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Car returned as police nab cross-border law breakers

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ONGOING cooperation between Tanzania and Malawi security units in controlling cross-border crime has started to bear fruit following the arrest of three youths who had stolen a vehicle in Mbeya and sold it in Malawi.

Former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro and former head of the Malawi police force, Dr George Kainja earlier met in Mbeya and agreed to cooperate in controlling cross-border criminality.

Regional Police Commander Ulrich Matei told reporters here yesterday that the stolen vehicle - a Toyota Prado T 795 DEX was stolen on April 4 at eight in the evening in Jelele, Itezi ward, in the city.

After the vehicle owner reported the theft, police detectives searched for it in various areas without success, but in pursuing their investigations they arrested three suspects - Yusuph Ramadhani (26) of Forest area, Shuku Nyema (23) of Songea municipality in Ruvuma Region and Abuu Rutagalama (26), also of Itezi ward.

Upon interrogation, the suspects confessed to have stolen the vehicle which they drove to Malawi and handed it to one Richard Ng'oma, a Malawi citizen, he said.

Through good neighbourliness, between August 31 and September 2 Tanzanian police officers visited Malawi and collaborated with Malawi police who succeeded to arrest Richard Ng'oma with the vehicle, subsequently confessing to having received

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Brigadier Simon Motwane Barwabatsi (L), Acting Commander of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission deployed in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado Province, presents certificates of appreciation to Tanzanian soldiers who were being seen off in Mtwara yesterday. They were due to return home after having completed their peacekeeping tour of duty in the neighbouring country. Photo: Correspondent Baraka Jamali

Issue malaria, HIV, TB drugs for free - minister

By Guardian Reporter

HEALTH minister Umyy Mwalimu has directed that public health facilities observe

the rule that treatment of malaria is provided free of charge.

Service providers at the regional and lower levels must stop charging money on people

seeking to take malaria and tuberculosis tests, she said, accompanying a donor dignitary inspecting local facilities against malaria and tuberculosis.

Peter Sands, executive director of the Global Fund for fighting HIV, malaria and TB accompanied the minister on a visit to the

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Makamba visits Shell Dutch for LNG steps

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY minister January Makamba yesterday paid a courtesy call at the Shell Company offices in the Netherlands, holding discussions with its top officials on the schedule for implementing the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project in Lindi.

The minister said the government wishes to finalise discussions by December for project implementation to start, as the firm had raised costing and pricing issues by the time a preliminary agreement was signed.

On 11th June, the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) signed a framework agreement with Equinor of Norway and Shell Co, of the Netherlands to pave the way for the liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal.

The minister met with Cederic Cremers, the Shell vice president for LNG projects and John Crocker, vice president for government relations, where he promised that a special LNG Office will be set up in November to pursue project issues more rapidly.

The desk will be tasked with coordinating, speeding up and simplifying steps for

implementing the project, he stated.

The minister's visit is seen as a reflection of disquiet with the pace of negotiations to start implementing the project, after President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed the resumption of negotiations last November.

But at the framework agreement signing ceremony, Makamba said that the final investment decision is expected in 2025, which appears risky given the changing picture of the global oil and gas market.

Posting on her Twitter account, President Samia had commented: "I am pleased to witness the signing of an initial Host Government Agreement (HGA) for a natural gas processing project between our country and investors."

The 70trn/- to be invested will bring about a major revolution to boost our economy and the well-being of Tanzanians."

The project for processing natural gas discovered close to the shoreline will bring in \$40bn on the basis of recent estimates, scaled up from \$30bn cited in the past decade, with Shell and Equinor spearheading its realisation.

VP Crocker thanked the government for making it easier for investors to take up that opportunity, enabling the initial agreement to be signed, also expressing satisfaction at the stage reached in preparing for project implementation.

Tanzania has proven natural gas reserves of 57 trillion cubic feet, with at least 49.5 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of those reserves offshore, but until the start of the war in Ukraine, global activism was fighting all major petroleum sector initiatives as part of the campaign against fossil fuels.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (C) holds talks in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, yesterday with an Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) delegation led by the agency's board chairman, former Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe. This was on the sidelines of the Sept 5 - 9 AGRA Forum 22, where the VP is representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: VPO

Relief greets fuel price cuts

Economists caution that its duration is unpredictable

By Henry Mwangonde

ECONOMISTS, motorists and others yesterday gave mixed reactions to the latest recent drop in fuel prices, largely commending the

government's move.

Many said that the government had worked on the public outcry on the matter, while others said it is too early to celebrate, while taking less account of the regulator's explanation that world

market prices dipped in July.

In a series of interviews, people said the reduction was welcome as it is aimed at cushioning citizens from the rising cost of

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living.

Prof Haji Semboja, a seasoned economist at the University of Dar es Salaam, said the decrease has a psychological relief on the general public, reeling from the rising cost of living caused by the global increase in fuel prices.

He said the country has to learn lessons from the rise in fuel prices "and chart ways to cushion citizens from such situations in future."

The government needs revenue but there should be mechanisms to withstand the situation because citizens also face difficulties in making ends meet, he said.

Prof Semboja said the rising cost of living has resulted from the fact Tanzania is among the net fuel importers with most of the fuel being used for production.

"A rise in fuel prices means a rise in production costs hence affecting the whole economic value chain," he stated.

The increase in fuel prices led to high inflation, slow economic growth and adverse balance of payment effects, along with a decrease in government revenues, he elaborated.

Being a resource rich country, Tanzania should not be a net importer of fuel but use the resources it has to run the country's economy, he further noted.

"It is time to establish mechanisms to make the country's resources facilitate the running of the economy instead of depending on taxes generated from those resources," he declared.

Dr Donath Olomi, executive director of the Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development (IMED) at the campus, said the drop will take time to have an impact on the life of a common citizen as it is unclear how long the lower price will remain so, as it could change next month. "Therefore it is not easy for markets to react immediately," he said.

Prices have the tendency of remaining firm or adjusting slowly, despite changes in the cost of producing and selling the goods or services, the don explained.

"Yes, for motorists it is at least good but for someone carrying passengers this does not mean the fares will drop," he said.

Jamal Babu, a fuel trader in Mwanza, commended the government for the decrease in fuel prices for retail buyers saying it will help to control inflation.

Babu, a CCM cadre, urged traders to adhere to government directives and ensure that they sell the fuel by abiding to the prices announced by the government.

Beatrice Mushi, a Mwanza city resident as well, said the drop in fuel prices will have an impact on her catering business as motorists had started changing their eating habits to cut costs.

Hassan Kudifa, a motorcycle passenger rider in Tabata, Dar es Salaam said the drop in fuel prices has been received well as it will improve, to some extent, the revenue they generate by the end of the day.

"Our customers were used to the old prices hence they refused to pay new prices which were caused by the fuel price increase, so we are happy with the move," he said.

Another rider, Mohamed Pazi at Ubungo Riverside said the drop in prices means a lot to the riders as in the past few months their incomes dipped and the cost of living rose.

Victor Mkumbo, a city hawker, said the drop in fuel prices will have a dipping effect on the prices of goods and services, commending the government for the move.

"I have received the news with joy because the increase in fuel prices was affecting our businesses and our lives," he said.

Abel Lena, a passenger buses operator, commended the government for acting on peoples' concerns, saying that the drop in the price of petrol and diesel has reduced the pain of servicing the vehicles via high operating costs.

The Moshi - Arusha route operator said he expected fuel prices to drop more in the coming months, a big relief to many people. "Bus passengers have been crying about high costs of living," he observed.

"This is the recovery we need, to bring balance between economic growth and targeting inflation or financial stability," he said.

Motorists in some parts of the country breathed a sigh of relief starting yesterday after the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) cut fuel prices in response to a slowdown in global oil prices.

In a statement, Ewura said a litre of petrol will now be sold at 411/- less while diesel will be sold 197/- less than what it used to cost in August.

The new price for a litre of petrol in Dar es Salaam is 2,969/- while diesel is sold at 3,125/-.



Zanzibar House of Representative Speaker Zubeir Ali Maulid (R) in talks with Cuban Ambassador to Tanzania, Yordenis Despaigne Vera, in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Rahma Suleiman

Issue malaria, HIV, TB drugs for free - minister

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Disunyara Clinic in Kibaha District to see for himself the way in which the services are dispensed.

Addressing members of the public at the clinic, the minister said the rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) for malaria as well as malaria drugs-- artemether-lumefantrine (ALU), and severe malaria injection are free.

The tuberculosis test is also free because the Global Fund is helping the

government to eradicate these three diseases, she said.

She asked those living with HIV/Aids to maintain the use of antiretroviral drugs (ARV) and avoid promiscuous sex on account of the current rate of infection.

She cited controversy over the use of ARV drugs for people living with HIV, noting that 95 per cent of those living with HIV use ARV drugs, "but the challenge is that we have seen a decline

in the use of the drugs. So some of them have stopped using it and to us, this is very dangerous."

"When we're about to overcome HIV/Aids, the trend shows that we've started going back. Even if the disease seems to have decreased, we should not stop using medicine," she emphasized.

Regional Commissioner Abubakari Kunenge said that Global Fund is helping the government in improving

health services, noting that the Global leader has come to see for himself activities carried out by the Global fund, visiting some health centers in the region.

The Global Fund director expressed satisfaction with the services provided, covering AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and mother and child services, assuring the government that the Global Fund will maintain its cooperation in those fields.

'Invest in science to attain food security'

By Songwa wa Songwa, Kigali

AFRICA Food Prize committee chairman, the former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo, yesterday challenged governments to invest heavily in science and innovation in agriculture if the continent is to attain food and nutrition security.

He threw the challenge when unveiling the 2022 Africa Food Prize at the Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF2022) here, saying that increasingly unpredictable weather patterns occasioned by climate change demand new methods.

African governments have to make the necessary decisions to put money into agricultural sector research and innovation, he said, expressing the feeling that "the problem with our governments is that when the money is hard to come by, matters like research and innovation take the back seat."

"Governments have to borrow a leaf from the private sector which hire and pay people just to think," he declared, citing Ghanaian plant geneticist Prof Eric Danquah as the 2022 winner for his outstanding expertise, leadership and grantsmanship.

His efforts led to establishing the West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) as an excellence centre for training plant breeders, selected from 376 nominees from 34 countries. He is WACCI founding director and former director of the Biotechnology Centre at the University of Ghana, Accra.

The Africa Food Prize is the preeminent annual award that recognizes outstanding individuals or institutions leading efforts to change the reality of farming in Africa.

Prof Danquah founded WACCI in 2007 at Accra, with the aim of training a new generation of plant breeders to develop improved varieties of staple crops in

West and Central Africa, a biographical note affirmed.

Through his leadership, WACCI attracted more than \$30m in research and development funding, overseeing 120 doctoral and 49 master's students in seed science and technology from 19 African countries.

This led to more than 60 improved seed varieties, including superior maize hybrid varieties, boosting yields for farmers and contributing towards food and nutrition security, the profile indicated.

Today, the institution boasts of a new molecular biology and tissue culture laboratory, a bioinformatics platform and cutting-edge university farms, including a \$300,000 screen house for controlled experiments.

The \$100,000 prize celebrates Africans who are taking control of Africa's agriculture agenda, putting a spotlight on bold initiatives and technical innovations that can be replicated across the continent to create a new era of food security and economic opportunity for all Africans, the selection committee chairman intoned.

The prize committee considers the contribution to reducing poverty and hunger, along with improving food and nutrition security in measurable terms.

The selection looked at contributions to providing a vital source of income and potential for transformative change through scalability, replication and sustainability of a specific innovation, he added.

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Jenista Mhagama (L), Minister of State in the President's Office Public Service Management and Good Governance an audience with members of the Standing Committee of the Parliament on Administration and Local Government during their meeting held in Dodoma yesterday aimed at receiving information on the implementation of the operations of the Leadership Institute for the year 2021/2022. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has called on the Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) to make sure it profitably uses the three ships it received to boost passenger and cargo transport for the people around Lake Nyasa and neighbouring countries.

The ships, built a cost of 10bn/- includes MV Mbeya II of 200 passenger carrying capacity and 200 tonnes of cargo, MV Ruvuma with 1,000-tonnes cargo capacity and MV Njombe also of 1,000-tonnes cargo capacity.

Speaking early this week in Kyela, Mbeya Region at the ships' handing over event, the representative of the Permanent Secretary (Transport) in the Ministry of Works, Communications and Transport, Stella Katyondo said

MSCL receives 3 ships to boost passenger and cargo transport

the handing over of the vessels to the company means that Tanzania Ports authority (TPA) who are owners will remain in the ports management.

"TPA's task is to supervise ports operations and that is why after the completion of the ships' rehabilitation, it decided to hand them over to MSCL to boost its operations, and it is my trust that the ships will be used for the intended operations," said Katyondo.

She called on both TPA and MSCL to make immediate efforts to look for

and woo coal and cement traders to use the ships to transport their bulk cargoes.

For his part, Kyela Member of Parliament, Ally Mlaghila said the handing over of the three ships to MSCL will increase profits to operators (MSCL) as the company has experience in ships operations in Lake Nyasa

For his part, TPA director of ports operations, Plasduce Mbossa said already TPA has initiated talks with both local and external traders that use Lake Nyassa to make sure cargo is

sourced.

Representative of MSCL director general, Capt. Samson Ngwita thanked the government for the decision, saying MSCL was ready to start operating the vessels and pledged for better passenger and cargo services.

The handing over event held at Kiwira port was witnessed by Mbeya regional authorities, Kyela district authorities, Kyela MP and other officials from the office of the Attorney General (AG), Treasury and CCM cadres.

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the vehicle from suspect Yusuph Ramadhani.

On September 2 Ng'oma was arraigned at the Karonga resident magistrate's court and during the trial, owner Gideon Mapunda testified, with the court reaching a guilty verdict, he said.

"After a number of procedures, the vehicle was handed to us for its restoration to the owner."

The RPC also appealed to those owning unregistered arms to surrender the weapons at local government offices during the two-month amnesty, September and October.

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Songea Ward residents in Kilindi District, Tanga Region listen to their councillor Mohamedi Matongwa. The event was aimed at introducing Tanga Regional Commissioner Omary Mumba. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

East Africa makes poor showing in women agribusiness awards

By Songa wa Songa, Kigali

WOMEN in East Africa are less involved in viable and scalable agricultural value chain businesses compared to their counterparts from West Africa, according to Women Agripreneur of the Year Award (WAYA) 2022 announced here yesterday.

