually to share their wisdom and offer suggestions for the high-quality development of China-Africa Cooperation on financing.

Though the conference was conducted by zoo, video live broadcast, picture live broadcast and other integrated media forms attracted 130,000 people to attend.

For instance, Moussa Mara, former Prime Minister of Mali, Christine Musisi, UNDP Permanent Representative to Tanzania, Antonio Serifo Embalo, Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau to China, Yetunde Aina, Executive President and Creative Director of Jadeas Trust of Nigeria, Gujianxin, Secretary of the Party Group and Director of

the Foreign Affairs Office of Zhejiang Provincial People's Government, Ling Zhifeng, Secretary of the CPC Jinhua Municipal Committee, Tong Qing, Vice President of Siyuan Investment Co. Ltd. and Deputy General Manager of China-Africa Capacity Cooperation Fund Co. Ltd., Zheng Mengzhuang, President of Zhejiang Normal University and other officials attended the meeting and delivered speeches and graced by Zhong Yijun, vice president of Zhejiang Normal University in the opening.

Equally, the China-Africa Exchange Museum was officially launched and attended by more than 100 people, including the mission of the Embassy of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau in China, the leaders of Zhejiang Provincial Foreign Affairs Office, Department of Education, Department of Commerce, Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Federation of Social Science and relevant agencies of Jinhua Municipal Government, representatives of Jinhua financial institutions, African-related business associations, business representatives, and representatives of scholars and international students from Zhejiang Normal University.

In quick analysis, the China-Africa Exchange Museum is the second-phase project of the African Museum of Zhejiang Normal University. It will systematically display the major historical events of China-Africa relations over the

past two thousand years, especially the diplomatic struggles of contemporary Chinese people.

It will also echo the Museum of China-Africa Civilization, the first-phase project of the African Museum. After the completion of the second phase, the African Museum will become the forefront of China-Africa non-governmental diplomacy and a first-line place to tell the story of China-Africa friendship.

In unveiling it, 18 experts and scholars from Chinese and African academic, think tanks and financial circles made a high-level interpretation and analysis around the topic from the perspectives of multi-vision, multi-discipline and multi-field. At the macro level, they expounded on how Global Development Initiative and Belt and Road Initiative can expand space for China-Africa cooperation and guide the direction for high-quality development between China and Africa.

At the level, they analyzed the opportunities and challenges, risks and obstacles in China-Africa investment and financing cooperation. At the micro level, they discussed the implementation of the Nine Projects namely: China-Africa technology transfer and skills development in African countries, climate change and digital technology innovation industry cooperation, China-Africa industry chain and supply chain cooperation in the context of repeated epidemics,

market power and private role of China-Africa cooperation, and the development of African securities market and other specific areas.

Liu Hongwu, a distinguished professor of Changjiang Scholars Programme and head of the Institute of African Studies at Zhejiang Normal University, made a sub-forum summary. Yoro Diallo, a Mali senior researcher at the Institute of African Studies of Zhejiang Normal University, reported to the conference on behalf of the first sub-forum.

During the conference, Jinhua Africa-related Cooperation Achievements and Africa-related Research Achievements of Zhejiang Normal University were also exhibited. Jinhua actively creates a picture scroll of a new model of China-Africa non-governmental cooperation, which is gradually spread out by 20 wide-format boards. With specific data and vivid pictures, Jinhua is excited about the multi-field, multi-level and multi-industry coordinated development of China-Africa economic and trade cooperation, cultural exchanges and educational cooperation.

At present, Jinhua has trade contacts with 60 countries and regions in Africa, and the trade with Africa accounts for 10% of the national share. From January to May this year, despite the impact of the epidemic, Jinhua's imports and exports to Africa still increased by 7.5% year-on-year.



Christine Musisi, UNDP Permanent Representative to Tanzania, speaks at a virtual meeting on China-Africa cooperation.

Behind the gratifying achievements in economic and trade cooperation, Jinhua has deep roots of cooperation with Africa. The Institute of African Studies of Zhejiang Normal University is located in Jinhua.

While deeply cultivating area studies in Africa, it vigorously promotes the transformation of academic achievements into think tanks products and public knowledge, and actively extends the value chain of knowledge and ideas through various ways such as consultation and suggestion, programs design and platform building, providing rich humanistic resources for promoting cooperation between Jinhua and African countries.

In 2018, the China Africa Cultural Cooperation and Exchange Demonstration Zone of Zhejiang Province was settled in Jinhua, further providing cultural and ideological nourish-

ment for the economic and trade cooperation between Jinhua and African countries.

Pretoria news in South Africa, Africa China Economy in Nigeria, Tinganews in Burkina Faso, Guangming Daily, China Daily, CGTN Africa, CGTN Français, CRI Online Kiswahili, Global Times and other mainstream media in China and Africa paid attention to and reported on the conference.

The China-Africa Think Tanks Forum is one of the important forums under the framework of the Forum on China Africa Cooperation. It was founded by the Institute of African Studies of Zhejiang Normal University with the support of the Ministry of foreign affairs in 2011.

Over the past 11 years, the China-Africa Think Tanks Forum has adhered to the principle of "people orientation, government participation, candid dialogue and consensus building". Under the guidance of the Secretariat of the Follow-up Committee of the China-Africa Cooperation Forum of the Africa Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 10 conferences have been held in China, Ethiopia, South Africa, Senegal and other countries, effectively promoting exchanges between China-Africa ideological and think tanks circles and narrowing the gap of knowledge and thought between China and Africa.

It is an important platform for the academic circles and think tanks of China and African countries to jointly promote the implementation of China-Africa comprehensive cooperation and generate independent knowledge products and ideological wisdom in developing countries.

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BUSINESS



EABL group managing director Jane Karuku

EABL stock gains 6.8pct on higher earnings, dividend

NAIROBI

EAST African Breweries Plc (EABL) stock price has jumped 6.8 percent after the firm more than doubled its profit for the year ended June and declared a final dividend of Sh7.25 per share.

The firm's share price closed at Sh153, up from Wednesday when it traded at Sh143.24.

EABL said Wednesday evening it will pay Sh7.25 per share or an aggregate of Sh5.73 billion in final dividends, after reporting a 123.7 percent jump in net profit to Sh15.5 billion helped by increased sales.

Investors at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) have increasingly considered the dividends paid on a stock before taking a position due to limited capital gains in the long-running bear market.

EABL suspended dividends after the economic crisis and the closure of bars eroded its earnings in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The company had made a net profit of Sh6.96 billion a year earlier.

EABL's profit growth was helped by higher net sales, which increased 27.28 percent to Sh109.40 billion from Sh85.96 billion.

The performance has seen the brewer return to paying dividends after declaring an interim payout of Sh3.7 per share or an aggregate of Sh2.96 billion in the half-year ended December.

The brewer said vaccination drives across its key regional markets and bar reopening boosted its sales

In Kenya, EABL's biggest market, net sales rose 30 percent, the company said. Net sales in Uganda and Tanzania rose 24 percent and 21 percent, respectively.

"The financial year saw the respective East African governments make significant strides in vaccine administration against Covid-19 leading to the easing of Covid-19 related restrictions that had been in place for the better part of the last two years," said the brewer.

"This easing contributed to an improved operating environment as outlets reopened and consumer activities picked up."

The company paid an interim dividend of Sh3 per share for the half year ended December 2019 before suspending the payouts.

The new proposed additional payout will be made on October 30 to shareholders on the register as of September 15.

This together with the interim dividend brings the total dividend for the year to Sh11 per share or an aggregate of Sh8.69 billion.

Managing director Jane Karuku said the company is cautiously optimistic about the short-term economic outlook.

"While our business has performed strongly this year, we expect near-term volatility to persist," she said. "Evidence of runaway inflation seeping into the Kenyan economy is sending a chill through investors after major retailers reported people are cutting back on buying bigger-ticket items as they try to get by."

Gold heads for biggest weekly gain since March

WASHINGTON

BULLION'S climb, supported by a weaker dollar and declining Treasury yields, saw prices hit a three-week high. While the Fed raised rates by 75 basis points again this week, data showing that the US is in a technical recession signaled that the central bank could become less aggressive as it combats inflation.

Despite the rebound, gold remains on track for a fourth straight monthly loss, with bullion-backed exchange-traded funds set for the biggest outflow in July since March 2021.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen gave a glass-half-full assessment of the economy, acknowledging a slowdown she called necessary to tame inflation while rejecting the notion the country had entered a recession.

Investors will turn their focus to next week's monthly jobs report from the US government, which is forecast to show

another solid month of hiring in July. Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the labor market remains "extremely tight," referencing a near-record number of job openings and historically low unemployment.

"If the US economic data turn out to be weaker next week, gold is likely to make further gains, Carsten Fritsch, an analyst at Commerzbank AG, said in a note.

"This applies in particular to the report on the labor market, as Fed Chair Powell has still been describing the market as robust, which besides the persistently high inflation is another argument in favor of further rate hikes."

Spot gold rose 0.2% to \$1,759.39 by 10:33 a.m. in London. Bullion is 1.8% higher this week. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index headed for a back-to-back weekly loss. Platinum and palladium advanced, while silver was little changed.

DSE-listed banks report gaining post-tax profits, share earnings

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Stock Exchange (DSE) listed banks recorded increased profits after income tax during the second quarter of this year, compared with similar quarter of last year, as well as cumulatively, which also pushed up their earnings per share.

Unaudited financial statements published this week have shown CRDB Bank, NMB Bank Plc, DCB Commercial Bank Plc, Mufindi Community Bank (MuCoBa), Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MCB) and Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) recorded increased profits and earnings per share, while Yetu Microfinance reduced its losses.

CRDB Group financial statement shows quarterly profit after income tax increased to 83.6bn/- from 45.6bn/- in Q2, 2021, while cumulatively, the bank's profit increased to 174bn/- from 88bn/- respectively.

The group's earnings per share nearly doubled to 32.4/- from 17.49/- while its total assets jumped to 10.2trn/- during the second quarter of this year from 9.4bn/- during the first quarter of this year, making it the largest bank in Tanzania.

NMB Bank Plc managing director Zaipuna Yona was quoted by media this week saying the bank recorded a profit of 298bn/- during the first half of this year from 193bn/- during similar half, last year while total assets increased to 9trn/- from 7.6trn/- respectively.

According to Maendeleo Bank Plc (MBP) financial statement, quarterly profit increased to 397mn/- from 78mn/- respectively and cumulatively, profit increased to 754mn/- from 190mn/-. The bank's earnings per share increased five times to 15/- from 3/- respectively.

However, MBP total assets slightly went down to 101bn/- during the second quarter from 102.5bn/- during



Mkombozi Commercial Bank's cumulative profit jumped to 1.9bn/- in June 2022 from 577mn/- in June 2021

the first quarter of this year.

DCB Commercial Bank Plc also recorded an increased cumulative profit to 1.05bn/- in June this year from 1.02bn/- in June last year, although on quarterly basis, profit slowed to 507mn/- from 520mn/-.

DCB Bank earnings per share slowed to 21.67/- from 22.52/- respectively while total assets increased to 219bn/- in Q2, 2022 from 199bn/- recorded during the first quarter of this year.

The statement shows Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) profit increased

by nearly three times to 906mn/- in Q1, 2022 from 374mn/- in Q2, 2021 while cumulatively profit jumped to 1.9bn/- in June 2022 from 577mn/- in June 2021.

MKCB earnings per share amounted 0.1/- while total assets increased to 219.8bn/- during the second quarter of this year from 216.7bn/- during the first quarter of this year.

The statements shows Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MCB) managed to cut its losses amounted 403mn/- during the second quarter of last year to a profit of 63mn/-

during the just ended quarter.

This has also improved MCB Plc's earnings per share to 1.63/- in Q2, 2022 from a loss of 6.52/- recorded during the second quarter of last year.

The financial statement shows MCB total assets increased to 75.5bn/- in Q2 this year from 67.8bn/- recorded during the first quarter of this year.

Mufindi Community Bank (MuCoBa) quarterly profit increased to 365mn/- from 121mn/- respectively while cumulatively, it slowed to

143mn/- from 305mn/-. The bank's earnings per share gained more than twice to 10.88/- in Q2, 2022 from 4.93/- in Q2, 2021.

The statement shows Yetu Microfinance also managed to improve its numbers during the period by cutting cumulative losses to 486.5mn/- in June 2022 from a loss of 841.5mn/- in June 2021.

However, the microfinance earnings per share recorded a loss of 40/- from 29/-, while the rate of NPLs increased to 29 percent from 18 percent.

Oil price set for gain as tighter markets offset slowdown fears



Stanbic Bank headquarters in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO/FILE

TEXAS

Oil headed for the first weekly advance in four after another period of choppy trading in which investors juggled signs of tightening markets against concerns of an economic slowdown.

West Texas Intermediate futures rose toward \$97 to extend this week's gain to around 2%. Prices are more likely to rise than fall as tight supply outweighs any risks to demand, Shell Plc Chief Executive Officer Ben van Beurden said on Thursday after the company posted record profit in the second quarter.

Futures are still poised for the first back-to-back monthly decline since 2020 after fears over a slowdown fueled bearish sentiment across markets. The US economy shrank for a second quarter as rampant inflation undercut consumer spending. Citigroup Inc. says there are signs the oil market is moderating.

While oil has given up most of the gains seen following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, the US benchmark is still up almost 30% this year.

The surge in energy prices have

underpinned record second-quarter earnings for Shell and TotalEnergies SE, and other supermajors are likely to follow. A weaker dollar has also helped to boost commodity prices.

The market is "weighing the trade off between recessionary risks and demand destruction as the global economy slows versus being fundamentally under-supplied," said Stephen Innes, managing partner at SPI Asset Management. "The potential shortfall in supply signals higher prices ahead."

The spread between WTI and Brent

has widened as a reduction in Russian crude flows tightened markets in Europe. The global benchmark was at a premium of \$10.38 to US crude, compared with \$6.01 at the start of the month.

The US is optimistic that there could be some positive announcements from the OPEC+ meeting next week, a senior Biden administration official said. The meet will determine whether President Joe Biden will get the additional crude he requested for the global market during his visit to Saudi Arabia in mid-July.

Orange growers in Tanga smile with NTBs at Horohoro border resolved

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

WITH July-August orange harvesting season already started, the fruit growers and traders from both Tanzania and Kenya have hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta for resolving Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) issues at the border posts, saying were limiting the movement of their goods.

Speaking with this paper at Segera -highways junction in Handeni district where the orange markets has been established, some growers and traders thanked the two Presidents saying has smoothed the movement of orange, as Kenya is the main market.

They said during Covid-19 pandemic Kenya-Tanzania border posts were closed, which affected the movement of goods between two countries, especially on fruits and food, particularly their oranges.

"The reliable markets for Tanzanian oranges are Nairobi and Mombasa, but during the pandemic, which resulted into closure of border, we had nowhere to sell and prices went down dramatically while large quantity of oranges decayed," said Ally Makofia, the orange dealer.

"But now, there are dozens of Kenyan trucks coming to from Nairobi and Mombasa, via Namanga and Horohoro borders each day to load oranges at Segera," he added.

Mhando Salum, orange grower from Michungwani village said since the Non-Tariff barriers have been solved, prices have gone up, which has benefited most farmers, boosting their incomes.

"Last year like this season, we sold one orange 15/- but today we're selling between 50/- and 60/- as many Kenyan traders flocking into the market, which has increased competition with local markets, especially Dar es Salaam," he said.

Keneth Odhiambo a trader from Kenya conceded that Kenyan processing factories and petty traders are mostly depending from Tanzanian oranges, especially from Muheza, Handeni and Korogwe districts because of the quality.



Oranges production makes a substantial contribution to Tanga region economy through job creation, income generation to farmers as well as source of government taxes PHOTO/FILE

"Tanzania and Kenya are interdependence; once you block one side, know that you affect the other side; so, blocking products from Tanzania also affects Kenyan consumers as it is resulting into rising prices," Odhiambo said.

In August 2021, Tanzania and Kenya held the fourth joint Commission for cooperation to strengthen and enhance trade between partner states, which sharing the membership of East African Community (EAC).

Muheza District Commissioner Halima Bulembu the district is earning a total of 2.2bn/- each year from trading with Kenya, especially

agricultural products and this is also translating into local government taxes collections.

Muheza Executive Director, Nassib Mbaga explained that oranges production makes a substantial contribution to the districts economy through job creation, income generation to farmers as well as source of government taxes.

He revealed that about 80 percent of district council revenue come from crops trades, mainly orange sell in domestic and export markets.

During 22nd Ordinary Summit of East Africa Heads of States held in Arusha this month, President Samia Suluhu Hassan reminded the

need for resolving Non Tarriff Barriers (NTBs) to increase intra -regional trade within the EAC member states.

She challenged the council of Ministers to address pending issues that continue to hinder the growth of intra - regional trade with the partner states.

Ex-East Africa Community chairman and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta while launching 42 - kilometre East Africa By- pass road in Arusha explained that 52 out of 68 Non - Tariff Barriers have been solved.

Global bonds surging in best month since 2020 on recession fears

NEW YORK

Global bonds are headed for the biggest monthly gain since November 2020 -- with a Bloomberg index surging 1.8 pct -- as the market's focus switches to a fear of recession amid rapid Federal Reserve interest-rate hikes.

That's a far cry from the previous six months, when the strongest inflation prints for a generation drove the gauge to a cumulative 14 pct loss.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell's signal Wednesday that tightening may slow depending on economic data only added to the rebound. A report the following day showing the US economy shrank for a second quarter looks to have all but confirmed a global contraction as the new base case for investors, one that's expected to curtail the uptrend in consumer prices.

"History tells us that recessions tend to lead to lower inflation," Societe Generale SA strategists including Subadra Rajappa in New York wrote in a report.

"Global bonds staged an impressive rally as a dovish Fed and weaker data continued to stoke recession fears. Markets were quick to price out Fed and European Central Bank rate hikes for the upcoming year, relying on higher policy rates and demand destruction to rein in inflation."

Australia's government and corporate bonds have surged 2.4 pct in July, set for the biggest monthly gain since May 2012. That doesn't even include Friday's gains following the US gross domestic product data, which has sent yields on 10-year government bonds sliding as much as 18 basis points. The index had tumbled 9.5 pct in the first half, with losses exacerbated by a series of central-bank policy missteps. Globally, corporate bonds are among those leading gains. An index tracking euro-denominated investment-grade company debt has returned 4.7% in July, set for a record monthly gain. US currency debt from emerging Asian high-grade issuers is heading for the best month since November 2020. Still, some analysts and investment strategists have warned the rally in high-grade corporate bonds may fade fast due to the risk of recession in some major economies, persistent distress in Chinese credit market and rising default risks.



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FSD Africa, CDG Capital support Africa's first green bond

By Guardian Correspondent, CASABLANCA

AFRICA'S first corporate clean mobility bond was yesterday launched by Morocco's national railway operator (ONCF).

FSD Africa said in a statement yesterday that it provided technical assistance for the green certification process of this bond.

With this issuance, ONCF is targeting to raise approximately 1 billion dirhams (\$95m) to support the Al Boraq project, which has led to considerable gains for the community in terms of connectivity, travel time and frequency, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This high-speed line (Ligne à Grande Vitesse - LGV) project is part of a master plan to connect Tangier to Marrakech by 2030, advancing economic development by providing faster inter-urban passenger and freight lines with reduced carbon emissions.

Through the LGV Journey time between Tangier and Kenitra has been reduced by 2 hours and 25 minutes and will result in a reduction of over 2.9 million tonnes of carbon equivalent over a 30-year timeframe.

"Indeed, reinforcing the ecological qualities intrinsic to the railway mode, as a vector of sustainable mobility, ONCF is fully committed



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to a socio-environmental policy, placing sustainable mobility at the heart of its corporate strategy and its development model," a statement says.

From January 1, 2022, ONCF has taken a bold step in its energy transition by running all of its Al Boraq trains on clean wind energy. ONCF is carrying out its green transformation in a gradual way, by increasing 25 percent of its overall energy consumption to green energy, to reach 50 percent in 2023 before fully transitioning into

green energy by 2030.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), rail is among the most efficient and lowest emitting modes of transport: trains represent only 0.3 percent of global total emissions compared to 2 percent for aviation.

Whilst transport represents a large share of green bond issuances worldwide (20 pct of all green bonds issued globally), in Africa, it is still greatly underrepresented (less than 1 pct) of total issuances.

This project is an important example of how the utilisation of a capital market instrument - a Green Bond, can address infrastructure challenges and provide a climate-friendly solution.

FSD Africa considers this project as one of the approaches to effect the change and to show other potential issuers and investors the feasibility of the green bond labeling process.

Green bonds are one of the most readily accessible and economical options to help raise large amounts of

capital to meet environmental targets in Africa. The potential long-term expected market system changes of this project will contribute to a more sustainable future characterised by the creation of economic resilience via a more efficient and low-carbon transport of passengers and goods.

Commenting on the project, FSD Africa CEO, Mark Napier, said: "Climate Finance is an important focus area for FSD Africa. This project presents an opportunity for FSD Africa to support the issuance of Africa's first corporate clean mobility bond. The issuance of green bonds as a tool for unlocking significant capital for sustainability-related investment has been gaining traction in Africa in recent years. We look forward to supporting further green bond issuances".

Simon Martin, British Ambassador in Morocco said: "Morocco's capacity for financial innovation is powering a new era of post-covid economic growth that, with the right ingredients, can set the Kingdom on a truly sustainable development pathway. I'm incredibly proud that, through the work of organisations like FSD Africa and its partners, the British Government is helping support Morocco's journey to establish low carbon transport infrastructure through its national railway operator ONCF issuing Africa's first corporate clean mobility bond".

Apple reports record revenue of \$83B amid high inflation

IDAHO

APPLE (AAPL) released its Q3 earnings on Thursday evening, beating analysts' expectations with record revenue of \$83 billion despite fears of rising inflation.

Here are the most important numbers from the report, and how they compare to Wall Street's expectations, as compiled by Bloomberg.

"Our June quarter results continued to demonstrate our ability to manage our business effectively despite the challenging operat-

ing environment. We set a June quarter revenue record and our installed base of active devices reached an all-time high in every geographic segment and product category," Apple CFO Luca Maestri said in a statement.