Three out of the four winners unveiled on the second day of the Alliance for Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2022 come from West Africa, with only host Rwanda producing a winner from the East African region.

A total of USD85,000 in grant funding was awarded to the four winners announced during a live ceremony in the categories of Young Female Agripreneur, Female Ag Tech Innovator, Outstanding Value Adding Enterprise, and Overall Grand Prize.

Fatou Manneh from The Gambia who is Founder of Jelmah Herbella was named Young Female Agripreneur (Rising Star). The award recognizes high potential young females below 35 years demonstrating innovation and leadership in agribusiness.

The only East African face, Uwintwari Liliane from Rwanda, was crowned Female Ag Tech Innovator he award. The award given to the chief executive officer of Mahwi Tech recognizes female Agripreneurs championing technological advancement in agribusiness.

The Outstanding Value Adding Enterprise went to Célia Chabi, chief executive officer of KIEL BIEN-ÊTRE from Benin. The award recognizes female-owned agribusinesses that are increasing the economic value and or consumer appeal to agricultural product.

And the Overall Grand Award went to Oluyemisi Iranloye who is Managing Director of Psaltry International in Nigeria.

A part of Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)'s VALUE4Her programme, WAYA recognizes women Agripreneurs from across the continent who have excelled in different segments of the agricultural value chain and shown remarkable innovation in their businesses. Launched in 2018, the awards aim to promote female success stories and role models, trigger innovation and spur ambition among women agripreneurs.

This year, the competition welcomed applications from a total of 1,478 women from 38 countries across Africa. A shortlist of 15

finalists from seven countries was drawn up following several rounds of rigorous evaluation which appraised the candidates' vision, innovations, business impact on the community and their growth potential.

Dr Agnes Kalibata, president of AGRA said, 'I would like to congratulate our 2022 WAYA winners. Each is a remarkable role model to the thousands of women across Africa working to make their mark on African agriculture, and embodies the ambitions of VALUE4Her. Although women comprise around 40 per cent of Africa's rural workforce and contribute up to 70 per cent of food production, their efforts are still significantly under-recognized when it comes to business opportunities and investment. The unique stories of our four winners will help us to inspire and enhance advocacy for female agripreneurs across Africa, to build an environment that supports women to catalyse the needed transformation of Africa's food systems.'

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I Amit Bhatnagar is changing the name of my son Amir Anmol Bhatnagar to Anmol Bhatnagar as per his birth certificate. Hence forth he will be known by this name only as "Anmol Bhatnagar".

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Japan donates 1.17bn/- to WFP

By Francis Kajubi

THE Japanese government has donated \$500,000 (1.17bn/-) to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to enable it fund its operations.

The fund will assist 204,000 refugees from Burundi and The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) residing in camps in Kigoma Region.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony of the fund held in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the residence of the ambassador of Japan to Tanzania, Yasushi Misawa, said that Japan is a strong supporter of WFP worldwide and grateful for the role the organisation plays in responding to the needs of vulnerable communities.

"I am pleased to make this contribution on behalf of the government and people of Japan to WFP in Tanzania, knowing it will help meet the urgent food needs of vulnerable displaced people at a time of rapidly rising prices and other significant challenges," said Misawa.

According to him, Japan's

contribution to support WFP's humanitarian response will help ensure vulnerable refugees in Tanzania are able to meet their nutritional needs as it has been during disinflation periods.

He said the government of Japan has been providing humanitarian food assistance to developing countries since 1968 and is a long-standing partner of WFP in Tanzania.

WFP country director and representative Sarah Gordon-Gibson, said the contribution will be used to purchase 260 tonnes of beans for WFP's food basket, which consists of cereal, fortified wheat and soya blend with sugar well known as super cereal, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

According to her, sizable funding shortages in recent years have obliged WFP to reduce rations to the refugees at Nyarugusu and Nduta camps, sometimes to as little as two-thirds of their minimum daily caloric needs, with ominous implications for health and well-being.

"WFP is grateful to Japan for this

timely contribution which comes at a critical time given the challenging circumstances," said Sarah.

She asserted that the contribution from Japan will go a long way in investing in the Tanzanian economy through the local procurement of beans which will ultimately and quickly reach vulnerable refugee households.

"WFP is the world's largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change," said Sarah.

According to Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) Monthly Economic Review for July 2022, Russia-Ukraine war and residual effects of COVID-19 pandemic continue to affect inflation rates in many countries including Tanzania.

BoT states that the two scenarios are reflected in an upward trend of the annual headline inflation, which increased to 4.4 per cent in June 2022

from 3.6 per cent in the corresponding period in 2021 and 4 per cent recorded in May.

"The monthly rise in inflation is attributed to a rise in prices of transport, building materials and some food items. However, the rate was within the country's annual target of 3-5 per cent for 2021/22 and in line with east African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) convergence criteria," reads part of the review.

According to the review, annual food inflation (food and non-alcoholic beverages) increased to 5.9 per cent from 4.7 per cent and 5.5 per cent in June 2021 and in May, respectively.

BoT notes that increase in food inflation is mainly due to a rise in prices of maize grain and wheat flour, sweet potatoes, fresh cassava and rice. Non-food inflation also increased to 3.9 per cent from 3.2 per cent in June 2021 and 3.4 per cent recorded in May, respectively.



TANZANIA HEALTH PROMOTION SUPPORT

ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 TZS	2020 TZS
ASSETS			
Non current assets			
20 years bond	17	642,602,400	639,936,000
Property and equipment	14	4,526,263,107	6,720,120,069
Right of use Asset	18	1,025,081,642	1,375,987,750
		6,193,947,149	8,736,043,820
Current assets			
Staff Advances	11	111,006,873	18,696,372
Receivables	16	99,413,856	279,775,513
Cash and cash equivalents	12	3,900,259,264	1,142,476,819
		4,110,679,993	1,440,948,704
TOTAL ASSETS		10,304,627,142	10,176,992,524
FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES			
Fund balance			
Accumulated fund balance		4,095,351	4,095,351
Translation reserve		467,900,927	529,954,537
		471,996,278	534,049,888
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Capital grants	15	4,526,263,107	6,720,120,069
Lease liability	19	495,386,228	862,597,654
		5,021,649,335	7,582,717,723
Current liabilities			
Deferred revenue	6	2,080,073,331	1,164,668,133
Payable	13	2,154,441,344	338,049,544
Lease liability	19	576,466,855	557,507,237
		4,810,981,529	2,060,224,913
Total liabilities		9,832,630,864	9,642,942,636
TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		10,304,627,142	10,176,992,524

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 TZS	2020 TZS
INCOME			
Revenue Grants	6	34,986,378,095	29,228,595,516
Release of Capital Grants	14	3,119,028,576	2,951,736,443
Other Income		-	-
		38,105,406,672	32,180,331,959
EXPENDITURE			
Staff cost	7	12,779,495,252	9,381,313,019
Administrative expenses	8	2,678,129,617	3,368,933,191
Travel and other transport costs	9	2,721,965,515	2,795,027,770
Other expenses	10	16,821,370,446	13,727,438,676
Depreciation	14	3,119,028,576	2,951,736,443
		38,119,989,407	32,224,449,099
Results before tax		(14,582,735)	(44,117,140)
Other comprehensive income			
Translation differences		(15,282,958)	104,780,727
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year, net of tax		(29,865,693)	60,663,586

The Financial Statements were approved on 30th June 2022 by Tanzania Health Promotion Support Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by

Signature:
Name: Board Chairman

Signature:
Name: Executive Director



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ACCESSORIES FOR SMALL TYRES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Accessories for small tyres and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01493	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ACCESSORIES FOR SMALL TYRES TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01493)	60%
Provide any OEM available dealership letter	20%
Indicate or provide technical support and capability	20%
Provide Datasheet & Technical catalogue	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01493)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 19TH September 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR LIFTING MACHINERY EXAMINATION AND TESTING AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in northwestern Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Welding Consumables and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01497	PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR LIFTING MACHINERY EXAMINATION AND TESTING TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01497)	60%
Proof document and Certificates must be accredited to a national/international Lifting engineers examination association to carry out load test and calibration of load monitoring indication system on mobile cranes, telehandler, boom truck and forklifts	15%
Proof of having experience on mobile crane wire rope inspection and replacement if required (full experience).	15%
Proof of having experience on Hydraulic pressure test and maintenance and roof of having experience on Auto rigger adjustments and repairs.	15%
Proof of having experience on crane and rigging equipment's safety inspection.	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01497)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 19TH September 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Tanzania Port Authority (TPA) director general Plasduce Mbossa (R), hands over memorandum of understanding of MV Ruvuma, MV Mbeya II and MV Njombe to a representative of Marine Services Company Limited (MSCL) director general Captain Samson Ng'wita, assigned to facilitate transport activities of passengers and cargo for residents around Lake Nyasa and neighbouring countries at a function held in Kyela, Mbeya Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Petty traders in Dodoma given 2 weeks to relocate to Machinga-Open Market

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA regional authority has issued a two weeks ultimatum to vendors and petty traders to relocate to the newly built Machinga-Open Market in the city.

The statement was made here yesterday by the City Executive Director, Joseph Mafuru, noting that the eagerly awaited market is 100 percent complete, calling on traders who have been operating within unauthorized areas to follow directives.

The Machinga Complex is constructed at the cost of 9.3bn/- along Bahi road in Dodoma city. Its construction follows directives issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan on 13th September, 2022, calling on local government authorities to set aside places to build such markets to accommodate vendors.

"Following the completion of the market, we therefore call on traders to freely and peacefully relocate from the streets by 24th September, 2022," said

the director.

He said the complex will enable the council to collect annual revenue amounting to 1.2bn/- as it accommodates 5,000 traders and operates 24 hours a day.

Recently officials from five regions, whose councils have city status, have visited the ongoing construction of the Machingas-Open Market in Dodoma, to learn how to improve the planning and allocation of the petty traders in their respective areas.

Regions that sent officials to learn from the project are Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mwanza, Mbeya, and Arusha. The tour also included officials from Morogoro and Iringa municipalities.

The regional delegates consist of regional commissioners (RC), region administrative secretaries (RAS), and city directors.

They toured the construction site in response to the call made by the Minister for State President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Innocent Bashungwa.

Bashungwa said the leadership in Dodoma region has shown the best example in arranging petty traders and executing fruitful projects.

He challenged other regions to borrow leaf and use the same approach that has been used in Dodoma by coming up with long lasting solutions to the challenges facing petty traders.

"The purpose of this visit is to learn and implement similar projects in their areas," revealed Bashungwa.

Speaking on behalf of others, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Juma Homera promised to make adjustments to improve the projects they have already started in their areas.

"We congratulate the Dodoma City Council for this impressive project. On behalf of my fellow regional commissioners, we are very grateful for this study visit and we promise to go and improve our projects to get something better for petty traders so that they can conduct their businesses smoothly in our areas," he said.

Tanzania faces shortage of dental health practitioners

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA is facing a critical shortage of 101 oral and dental health practitioners thwarting the country's goal of providing quality oral health care.

Dr Baraka Nsabo, the National Oral Health coordinator at the Ministry of Health said in Dar es Salaam that the country's demand stands at 171.

He said out of 70 oral and dental practitioners available, 68 are in Dar es Salaam and the remaining are in Morogoro and Dodoma city.

Dr Nsabo disclosed that on the sideline of the Youth Leaders conference 2022 that aimed at redefining the concept of leadership and introduces skills for community oral health engagement.

He said the conference focus is Leadership in Oral Health for Eastern and Southern African young oral health professionals bringing together

26 participants from Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia.

He said out of 9,726 health centres countrywide, only 597 offer oral health services making the services offered to be 6.3 percent.

Also, the country has only 404 dentist therapists out of 2,500 demanded in order to offer quality oral health care services.

According to him, oral diseases are increasingly being recognized as a major public health problem which has direct consequences on the community's social and economic standing.

"We encourage more youths to pursue dentists' courses to fill in the gaps of shortage of oral health practitioners in the country," he said.

"The aim of the conference is to improve oral health by expanding participants' leadership knowledge while engaging them in meaningful discussions that advance oral health in

their region," he added.

Additionally, it will provide a platform for participants to identify and forge solutions for the prevailing challenges in oral health through a region-specific lens.

According to Miracle Corners, MC-Tanzania's Country Manager, Venance Ngungu, the community leaders are the engine of change in their communities.

"Addressing challenges is the acknowledgement of oral and dental health professionals as community leaders whose efforts are a necessary catalyst for change," he said.

Tanzania Dental Association president Dr Deogratasa Kilasara said equipment, shortage of clinics and lack of manpower, policy challenge and lack of medical supply are major challenges facing Tanzania in offering oral health services.

He said in Tanzania 76 percent of Tanzania face oral disease challenges associated with eating sweet products.

Dr Kilasara said the Young Leaders Conference leverages leadership to solve region-specific issues through networking and guided discourse about community issues.



OPEN POSITION

T-MARC Tanzania is a non-profit Tanzanian organization working to improve public health and promote social development. Our socially marketed products and behaviour change communication initiatives address pertinent health issues in family planning and reproductive health, child survival, water and sanitation, nutrition and communicable/non-communicable infections like malaria, HIV/AIDS, and cervical cancer.

T-MARC Tanzania is a prime recipient of the USAID Youth Empowerment and Skills (YES) Activity. The activity is an integrated cross-sectoral which aims to increase the empowerment, productivity and community engagement of youth aged 15-25 in Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro. It intends to create and support an array of interventions, differentiated, and tailored to specific needs of targeted youth, that are youth-owned, youth-led and youth managed, focused particularly on out of school youth who have had limited opportunities to engage in the formal education sector.

T-MARC is seeking for a suitable qualified candidate to fill in various position below.

Position: Project Manager

Reports to: DCOP (Programs)

Duty Station: Dar es Salaam

Broad Function: Working under the supervision of the Deputy Chief of Party (Programs) The position is responsible for leading teams to deliver against the project objectives; manage field teams and adhere to program quality and T-MARC's control guidelines throughout the life of the project; manage issues, risks, and project change requests to ensure successful and on-time project delivery. Contribute to process improvement initiatives as it relates to improving project delivery.