Despite the record revenue, Apple reported net income fell 10.5% year-over-year

Apple is contending with a number of problems including rising inflation hitting consumers and COVID lockdowns in China hitting sales and production in the country.

The company's market cap has also suffered amid the larger drop off in tech, falling below the \$3 trillion market to \$2.5 trillion.

But according to Morgan Stanley, this is all short-term trouble for the iPhone maker. In a note, Erik W. Woodring indicates that Apple's services business could help push the tech titan's market cap over the \$3 trillion market again.

Services revenue was especially strong in Q3, jumping from \$17.5 billion last year to \$19.6 billion.

Apple is widely expected to launch its iPhone 14 line along

with its Apple Watch Series 8 later this fall. And while that won't have much impact on the company's Q4 earnings since the products are announced just a few weeks before the quarter ends, it should boost its Q1 2023 performance.

Apple is also said to be preparing to enter the AR/VR space with its own headset that will likely launch sometime in 2023. That could serve as the next major product for the company and open up broader opportunities for services and content sales.



Electronic tax stamps are the gateway for Tanzania to grow, says TRA

By Guardian Reporter

ADoption of the Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) has shown the way in which Tanzania is supposed to go taking into account that has the ability to combat counterfeits and make it easy to track and trace manufactured goods.

Speaking at the just ended 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), TRA Deputy Commissioner Mcha Hassan Mcha described the adoption of the system as key to increasing tax collection.

Speaking to some of the TRA staff at the authority's pavilion, Mcha said that the use of the system on more goods is a key aspect of maximizing the taxman target, noting that prior to using the ETS, Tanzania relied on a paper stamp system which was cumbersome and prone to human error.

According to experts, the paper stamps system was flawed and allowed for cheating by corrupt officials and unscrupulous businessmen.

So according to him, not only does the ETS system help increase revenue, but it also helps to improve the tax administration in the country.

He said that the ETS system has also played a key role in the reduction of otherwise proliferating counterfeit products from the Tanzanian market. It is, nonetheless, a promising move by the government, and manufacturers and intellectual property owners should have reason to smile.

Mcha called on the public to inculcate a habit of using the system when buying goods in the market outlets.

At the TRA pavilion the deputy commissioner also participated at the ongoing Hakiki Stempu (Verify the Stamp) exercise to scan one of the liquors to authenticate the genuineness of a product.

TRA Commissioner General, Alphayo Kidata once called on consumers and the general public to download the Hakiki Stempu App on their smartphones for free as it will help them to know which product is fit for their consumption and which one is not.

According to him, the ETS authenticity exercise will also help the government to collect the right amount of tax from manufacturers and traders.

"The money collected will help the government in the implementation of a number of development projects and in the delivery of



TRA deputy commissioner Mcha Hassan Mcha and other staff check the quality of liquor during the on-going 'Stamp Verification' at the recent Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Looking on (2nd R) is the authority's Director for Tax Payer Services and Education, Richard Kayombo. Photo Courtesy of TRA

social services in the country," Kidata said, urging manufacturers and importers of various products to use the ETS honestly.

He stated that the system had a lot of benefits to their business. The benefits include protecting their products against counterfeits in the market and also in coming up with a just tax assessment.

Presenting the national budget in Parliament on June 14, Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said that Tanzania Revenue Authority and other institutions by April had collected 21.42trn/- during the 2021/22 fiscal year, noting the move as significant progress in domestic revenue collection, whereby tax and non-tax revenue was 19.99trn/- (93.3 percent).

The increased tax collection was principally contributed by the adoption of the ETS system that helped in tracking

and tracing security features that are embedded in the ETS app.

Experts have it that the system makes it easy to tell which one is fake and which one is original.

Adopted in 2019, both the taxman and the consumer can easily and effectively tell whether the stamp fixed on a product is original or fake.

Through a mobile app, every individual is able to track and trace the authenticity of a product before consuming it, contrary to the previous paper stamps which were difficult to tell between the original and the fake one.

Data from TRA show that there had been a significant rise in the number of manufacturers whose products are affixed with ETS' during the past two years.

The number of manufacturers of beer, spirits, and wines has risen significantly from only 57 before the introduction of ETS' to 272 as of August this year, according

to the TRA data.

Tanzanian government adopted the ETS system whereby stamps were installed on companies that produce beer, wine, spirits and later on sweetened flavored water and other non-alcoholic beverages, like energy and malt drinks and soda, and then was enrolled on fruit juices (including grape must), vegetable juices (under Heading 20.09), and bottled drinking water.

It is also a step ahead for both the government and manufacturers because it removes the need for TRA officials and a manufacturing company or an importer to go through the hassle of sitting down and discussing the right amount to be paid in tax.

Since the adoption of ETS, excise duty collections have risen 60 percent if the three years prior to the rollout of ETS' on beer, wines, and spirits compared to an almost similar period after the roll-out.

Standard Chartered's second-quarter profit rises 18 per cent

HONG KONG

STANDARD Chartered, one of Hong Kong's three currency-issuing banks, said its profit rose 18 per cent in the second quarter as it bucked concerns about the global economy that sapped deal making in the West and led to choppy markets in the three-month period.

The emerging markets-focused lender's net profit rose to US\$818 million from US\$691 million in the same quarter of 2021.

The London-based bank that generates much of its revenue in Asia, reported US\$1.32 billion in pre-tax profit, beating the US\$989 million expected by analysts.

"We've delivered a strong financial performance in the first half, and we are making very encouraging early progress against the five strategic actions we laid out in February," the bank's chief executive officer Bill Winters said in a statement. "Looking forward, whilst recession risks are rising in the West, we are seeing the early stages of a post-pandemic recovery in many of the markets in which we operate, underpinning our prospects for growth."

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Standard Chartered is the first of Hong Kong's large and currency-issuing lenders to report their results for the second quarter. HSBC is expected to report its results on Monday, followed by Bank of China (Hong Kong) later next month.

Standard Chartered's Asia business, including its single largest market Hong Kong, made a pre-tax profit of US\$945 million, 4 per cent below the US\$983 million it reported a year earlier.

In its five biggest markets, Hong Kong was the only one to report a decline in operating income in the first half, but Standard Chartered said its business in the city remained "resilient". Underlying pre-tax profit in Hong Kong dropped by nearly half to HK\$419 million in the first six months of the year.

Hong Kong's financial chief Paul Chan Mopo warned this week that the city may have to cut its annual growth forecast for a second time as the economy has not recovered as

quickly as expected from the fifth wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Standard Chartered said it would pay an interim dividend of 4 US cents a share after resuming dividend payments last year. Analysts expect the bank to pay a dividend of 16.5 US cents a share over the course of the year, according to market consensus.

The bank also said it would buy back US\$500 million in shares, with a goal of returning US\$5 billion to shareholders over the next three years.

Shares of Standard Chartered rose about 1 per cent to HK\$56.30 in Hong Kong following the announcement. Its shares had lost nearly 3 per cent of value in Friday's morning session in Hong Kong ahead of the announcement.

The bank also said it would take an additional US\$77 million in credit impairments for potential soured loans in its Chinese commercial real estate portfolio amid growing concerns about China's economic slowdown and continued financial difficulties in the property sector.

HSBC and Standard Chartered each took US\$160 million credit impairments for potential soured loans related to their mainland commercial real estate books in the first quarter.

The additional provisions came as China's second-quarter economic growth slowed to 0.4 per cent, amid a warning by S&P Global Ratings last week that a fifth of rated Chinese property developers could end up becoming insolvent, putting as much as US\$88 billion of their distressed bonds at risk.

Moody's Investors Services separately warned last week that Hong Kong banks face higher asset risks in their loan portfolios amid the economic slowdown and further financial pressure on the nation's property markets.

Standard Chartered's operating income, similar to revenue in US accounting terms, rose 7 per cent to US\$3.93 billion in the second quarter. Net interest margin, an important measure of lending profitability, rose to 1.35 per cent in the quarter, up from 1.22 per cent a year earlier. It increased six basis points from 1.29 per cent in the first quarter.



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WORLD

Detentions loom over Egypt's political dialogue

CAIRO

AFTER nine years of sweeping crackdowns on dissent, Egypt is set to launch a carefully choreographed political dialogue, but the main Islamist opposition movement is excluded and critics say a parallel move to release prisoners is proceeding too slowly.

The dialogue, announced by President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in April and expected to start in the coming weeks, will include some moderate opposition factions pushed to the margins since Sisi, while armed forces chief, led the 2013 ouster of Muslim Brotherhood President Mohamed Mursi after mass unrest.

A presidential amnesty committee is processing thousands of requests to free some of those jailed under Sisi's rule - though Siu Hiu Ho gh the Brotherhood remains firmly left out of the dialogue, its leaders in prison or exile.

Opposition figures see the speed and extent of prisoner releases as a pivotal test of the dialogue's potential, and of the chances of any softening in what they describe as the most severe political repression in decades.

Acting Muslim Brotherhood leader Ibrahim Munir told Reuters in an interview that the dialogue could not achieve results if it excluded the Brotherhood or other figures.

As Sisi has consolidated his position, tens of thousands of dissidents or critics from across the political spectrum have been jailed, according to estimates by rights groups.

So far, some of those invited to the dialogue see too little early progress in freeing them.

"The broad release of large numbers of prisoners of conscience was a necessary prelude and still is," said Ahmed Eltantawy,

a former member of parliament whose leftist Karama party is divided over participation in the dialogue and who is not planning to take part.

"It was not treated as a necessary prelude, and there are no signs that it will be an inevitable outcome," Eltantawy said in an interview.

Asked at a press conference earlier this month about the speed of prisoner releases, the chair of the dialogue, Diaa Rashwan, voiced hope for more presidential pardons of convicted inmates, but said those held in pre-trial detention were a matter for the prosecution.

Rashwan, who also heads the state information service, told Reuters he was not able to answer a request for further comment. Most of the dialogue board's 19 members are attached to official bodies and several are members of parliament.

New phrase

Egyptian officials have presented the dialogue as heralding a new phase of Sisi's rule made possible by improvements in security and political stability and dubbed "the new republic".

As the Arab world's most populous country reels from the financial impact of the Ukraine war, the officials say the dialogue will help chart a course for future economic and social development.

It follows steps, including publication of a human rights strategy, that appear intended to address Western criticism of Egypt's rights record.

In November, Egypt will be in the international spotlight as host of the COP27 climate summit.

Rashwan told the recent press conference that proposals from the dialogue, which will cover political, social and economic issues, will be presented to Sisi, who



Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

would "choose what he deems the best of them".

Some of Egypt's small remaining band of opposition figures have been given a platform on tightly controlled domestic media for the first time in years.

Amr Hamzawy, a liberal member of parliament after Egypt's 2011 uprising who returned to Cairo temporarily to take part in the dialogue, said that in the absence of alternatives it could be a "major tool for creating a moment of openness".

"The idea of us sitting together in one place and expressing different opinions without someone being labeled as a traitor, or having their patriotism questioned or motives doubted... that would be crucially important," said Hamzawy, now Middle East director at the Washington-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

But Hamzawy added that the dialogue is likely to be a complex, stop-start process, and that the release of prisoners of conscience is needed to build confidence.

Prisoner releases

In the two months after the dialogue was announced, just under 300 detainees were freed, though more than 1,074 names had received initial approval for release, according to a member of the presidential pardon committee, Tarek al-Awady.

He said the Brotherhood - which is banned and accused of using violence against the state - would not be able to join the dialogue, but the pardon committee would not exclude any names on ideological grounds.

"All we can do is study the cases and submit them to the presidency specifically, who in turn seek the opinions of security apparatuses, and then make their final decision," Awady said.

The Brotherhood denies using violence for political ends.

Mohamed Lotfy, director of the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms, said the rate of releases in late April to late June had been about the same as over the past two years and that there had been nearly as many new cases before the state security prosecution as there had been releases.

"The only gain is a recognition by the government finally that there is an issue around political prisoners that needs to be dealt with," said Lotfy. Sisi has said Egypt holds no political prisoners, that security is paramount and that the government is promoting human rights by working to provide basic needs like jobs and housing.

Some prisoners freed recently had been held in pre-trial detention since 2019, when thousands were arrested amid a wave of small, rare protests.

Khaled Dawoud, a journalist and senior member of the liberal Dostour Party, who is planning to take part in the dialogue, said authorities needed to stop making new arrests and to lift restrictions on the media.

"I'm only asking for the basics," said Dawoud, who was also swept up in late 2019 and held for 19 months, during which his sister died and his father was ailing. "We want to express our views without fear - the fear of getting arrested." **Xinhua**

St. Petersburg to host Russia-Africa summit next year, says diplomat

MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S second-largest city of Saint Petersburg will host the 2023 Russia-Africa Summit, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova wrote on her Telegram channel on Wednesday.

"We are leaving the African continent under a heavy rain and this is a good sign," she stated. "Thank you, friends, and we are waiting for you in Saint Petersburg next year at the Russia-Africa summit."

The inaugural Russia-Africa summit was hosted by the Russian Black Sea resort city of Sochi in 2019. The summit was organized between October 22 and 24, 2019 and its slogan read as 'For Peace, Security and Development.'

Within the framework of the African tour earlier this week, Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov visited Egypt, the Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Ethiopia between July 24 and 27.

The visit to Ethiopia on Wednesday was the final stop in Lavrov's African tour, after which the Russian top diplomat will travel to the Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in the Uzbekistani capital of Tashkent.

The crisis in Ukraine took the center stage during Lavrov's previous negotiations and press conferences in African countries.

On February 21, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced recognizing the sovereignty of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics. Russia signed agreements on friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance with their leaders.

Russia recognized the Donbass republics in accordance with the DPR and LPR constitutions within the boundaries of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions as of the beginning of 2014.

Russian President Putin announced on February 24 that in response to a request by the heads of the Donbass republics for assistance he had made a decision to carry out a special military operation in Ukraine.

The Russian leader stressed that Moscow had no plans of occupying Ukrainian territories, noting that the operation was aimed at the denazification and demilitarization of Ukraine.

The DPR and the LPR launched an operation to liberate their territories under Kiev's control. **Agencies**

African countries report 2,101 monkeypox cases

ADDIS ABABA

THE African continent has so far reported 2,101 monkeypox cases and 75 people have died due to the virus across the continent since the beginning of 2022, the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) disclosed.

Out of the 2,101 monkeypox cases that have been reported in Africa, some 1,818 of them are suspected cases while 283 are confirmed cases, said Ahmed Ogwel, the acting director of Africa CDC, during a weekly briefing Thursday.

Figures from the Africa CDC showed that 70 new monkeypox cases have been reported by three African countries during the past week. Ghana reported 16 confirmed cases, while Nigeria reported 16 confirmed and 37 suspected cases.

Liberia reported one confirmed case. Africa CDC, the healthcare agency of the African Union, said the number of new monkeypox cases reported during the past week registered a 7 percent decrease as compared to last week's briefing. Africa's monkeypox case fatality rate currently stands at 3.6 percent.

On Monday, the Africa CDC recommended its members for boosting surveillance and contact tracing efforts against monkeypox disease. It called on African countries to strengthen laboratory diagnostic capacities and genomic sequencing capacity for monkeypox.

The announcement came days after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the monkeypox outbreak a public health emergency of international concern on July 23.

The Africa CDC also called on members to stockpile vaccines needed to deal with monkeypox cases and urged them to develop and distribute both general and tailored risk communication messages for general communities as well as vulnerable population groups.



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Xi speaks with Biden over phone

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping spoke with U.S. President Joe Biden on the phone at the request of the latter on Thursday evening. The two presidents had a candid communication and exchange on China-U.S. relations and issues of mutual interest.

Xi pointed out that in the world today, the trends of turbulence and transformation are evolving, and deficits in development and security are looming large. Faced with a world of change and disorder, the international community and the people around the world expect China and the United States to take the lead in upholding world peace and security and in promoting global development and prosperity. This is the responsibility of China and the United States as two major countries.

He underscored that to approach and define China-U.S. relations in terms of strategic competition and view China as the primary rival and the most serious long-term challenge would be misperceiving China-U.S. relations and misreading China's development, and would mislead the people of

the two countries and the international community. The two sides need to maintain communication at all levels and make good use of existing communication channels to promote bilateral cooperation.

Recognizing the many challenges facing the global economy, Xi underscored the need for China and the United States to maintain communication on such important issues as coordinating macro-economic policies, keeping global industrial and supply chains stable, and protecting global energy and food security. Attempts at decoupling or severing supply chains in defiance of underlying laws would not help boost the U.S. economy. They would only make the world economy more vulnerable.

He said the two sides need to work for deescalation of regional hotspots, help rid the world of COVID-19 as early as possible, reduce the risk of stagflation and recession, and safeguard the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order underpinned by international law.

Xi elaborated on China's principled position on the Taiwan



This photo combo shows Chinese President Xi Jinping (left) and US President Joe Biden. Photo/Xinhua

question. He highlighted that the historical context of the Taiwan question is crystal clear, and so are the fact and status quo that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one and the same China.

The three China-U.S. joint communiqués embody the political commitments made by the two sides, and the one-China principle is the political foundation for China-U.S. relations. Xi said, adding that China firmly opposes secession aimed at "Taiwan independence" and external interference, and never allows any room for "Taiwan independence" forces

in whatever form. The position of the Chinese government and people on the Taiwan question is consistent, and resolutely safeguarding China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity is the firm will of the more than 1.4 billion Chinese people, he said.

The will of the people cannot be defied and those who play with fire will perish by it, he said, adding that it is hoped that the United States will be clear-eyed about this.

He also called on the United States to honor the one-China

principle and implement the three China-U.S. joint communiqués both in word and in deed.

Biden said the world is at a critical moment, adding that U.S.-China cooperation benefits not only the people of the two countries, but also the people of all countries.

The United States hopes to keep an open line of communication with China to enhance mutual understanding and avoid misperception and miscalculation, and will work with China where the interests of the two countries align and, at the same time, properly manage differences, he said.

He reiterated that the one-China policy of the United States has not changed and will not change, and that the United States does not support "Taiwan independence."

The two presidents also exchanged views on issues including the Ukraine crisis. Xi reiterated China's principled position.

Both presidents viewed their call as candid and in-depth. They agreed to stay in touch and instructed the two teams to keep up communication and cooperation.

Xinhua

Township in E China turns into globally renowned violin manufacturing centre

WHEN farmers in Huangqiao township learned to carve the very first batch of violin scrolls 60 years ago, no one was expecting that the small township in Taixing, east China's Jiangsu province would become a globally renowned manufacturing center of the stringed instrument.

Today, the township, though a late-comer to development, accounts for 70 percent of China's violin production and over half of the world's. Besides, it also produces around 700,000 guitars annually.

There are over 230 enterprises in the township engaged in violin manufacturing, and more than 30,000 people

out of the township's 200,000 residents are working in the industry.

The township's history of violin making started with two former workers of the Shanghai Violin Factory, who returned to their hometown Huangqiao in 1962 and taught locals the skills of scroll carving - the basics of violin manufacturing.

The unplanned craft grew into a business. In 1971, an instrument factory was established in a township near Huangqiao to supply violin parts for manufacturers in Shanghai. Fourteen years later, the factory became a branch of the Shanghai Violin Factory, and the two signed a 10-year contract.

Li Shu, then manager of the factory, went to Frankfurt, Germany in 1992 for an international musical instrument exhibition, where he found a big gap between his factory and its global peers. Therefore, he brought home violins made in Germany, Japan and South Korea and showed these foreign products to his employees, in the hope to improve the quality of their own products.

When he attended another exhibition, he confidently introduced his violins to various producers and offered a competitive price of \$15 for each violin. The appearance of the Huangqiao violin left a deep impression on the international instrument market.

In 1995, the 10-year deal with Shanghai Violin Factory expired and the factory started soaring. In that year, the factory made over 60,000 violins independently, outpacing some of the best violin manufacturers in Shanghai and Guangzhou to become the largest violin manufacturer in China.

Also in that year, the factory embraced a new opportunity by establishing a joint venture Finelegend with American company AXL Beats Instrumentals.

The cooperation straightened the sales channel. Over half of Finelegend's products are sold to the European and American markets through AXL Beats

Instrumentals. In addition, the international industrial standards are also brought to Finelegend through the American company.

Thanks to reliable quality and favorable prices, violins produced in Huangqiao township are welcomed by the international market.

At the peak of its production capacity, Finelegend had over 1,100 employees and could produce more than 300,000 violins in a year. The joint venture nurtured more than 60 managers of violin factories in Huangqiao township. The township even attracted an enterprise from the UK to establish its factory in Huangqiao.

As violin learning got popular in China, more factories in Huangqiao started making middle- and high-end products for innovative development.

Today, almost every student in Huangqiao's primary schools can play an instrument under the city's musical influence.

So far, over 85 percent of the students in primary and junior high schools in the township have learned to play an instrument, such as gourd flute, ukulele, guitar and violin. Even lobby managers and waiters in a random hotel can establish a mini band. Musical instrument performances are always seen on the street. **People's Daily**

UN: Details for Ukraine grain shipments still being worked out

UNITED NATIONS

UN aid chief Martin Griffiths said on Thursday he was hopeful that the first shipment of grain from a Ukrainian Black Sea port could take place as early as Friday, but "crucial" details for the safe passage of vessels were still being worked out.

Griffiths said Turkish, Russian and Ukrainian military officials were working with a UN team at a Joint Coordination Center in Istanbul to hammer out standard operating procedures for the deal agreed by the four parties last Friday.

"That is a detailed negotiation based on the agreement," Griffiths told UN member states in a briefing on Thursday. "But without those standard operating procedures we cannot manage a safe passage of vessels."

"We don't see any scale likely to happen ... without our procedures being clear, understood by the commercial sector," he later told a news conference.

He acknowledged that "the devil was in the details," but said so far no major issues had emerged. Griffiths said one aspect being negotiated is the exact coordinates of the safe shipping channels.

Shipping companies and the insurers that cover vessels need to be assured that the journey is secure with no threat of mines or attacks to both the ships and their crews. These are typically covered in accepted maritime practices known as standard operating procedure.

"It's not just a matter of whether there is a ship, or two, or three available in the ports ready to move out. They need to move safely and that means that we have to be clear where exactly the channel is," Griffiths said.