Preferred Qualification and Experience: Bachelor's degree in public health, social sciences, health informatics, information system, demography, or a similar relevant course of study. At least 5+ year of experience working in donor funded projects in managerial position. Experience with community-based service delivery

Position: Implementation Officers (3)

Reports to: Project Manager

Duty Station: Dar es Salaam (1), Morogoro (1), Zanzibar (1)

Broad Function: Working under the supervision of the Program Manager, the technical officers shall be responsible for implementation and coordination of project activities at field level. The position will work closely with the local Government Authorities (LGAs), communities and partner organizations to implement project activities

Preferred Qualifications and Experience: Bachelor's degree in public health, social sciences, health informatics, information system, demography, or a similar relevant course of study. At least 3+ year of experience working in donor funded project. Experience with community-based service delivery

Position: Monitoring and Evaluation (ME) Officer (2)

Reports to: Monitoring and Evaluation Director

Duty Station: Zanzibar (1), Dar es Salaam (1)

Broad Function: Working under the supervision of the Monitoring and Evaluation (ME) Director, the ME officer support implementation of ME frameworks; in collaboration with technical team members and ensure collection of the high-quality data based on the defined indicator protocols and monitor implementation of Data Quality Assurance plan.

Preferred Qualification and Experience: Bachelor's degree in public health, social sciences, health informatics, information system, demography, or a similar relevant course of study. At least 3+ year of experience working in donor funded project(s). Experience with community-based service delivery

How to Apply

All applications must be received by **Friday September 23, 2022**. The subject line must mention the position applied for. Email the resume/CV, certificates, and cover letter as **ONE PDF** document to.

Managing Director
T-MARC Tanzania
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
recruitment@tmarc.or.tz

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted

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CAUTIONARY NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TANGA CEMENT PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (DSE: TCPLC)
(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA) ("TANGA CEMENT PLC")

In accordance with the rule 53(6) of the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange Rules, companies are required to publish a cautionary notice as soon as they are satisfied that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that the financial results for the period to be reported upon next will differ by at least 25% from the financial results for the previous corresponding period.

This cautionary notice is issued to members in accordance with the new reporting framework of the updated DSE listing rules ("rules") which became effective on 1 March 2022. The rules require all listed companies to prepare and publish quarterly financial results. The comparative period for the quarter reported used is previous quarter. Therefore, in reporting the financial results for the second quarter of 2022 (i.e. April to June 2022), Tanga Cement PLC uses the first quarter of 2022 (i.e. January to March 2022) as the comparative period.

Tanga Cement PLC also expects its loss per Share for the quarter ended 30 June 2022 to be between TZS 40 per share and TZS 20 per share, being between 233% and 67% higher than its Loss per Share of TZS 12 per share for the quarter ended 31 March 2022.

The contributing factors to this movement are the seasonality and cyclical nature of the cement business between the first and the second quarter as well as the impact of the change in fair valuation of the foreign currency denominated Interest Rate Cap hedge on our USD term loans. The decline in performance has further been impacted by factors like the increase in fuel prices and logistics costs which lead to an increase in raw material prices, frequent electrical power cuts which resulted in increased fuel consumption for own generators and increased maintenance costs of equipment caused by power dips. Unreliable electricity resulted in a decrease in production volumes.

The company expects to publish its unaudited quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2022 by no later than 9 September 2022.

Shareholders are accordingly advised to exercise caution when trading with the company's securities.

The financial information on which this trading statement is based has not been audited by Tanga Cement PLC's auditors.

On behalf of the Board.

Lawrence Masha
Chairman of the Board
7 September 2022

Expert urges gov't to spend more in agriculture sector

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE energy of Tanzania's youth is yet to be exploited to make the national economy grow faster than is the case now, according to an expert.

He says their centre sees the energy of young people as one of the resources at the disposal of Tanzania that can and should be harnessed to make the country's economy grow faster than is the case now. The centre has its continental office in Arusha.

Tanzania has been hosting the centre since 1992. The was originally established to serve the Southern African Development Community focusing on vegetable research and development, but the Arusha office now operates as continental hub of the vegetable research and development programme. The centre gives expert opinions and expertise to interested African and non-African countries.

Dr Rugalema says changing young people's mindset is important for Tanzania to make bigger strides in developing the agriculture sector and creating jobs for young people.

Young people, he said, still think farming is an occupation of old people

or some special group of the population while this is completely erroneous. "Concerted efforts must be made to make the youth value agriculture and appreciate that farming has varied job opportunities. This must one of national priorities in pursuit of development goals," he said.

There centre, he said, realized that young people with or without tertiary education paid little attention to farming. "We have already seen this problem. This is the reason why we started an innovation centre right here in Arusha. We invite graduates who have studied agriculture and those who have not and train them at our innovation centre. They finally see that many job opportunities are in the agriculture sector," he explains.

Dr Rugalema argues that changing young people's mind-set in favour of farming is a beneficial move that will make Tanzania achieve its main development goals.

Another priority, he argues, in investment in seed development. Their centre does not see quick and successful reforms in agriculture and greater pace in economic growth without investment in seed research and development.

Govt pledges to revamp its ferries for passenger safety

By Guardian Reporter, Tanga

THE Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA) has vowed to continue with the refurbishment of its various ferries countrywide whose time for repairs has come up to ensure their safety in ferrying passengers.

Among the ferries up for repairs include the MV Tanga that plies between Bweni and Pangani in Tanga Region.

Briefing reporters when inspecting the ongoing refurbishment of MV Tanga early this week, TEMESA Ferries Manager for Eastern Zone, Eng Lukombe King'ombe said the repair work involves removal of worn out iron sheets in the passengers and vehicles section, passengers' seats and installation of new gear for rescue services including life buoys.

He said other repairs include removal of front and rear ramps, installation of new navigation systems and painting the ferry over.

"The contractor has already received initial payment and has brought in all the required materials, we have come here to push the contractor to finish the work within the time as agreed in the contract to enable the ferry to restart its services," he said.

Meanwhile, the Head of Pangani Ferries Services, Eng Abdulrahman Ameir thanked the government for its efforts to improve ferry services in the country and pledged to supervise repair work on the MV Tanga so that it resumes its services to the people as soon as possible.

According to the contractor - Dar es Salaam Merchant Group, MV Tanga is expected to resume its services by October this year.

RC tells road contractors to deliver quality work

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

CONTRACTORS awarded tenders for road construction in Shinyanga Region have been called to complete the work within the agreed time and to the required standard.

The remarks were given here on Tuesday by Shinyanga Regional Commissioner, Sophia Mjema as she officiated the signing of the 15 infrastructure contracts with TANROADS, all to cost 2.6bn/-.

She said the government will not entertain poor workmanship and called on the contractors to complete the work within the agreed time.

"We would like these roads to last 20 years before repairs, and we would not

like to see them get damaged after only one year," she stressed.

Meanwhile, Shinyanga Region TARURA Manager, Eng Oscar Mlekwa said they have put their signatures to the 15 indigenous contractors and added that the contracts stipulate the six-month frame for the completion of the gravel roads.

He also said the FY 2022/23 Budget has allocated 15bn/- for road infrastructures in the region.

Representatives of some contractors, including Flora Gabba praised the government for giving priority to indigenous firms and pledged to implement the projects to the required standards and within the agreed time frame.

WPI eyeing to promote peace and mindfulness to Tanzanian youths

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

AN international organisation World Peace Initiative (WPI) which has operations in Tanzania has said it has provided a free programme called peace revolution to thousands of its members worldwide.

Speaking yesterday, the WPI Chief Executive Officer, Ping Ping Worakate, said that the organisation has offered a free online self - development programme called Peace Revolution for more than 10 years with over 100,000 members.

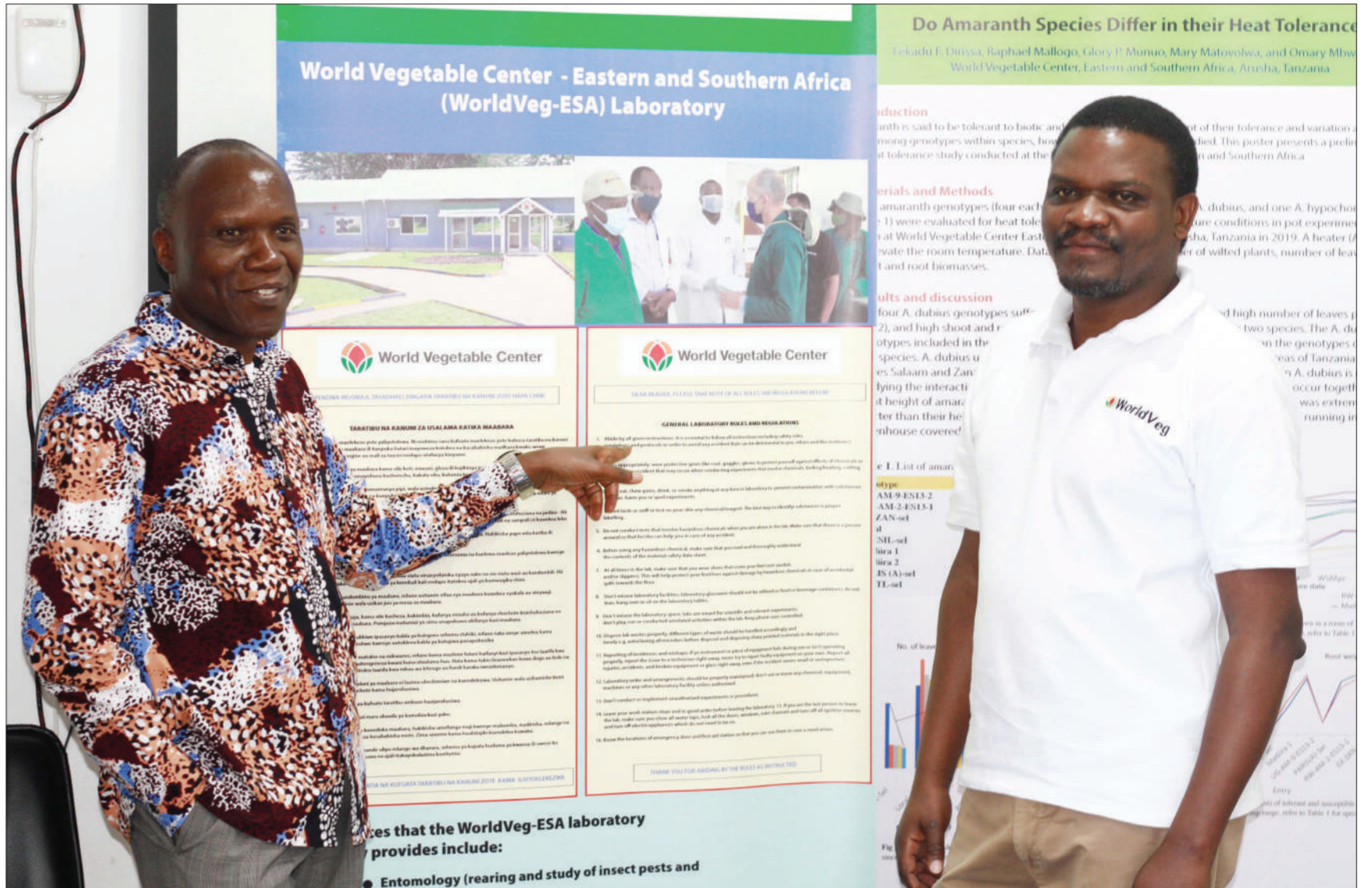
She said: "meditation and mindfulness become an increasing demand in the time of disruption and uncertainty we are now facing. It is a gateway to happiness and wellbeing. It's a free tool to unlock hidden potential; it's a key for wisdom and understanding to tackle life challenges."

In Tanzania, the organisation has sponsored local peace activities

conducted by Dar es Salaam Peace Club to promote peace and WPI activities.

Dar es Salaam Peace Club programme coordinator Juma David said that, "The vision of World Peace Initiative and Dar es Salaam Peace Club is to promote peace through meditation and we always train youth on meditation and mindfulness as well as habit development to control their actions, we believe this is the basis for peace out." Dar es Salaam Peace Club has already conducted several activities for peace promotion to more than 10,000 youth in Tanzania.

World Peace Initiative is an international organisation based in Thailand offers online and on-site programmes regarding meditation, mindfulness, and habit development including stress management, emotional intelligence, work life balance, and more, to support personal and professional growth of individuals and corporations worldwide.



The World Vegetable Centre's Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa Dr Gabriel Rugalema (L) explains on how the institution works to collect, process and take care of the seeds of vegetable crops, fruits, herbs and spices during the visit of journalists at the centre to learn about the various operations located in Arusha Region. Looking on is the vegetable firm's head of finance and administration, David Sarakikya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt sets aside 40 billion/- for researched seeds production

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilosa

THE government has set aside 40bn/- for value addition to modern, quality seeds in its various institutions in order to solve the challenge regarding quality seeds shortfalls in the country aimed at spurring agricultural production from 4.5 per cent now to 10 per cent by 2030.

The remarks were made by the Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe when speaking at the Farmers

Exhibition day at the Ilonga Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Ilonga), in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region.

TARI-Ilonga held the agricultural exhibition through the Accelerated Varietal Improvement and Seed Delivery of Legumes and Cereals in Africa (AVISA) project that also brought together agricultural officers from all Kilosa District wards.

In his speech, read by the Morogoro Regional Administrative Secretary, Richard Semango, Bashe said the aim

of increasing seeds production stems from farmers' need to use modern technology seeds to increase crops' benefits.

He said the production of modern seeds will be done by TARI researchers at its various centres countrywide.

Earlier, Acting TARI-Ilonga Director, Emmanuel Chilagane said the aim of the exhibition is to mobilise farmers to use quality, researched seeds to improve their leguminous crops production and add the value chain for both internal and external markets.

He said TARI-Ilonga has been inventing organic seeds and delivered to various seed production firms for mass production of the same.

TARI's Technology and Business Integration Manager, Margaret Mchomvu said the government stress on farmers is the use of quality seeds that had been researched on.

Concurrently, AVISA National Project Coordinator, Emmanuel Mwenda said the project is being implemented in seven countries, and in Tanzania, it is in eight TARI centres involving beans, sorghum, peas, and gram.

Waziri Hamadi, a farmer from Rudewa in Kilosa District said they were ready to grow leguminous crops but wanted assurance of the availability of reliable markets and friendly prices.



Mabwepande residents in the outskirts of Dar es Salaam going home after collecting firewood for domestic use as captured yesterday by our roving photographer. Photo: Miraji Msala

Govt to attract more youth, women in agriculture sector

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has said the aim of Phase VI Government is to develop the farming sector, increase production and wooing more youth and women to the sector.

Dr Mpango made the remarks yesterday when he met with and held discussions with the Chairman of the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), who is also former Ethiopia Prime Minister, Hailemariam Desalegn, at the sidelines of Kigali International Conference Hall, Kigali, Rwanda.