Russia and Ukraine are major global wheat suppliers, and Moscow's Feb 24 special military operation in Ukraine sent food prices soaring, stoking a global food crisis the World Food Programme says has pushed some 47 million people into "acute hunger."

The agreement aims to allow safe passage for grain shipments in and out of Ukrainian ports, blockaded by Russia since its Feb 24 military operation. Russia has blamed Ukraine for stalling shipments by mining the port waters.

'Commercially viable'

"We are hopeful ... for the first ship movements to take place within days - hopefully tomorrow - out of those ports," Griffiths said.

While Griffiths stressed that the operation to resume Ukraine grain exports was commercial - not humanitarian - he said the United Nations hoped poorer countries would be given priority, specifically citing Somalia, where nearly a quarter of a million people are facing starvation.

He said the UN World Food Programme is "actively looking" at buying Ukraine grain.

The head UN official at the Joint Coordination Center, Frederick J. Kenney from the International Maritime Organization, had a meeting with insurers and shipping companies on Wednesday, Griffiths said.

"I'm told that it was very encouraging set of conversations," he said. "It is commercially viable."

Ships going in to collect grain will be inspected by the Joint Coordination Center at a Turkish port "to ensure there's no contraband, no weaponry going in on these vessels," Griffiths said. A UN spokesperson at the center said those checks would likely occur at an anchorage north of the Bosphorus.

UN and Turkish monitors in Ukraine's Odesa port will then make sure that grain is loaded on to the ships. Another inspection by the Joint Coordination Center after a ship has left Ukraine will only be warranted if it strays from the agreed plan, Griffiths said.

He said they knew from early on in negotiations that de-mining the approaches to Ukrainian ports was not going to work because it would take too long - UN mine officials had estimated it would take at least four months to do properly.



An employee of the Romanian grain handling operator Convex oversees the unloading of Ukrainian cereals from a barge in the Black Sea port of Constanta, Romania, June 21, 2022. File photo

World Bank approves 100 mln USD grant for Somalia's reform efforts

MOGADISHU

THE World Bank has approved a 100-million-U.S.-dollar grant to help Somalia's reform efforts and strengthen fiscal transparency and boost revenue.

"This operation will increase the government's fiscal space to respond to the drought situation while continuing to support reforms that advance progress toward attaining debt relief," World Bank Country Manager for Somalia Kristina Svensson said in a statement issued Wednesday evening.

The World Bank said the grant will support the continuation of Somalia's reform efforts in reaching the Completion Point of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative when Somalia will be eligible for full and irrevocable debt relief.

The lender also said the operation supports the government's efforts to improve fiscal transparency and increase revenues through the harmonization of customs regimes across the federation and improving the governance of intergovernmental fiscal transfers.

S. Arabia's eco-friendly Hajj seen to boost green tourism

SAUDI Arabia's plans for an eco-friendly Hajj will catalyze the green halal tourism industry, experts say.

Two of Islam's holiest cities, Mecca and Medina, are in Saudi Arabia. Traditionally, millions of Muslims go there for the Umrah, or pilgrimage, and the Hajj, which Muslims need to complete once in their lifetime.

On July 3, the Saudi-based Arab News reported that the Saudi Green Building Forum, along with the United Nations Environment Programme, is studying the Al Mashair area to restore the ecosystem and check its carbon capacity.

Al Mashair, it said, covers 119 square kilometers and encompasses the key Hajj sites of Arafat, Muzdalifah and Mina.

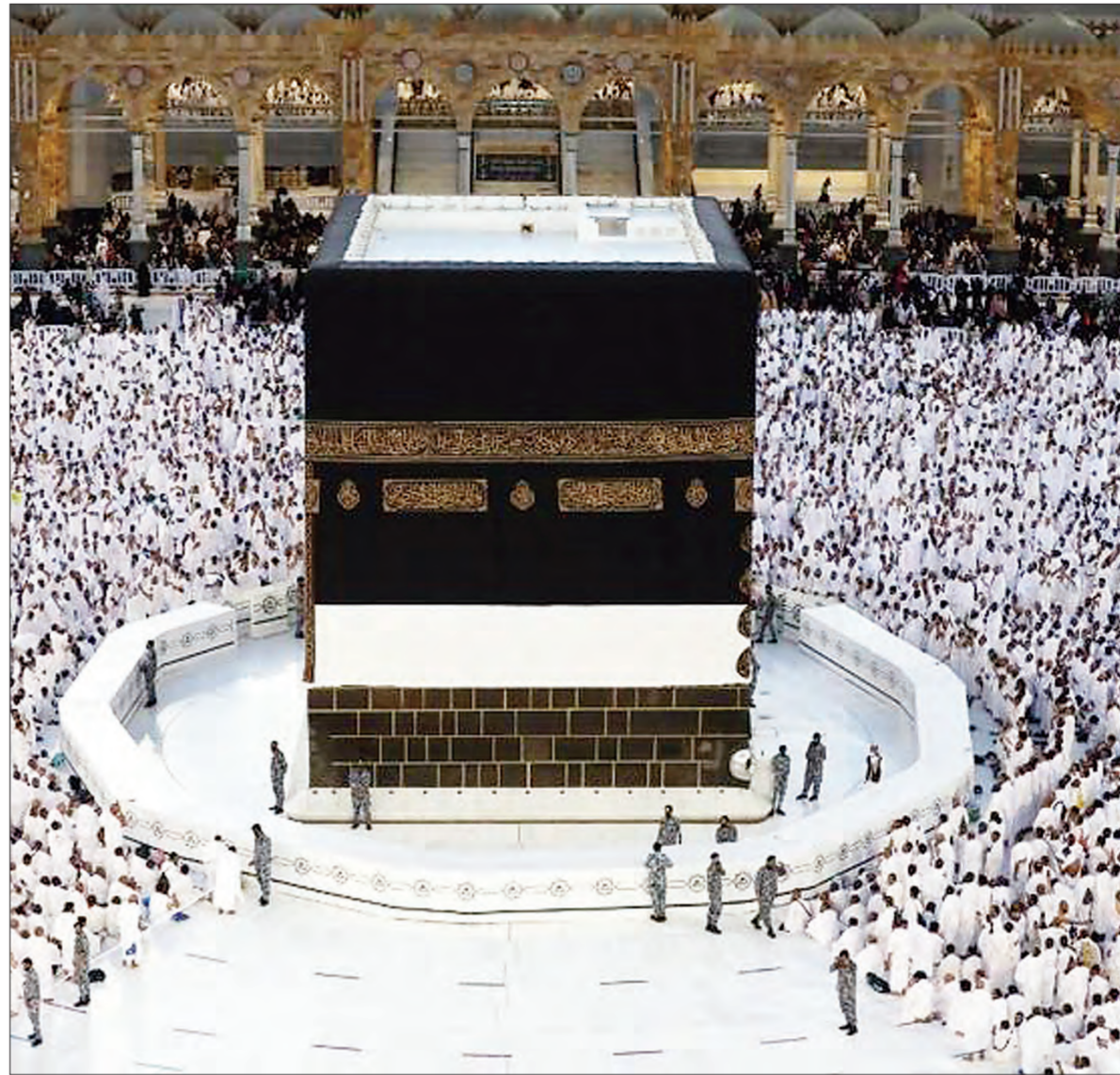
Saudi Arabia in March last year unveiled the Saudi Green Initiative and the Middle East Green Initiative - both roadmaps to meet emissions targets, enhance environmental protection and boost efforts toward renewable energy production.

They are part of a grander plan under Saudi Vision 2030, a socio-economic blueprint that aims to transition the Arab nation's economy and reduce its reliance on oil.

Salman Zafar, founder of EcoMENA, an environmental think tank in Doha, Qatar, noted that Hajj, one of the largest gatherings of people worldwide, has a huge environmental footprint.

"The transition to an eco-friendly Hajj will have a profound impact on the environment as millions of Hajj pilgrims will be forced to reflect upon their unsustainable lifestyles and reckless attitude toward the environment," Zafar said.

"A green Hajj will also catalyze the green halal tourism industry in the Middle East as more and more Muslims are looking to travel to those places where the demands of Muslim tourists can be met while protecting nature,"



Muslim pilgrims pray around the Kaaba at the Grand Mosque, in Saudi Arabia's holy city of Mecca on July 6, 2022, during the annual Hajj pilgrimage. AFP

he added.

Patima Ahmed, a board member of the Association of Bahrain Travel and Tour Agents, said as the world gradually moves toward sustainable tourism practices, it is vital to have such green initiatives, which Saudi Arabia addressed in its 2030 vision.

"Green Hajj aims to serve better, preserve the holy sites, reduce wastage and improve air quality. This means (future) generations will inherit an opportunity for better-quality Hajj seasons," said Ahmed, who is also the owner of Ibn Firmas Travel & Tourism in Bahrain.

Ahmed said such initiatives are also driving the industry to find more innovative ways to promote sustainable tourism.

"Fly less, drive more, and explore," said Ahmed, referring to travel within the Middle East that will help empower the economies of the region's neighboring Islamic countries.

July this year was the first time Saudi Arabia had allowed foreign pilgrims to perform the Hajj since the coronavirus outbreak in 2020, as the last two seasons were limited to domestic pilgrims.

The total number of pilgrims in the recently concluded Hajj season reached 899,353, including 779,919 foreign pilgrims and 119,434 domestic ones, according to the Saudi General Authority for Statistics.

Fazal Bahardeen, founder and chief executive of CrescentRating, a research and consultancy firm focused on

halal travel, said as the Muslim travel market restarts its growth trajectory after the COVID-19 interruption, Muslims are becoming more conscious of the impact that travel has on the environment.

He said sustainability will become increasingly central in shaping business and consumer decisions in the halal tourism sector.

According to the Mastercard-CrescentRating Global Muslim Travel Index, international Muslim visitor arrivals will reach 230 million by 2028. But the report cautioned that ongoing conflict in Ukraine, rising gasoline prices, and health hazards like the emergence of monkeypox or COVID-19 mutations, "might all thwart this fragile healing process".

Bahardeen said Muslims, as globally responsible citizens, need to understand their carbon footprint in tourism - from their choice to travel, their destinations, to their stays and their food consumption. He spoke of tackling over-tourism, and the negative environmental and cultural impacts that travel can have.

"To acknowledge and encourage sustainability initiatives by destinations, GMTI introduced 'sustainability' as a ranking criterion in the GMTI 2022 report. We will continue to expand the scope of this ranking metric in future reports. We are also looking at enabling a carbon-offset program with our travel service offerings on Halaltrip," Bahardeen said.

Zafar of EcoMENA described green halal tourism as "the subsection of halal tourism" and said many Muslims are hesitant to travel to places with "an overdose of Western culture and unsustainable practices".

He said the transition to an environmentally friendly Hajj will involve legislation and behavioral change among pilgrims. Banning single-use plastics, reducing food waste, conserving electricity, using eco-friendly building materials, providing electric buses and conserving water are some of the measures that "can make the Hajj green in the real sense".

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China's auto exports on fast growth

RECENTLY, an Australian consumer joined a two-week test driving activity held for MG ZS, a pure electric vehicle (EV) model produced by Chinese automaker SAIC Motor. The long range and safety performance of the Chinese EV impressed her very much.