Dr Mpango said the government has increased its budget allocation for agriculture from 294bn/- in FF

2021/22 to 751bn/- in GY 2022/23 while the production of quality seeds and establishment of irrigation schemes continue.

He said the government has also established a special programme called "Building Better Tomorrow" that targets the youth to participate in farming whereby among others it aims to establish commercial farming projects beginning 12,000 villages countrywide, hence, he added, it was important for agricultural development institutions, including AGRA to support the agenda.

The Vice President said Tanzania is endowed with good arable land and a suitable geographical area which

can contribute to food security in the African Continent; hence he welcomed investors in farming to the country.

For his part, Desalegn said AGRA supports Tanzania's efforts in developing the farming sector and was ready to work together with other institutions in regard to sponsorship of various farming projects programme including "Building Better Tomorrow".

He added that the farming sector in Africa is supposed to go in tandem with advances in technology be investing in friendly technology to conduct modern farming practices, engaging in increased production and later to woo in more youth.

Meanwhile, Dr Mpango has met

with and held discussions with the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame at the same venue.

The discussions took place before the start of the Summit for Heads of state and Government for the AGRA Conference that began yesterday (Sep 70).

Also at the same venue the VP also held discussions with the President-elect of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Alvaro Lario.

The talks aimed at the boosting of cooperation between Tanzania and the Fund in developing various projects being implemented in the farming sector in Tanzania.



CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR CUSTOMS LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2023

The following Licenses are open for application and the general public is hereby invited to apply:

1. Customs Agent,
2. Customs Bonded Warehouses,
3. Manufacturing Under Bond facilities,
4. Transportation of Goods under Customs Control,
5. Internal Container Depots, and
6. Container Freight Stations.

Every applicant should meet the General and Specific Conditions set forth in each license category as follows:

A. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL LICENSE CATEGORIES

All Applicants are required to submit the documents and meet the conditions listed hereunder:

- (i) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Certificate for the Applicant (for new applicants).
- (ii) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) Certificate for each Director (for new applicants and for renewals when there are changes)
- (iii) VAT Registration Certificate, if any
- (iv) Current Tax Clearance Certificate showing tax position for the current year.
- (v) Certified Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (for new applicants)
- (vi) Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Business Name Registration Certificate (for transporters) new applicants.
- (vii) A recent passport size photograph (not more than one megabyte) of directors and staff duly certified by a Notary Public or Commissioner for Oath (for new applicants and for renewal only where there are changes);
- (viii) A valid identity document for each director referred in (vii) above i.e. National Identification Card issued by NIDA or Passport (for new applicants and for renewals where there are changes); non-citizens of Tanzania should submit a valid Work permit.
- (ix) A valid staff ID issued by applicant
- (x) Submit relevant customs security bond.
- (xi) A certified copy of title deed and lease agreement for a suitable office for the company which should be equipped with computing facilities capable of connecting to the Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS) – to be subjected to verification prior to granting of license;
- (xii) Non-existence of any outstanding Customs matters i.e. audit query, unpaid or incomplete TANSADs, outstanding transit transactions or any other unresolved Customs issues.
- (xiii) A letter from the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) stating the current status of the company's Directors and Shareholders; (for new applicants and for renewal where there are changes);

B. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Customs Agents)

Application for licenses (NEW and RENEWAL) shall be received and processed ONLINE through TANCIS.

1. New applicants for Customs Agency Licenses shall be required to comply with the following: -

- (i) Obtain Company password which shall be required during the process of application. **PASSWORD APPLICATION FORMS** are available at TRA website www.tra.go.tz under EAC Customs Forms (**Customs License Management System user access form**). The form shall be filled in duplicate and submitted to Customs registry at MAPATO HOUSE, Room No.129 then, the applicants will be invited for training prior to password issuance. **The Training program for NEW APPLICANTS IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED FROM 19th September, 2022 to 7th October, 2022 at MAPATO HOUSE, TANCIS training Room No. 212.**
- (ii) Apply online for Customs Agency License, then
- (iii) Make Payment of United States Dollar fifty (USD 50) application fees (non-refundable), then
- (iv) Obtain Customs Agency License Application Form (C.20) which is available on TRA Website (www.tra.go.tz). The form must be duly filled in, signed by Director of the Company and submitted to Customs registry at MAPATO HOUSE, Room No.129 accompanied by certified documents as listed under item A and B.
- (v) Have at least two competent employees in charge of clearance who are accredited with East African Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding Practicing Certificate (EACCFPPC). Other employees should have at least a diploma or certificate in Customs Management from a recognized institute or a minimum of five-year experience in customs operations.
- (vi) Submit an introduction letter affixed with passport size photograph of a competent staff that will represent the Company in the interview. The letter should also contain email address and telephone contact of applicants.

Conditions for candidates: -

- a) Must be a director or a permanent staff of the Company and
 - b) Must possess the East African Customs Clearing and Freight Forwarding Practicing Certificate mentioned under (v) above, and
 - c) Should not be a director of a company whose Customs Agency License has been revoked.
 - d) Should not be employee or director of existing licensed company, and
 - e) **No candidate who previously successfully sat for an interview with another company will be allowed to seat for the interview.**
- (vii) Submit a signed declaration from Commissioner for Oaths with the following details: -
 - a) That none of the directors of the company was previously been a director of any licensed company whose license has been revoked in the last five years.
 - b) That none of the directors of the company is a director of an existing licensed company.
 - c) That none of the directors or shareholders of the company is an employee of TRA.
 - d) That the Company shall undertake provision of basic Customs services on a 24/7 work arrangement.

- (viii) New Applicants shall execute a Customs Bond Security of **Tshs. One Hundred Million (100,000,000/=)** and submit the same after passing the examination.

2. Application for Renewal of Customs Agent's Licenses shall be processed through TANCIS and must be accompanied with:

- a) Payment of non-refundable application fee of United States Dollar fifty (USD 50).
- b) Certificate of Registration for clearing and forwarding issued by TASAC
- c) Proof of affiliation or membership to a recognized clearing and forwarding association.

NB: Only Shortlisted Applicants for Customs Agency Licenses will be Contacted through TANCIS and Public Notice for Written Interview.

C. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (For Customs Bonded Warehouses (CBW) and Manufacture Under Bond (MUB) Licenses;

1. For a license to operate as Customs Bonded Warehouses and Manufacture under Bond facility who meets general conditions as specified in (A) above must also comply with the following:

- (i) Obtain Application form for license of premises to be used as Bonded Warehouses/ Manufacture Under Bond (C.18) which is available at TRA website (www.tra.go.tz). The form must be duly filled in and signed by a director of the Company. The form should be accompanied by application letter and certified documents as listed under item A and C.
- (ii) Submit a certified copy of site plan professionally drawn showing size and location of the premises in relation to other premises and thoroughfares.
- (iii) The minimum area coverage for private bonded warehouse shall be square meters 1000 and 2000 square meters for general bonded warehouse or Manufacture Under Bond.
- (iv) Premises should be either in a Commercial or Industrial area.
- (v) Submit certified copy of title deed and rental contract whose duration is longer than the duration of the license applied and proof of ownership of the premise.
- (vi) The yard or storage area shall be made of rigid pavements, tarmacked or made of concrete finishing.
- (vii) The premises shall have a parking space commensurate to the operations of the premises as the Commissioner may deem fit.
- (viii) The premises shall be well secured with three-meter-high perimeter fence with an electric wire on top and lighting system.

- (ix) The premises shall be well secured with 24hours security including security guards and electronic surveillance.
- (x) The premises shall be equipped with a fire fighting system and conspicuous "NO SMOKING" signs.
- (xi) Submit production formulae approved by Tanzania Bureau of Standards and other competent Authority (for Manufacturing under Bond).
- (xii) Submit Industrial License issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (for Manufacturing under Bond).

2. Upon fulfillment of the above, be able to execute bond security using the Customs Bond Form by a licensed and approved guarantor as follows:

- a) For a private bonded warehouse – a minimum of Tanzanian Shillings 500,000,000.
- b) For a general bonded warehouse – a minimum of Tanzanian Shillings 1,000,000,000.
- c) For MUB – a minimum of Tanzanian Shillings 2,000,000,000.
- d) A minimum of Shillings 100,000,000.00 transport Bond to and from respective bonded warehouses and MUB.

3. Applications for renewal of licenses to operate CBW and MUB will be done online through TANCIS.

D. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Transporters of Goods under Customs Control)

All Applicants for Transporter's and Vehicle Licenses must observe the following specific conditions:

1. FOR COT APPLICATION

- (i) Obtain Company password which shall be required during the process of application. **PASSWORD APPLICATION FORMS** are available at TRA website www.tra.go.tz under EAC Customs Forms (**Customs License Management System user access form**). The form shall be filled in duplicate and submitted to Customs registry at MAPATO HOUSE, Room No.129.
- (ii) Submit COT application through TANCIS, accompanied by certified documents as listed under item A and D.
- (iii) Submit and upload proof of affiliation or membership to a recognized relevant association.
- (iv) Execute and upload through TANCIS a Customs Security bond of Tanzanian shillings ten million (10,000,000) for C.28, C.40 or both (C.28 and C.40) licenses.

2. FOR C. 28 AND C.40 APPLICATION

- (i) Each individual carrying unit shall be issued with form C.28 or C.40 upon payment of license fee of United States Dollar Two Hundred (USD 200) as per East African Community Customs Management Regulations, 2010.
- (ii) Submit and upload LATRA motor vehicle carrier's license, motor vehicle insurance cover, motor vehicle registration card and COT.

N.B: Persons who directly handle Customs documents or transact with Customs shall be only the directors/owners/employees as per General Conditions in Part A;

E. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS (for Internal Container Depot and Container Freight Stations)

1. New Applications for ICDs and CFSs shall be made on the prescribed form (C.18) and should observe the following conditions;

- (i) Obtain Application form for license of premises to be used as Internal Container Depot/ Container Freight Station (C.18) which is available at TRA website (www.tra.go.tz). The form must be duly filled in and signed by a director of the Company. The form should be accompanied by application letter and certified documents as listed under **item A and E.**
- (ii) Submit a certified copy of site plan professionally drawn showing size and location of the premises in relation to other premises and thoroughfares.
- (iii) Submit TASAC License for ICD/CFS Operations.
- (iv) Submit Clearance Letter from TANROADS.
- (v) Submit a valid title deed and a lease agreement whose duration is longer than the duration of the license applied.
- (vi) Security bonds: Upon fulfillment of the above conditions and prior to issuance of a license, applicants shall have to execute customs security bond as follows:
 - a) CB 2 to be at least Tanzanian shillings 500,000,000.
 - b) CB13 to be at least Tanzanian shillings 2,000,000,000.

2. The proposed premises shall meet the following requirements;

- (i) **Fencing:** concrete wall at least 3- metres high perimeter fence, with an electric wire on top.
- (ii) **Entry/ Exit gates:** there should be two separate entry/exit gate.
- (iii) **Parking space:** an ICD/CFS is a customs restricted area. It may allow vehicles in and out for the purpose of loading and discharging. Hence the parking space shall be outside the **ICD/CFS boundaries** for trucks waiting for loading.
- (iv) **Security:** 24 hours security including security guards and electronics surveillance.
- (v) **Cladding/ paving:** for the purpose of strength and durability, paving of the yard shall be with concrete strong enough to withstand traction of heavy trucks.
- (vi) **Demarcation:** Clear demarcation to separate imports, exports, verified goods and empty container
- (vii) **Examination area:** Should be roofed and with a capacity of handling at least 10 containers at a time.
- (viii) **Transit shed:** This is mainly for goods which cannot fit back into containers after being unloaded for examination. The shed should be of a reasonable size.
- (ix) **Customs warehouse:** The size of customs warehouse should be at least 300 square meters.
- (x) **Labour availability:** the ICD/CFS should be able to engage sufficient labour force at all times during operations.
- (xi) **Size of ICD/CFS:** The size should be at least 40,000 square meters for **ICD** and 10,000 square meters for **CFS.**
- (xii) **Customs office:** this should be able to accommodate at least five (5) Customs staff and should be suitably furnished, installed with computers, ventilated and with appropriate lighting, telephone, hygienic and other necessary facilities.
- (xiii) **Equipment:** There must be appropriate equipment for cargo handling, stacking, examination, measurement etc. in addition there must be at least two reach stackers for smooth operations just in case one of them breaks down.
- (xiv) **Lighting:** Floodlights should be installed to light up the entire surface area to facilitate 24 hours operations.
- (xv) **Rail linkage:** ICD/CFS should preferably have rail linkages
- (xvi) **Working hours:** Licensee shall operate 24/7 hours work arrangement.

3. Applications for renewal of licenses to operate ICD and CFS will be done online through TANCIS.

All applications must be submitted to the undersigned on or before 13th October, 2022 to the following address.

Commissioner for Customs and Excise,
Customs and Excise Department,
Tanzania Revenue Authority,
Sokoine Drive, TPA Tower,
P. O. Box 9053,
DAR ES SALAAM.

NB: For new applications, kindly submit applications before 13th October, 2022 and for renewal apply by 30th November, 2022. Please note that applications received after the deadline shall not be processed.

All licensees are reminded that 2022 licenses shall expire on **31st December, 2022** and shall be automatically suspended in our system by **1st January, 2023** if they are not renewed.

"Together We Build Our Nation"

Said Athumani
Commissioner for Customs and Excise

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Census success resulted from peace - the basis of all plans

THAT the recent Population and Housing Census was a total success isn't something that any stakeholders can put to question, and in some instances representatives of kindred government agencies in powerful counties have expressed profuse appreciation for the exercise.

The reason for its success is unfettered loyalty to the public authorities and ability to pass the message, and absence of disruptive messages that wish to 'deconstruct' whatever the government is doing. Such action, when it is successful, abets the narrative of system failure.

Such weaknesses in civic and political attitudes aren't just an African failing but problems encountered virtually everywhere, in that sections of the population get intellectuals or leaders who privilege a narrow view of things and treat the rest a bit lightly.

Only when peace is disrupted and people start suffering is its importance appreciated, but by that time political language is scattered, no central focus is possible again. Once conflict enters solving it can take a generation or even longer.

Closer to the census business itself, the census agency and a number of people were making remarks to the effect that the public will soon learn the 'exact' number of people we have in the country.

Administrators in various sectors would thus adopt the figures for use in planning for social services knowing precisely what portion of the population are being served in a region or district.