Overseas users are paying an increasingly higher attention on China-produced vehicles as Chinese auto brands appear more and more on the international market.

"The era for Chinese auto manufacturing has arrived," said Yu De, managing director of SAIC Motor International Business Department.

According to the latest statistics released by China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM), Chinese automakers exported a new high of 249,000 vehicles in June this year, registering a monthly growth of 1.8 percent and a year-on-year growth of 57.4 percent. In the first half of 2022, China's auto exports rose 47.1 percent year on year to nearly 1.22 million units.

The exports of new energy vehicles (NEVs) have embraced explosive growth since 2021. Last year, the country exported 310,000 NEVs, three times of those from a year ago. The figure stood at 202,000 in the first six months of 2022, expanding 1.3 times year on year.

Quality and brand influence are what make Chinese automakers more and more accepted in developed countries.

At present, mainstream Chinese automakers are completely capable of independently developing finished automobiles, chassis, engines and gears. China is a leading player globally in the area of power battery.

The average range of EVs in the country has been raised to over 400 km. Twenty percent of the vehicles being sold on the Chinese market are equipped with combined driver assistance system.

Last year, Chinese enterprises were authorized over 30,000 patents related to NEV, which accounted for 70 percent of the world's total.

With an increasingly complete industrial chain in the auto industry, China has established the world's largest, most complete and best supported industrial system for the sector. The country has deeply integrat-



The X2, a flying car from Chinese electric vehicle producer XPeng, is exhibited at the automobile section of the fourth China International Import Expo, Nov. 6, 2021. File photo

ed itself into the global supply ecology, becoming an important production and supply center of automobiles.

Chinese automakers tailor different products and services for different markets. For instance, engineers from SAIC Motors lifted the ride height of vehicles in countries with poor road conditions, and Changan Automobile has developed new technologies that are able to heat battery packs from -30 °C to -10 °C in five minutes, which ensures the acceleration and charging performance of EVs in extremely cold environment.

"Nio's battery swapping technology gives me a great user experience. I'd like to try more of the brand's models in the future," said a man surnamed Birkenfeld, who was among the first batch of consumers in Oslo, capital of Norway to receive the Chinese EV maker's ES8 model.

"A total of more than 5,000 EVs were sold in Australia and 27 percent of them were produced by SAIC MG," Yu said. The SAIC Motor now has a complete product line in terms of NEVs after three years of development in pure EVs, plug-in hybrid EVs and hydrogen cell vehicles.

"New energy and smart connection are accelerating Chinese automakers' overseas expansion," he told People's Daily.

"The first-mover advantage of Chinese automakers in new energy and smart connection is bringing a change in European consumers' perception of Chinese brands," said Sun Bing, a senior executive in charge of the operations of Great Wall Motors in Europe.

Europe is becoming a major incremental market for China's auto exportation. According to Chinese customs, China's auto exports to Europe more than doubled last year, and developed countries including Belgium, the UK, Germany and France were leading in the top-ten European destinations of Chinese NEVs.

Many European consumers and business partners believe China is leading a new trend of development in the auto industry in terms of electrification and intelligentization, Sun noted.

To take the opportunity of the global transformation in the auto industry and build a new image of Chinese automakers' wisdom.

"China's mainstream brands will further raise their competitiveness in the Chinese market and even the world at large, said Zhu Huarong, rotating chairman of CAAM. He believes world-class Chinese auto brands will be born in the next decade.

People's Daily

Scientists: Climate change made UK heatwave 10 times likelier

LONDON

THE heatwave which scorched Britain last week was made at least 10 times more likely because of climate change, scientists reported Thursday.

On July 19, temperatures climbed above 40C at Heathrow Airport and records were broken at 46 local monitoring stations across the country. Emergency calls for ambulances surged and a series of grass fires broke out around London.

Without human-caused climate change, which has warmed the world 1.2C above pre-industrial temperatures, such an event would have been extremely unlikely, scientists said.

"We are living in a world where temperatures are rising very fast," said Friederike Otto, a climate scientist at Imperial College London. "In 1.3C or 1.4C, this type of event will already be much less rare."

Climate change is making heatwaves more frequent and more severe, according to the World Weather Attribution, an international research collaboration that teases out the role of climate change in extreme events.

To determine how climate change influenced the odds of this specific heatwave in Britain, 21 WWA climate scientists, including Otto, performed a rapid analysis of the event using weather data and computer simulations to compare today's climate with the past.

Before the industrial revolution and rise of planet-warming emissions, they found the heatwave would have been far less likely to occur and would have been 4C cooler.

However, the scientists added their estimates were conservative, as extreme temperatures in western Europe have risen more than their climate models simulate.

"The climate models have a systematic bias in that they underestimate the trend in extreme temperatures in summers in western Europe because of climate change," said Otto.

In May, the WWA pinned down that the South Asia heatwave of March and April this year had been made 30 times more likely due to climate change, while last year's heatwave in the Pacific Northwest would have been "virtually impossible" without it.

Scientists were unable to provide such a definitive statement for Britain's heatwave.

Still, climate scientists expressed alarm at how quickly past warnings are coming to fruition.

"Two years ago, scientists at the UK Met Office found the chance of seeing 40 degrees in the UK was now 1 in 100 in any given year, up from 1 in 1,000 in the natural climate," said Fraser Lott, a climate scientist at the UK Met Office Hadley Centre in a statement. "It's been sobering to see such an event happen so soon after that study."

Agencies



Tourists pose for photographs on Westminster Bridge in London, July 19, 2022. AP



David Kameta

Mtibwa Sugar ropes in former Simba fullback

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MOROGORO'S Mtibwa Sugar has completed the signing of right-back David Kameta for a one-year contract, seeking to improve their squad for the 2022/23 season.

Mtibwa Sugar is determined to have a strong squad next season after surviving relegation in two consecutive seasons which saw the side battle it out in the promotion/relegation playoff clashes.

The Manungu side signed Kameta from Geita Gold FC, an outfit he served on loan from Simba SC last season.

The defender's departure is linked to Geita Gold FC's signing of George Wawa and it was expected that Wawa's presence might bring competition to the right-back position.

Initially, Kameta was mentioned to be in talks with Geita Gold FC leaders but one day after Wawa was registered, Mtibwa Sugar swooped in and signed Kameta.

The former Simba defender once played successfully for Lipuli FC of Iringa when it was participating in Premier League, a situation that enabled him to join Simba SC.

The presence of Shomari Kapombe denied Kameta the chance to play regularly in Simba SC's first team, a move that led to his loan to Geita Gold FC.

African Sports Club set to secure sponsors

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANGA'S outfit, African Sports Club, revealed that some companies have shown intention to sponsor the side in the 2022/23 Championship.

According to the side, it is currently in negotiations with two companies seeking to enter into agreements to back the squad.

Recently, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Secretary-General Wilfred Kidao, while visiting Tanga, stated the federation's strategic plans seek to ensure Championship gets sponsors and television rights.

He pointed out the plans were presented once the body discovered the league is competitive.

Kidao further noted some of the show-down's outfits play well but are hindered by a lack of financial support, a reason that is behind their poor showing.

He pointed out that once the league attracts sponsors and television rights it will improve and become more

competitive compared to the previous season.

African Sports Secretary-General Hatibu Enzi disclosed to The Guardian his outfit's negotiations with the firms are progressing well.

Enzi stated: "Even though TFF is making efforts to make sure Championship is fully sponsored as is the case with Premier League, African Sports needs to have sponsors, a move that will create mutual benefits between us."

The leader disclosed: "Until this time we have already written letters to several firms asking for sponsorship and some of them responded positively."

With one month remaining before the registration period concludes on August 31, he said African Sports now waits for the outfit's head coach's report.

The official stated the coach has already submitted the report to the management and it would be presented to members once the officials complete doing the analysis.

Who will raise voice to condemn injustice meted out to Azam FC?

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC's U-17 squad coach, Mohamed Badru, has led his team to win the 2022 TFF U-17 Clubs League impressively.

In 12 matches played in the showdown, Badru's team notched a victory in 11 matches and drew only one game.

It has scored 39 goals and conceded only five goals, the side notched 34 out of 36 possible points.

Badru's outfit produced the best scorer, best goalkeeper, and best player of the tournament.

The gaffer nevertheless missed the best coach award, it is very strange! The award was handed over to Simba SC's U-17 side's coach, Nico Kiondo.

No disrespect to Kiondo but there is no way that TFF can defend Kiondo as the best coach in the tournament this season ahead of Badru.

Kiondo's team has played 12 matches and won five, the club drew six matches and lost one when it confronted Azam FC's U-17 squad.

Kiondo's team has been surpassed by Badru's team by 13 points but still, TFF noted Kiondo is better than Badru. The information proved that Badru's coaching certificates are not valid in Tanzania.

How is it that the certificates are not correct and Azam FC garnered such good results?

Soccer enthusiasts do not ask themselves that TFF would not be right to reject the certificates.

And is it TFF hands a certificate to a coach? Kiondo's credentials might be better than Badru's credentials but did Kiondo venture into coaching before Badru?

That is not the main reason because Badru has participated in the competition since the beginning and TFF had seen him.

If the tactician did not have the qualifications, TFF would have taken steps to take him out of the bench so that the deserving ones can continue instead of making a decision that pollutes Tanzania's football.

Badru is judged by only one thing, working for Azam FC. In Tanzania's football, working for Azam FC has a very high cost to pay in front of the soccer authority and even the fans.



Azam FC's U-17 squad coach Mohamed Badru.

Badru tragedy is a continuation of the costs paid by those who wear Azam FC jerseys for many years.

When goal-getter John Bocco was at Azam FC, he was very good but he never won a prize even once.

Bocco started laying his hands on prizes once the footballer joined Simba but technically his quality decreased compared to his efficiency at Azam FC.

Bocco's displays in the 2011/12 season, which had the footballer notching 18 goals for Azam FC in the top flight, were not either awarded or credited.

In the 2020/21 season, there was not a single Azam FC player in the awards ceremony, while the squad's midfielder Idd Suleiman fully deserved to at least enter the finals contending for the Best Midfielder award ahead of

Yanga's Feisal Salum and Mukoko Tonombe.

Azam FC goal-getter Prince Dube deserved to at least enter the final for the Best Player of the Season prize because of his level but no one thought of him.

Last season the Best Player of the Month award for the last month of the season presented in June should have gone to Azam FC goal-getter Idris Mbombo.

Within that month he played all four matches his outfit participated in and scored nine goals given the footballer netted every game including a hat-trick in the last game.

What level do football stakeholders want to see in a performer for the footballer to be eligible to win in a month?

Azam FC's Information Officer, Thabit Zakaria was issued a severe warning by the Ethics Committee

of TFF for accusing Yanga of practicing superstition.

The TFF rules prohibit superstition and what Zakaria did was condemn the superstitious actions that Yanga reportedly did when the outfit confronted Azam FC in the 2021 Mapinduzi Cup.

The committee comes out with a warning to Zakaria instead of calling him and asking him to confirm the acts as required by the law.

But last season, Simba's Information Officer, Ahmed Ally also accused Yanga of conspiring against Tanzania Prisons at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

The committee remained silent as if nothing had happened, the mistake made by Azam FC's official is hardly taken into consideration when it is committed by other officials.

The award for the Best Coach of the Month in March 2019 sheds light on costs that Azam FC's officials have been paying in Tanzania's football.

The then Azam FC coach Abdul Mingane led the club to win in all three matches of the month in his style, cruising to victories over Africa Lyon (3-1), JKT Tanzania (6-1), and Singida United (4-0).

His team scored 13 goals in those three matches, conceding two but the Best Coach award was handed to Simba SC's head coach Patrick Aussems who, despite leading his outfit to victory all matches that month, results were not as great as Mingange's side's.

Aussems led his club to notching victories over Stand United, Ruwu Shooting, and Mbao FC.

It is difficult for Azam FC to outperform Yanga and Simba SC with this preferential tendency perpetrated by domestic soccer authorities.

The decisions that the authority made against Azam FC for many years suppress the club but no one cares because there is no one to voice discontent against such decisions.

The two-year ban that TFF meted out to Yanga's spokesman Haji Manara has garnered the attention of various people ranging from religious leaders to politicians.

This situation also happens when Simba SC contravenes the regulations, Azam FC hardly garners the support of religious leaders and politicians to put pressure on the authorities.

African Stars Band to introduce new tracks in Tabora, Mpanda shows

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

DAR ES SALAAM'S African Stars Band alias 'Twanga Pepeta', is expected to introduce new songs in preparation for the troupe's first album this year.

The band is looking forward to traveling to Tabora and Mpanda to perform during the Nane Nane festival.

Ally Choki, the star singer of the prominent dance music band, said the troupe will go to Tabora on August 3 this year, and then it will move to Mpanda in Katavi to continue entertaining revelers.

"Currently we have new songs including 'Chombo ya Fundi', 'Dokta Ruby' composed by me, 'Mbea' composed by Khalid Chokoraa and 'Shobo' composed by young singer Joshua... we will introduce them in the tour," Choki noted.

Apart from issuing details on the tour, Choki said that the band is preparing to set strategies to ensure that dance music remains on track after facing many challenges.

Choki said that one of the strategies focuses on keeping on composing songs that will attract fans and organizing shows to



African Stars Band's musicians, Ally Choki (L), and Luiza Mbutu showcase their skill in a recent show which took place in Dar es Salaam.

allow the latter to express their opinions after listening to new songs.

He said every band has its strategies to ensure that it continues to stand strong, adding that in the case of African Stars Band those

are some of the strategies it targets to use to continue holding sway.

"It's no secret that dance music is going through many challenges and causing some bands to falter, but I believe that it's still on track, so we will make sure it continues to

be strong," he said.

He said the band has been able to deal with everything and is still strong, maintaining for more than a decade it has continued to entertain its fans amid the challenges facing dance music.

Man City's Shield showdown with Liverpool puts Haaland, Nunez in spotlight

LONDON

MANCHESTER City striker Erling Haaland will go head to head with Liverpool forward Darwin Nunez as the Premier League title rivals unveil their expensive new recruits in the Community Shield.

Heading into today's curtain raiser to the Premier League season, the pressure is on Haaland and Nunez to provide evidence they can justify their hefty price tags over the coming months.

The pair represent over £100 million (\$121 million) of goalscoring firepower as the rivalry between City and Liverpool intensifies.

Much has changed at City and Liverpool since Pep Guardiola's side pipped the Reds to the title by one point after a thrilling come-from-behind victory over Aston Villa on the last day of the season.

City's fourth title in five seasons was just reward for their incredible consistency, but Guardiola's perfectionist personality ensured he would not rest on his laurels.

Guardiola sanctioned the sales of Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko to Arsenal, while Raheem Sterling joined Chelsea and Fernandinho returned to Athletico Paranaense.

Aware that City's success last season was achieved despite their lack of a natural central striker, Guardiola made a blockbuster move for one of Europe's brightest young stars as he landed Norway international Haaland from Borussia Dortmund for £51 million.

Having failed to prise Harry Kane from Tottenham's clutches 12 months ago, Guardiola hopes Haaland can emulate his prolific form at Dortmund in the more demanding Premier League.

The 22-year-old's ability to mesh with City's array of creative talents is one of the key storylines that will define the title race.

The early signs are promising as Haaland took just 12 minutes to score on his City debut in a friendly against Bayern Munich.

"As you probably all know, I've been watching a lot of City games for the last years," Haaland said.

"The last years (they) have been without a striker, so of course I've been seeing myself in these kind of situations. I'm not surprised. The quality is good."

Signing England midfielder Kalvin Phillips from Leeds for £42 million further underlined City's dynastic ambitions.

- 'Nunez needs more support' -

While City will start the season as title favourites whatever the result this weekend at Leicester's King Power Stadium, Liverpool's threat to their supremacy remains clear and present.

Jurgen Klopp's team came within two games of football immortality after spending the second half of the season engaged in a thrilling chase to win an unprecedented quadruple.

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LaLiga chief Tebas wants Ronaldo back in Spain

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LaLIGA president Javier Tebas has said he would welcome the return of Cristiano Ronaldo to Spain following reports linking the Manchester United forward to Atletico Madrid.

Ronaldo, 37, held talks with United's hierarchy this week over his future after he told the club he would like to leave earlier this summer.

Atletico have been mooted as a potential destination should Ronaldo finally leave Old Trafford, and Tebas is keen to see the former Real Madrid forward back in the Spanish top-flight.

"I would like to see Cristiano Ronaldo in LaLiga again," Tebas told reporters on Wednesday.

"Whether it is feasible or not for Atletico Madrid, I do not know. There would have to be some player departures if they wanted to [sign him]. To sign a player of that level, you must make room [financially]."

Ronaldo's agent Jorge Mendes has a good working relationship with Atletico, but reports suggesting the Portugal international could join the club have not gone down well with fans.

He had a confrontational relationship with Atletico during nine years with city rivals Real, and supporters have called on the club to avoid signing him at all costs.

"Ronaldo represents the antithesis of the values that constitute the hallmarks of our Atleti, such as the effort, generosity, modesty and humility of those who want to defend our values," Atletico's International Union of Fan Clubs (Union Internacional de Peñas Atletico de Madrid) said in a statement this week.

"As such, we ask the club to reject his possible signing, if it has indeed been considered at any time."

During Wednesday's friendly win against Numancia, supporters also unveiled a banner reading: "CR7 not welcome."

Atletico president Enrique Cerezo, meanwhile, has called a move for Ronaldo "practically impossible" as the forward looks to force a move away from United.

Ronaldo arrived at United's training ground on Tuesday to hold talks over his future. He missed the start of pre-season and their tour of Thailand and Australia due to personal reasons.

Earlier this summer, Ronaldo made an official request to leave United so he could continue to play Champions League football next season, sources confirmed to ESPN.

(Agencies)

Why both Man City and Liverpool will want to win the Community Shield

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ERLING Haaland, Kevin De Bruyne, Mohamed Salah and Virgil van Dijk; two world-class goalkeepers in Ederson and Alisson; and arguably the two leading coaches in the game in Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp. With so much A-list talent and winning pedigree between Manchester City and Liverpool, today's Community Shield clash is more than a curtain-raiser for the new season, it is a showcase of excellence that has become the defining game in English football.

Sure, Manchester United vs. Liverpool is still the game that generates more global interest than any other Premier League match, but right now, it is far from a level contest. Liverpool beat United 9-0 on aggregate over two games last season, leading that rivalry to become somewhat irrelevant in deciding the outcome of title races and battles for silverware.

The same applies to United vs. Arsenal. The two clubs dominated the Premier League for almost a decade in the late 1990s and early 2000s, with one or the other winning the title in nine straight seasons between 1995 and 1996 and 2003 and 2004, but a generation of fans have since grown up without ever witnessing them slugging it out for the title. The rivalry, if it still exists, has been reduced to deciding Europa League qualification rather than the major honours.

Liverpool vs. Man City is now the Premier League's headline act and the Com-



Guardiola

Jurgen Klopp

munity Shield meeting this weekend feels more like a taster for the main event over the next nine months than a stress-free warm-up for the campaign ahead.

Eighteen other clubs will contest the 2022-23 Premier League season, but it is virtually impossible to make a case for anyone but City or Liverpool emerging as champions next May. The Community Shield will give us a glimpse as to just how far ahead of the pack they are.

Tottenham have invested well this summer, giving manager Antonio Conte the reinforcements he demanded to be able to transform the team into title challengers, but while the six new arrivals -- Richarlison, Ivan Perisic, Yves Bissouma, Djed Spence, Fraser Forster and Clement Lenglet -- have arguably turned Spurs into the best of the rest, they're still some way back from the top two. Meanwhile Chelsea, under new owners

following the departure of Roman Abramovich, look to be on the brink of crisis with coach Thomas Tuchel complaining about the lack of new signings and the preseason performances of his existing players.

United are an unknown quantity under new coach Erik ten Hag following the club's worst-ever Premier League season. They have brought in Lisandro Martinez, Christian Eriksen and Tyrell Malacia, but haven't yet been able to convince primary midfield target Frenkie de Jong to leave Barcelona, while Cristiano Ronaldo continues to be a distraction due to his desire to leave Old Trafford.

And although Arsenal have strengthened under Mikel Arteta, including the signings of Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko from City, the Gunners are still nowhere close to winning the title for the first time since Ar-

sene Wenger's "Invincibles" in 2003-04.

City and Liverpool were already miles ahead -- runners-up Liverpool finished 18 points clear of third-place Chelsea last season -- and they have both also strengthened during the summer, so their hegemony is only likely to be extended over the months ahead. The Community Shield will merely offer a worrying glimpse for the rest of just how far in the distance they are.

Both have reshaped their squads this summer, losing players who have contributed to successes in recent seasons -- Jesus, Zinchenko and Raheem Sterling have left City; with Sadio Mane, Divock Origi and Takumi Minamoto leaving Anfield -- but such is the stability and consistency at each club that replacements have been signed with an eye on the long-term.

Haaland and Kalvin Phillips have arrived at

the Etihad -- Haaland as the long-awaited replacement for Sergio Aguero; Phillips filling the gap left by the departed Fernandinho -- for less than a combined £100 million. Both are proven at the highest level, with the 22-year-old Haaland already justifying his billing as a generational talent with Borussia Dortmund and FC Salzburg.

With Haaland's goal threat, City may have to alter the way they play and become more direct to ensure he gets the service he needs, but with such a dangerous focal point in their team, any change will only likely make them better. In tight games -- both league games against Liverpool finished as 2-2 draws last season -- Haaland could be the decisive difference, especially in the Champions League.

Liverpool's big challenge is ensuring a seamless transition from Mane to Darwin Nunez, the £90m summer signing from Benfica. Mane scored 120 goals in 269 appearances for the club, registering 38 assists too, so his £27m departure to Bayern Munich will be a loss for Klopp's team, but Luis Diaz has already shown himself to be a quality addition since arriving for £37.5m from Porto in January and Nunez's signing continues Liverpool's attacking evolution.

Meanwhile, Salah's decision to sign a new contract this summer, ending uncertainty over his future at the club, was a huge boost that ensures that Liverpool retain a player who could outscore Haaland and win another

Golden Boot this season.

It is difficult to find weaknesses in either team. Liverpool came within a whisker of achieving an unprecedented quadruple last season, while City once again displayed incredible quality and resolve to fend off Liverpool's challenge to win the Premier League title again.