The trouble is that this view of the census is at best fleeing and quite simply faulty, as it isn't frankly the precise number of people that the census sought but trends in localities and administrative regions. Compared with the past, planners plot the

changes.

It is these changes and how they look across say six months or one year that make the local governments, regional secretariat and central ministries and agencies keep tab on what is expected at the population level and thus in terms of social services.

When for instance they compare urban and rural figures for 2012 and 2022 they will know precisely how many youths flee to towns, and from the personal data in the interviews while being enumerated, know what portion of 25 year old youths have always been in villages, what portion migrated and came back, or stayed.

This kind of data provides the basic intelligence with which planners can realistically project social sector needs or capacities, to have a set of usable expectations that aren't far from the truth.

The problem with preliminary interpretations of the census that we now know exactly how many of us are there is twofold, as first it wishes to create a responsibility covenant with the public authorities. It is to say for instance that you now know the precise number people in Temeke District or Kigamboni constituency, make sure all services are present.

In reality that isn't what the census seeks to achieve, targeting not sufficiency but equity, for that matter in creating administrative areas, representational spheres or constituencies, and then in allocating budgets for administrative or social needs.

One can't allocate monies just from mentally projecting how many people there are, and the further one is from the last census, the dimmer the figures will be. The census thus enables, like draft or chess, to put the chips back to square one and start afresh, with a far more accurate knowledge of surroundings and their needs.

Levies are a healthy debate but create no emergencies out of it

THERE is a new horizon in the ongoing controversy about levying bank and mobile phone financial transfers or transactions, with the opposition NCCR-Mageuzi airing the need for a review of the Finance Act, 2022 under a certificate of urgency to facilitate evaluation of those levies.

This appeal has come from the party's board of trustees, enabling it to contribute to that debate from an organized platform, though many wish its preliminary issues are cleared first. It has the positive element of carrying forward the debate, but takes it to some precipice.

One surprising point that the trustees' chieftain made was that the matter should be taken to the legislature so that its reviewed proposals are tabled with a certificate of urgency.

Given the fact that the Ministry of Finance placed a cap of 4,000/- of deduction as levy even for sums upwards of 100,000/- or above, what is being discussed isn't the deducted sums but the principle. The opposition party denies that it is opposed to the levy, citing complaints it wants them solved with urgency.

One illustration of the false premises of this sense of urgency is the idea that double taxation occurs as people already pay as you earn (PAYE) on wages or salaries and are then subjected to PAYE in receiving money over the phone, or using bank mobile agents to conduct transactions on their accounts.

Making the levy on cash transfer the same as PAYE is a work of approximation, not really substance as

it is just another tax that touches nearly everyone, a bit substantially. Yet this is what good taxes are all about, touching everyone in just a mild way.

If the sort of solutions that it is likely the opposition party is hankering after would be adopted, just a certain margin of mobile phone cash transfers would be subjected to taxation. Some Western activists used to have a slogan in the 1970s faying 'make the rich pay,' where those who consider themselves poor think they should be shielded from taxes, save minor taxes directly from wages.

The highest expression of this sentiment is a widely used campaign slogan in environmentalist circles, of how 'one percent' of world population which controls global economy is responsible for climate change, via earth warming industrial activities.

They should be made to pay rather than the 99 percent which means most people in Western countries and most of us in middle income and poor countries. That just one per cent, even ten percent of the population should pay any levies is poor fiscal policy.

The debate is a matter of political culture as in 2016 and 2017, on the premise of protecting local sugar producers, people were paying up to 4,000/- a kilo for sugar in Dar es Salaam and upwards of 5,500/- per kilo in far off inland regions.

Yet the level of complaint was much less than we hear at present, as in purchasing sugar we compete and feel proud. But in being deducted at a far less intense or repeated fashion as in buying sugar, we easily feel victimized and speak with a single voice.

By Jeffrey Moyo

IN 2001, when Reki Jimu was 30 years old, his wife died aged 27. The now 51-year-old Jimu said the couple's two sons died prematurely. Both were underweight and frail, although the couple had been previously blessed with a baby girl. Faith Jimu, who is now a 29-year-old mother of three.

Jimu was born in Zimbabwe's Mashonaland Central Province in Mazowe Citrus Estate, with his rural home located in the province's Mukumbura area in Chigawo village.

Two years after his wife, Tendai Goba, died following a very long illness, which he said eroded her weight, Jimu was tested for HIV and found to be positive.

"My wife Tendai died in 2001, succumbing to AIDS, although then we had no proof she suffered from it. She had Kaposi's sarcoma - a cancer associated with AIDS," Jimu told IPS.

His diagnosis did not dampen his zeal to live - although he encountered a lot of discouragement from relatives, friends, and colleagues.

"When I started losing weight, people said I was being bewitched by my brother whom they claimed had goblins that were sucking out my blood," Jimu said.

He said the back-biting started when his wife and two sons were still alive.

"Some naysayers were even blunt in their statements during the early days when my wife was sick, at the time our sons were alive. People said my sons were very thin because they had AIDS. We would hear this and never say anything in return. But of course, our sons died prematurely because they were all underweight (but) before we knew they had HIV," said Jimu.

But thank God, said Jimu, the couple's daughter, who was born before the couple contracted HIV/AIDS and has lived on without the disease and is now a parent.

Yet Jimu, even as his first wife kicked the bucket, has never given up on life.

Now residing in Chitungwiza, a town 25 kilometres southeast of Harare, the Zimbabwean capital, in 2003, soon after testing positive for HIV, Jimu immediately started taking antiretroviral treatment, and that has kept him going for almost two decades.

In fact, for close to two decades, 51-year-old Jimu has lived with HIV/AIDS, sticking to his antiretroviral treatment without fail.

Thanks to his belief in ARV treatment, now Jimu looks like any other healthy person.

"Look, I'm looking good. Nobody can tell I'm HIV positive. Nobody can even tell I'm taking ARV drugs unless I tell them myself," bragged Jimu.

He has soldiered on with life despite being HIV positive.

According to You!



Zimbabwe's unsung living HIV/AIDS hero spreads message of hope



Reki Jimu (51) has lived with HIV for nearly two decades. Here he shows a container of antiretroviral drugs to HIV/AIDS support group members at Chitungwiza government hospital outside Harare, the Zimbabwean capital.

In 2007, Jimu became the founder, leader and pastor of the Christian Fellowship Network Trust, a support group that he said has become pivotal in supporting people living with HIV and AIDS in Chitungwiza.

He has not stopped embracing life, and through the help of HIV/AIDS support groups, Jimu said he married again a year after he had tested positive.

Francisca Thomson, his second wife of the same age as him, is also living with HIV.

"Francisca is my queen, very beautiful girl, I can tell you, and we are so happy together," boasted Jimu.

Jimu said he, like any other average person, has become a beacon of hope to many living with HIV.

He said he became open about his HIV/AIDS status at a time when the public loathed people like him and when HIV/AIDS stigma was rife.

"I am one of those people who used to appear on national television on an HIV/AIDS advert clip in which I was saying I didn't cross the red traffic light... I am a pastor... I am HIV positive, adverts of which were sponsored by Population Services International," said Jimu.

Now a known fighter against HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe, Jimu cannot hold back his gratitude for the Chitungwiza General Hospital here, which he said made him what he is today - an epic

HIV/AIDS peer educator.

Zimbabwe has about 1.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS.

Living with HIV has not forced Jimu into a cocoon.

Instead, he said the condition has merely turned him into an ardent defender of many others.

"I'm now very active in offering routine counselling services and spiritual guidance to many who newly test positive for HIV and seeing me with the positive mindset I have. Many are adjusting quickly to their HIV-positive status and moving on with their lives," said Jimu.

Yet, for Jimu, it has not been easy getting where he is now.

He said over the years, he has come face to face with stigma, saying many people around him were disgusted at merely seeing him sick.

Jimu said landlords quickly evicted him when they heard of his status.

"As a tenant at the many houses I have lived in, I would be quickly given notices to leave because people were afraid to live with me thinking I would just one day wake up dead in their homes or infect them with HIV. I would hear people gossiping about my sickness, some saying I was now a moving skeleton, some urging me to visit prophets for healing, some saying I must go back to the village and die there," said Jimu.

Over the years, however, things have gotten better, with Jimu saying his relatives have begun to embrace him.

Yet, in the past, he had to contend with all the sneering and discrimination from both kith and kin.

"Being loathed and discriminated against were the things I have encountered in church, work and many other places. At many gatherings we would attend with my late wife, we would be made to take back seats as people were ashamed of having us occupying the front seats, obviously ashamed of how we looked because of the signs of sickness on us," recalled Jimu.

But that is now a thing of the past.

As more and more people living with HIV are beginning to find it easier to live with the disease, Jimu has a message for them.

"I urge people who are HIV positive to take their medication during prescribed times without defaulting even when they feel they are now healthy and fit," he said.

And he also carries an almost similar message for those on the brink of marriage.

"I urge couples to get tested for HIV before engaging in sex. If one is found positive, they can be assisted by health experts to live healthy lives without infecting each other with the disease," said Jimu.

William Ruto named President elect

Raila Odinga: Fifth time unlucky

With the announcement of Deputy President William Ruto as Kenya's president-elect, it's five times unlucky for Azimio movement leader Raila Odinga.

Odinga, 77, is a grizzled veteran of the campaigns for democracy and human rights, with three stints as a political prisoner of the Moi regime under his belt.

He takes credit for the struggle that heralded the new era of a multi-party system and adoption of the new constitution, but with four unsuccessful presidential bids, this might have been his final attempt on a pursuit that started with his father, the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, Kenya's first Vice President at independence and thereafter of the multi-party struggle in Kenya.

Odinga, a veteran opposition leader and quintessential outsider and icon of protest politics, finds himself in the unusual position of establishment candidate.

He has secured the support of outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta who has dumped his own deputy of two terms, and hence finds himself defending the record of the Jubilee government and pledging continuity if elected.

Odinga's campaign has also been busy raising the alarm on possible election shenanigans, but pointing the finger at the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission rather than the government.

Early life

Odinga did his early schooling at Kisumu Union Primary, then later Maranda High School for secondary education. Dropped out in 1962 and travelled to then East Germany where he was admitted at the Herder Institution. In 1965, Odinga was awarded a scholarship at the Technical School, Magdeburg, which is part of the philological faculty at the University of Leipzig in East Germany. He graduated with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1970.

He had his first stint in public service in 1974 when he was appointed



Group Standards Manager at the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KeBS) and promoted to the position of Deputy Director in 1978 until 1982 when he was detained because of his political activity. He was placed under house arrest for 7 months by the regime of former President Daniel Moi.

He was later charged with treason, but was instead detained without trial for six years. During his time in detention, his mother died in 1984.

Moi ordered his release on February 6, 1988, but he was re-arrested in September the same year and was once again detained. He was released on June 12, 1989, only to be incarcerated again on July 5, 1990, this time with Mr Kenneth Matiba and Charles Rubia during the agitation for multi-party democracy. He was released on June 21, 1991, but fled the country for Norway the following November amid fears of another arrest.

Protest politics

Protest politics have kept Mr Odinga relevant and impossible to ignore as champion of the angry and resentful poor and dispossessed through decades of struggle since launch of the multiparty campaign more than three decades ago, through four unsuccessful presidential campaigns and stints in government as Cabinet minister and one term as Prime Minister.

From his normal perch, it is Mr Odinga who should be complaining about the 'Deep State' and machinations to rig him out. It is Odinga who should be the one whipping up resentment against the mighty and powerful; the 'change' candidate running on the platform of economic revolution intended to take the monopoly of wealth from the elite and redistribute resources to advantage of the poor.

Thirty years ago, Mr Odinga, then 47, was stalwart of the Young Turks; the activists, lawyers and intellectuals driving the multi-party campaign that had President Moi on the ropes.

At the first multiparty elections in 1992, Odinga won the Lang'ata parliamentary seat in Nairobi on the Ford Kenya ticket, while Dr Ruto was busy navigating the murky world of infighting within YK '92 and trying to catch President Moi's eye.

Moi, courtesy of a split opposition featuring three major challengers—Kenneth Matiba of Ford Asili, Mwai Kibaki of DP and Raila Odinga of Ford Kenya—retained the presidency on a minority vote.

First presidential run

Raila Odinga addresses supporters at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani on August 6, 2022 during their last campaign rally before elections.

Sila Kiplagat I Nation Media Group

Come the 1997 election, and Dr Ruto handily won the Eldoret North seat. Mr Odinga also retained the Lang'ata seat, but on the NDP ticket after having ditched Ford Kenya midstream on losing a power struggle to Kijana Wamalwa following the death of Jaramogi in 1994.

Odinga had also stood for president, but again in a crowded opposition field that included Kibaki (DP), Wamalwa (Ford-K) and Charity Ngilu (SPD).

As the others protested Moi's victory, Mr Odinga changed tack and started a policy of cooperation with the long-serving incumbent seeing out his final term under multiparty constitution.

The cooperation resulted in the eventual swallowing of NDP by Kanu, with Odinga emerging as secretary-general of the 'Independence' party that had ruled Kenya since 1963.

The merger was also part of Moi's succession plan as he served out his final term under the multiparty

constitution, bringing in a crop of youthful leaders to replace his old guard.

Fallout with Moi, Kibaki

In 2002, Mr Odinga fell out with Moi after he endorsed Mr Uhuru Kenyatta as his successor. Mr Odinga and other Kanu members, including Kalonzo Musyoka, the late George Saitoti and the late Joseph Kamotho, opposed this step arguing that the then 38-year-old Mr Kenyatta was politically inexperienced and lacked the leadership qualities required to govern.

They joined the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which later teamed up with Mwai Kibaki's National Alliance Party of Kenya (Nak), a coalition of several other parties, to form the National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) that eventually defeated Kenyatta in the 2002 poll.

He later fell out with Kibaki and contested the presidential election in 2007 that was marred by Kenya's deadliest post-poll violence. At the poll, it was straight fight between Kibaki and Odinga, the former retaining his seat on a disputed election that led to widespread violence.

He was named Prime Minister in the subsequent grand coalition that was formed after the peace talks mediated by late former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Kenyatta and Mudavadi came in deputy premiers for respective sides of the grand coalition, while Dr Ruto came in as Agriculture minister on the ODM slate.

But within a short time, relations between Odinga and Dr Ruto plummeted. From the word go, Dr Ruto had resented that Mudavadi had been named Deputy PM

ahead of him, while he felt he had contributed more to the Odinga campaign.

First, Odinga provoked Dr Ruto by backing ejection of settlers in the Mau forest. Then he accused him of corruption in the Ministry of Agriculture and announced his suspension, which was countermanded by President Kibaki.

The straw that broke the camel's back, however, was intervention of International Criminal Court into the 2007 post-election violence.

When ICC Prosecutor Luis Ocampo released his list of suspects, Odinga initially defended Dr Ruto, saying he was a victim rather than a perpetrator.

However, he finally came to support the ICC cases against Dr Ruto and Kenyatta, who were netted as the leading 'commanders' on either side of the 2007 divide.

The ICC trials were a seminal moment in Kenyan history. Odinga might have calculated that his path to the presidency would be easier with two key foes out of the way, but everything rebounded when Kenyatta and Dr Ruto reunited to not only fight the charges jointly, but exploit the cases to craft a powerful new political movement ahead of the 2013 elections.

2013, 2017 elections Their Jubilee coalition won the 2013 polls, and Mr Odinga was out of luck for the third time.

Jubilee won again in 2017 and it was fourth time unlucky.

But then came the famous handshake the following year, that eventually led to President Kenyatta switching support to Odinga and ditching Dr Ruto.

The rest, as they say, is history.



Date: 8th September 2022

Reference: PAT/EOI/GEO-02/2022 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) FOR SUPPLY OF PROCESSING OF A 3D NODAL MARINE, TRANSITION ZONE AND LAND SEISMIC DATA SERVICES TO PANAFRICAN ENERGY TANZANIA LIMITED

- PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Ltd. a Producer, Distributor and Marketer of Natural Gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Kilwa District, Lindi Region hereby invites potential bidders to express their interest and provide a quote for the supply of the following Services.

SERVICES

Processing of a 3D nodal marine, Transition Zone and Land seismic dataset of approx.180 full fold km2 to be acquired in Q2/Q3 2022. Over the shallow marine part, a 4C OBN survey will be acquired using airgun sources. Over the land area a 3C land OBN survey will be acquired using vibrators as sources.

The processing of this survey requires a high level of technical expertise from the Bidder as various technical challenges will need to be addressed to deliver the best value for the COMPANY in a timely manner. For the Bidder, this project will be a unique opportunity to showcase their technical capabilities given the complexity of the acquisition and the processing challenges at hand.

It is currently envisaged that the acquisition Contractor will commence mobilisation in July with the aim to commence test shooting in August/September. The Bidder is expected to allocate resources to participate in the analysis of the line testing.

The scope of work can be summarised as follows:

- Full processing of the 3D Land/Marine OBN survey from field tapes to final product.
 - Extensive data integrity check whilst acquisition is still in progress.
 - Produce a Fastrack 3D Pre STM volume, through an accelerated processing flow, based on a single component.
 - Produce a Final 3D Pre STM volume for initial interpretation use.
 - Produce a Final 3D PreSDM volume, both in time and depth suitable for further AVO work and rock/fluid analysis.
 - Produce a 3D fully anisotropic velocity model, calibrated to the available well tops and quality controlled against the available sonic logs and check shot data.
 - Produce a set of Radial and Transverse gathers, accompanied with a recommendation for further PS processing.
 - Establish seismic data processing workflows that will provide products with the phase and amplitude integrity assured.
 - QI/AVO/AVA study to identify fluid types and rock properties in the Songo Songo field.
 - The reprocessing of one legacy 2D line up to PreStack Time migration (line 78-10-89) is considered.
- This call for EOI and signifies the start of an open, transparent and objective tender process.
 - The Potential Bidder should be a well-established and reputable company and shall indicate that it is willing, capable, experienced and competent in supplying the said Services preferably to the Oil & Gas Industries. Failure to clearly so indicate may result in disqualification.
 - Potential Bidders must submit information to demonstrate their technical competency and relevant experience. As a minimum, this must include the following:
 - Proof of experience in providing said Services preferably in Oil & Gas industries.
 - International companies must have the ability and willingness to team up with Local expertise in any form as per the Local Content Regulations, 2017
 - Proven relevant technical capability.
 - Proof of registration with local authorities in Tanzania/or Country of Origin as may be applicable. Attach Company Registration/Incorporation certificate, Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Value Added Tax (VAT) certificates, Valid Business Licence, Regulatory licenses and permits (if applicable), etc.
 - Proof of financial capability (provide latest approved audited financial statements for the past 3 years) and a Letter from your Bank.
 - For Tanzania Registered Companies provide Proof of Registration in EWURAs LSSP Database as a Local Service Provider and current annual returns updated in the BRELA Online Registration System.
 - Quotation to include withholding tax at the prevailing rates for local company or foreign as applicable.

- All correspondence regarding this enquiry shall be in writing and communicated by e-mail otherwise the potential bidder may be disqualified from tendering at the sole discretion of PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited.

- Bids should be prepared in accordance with this EOI, a detailed RFQ and SOW can be obtained by writing to the following e-mails: Vincent Edward (vedward@panafricanenergy.com), copying Riitha Mohele (rmohele@panafricanenergy.com).

All physical responses are to be delivered before 4pm Thursday, 6th October 2022 to Bizimana Ntuyabaliwe, Deputy Managing Director, PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited, Oyster Plaza, 5th Floor, Haile Selassie Road, P.O. Box 80139, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, (all electronic copies of the RFQ are to be sent to the email (bntuyabaliwe@panafricanenergy.com) and a copy to (vedward@panafricanenergy.com) on the last day of submission).



Short Term Contract

Job Title: Well Intervention Supervisor / Engineer Reports to: Operations Manager

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET) is the leading integrated energy company in Tanzania, developing and supplying natural gas for the power, manufacturing and transportation sectors in the country.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Orca Energy Group Inc, PAET has been in the Tanzanian market since 2001 where it has been operating the Songo Songo natural gas field. PanAfrican Energy has a commitment to the development and efficient use of Tanzania's natural gas resources. PAET is committed to working with key players to help alleviate Tanzania's energy shortages and to partner in the development of the country's energy resources.

PanAfrican Energy is currently hiring a **Well Intervention Supervisor / Engineer** on a short term contract to will manage well interventions in the Songo Songo gas field, with a specific focus on Coiled Tubing (CT) Operations.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Company's Operations Manager, the successful candidate will:

- Write and implement a one-well CT programme.
- Inspect and approve equipment to deliver CT programme.
- Plan and coordinate operations and ensure all materials are safely rigged up, tested and ready for use.
- Provide technical advice to the crew at the well site.
- Prepare and deliver comprehensive daily progress reports.
- Managing storage and inventories of supplies and equipment at wellsite.
- Ensure work is performed in compliance with company service quality, health, and safety.
- Represent the company throughout project delivery.
- Provide a detailed end of operation report.

Key Skills and experience:

- Recognised expert in coiled tubing operations with specific focus on through tubing interventions for well cleanout, including sand control, gas lifting into production.
- Experience of coiled tubing fishing and drilling operations will be an advantage.
- Ability to supervise onsite activities and manage contractors to deliver cost effective operations.
- Experience of service contractor and equipment selection to meet work programme objectives.
- Manage interfaces with production dept and operator management team to advise on key operational decisions during workovers.
- Checking of contractor equipment to confirm fit for purpose and ready for use on site.
- Well control qualified for wireline and coiled tubing operations.
- Engineering qualified with ability to prepare work programmes and AFE's for workovers.
- 10+ years specific experience of engineering and supervising coiled tubing operations.

If you believe you have the required qualifications, send your application to HR Department or email it to HR@panafricanenergy.com. This should reach the above address not later than **14th September 2022**.

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Bukele's failed bitcoin experiment in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR

A year after Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele decided to make El Salvador the first country where bitcoin is legal tender, the experiment has so far failed, as few of the original plan's objectives have been achieved.

This result was foreseeable since Sept. 7, 2021, when Bukele's government decided, out of the blue and without any precedent, to make bitcoin legal tender through a law approved by the legislature, controlled by members of the ruling party, Nuevas Ideas.

The aims of that decision were never explained in detail in an official plan, but were basically set out by Bukele, in power since 2019, through his tweets, as well as by officials who merely repeated what the president, given to governing with an authoritarian style, in which he is the only authorized voice for almost everything, has said.

"Unfortunately there is no formal document or official information from the government in which the specific objectives of the measure have been laid out," economist Tatiana Marroquín told IPS.

But judging by the president's announcements, and by communications between the government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which requested in January 2022 that the measure be annulled, several aims can be highlighted, such as boosting financial inclusion and tourism and improving the country's "brand", said Marroquín.

Disenchantment with the Chivo Wallet

The government claimed that bitcoin as legal tender would reduce the gap of unbanked people, which is around 70 percent of the population.

That segment would begin to carry out digital financial transactions with several clicks from their cell phones, according to the government.

However, because much of the information on bitcoin transactions has been classified by the authorities, it is unknown, for example, what percentage of the population is still actively using the Chivo Wallet, the digital wallet created by the government, and in what amounts.

Chivo is basically slang for "cool" in El Salvador.

It is known that at the beginning of the cryptocurrency's implementation, around four million people downloaded the application, but basically they did so in order to collect a 30 dollar bonus granted by the government to promote the use of bitcoins.

But by this point it is clear that very few people are still using the application, judging by what you hear and see in the towns and cities of this Central American country of 6.7 mil-



María del Carmen Aguirre, 52, stands outside her home and pizza business in El Zonte, on the Pacific coast of El Salvador. Her daughters send her remittances from the United States, but they use traditional systems and not the bitcoin electronic wallet, after this country became the first to make bitcoins legal tender on Sept. 7, 2021. CREDIT: Edgardo Ayala/IPS

lion people.

"In the end, the majority of the population is not using either the government e-wallet or bitcoins in general," Marroquín said.

Some businesses use them to receive payments, but there are very few transactions, analyst Ricardo Chavarría, director of Renta Asset Management, a company that manages investment funds in the international market, told IPS.

Nor has the government managed to convince Salvadorans living abroad to use the app to send family remittances to El Salvador, one of its main aims when it dove headfirst into bitcoins.

Each year, the country receives around seven billion dollars in remittances, representing 26 percent of GDP.

In August 2021, a month

before the approval of the so-called Bitcoin Law, Bukele said in a tweet that Salvadorans pay around 400 million dollars in commissions to send money to their families in El Salvador.

That amount of money would be saved by sending it through the Chivo Wallet.

Not even the diaspora trusts the cryptocurrency

However, according to official figures, only 1.5 percent of remittances were sent through e-wallets in the first quarter of 2022, a percentage far below what the government expected.

This was probably influenced by the high volatility of cryptoassets such as bitcoin, which is currently going through a crisis in its value, dubbed as a crypto winter.

Bitcoin's price plunged to 19,813 dollars at the close on

Sept. 5, well below last year's peak, when it surpassed the 60,000 dollar mark.

And the Salvadoran population abroad, especially in the United States, where more than three million live, is reluctant to bet on something so volatile and, therefore, risky.

"People are extremely careful, despite the political capital of the president (Bukele), the same people over there (Salvadorans in the United States) do not risk their money," said Chavarría.

That is the case of María del Carmen Aguirre, a 52-year-old entrepreneur who runs a small pizza business in El Zonte, a coastal community on El Salvador's Pacific coast, some 50 kilometers southeast of San Salvador, part of the municipality of Chilitupán, in the central department of La Libertad.

Aguirre told IPS that she regularly receives remittances from her two daughters who live in the United States, in San Francisco, California, but neither of them send the money through Chivo Wallet or any other similar platform.

"They send it only through the bank. It seems that they are quite afraid. 'What happens if we send 200 dollars and at that moment the price of bitcoin goes down?' they say to me," said Aguirre, in her pizzeria.

El Zonte is a beach area known for its surfing and because an unusual community effort to use the cryptocurrency was launched there, about two years before the government decided to try bitcoins.

This initiative was promoted thanks to a donor, who remains anonymous, who gave money to carry out works in the town,

but on the condition that those who worked on them would be paid in bitcoins and not in dollars, the legal tender in El Salvador since 2001.

That still raises suspicions: why would anyone be interested in promoting the crypto-asset in a poor coastal town, with dirt roads and modest shacks, although there are also some luxury hotels, hostels and restaurants.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, families in El Zonte received, on several occasions, 30-dollar vouchers from the mystery donor to use for bitcoin transactions.

"They gave us the bonus three or four times so we could go to the stores that already handled bitcoin," Aguirre said.

Chavarría said the cryptocurrency is probably at the end of the so-called crypto winter, and he expects it to rise again in the future.

"For me, in a medium to long term horizon it is going to recover and it is going to win out," he argued.

Not just gangs

One thing that Marroquín the economist and financial analyst Chavarría agreed on is that, with the passage of the Bitcoin Law, El Salvador made the global headlines about something other than the recurring issue of gang violence, which used to be the only issue of interest to the international press.

In this sense, it could be argued that the country's image improved somewhat on the world news agenda.

"The fact that El Salvador is on the news map and that it appears in Bloomberg, in The New York Times, in Spain's El País, when the only topic before was the gangs, is good news for me as a Salvadoran," said Chavarría.

Marroquín concurred that "El Salvador is undoubtedly no longer known as it used to be solely for violence."

She added that the adoption of the bitcoin has also bolstered tourism in the country by attracting a segment of visitors interested in the cryptocurrency, although it remains to be seen whether this improvement will have an impact on poor communities near tourist spots.

A cloak of secrecy

The government has been harshly criticized for the secrecy with which it has handled not only the adoption of the bitcoin but also other important issues about which the public has demanded information, since they have involved the use of public funds for which the Bukele administration has not been held accountable.

When it has been made available, information has arrived in dribs and drabs.

It is known that the government has purchased 2,381 bitcoins, on which it has spent 106.04 million dollars. But when related investments are factored in, such as the ATMs placed at various points around the country, the total investment exceeds 300 million dollars.

"There is a big black cloak surrounding the government's use of public funds," Marroquín said.

A street corner in the town of El Zonte, on the Pacific coast of El Salvador, which became the place where a project to promote the use of bitcoins in the country started, before the government of Nayib Bukele gave the cryptocurrency legal status in September 2021. Most businesses in this town accept them as a form of payment, but in the rest of the country the use of bitcoins is marginal. CREDIT: Edgardo Ayala/IPS



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF WELDING CONSUMABLES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in northwestern Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Welding Consumables and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01503	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF WELDING CONSUMABLES TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01503)	60%
Evidence of physical expertise and after sale support	20%
Ability to supply product that meet required OEM specifications	20%
Proof of supply similar products - with reference	20%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01503)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **8.30AM 19th September 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Proof of experience on supplying similar parts to other mines or GGML	15
Proof of dealership authorization from parts manufacturer	15
Proof of Possession of skills to supporting on installation and maintenance of fenner parts	15
Proof of stocking capacity for the fenner bushings	15
Total	100%

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Sand poachers fueling environmental harm in Zimbabwe

CHITUNGWIZA, ZIMBABWE.