The presence of each other as a competitor arguably drives them on -- the same happened with United and Arsenal during the peak years of their rivalry -- the key to success this season will unquestionably boil down to who does best in the game against each other. If there is a winner when they meet at Anfield on Oct. 15 or at the Etihad on April 1, it will be a momentous result for the victor. And although the Community Shield is not classed as a major trophy, winning it will matter this weekend.

Every possible edge that can be gained by either side will be welcomed by Klopp or Guardiola. The rivalry between the two teams has been reduced to the finest of margins, so the psychological boost of winning on Saturday cannot be overstated -- neither can the blow of losing.

Neither team will be looking over their shoulder at the chasing pack. Instead, they are staring each other out, waiting for the first blink or sign of weakness. That is why the Community Shield matters. Both managers and sets of players might like to suggest otherwise by playing down the game's significance, but every game now matters when Liverpool face Manchester City and this one is no different.

'So far, so good': Ten Hag can take positives from Man U preseason tour

By Rob Dawson Correspondent

THE final act of Manchester United's summer tour of Thailand and Australia didn't reflect how positive the trip had been.

Eric Bailly sent a plastic chair hurtling across the turf as he walked off the pitch at a sodden Optus Stadium, while David De Gea marched through the mixed zone around an hour later with a face like thunder.

Calum Chambers' equaliser for Aston Villa left the final score at 2-2 -- putting a dent in Erik ten Hag's previously perfect record as manager, and it wasn't just the players who were annoyed.

Ten Hag branded the team's second-half performance "unacceptable" and accused his players of a lack of focus -- a summary delivered in both the dressing room and his postmatch interviews.

Still, by the time the squad had been bussed straight from the stadium to the private terminal at Perth Airport ahead of the long flight back to Manchester, the United manager was in a more conciliatory mood.

Walking up and down the Boeing 747 equipped only with business class seats, he thanked staff for their efforts on the tour, acknowledging their work and that most had been away from friends and family for the best part of three weeks.

Ten Hag has been in position for only a month but has already made his mark. His microscopic attention to detail has involved meeting club bosses with a large binder organised into sections and colour-coded so he can best present issues he thinks need attention while also watching his coaches lay out cones and goals for training exercises before striding about the pitches himself to make sure the distances are correct.

Surveying the WACA ahead of an open training session on Thursday, he wasn't happy with the positioning of some of the cameras and had it fixed immediately.

The "control freak" version of Ten Hag is one he's comfortable with -- players and staff said the same at Ajax -- but being the centre of attention is proving more alien. After training had finished, some players went over to the near 5,000 watching fans to sign autographs. There were a number of calls for Ten Hag to join them, but it wasn't until assistant Steve McClaren beckoned him over that he finally obliged.

Even for a man who has worked at Bayern Munich and been in charge of the biggest club in the Netherlands, the scale of Man United still takes some getting used to.

Louis van Gaal complained in his first United news conference in Los An-



Erik ten Hag

geles in 2014 that the summer tour was only about making money and not preparing players for the season, but Ten Hag has, for the most part, taken it in his stride.

"It is part of football nowadays," he said. "You have to accept it as a manager, as a team, you have to

take the best out of it, that is what we did.

"I think it's great for team spirit to be so long together, you can really improve that, develop that, you have a lot of time to work on your team because you are so close together. That is great, I would say.

"It's brilliant to be in

great cities: Bangkok, Melbourne, Perth. There are disadvantages, it is clear, but you have to deal with certain things that are decided when you don't have influence on. When you have influence it's only on the game -- that is our focus point."

Ten Hag's focus has been on football and little else, but he has made it clear it's not just the players who will be involved in making the club successful again. Some have commented that the 52-year-old has "the aura of Sir Alex Ferguson" in the way he has tried to make everyone -- regardless of role or department -- feel part of the team. Players were encouraged to visit Perth Zoo on Thursday, and staff were told they could go too if they wished.

For all the positivity

that has emanated from the tour, there remains a feeling among Ten Hag and his staff that it is very fragile. Three new players -- Lisandro Martinez, Tyrell Malacia and Christian Eriksen -- have arrived, but his No. 1 target, Frenkie de Jong, is still at Barcelona and talks with the Spanish club are, for now, at an impasse.

Ten Hag was able to bat away questions about Cristiano Ronaldo while on tour, but the issue of whether the 37-year-old will continue at the club next season will come to a head this week. The pair are set to meet face-to-face for the first time in Manchester ahead of the next friendly against potential Ronaldo suitors Atletico Madrid in Oslo on Saturday.

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Dar pugilists make it to 2022 Commonwealth Games last 16

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S boxers Yusuf Changalawe and Kassim Mbutwike have reached the last 16 of the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in England.

The two pugilists reached the round on a bye and, on Monday, Changalawe that fights in the Light Heavyweight division will face Curlun Richardson from Angula Island.

On Tuesday Mbutwike that fights in the Light Middleweight category will face the winner of a bout between Rafael Pafios of Cyprus and Cook Island's boxer Hallet Toheriri. Pafios will confront Toheriri today.

Tanzania has been represented by three boxers, Alex Isendi, Mbutwike, and Changalawe that are coached by Timothy Kingu.

Light Welterweight pugilist Isendi was yesterday expected to fight Antigua Island's boxer Ryan Aiston in bout number 15.

Boxing Federation of Tanzania (BFT) Secretary-General Lukelo Wililo said Mbutwike and Changalawe's progress is a good development for the country as the pugilists are left with one step to make it to the quarterfinals of the Commonwealth Games.

"It is good news that our two boxers have reached the last 16, it is via bye but that is the good news to the country, we hope they will do well," he said.

Recently, BFT president Muta Rwakatare urged the boxers to fight for the country's honours.

He said he will hand over \$2000 to medal winners and present a bonus of \$1000 for any Knockout victory.

"You are carrying Tanzania's flag and it is our wish that you bring home medals, the boxers going to Commonwealth Games are all talented and we hope that they will do well," the official revealed.

Coach Kingu was also quoted saying all boxers are ready to rumble, noting: "This time they are well prepared...everybody looks in good shape. I'm very confident that they will bring something back home."

Tanzanians urged to tour Dubai

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIANS that wish to visit Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) have been reminded that there are various attractions including water which play music composed by various artists in the world, and many other attractions.

Director of Rivexcel firm, Tonye Princewill, whose company is promoting Dubai tourism, revealed in Dar es Salaam yesterday that it is important for someone going to the UAE to know how it has progressed.

Princewill disclosed: "Some of the attractions are the Palm Fountain Jumeirah, a place where you can watch the water play."

"There are two channels up and down with 3000 LED lights that illuminate the water as it moves up through its channels," Princewill added.

He explained that the water jumps and plays the music composed by various artists in the world, adding that the show usually starts after sunset and goes on until night and it is a special attraction.

"There is as well Alserkal Avenue for car lovers where they can see all kinds of cars in the world including BMW, Ferrari, and Porsche, these cars are quality," he said.

He said people will be surprised to see how the desert has been transformed into a city that is a major attraction in the world and a home of technology. Museums are located in Deira at Souk Al Marfa.

The official also mentioned the Museum of the Future which is located on Sheikh Zayed Road, in which there are all kinds of technologies developed by the future engineers of Dubai inside the building.

"There is also the Dubai Aquarium and Underwater Zoo, which is a large pool of all kinds of fishes found in the world, but also entering the Dubai Mall is completely free," he said.

Pondamali counsels Taifa Stars ahead of 2023 CHAN Qualifiers' second leg



Taifa Stars' players take part in the squad's training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for African Nations Championship qualifiers' tie against Somalia that will take place in the city on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OUTFIT

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FORMER Tanzania's senior men's football squad 'Taifa Stars' goalie Juma Pondamali has expressed great hope that the squad will excel in the second leg of the 2023 African Nations Champions (CHAN) Qualifiers' tie against Somalia.

Taifa Stars will play against Somalia at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today after cruising to a 1-0 victory over the latter in the first leg game played at the same venue at the end of last week.

Pondamali, who was also the

Taifa Stars' former goalkeeping coach, said that he has great confidence that the squad's head coach Kim Poulsen has prepared his players well for today's match while realizing Somalia's weaknesses after seeing the latter in the first tie.

He said he believes winning was Poulsen's main goal in the first leg game and fortunately, that happened, so in today's clash, he hopes to see another method of victory for Taifa Stars deployed by the tactician. The gaffer disclosed: "I believe

victory was the main goal of the coach in the first game, we thank God we won by one goal and today I still believe there will be more hunger shown by players to seek victory so that the team can move forward."

Pondamali revealed: "Somalia showed a wonderful game that day, they set a trap to prevent and counter-attacked and that's why when we scored against them at the beginning of the second half, they defended deep on their goal while attacking with force and surprise."

The gaffer noted: "I do not doubt that we will just win because these Somalis will want to play openly due to their need to overturn the results."

"I believe that if they open up then we will beat them very well," Pondamali added.

"Coach Kim Poulsen, I have personally worked with him, I know what he needs in a game like this."

"I call on my fellow Tanzanians that we are going to finish the game tomorrow so that we can move forward in this CHAN Qualifiers," the gaffer noted.

In the first match, Somalia which chose to play its home clash in Tanzania went down 1-0 to Taifa Stars.

If Taifa Stars notch an aggregate victory over Somalia, the Tanzanian side will play Uganda in the next round of the qualifiers.

Dar athletes set for 2022 Commonwealth Games' marathon

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S marathoners will be in action in the 2022 Commonwealth Games this weekend, with the performers promising to perform well.

The athletes' coach Suleiman Nyambui said he is confident that the competitors will do the country proud by winning medals in Commonwealth Games hosted by England.

Marathoners Alphonse Simbu, Hamis Athuman, Jackline Sakilu, and Failuna Matanga departed for England on Tuesday.

Nyambui said last weekend that Simbu and Athuman will be in action Saturday while the following day will witness Failuna and Jackline face other runners in the women's race.

"We arrived in England safe and all athletes are in good shape, they have promised nothing but good performance, on Saturday it will be men's event while on Sunday Failuna and Jackline will compete," he said. The Games started on Wednesday and will conclude on August 8.

Speaking during the national flag handover ceremony in Dar es Salaam last week Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa challenged the athletes to perform well in the Games, saying the country wants medals.

He promised cash prizes to those who will bring home gold, silver, and bronze medals.

"The government has spent a lot of money to see our athletes prepare well for the Commonwealth Games and there is also cash prize which will be presented to those who will bring home gold, silver and bronze medals, go there and do your country proud," he said.

The competitors that are representing the country in the Games include athletes Winfrida Makenji, Andrew Rhobi, Joseph Gisemo, Faraja Damas, and Joseph Panga, accompanied by as-



stant coach Luiza John.

Judo players representing the country are Thomas Mwenda and Abdulrabi Alawi that are led by coach Zaidi Hamisi. Collins

Saiboko is the swimmer slated to battle it out in the showdown.

The boxers are Alex Isendi (Light-weight), Kassim Mbutwike (Light Middle-

weight), and Yusuf Changalawe (Light Heavyweight) led by coach Timothy Magombe. Yohana Mwila is the Para athlete led by coach Nemes Chivalala.

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