In Chitungwiza, right next to the highway, 36-year-old Nesbit Gavanga and his five colleagues use shovels as they load trucks with sand.

The six apparently are in the business of sand-poaching and openly explain that every other day they engage in running battles with environmental officials who seek to curtail land degradation here. The group's informal sand quarry lies 25 kilometers southeast of the Zimbabwean capital Harare.

For Gavanga and his colleagues, sand-poaching has been a source of income for years as the gang has never been formally employed.

Gavanga, with the others, invaded a patch of land in Chitungwiza to begin mining sand about eight years ago.

"This patch of land has given us money over the years, and we can't afford to leave it. We are here to stay, and we are here to turn the sand into money," Gavanga told IPS.

Gavanga is unfazed by the severity of damage he and his colleagues have unleashed on the giant swathes of land they have invaded in Chitungwiza.

What they care about is money, and Gavanga, with his colleagues, has managed to establish a huge customer base over the years.

"We just bring our picks and shovels here, and customers come with their trucks, and we fill the trucks with the sand we sell. Yes, this isn't our land, but we have to survive from it even though (the authorities say) we are not allowed to mine," 34-year-old Melford Mahamba, one of Gavanga's colleagues, told IPS.

Gavanga claimed they make at least 30 to 40 US dollars daily from the enterprise.

But that is bad news for the environment. Sand poachers have wrought huge scars on



Nesbit Gavanga, who mines sand illegally and sells it to builders, says he has few other economic options in Zimbabwe. Environmentalists, however, are concerned about land degradation. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS

land. "The profits are huge since sand sells for 6 to 8 US dollars a cubic meter. We sell to clients using their own transport," said Mahamba.

The sand poachers, in fact, incur very few costs, and the only costs they have to shoulder are the bribes given to council police.

Council authorities, for instance, in Chitungwiza, even though they conduct regular raids on sand poachers, are not fully capacitated.

"We conduct raids on sand poachers, but we don't do that always due to insufficient resources, and so the sand poachers always go back to their illegal activities. It is like a cat-and-mouse game," said Lovemore Meya, the Chitungwiza Municipality public relations officer.

For environmentalists like Chikova, sand poachers "damage vegetation while they dig out wide and deep pits which subsequently get flooded each rain season."

Amid growing sand poaching in Zimbabwe, environmental lawyers insinuate that the practice contributes to climate change.

"Sand poaching increases Zimbabwe's vulnerability to flooding in areas receiving high rainfall, with the practice of sand poaching also threatening wetlands, but sand poaching also affects water availability downstream, which then affects water use for climate adaptation purposes," Ray Ncube, an environmental lawyer in private practice, told IPS.

EMA statistics have shown that as of December 2019, 1694 hectares of land are affected by sand-poaching in the country, with Harare contributing to over 850 hectares of the statistics.

EMA has not been successful in stopping the sand poachers.

"Authorities chase us away from the places we mine for sand, but we always return in no time, even as they arrest us at times. We just bribe the officials and continue with the business," Mahamba said.

Environmentalists like Happon Chikova, based in Harare, blamed Zimbabwe's poor economy for the land degradation unleashed by sand poachers.

"These people have no jobs. They think by digging up sand soils for sale, believing they may break free from bankruptcy and poverty, but alas. They only make the environment suffer as they get very little money that hardly changes their lives," Chikova told IPS.

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land across Zimbabwe as they harvest the river sand. These poachers leave uncovered pits.

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 5 LETTERS: ABODE, AGAIN, LASSO, ELECT, NDAMA,
 6 LETTERS: ELITES, ADHERE, STAGER, PLUNGE, TABOOS
 7 LETTERS: ALLOWED
 8 LETTERS: LEGALESE
 10 LETTERS: BOUNDARIES

CLUES: Across
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 5 a large perching bird with mostly black plumage
 7 bear native to bamboo forests in China
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 20 feel doubt

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DSE listed largest banks record strong shares trading

By Guardian Reporter

Two Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed largest banks include CRDB Bank Plc and NMB Bank Plc started the week in high noted after dominating the market during the first two days of the week.

Data have shown that a combined total market turnover of 2.39bn/- was recorded during trading on Monday and Tuesday this week, of which 2.29bn/- injected by two banks.

The shares of the two banks traded during the reviewed days were exchanged hands between local investors, the markets report analysis show.

However, the banks market capitalisations remained unchanged with NMB Bank being the largest with 1.45trn/- while CBRD Bank Plc has 1.04trn/- market capitalization.

NMB Bank Plc was the major mover after recording a turnover of 1.42bn/- during the reviewed days through transaction of 510,282 shares in 16 deals of which 500,000 shares through Block Trade Pre-arranged Market board on Monday.

The reports show CRDB Bank Plc recorded a turnover of 930.6mn/- during the reviewed days through transactions of 2,326,914 shares traded in 83 deals, of which 2.2 million shares on Block Trade Pre-arranged Market board on Tuesday.



NMB Bank Managing Director Ruth Zaipuna



CRDB Bank Managing Director Abdulmajid Nsekela

Analysts say the domestic equity market continues to sustain a bullish run for the second consecutive week as signaled by the benchmark indices' week-on-week (w/w) performance, adding that banks will lead in transactions.

"We are of the opinion that a number of counters are trading with favorable valuations with further upside potential," Raphael Masumbuko, chief executive officer of Zan Securities Limited told the Guardian over the weekend.

During last week, he said, NMB Bank Plc stock also registered a 3.57 per cent increase closing at 2,900/- per share while CRDB Bank Plc stock appreciated by 1.25 per cent closing the week at 405/- per share.

DSE report shows on Friday last

week, NMB Bank Plc recorded a turnover of 4.2bn/- through a transaction of 1.5 million shares in four deals on Block Trade Pre-arranged Market.

During the first half of this year, CRDB Bank recorded a turnover of 25.3mn/-, the second largest transaction, through trading of 63,331 shares traded in 25 deals at a price ranging from 400/- to 405/-.

two banks also recorded a record profit rising, increasing appetites among share buyers.

NMB Bank Plc's net profit for the first six months of the current calendar year rose to 208bn/-, a 53 percent rise from 135.5bn/- that was registered during a similar period last year.

This means that the amount in profit, registered by NMB Bank Plc during the first half of 2022, was slightly higher than the annual net profit of 206bn/- that the lender recorded during the whole year of 2020.

NMB performance reflected solid business momentum, strong efficiency gains, and significant improvements in the loan portfolio quality.

NMB Bank's strong revenue

momentum was sustained during H1, 2022, with a total revenue increase of 21 percent from previous year to 562bn/-, highlighting exponential growth in both net-interest income and non-funded income lines which grew by 17 percent and 32 percent.

On the other hand, CRDB Bank Plc's net profit jumped to 174.04bn/- during the first six months of 2022, from 88.6bn/- during a similar period last year. Likewise, this was higher than an annual net profit of 165bn/- that it registered in 2020, according to financial statements.

CRDB said during presentation of the financial performance for the second quarter of this year that its plans to focus on small and medium enterprises (SMEs) especially along the trade, construction and agriculture value chains, after seeing that these sectors are driving growth in the economy.

The bank's strategy, according to managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela, as quoted in July, is to address capital challenges among the various enterprises, understanding the valuable role they play in enabling achievement of the country economic transformation ambitions.

Global sukuk issuance to hit \$185bn in 2022, reveals study

LONDON

Refinitiv, a London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) business, has released findings of its Sukuk Perceptions and Forecast Study 2022, which reveals that global sukuk issuance is projected to moderate, settling at \$185bn in 2022.

According to the study, around 41 per cent of respondents indicated they were still bullish about growth in global sukuk supply. Sukuk are financial products whose terms and structures comply with sharia, with the intention of creating returns similar to those of conventional fixed-income instruments like bonds.

The findings were published in a report, titled Navigating a new Environment, which projected global sukuk issuance would grow at an estimated compound annual growth rate of 6.8 per cent over the next five years, reaching \$257bn in 2027.

The report indicated that the momentum of international sukuk issuance began to slow in the first half of 2022, despite strong activity from issuers capitalising on high demand from international investors early in the year.



Highlights of H1 2022

Mustafa Adil, head of Islamic Finance, Refinitiv, said: "A new sukuk issuance record had been set in 2021 for the fifth consecutive year, reaching a total of \$196.5bn. Although this was up by 8.2

per cent from \$181.6bn in 2020, that compares with much greater average annual growth of 21 per cent in the previous five years."

"Global sukuk issuance in the first half of 2022 raised \$100.9bn, marginally

lower than \$104.2bn in H1 2021. Despite a strong start to the year, issuance momentum slowed as the Federal Reserve and other central banks kicked off a global monetary tightening cycle."

The surge in oil prices also contributed to the slowdown in issuance, as it reduced government borrowing needs in core sukuk markets.

Dollar sukuk issuance amounted to \$22bn in H1 2022, down 10 per cent from \$33.2bn H1 2021, as issuers concentrated their borrowing in domestic markets and the Fed's tightening policy strengthened the dollar, he added.

Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia remained the largest issuance bases for sukuk, and together made up 75 per cent of sukuk issued in 2021 and the first half of 2022.

In Saudi Arabia, sukuk raised \$28.1bn during H1 2022, compared with \$24.2bn during the same period of 2021, despite the surge

in oil prices. Still, issuance slowed during the second quarter as the kingdom registered a surplus from higher oil revenues.

As with most GCC governments, issuances supporting new and continuing infrastructure projects will likely be offered once volatility in global financial markets calms. This is also the case with the region's ESG sukuk issuances that are in the pipeline awaiting more conducive conditions.

Sovereigns continue to drive sukuk issuance, maintaining around a 60 per cent share of global issuance since 2017. Sovereign sukuk issued in H1 2022 totalled \$68.8bn, of which 83 per cent were issued by GCC, Malaysian and Indonesian governments.

The Saudi government was the largest sovereign issuer in H1 2022, with \$22.1bn, despite soaring oil prices having reduced government funding requirements.

Capitalisation of banking likely not needed in Russia

VLADIVOSTOK

The head of Russia's VTB Andrei Kostin, said on Wednesday the nation's banking sector had largely overcome the most serious effects of Western sanctions and that systemic capitalisation of Russian banks was likely not needed.

Hit by unprecedented economic sanctions from the West, Russia's banking sector posted heavy losses in the first six months of the year and officials have pushed lenders to drastically reduce their exposure to the U.S. dollar and euro.

"It is maybe too early to say, the central bank is now analysing the information, but maybe some kind of systemic recapitalisation of the banking sector is not needed," Kostin said at a session on the transformation of Russia's financial sector at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok.

VTB, Russia's second-largest lender returned to profit in July after record losses in the first six months of the year, and will start lending in the Chinese yuan and other non-Western currencies later this year, it said on Tuesday. read more

Kostin added later that there was room for Russia's central bank to cut its key rate to 7.5% and then 7% from 8% now to stimulate lending in Russia's banking sector. read more

The Bank of Russia next meets on rates on Sept. 16.

Western sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine have cut Moscow off from the global financial system and from nearly half of its \$640 billion in gold and foreign exchange reserves.

CEO Kostin had said in April Russian banks would likely need a wider recapitalisation to cope with losses.

Russian officials have heralded the economy's performance in recent months, saying it is holding up much better than expected in the face of sanctions.

Russia Economy Minister Maxim Reshetnikov on Tuesday said the economic contraction this year would be 2.9%, shallower than previously forecast. read more

Kenya banks take gradual steps to risk-based lending

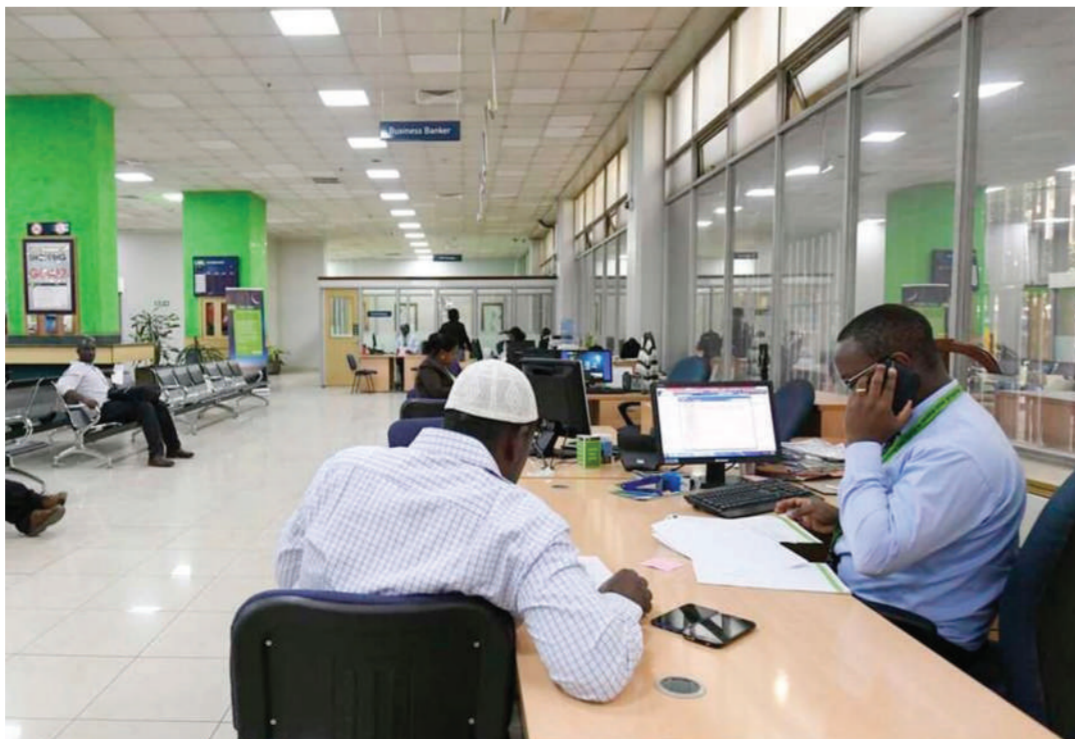
NAIROBI

Bank lending rates are yet to be fully adjusted in line with the risk rating of borrowers, with lenders adopting a gradual rollout to avoid shocking the credit market which is still recovering from the slowdown caused by the now repealed rate cap and Covid-19.

More than half of banks already had their risk-based models approved or signed off by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) by the end of July, allowing them to vary interest on credit according to the risk profile of a borrower, with an expected outcome of improved credit access across the economy.

By the end of June, 28 lenders had adjusted their overdraft, personal and business loan rates by between 2.4 and 4.8 percentage points from the March 2022 rates.

Some lenders charged as high as 16.4 percent for business loans in June, and 16.8 percent for overdrafts, while the rates on personal loans rose by up to 2.4 percentage



A customer is served at the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) in Nairobi. PHOTO/ AFP

points to 14.3 percent.

The increase is, however, likely

to widen in coming months once they fully deploy the risk-based

pricing model, especially on loans to small businesses that

are deemed riskier borrowers compared to corporate organisations.

"The risk-based lending has not been implemented in full because you don't want to cause distress for customers. It will be implemented gradually," said a bank executive who declined to be quoted.

Lenders had endured a prolonged wait for approvals – which according to the CBK was partly due to some submitting unsatisfactory plans – leading to most of them lending at a maximum of 13 percent even after the law capping rates on loans was lifted in November 2019.

They, therefore, largely resorted to pumping money into risk-free government securities at between 10 and 13.5 percent, which meant that growth in lending to the private sector remained below the pre-rate cap level of 8.3 percent until December 2021.

Lending to the private sector has been rising steadily this year, going from 8.8 percent in January to 12.3 percent in June, helped by higher demand for loans in transport and communication, manufacturing, trade and consumer durables sectors.

The expectation of the proponents of risk-based lending is that by being allowed to load a premium to cover lending to customers deemed riskier, banks will then open their wallets to small businesses and individuals, who have been struggling to access formal credit.

However, while there is an increase in approvals of risk pricing models, lenders have raised concerns that they still lack some of the supporting data necessary to accurately estimate a clients' risk profile due to the moratorium on negative listing of borrowers with loans below Sh5 million by credit reference bureaus (CRBs).

Europe's banks dim lights as they brace for winter blackout

LONDON

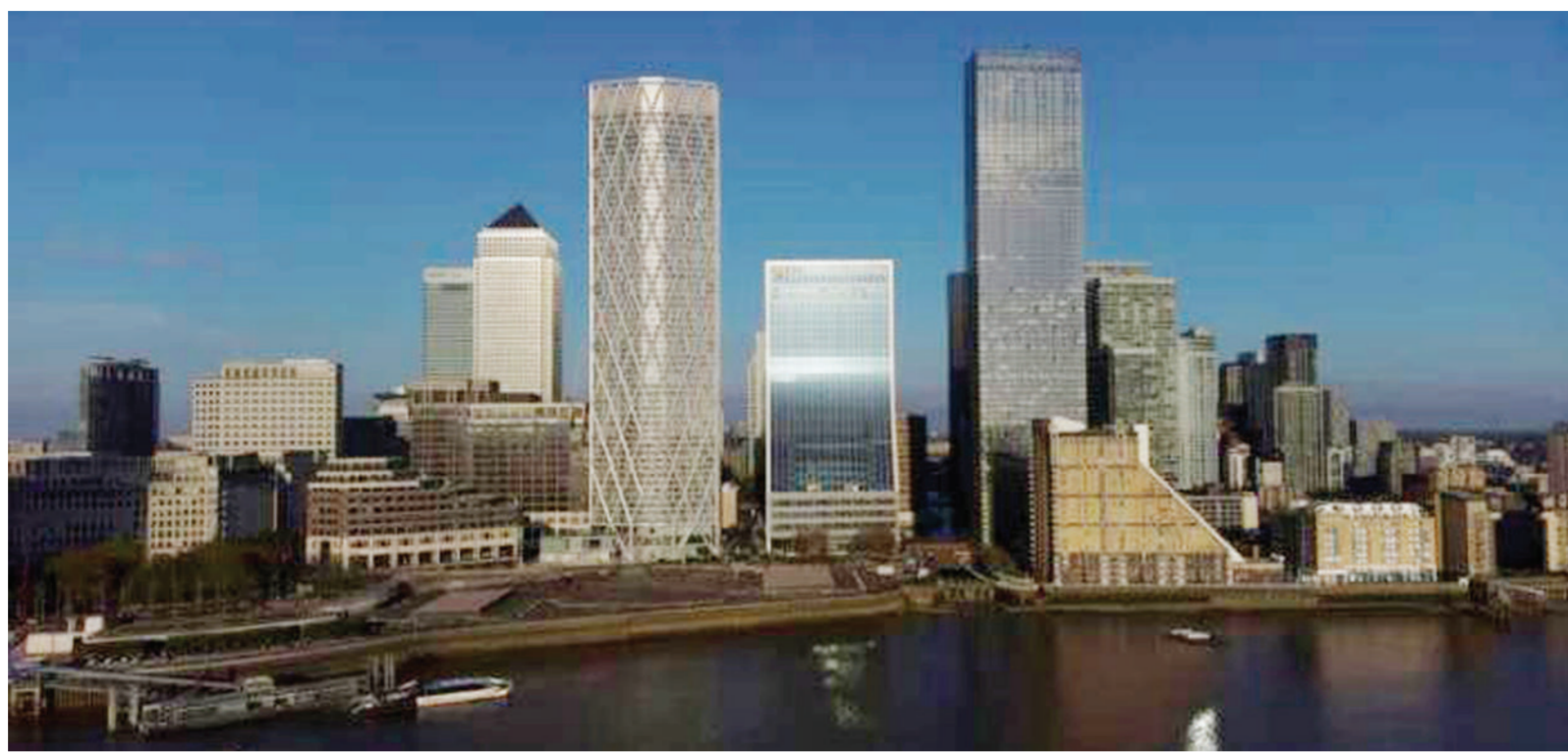
Some of Europe's biggest banks are preparing back-up generators and to dim the lights as they brace for potential power cuts and energy rationing that threaten the money system underpinning the region's economy.

As Russia throttles gas supplies to the continent, banks are stress-testing how they can cope with power shortages and lining up alternative sources of energy, such as generators, so that ATMs and online banking don't go dark.

There is a special urgency for financial firms to act because of the importance of payments and transactions to Europe's economy, already fragile due to the fallout of war.

While the sector adapted to COVID-19 lockdowns and remote working, power blackouts or rationing present a very different challenge.

"The banking system is part of other systems," said Gianluca Pescaroli, professor in operational continuity and disaster resilience at University College London, who has advised authorities in London on power outages. "My main concern is the cascading effects on



A general view of the Canary Wharf financial district in London

society of failures to ATMs or cashless transactions. Similarly, the dependencies banks have on other services such as the internet."

JPMorgan, which employs thousands across European hubs in London and Frankfurt, has conducted power outage simulations, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Depending on the severity, the bank could switch to diesel generators that could keep key office locations up and running for several days, the person said.

The biggest U.S. bank lends money to companies in Europe and trades stocks and bonds in addition to running a British consumer bank.

Italy's second-biggest bank UniCredit has tested its operational resilience this summer, a source familiar with the plans said.

Its latest disaster recovery test focused on the resilience of data processing, the source said, adding the bank's two core data centres had power supply from two independent power stations.

It's unclear how long its power would last. Euronext, which runs the French and Italian stock exchanges, said it had reassessed its energy use since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, adding it had back-up generators, without elaborating.

Banks are also taking visible steps to acknowledge the energy crisis, such as paring office space and consolidating staff in fewer buildings. Deutsche Bank said it was rolling out a slew of energy saving measures across its 1,400 buildings in Germany, to save 4.9

million kWh of electricity each year - enough to power roughly 49,000 light bulbs for an hour.

The lender is shutting off hot running water in washrooms, adjusting workplace temperatures, switching off all interior branch lighting and illuminated outdoor advertising overnight.

The fountain in front of its head office in Frankfurt will also be turned off. Regulators are on high alert. The supervisory arm of the European Central

Bank and its equivalent UK peer, the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), both require lenders to have plans to cope with disruption.

Firms in Britain are required to identify their "Important Business Services" and the methods of resolving vulnerabilities should threats materialise.

Nonetheless, experts fear that few companies are prepared for lengthy blackouts of more than a few days. "This represents a serious gap in resilience planning," said Avi Schnurr, CEO of the Electric Infrastructure Security Council, a think-tank that advises on preparing for such hazards.

Banks should already be making arrangements to ensure that they can cope even in a prolonged power outage, with agreements for transactions to be logged retroactively once systems are back online, he said.

BNP Paribas, France's biggest bank, is addressing power consumption across the approximate 2,750 branches, offices and data centres it operates across France, Belgium and Italy, a source close to the French lender said.

The possibility of electricity supply cuts was being "closely monitored" and covered by the Business Continuity Plan in place at the bank.

European gas prices have surged after Russia's state-controlled Gazprom said it would indefinitely extend a shutdown to the major Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline.

Europe has accused Russia of weaponising energy supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions imposed on Moscow since the outbreak of hostilities with Ukraine. Russia blames those sanctions for causing the gas supply problems, which it puts down to pipeline faults.

In Britain, rising energy costs are squeezing businesses and consumers, who are facing runaway inflation.

State-backed NatWest said it had partially mitigated the financial hit by hedging future costs of its energy.

Major insurers also said they were cutting their energy use. Switzerland's Zurich said it would darken offices at night and mothball "decorative power consumers" like fountains.

Why banking regulators are sweating under climate stress tests?

NAIROBI

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) says that climate-related financial risks can significantly increase bank credit risks as a result of severe floods, drought, landslides and wildfires that destroy borrowers' assets or impair supply chains.

With a high reliance on physical collateral in lending in emerging markets, measures put in place to mitigate climate change can also increase credit risks from collateral assets that become stranded.

"Extreme weather events can also increase the operational risk for banks due to disrupted business continuity from negatively impacted bank's infrastructure, systems, process and staff," the CBK says in its guidance on climate-related risk management.

The CBK has asked lenders to put in place governance, oversight and risk management strategies to prepare the industry to face the growing climate-related risks.

As a start, the regulator and banking industry players came up with some steps that evidence their recognition of the potential impact of climate risks.

Though some of these initiatives started as far back



as 2013, their adoption and impact are still a work in progress as most lenders prefer to look at the risks through a corporate social responsibility lens, which has seen compliance remain a moving target.

Kenyan banks are not the only ones struggling. Globally, sector regulators are still struggling with climate stress tests at a time when the world is experiencing its worst climate-related calamities.

The first stress tests to assess banks' exposure to risks of climate change are underestimating the worst-case scenario, the European Central Bank and Bank of England have said, underscoring the challenge of making such exercises more useful.

The banking regulators say the tests are needed to assess vulnerabilities in the financial system from climate change-driven catastrophes, be they in the banks' loan portfolios, trading books or customer accounts.

Here is why regulators, investors and banking experts say climate stress tests are still a work in progress but improvements are on

the way:

Client data

For a bank to understand the climate risks embedded in their financing, they need access to accurate data from clients, including their current emissions and the plan to reduce them over time.

While regulators in the European Union and elsewhere are starting to push companies in the real economy to provide this data, it remains early days and banks have had to rely on estimations. The approaches taken by banks to fill in the gaps in data also vary.

Tougher, mandatory climate disclosure rules for companies in the European Union, Britain, and the United States from 2024 onwards will plug gaps in emissions data from customers of banks, giving a far more accurate picture of exposures.

"The disclosure tool will be a bit of a game changer," said Monsur Hussain, senior director at credit ratings agency Fitch, meaning climate tests will "get more stressful" for banks.

Balance sheet changes

The lending decisions made by banks over time determine the risk on their balance sheet, yet modelling this is hard. A static balance sheet, which assumes no change over time, is unrealistic, yet a dynamic balance sheet requires many assumptions to be made, which could be equally wrong.

Regulators say they expect the modelling to improve over time, while the process will help lenders and policymakers develop the mindset, knowledge and skills needed to come up with better tests for making decisions in future.

"Asking them to do that preparation and asking whether they are or aren't prepared, is a really important question," said David Carlin, climate risk programme lead for the Unep Finance Initiative, a joint UN and finance industry undertaking.

Feedback loops

While the initial stress tests have taken into account macro-economic and financial variables, for example the imposition of a higher carbon price through government policymaking, they do not capture all of the potential risks associated with climate change, such as climate-related litigation, and, equally as important, how these differing risks will interact with one another.

Time horizon

Traditional financial stress tests, introduced after the financial crisis of 2008-2009, typically focus on resilience to shorter-term shocks to a bank's solvency, and are more closely aligned to a lender's planning horizon of two-five years.

Climate stress tests, on the other hand, tend to focus on risks that may play out over decades into the future with data covering such lengthy periods patchy at best.

US consumers, businesses are in good shape, say banks CEOs

NEW YORK

US consumers and businesses are still in good financial shape despite high inflation and concerns about a looming recession, some of the nation's top bankers told a conference in New York on Tuesday.

Brian Moynihan, chief executive officer of Bank of America Corp, the nation's second-largest bank, said customers spent 10% more in August from a year earlier, and bank account balances are higher for many than they were pre-pandemic.

"The consumer and businesses are in good shape," said William Rogers, chief executive officer of Truist Financial Corp. "And the commercial and corporate side, businesses have never been in better health. Companies' balance sheets are all really strong."

The US Federal Reserve has said it will continue to raise rates as it tries to tame inflation, sparking fears the central bank could cause a recession.

US banks stand to benefit from rising interest rates because they can earn more income from charging interest to customers. Still, if rate hikes do send the economy into recession, that could cut in to banks' profits.

Low unemployment, a strong housing market and a revival of the entertainment industry in California reflect a solid economy there, said Kelly Coffey, CEO of City National Bank, a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada.

The combination of COVID-19 government stimulus and a strong job market are still buoying consumer finances, said René Jones, CEO of M&T Bank.

BANKING & FINANCE

China's biggest four banks suffer from failing loans



BEIJING

China's biggest four banks have been hit by a more than 50 per cent increase in overdue loans from the property sector over the past year, as the real estate market's liquidity crunch spills into the financial sector.

China's top lenders - the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, China Construction Bank, Agricultural Bank of China and Bank of China - last week reported combined overdue property loans of Rmb136.6bn (\$20bn) at the end of June, up from Rmb90bn at the same time last year.

The rise in bad loans from the deteriorating property crisis is worsening asset quality across China's Rmb367.7tn banking industry. Beyond bad debts, the banks

are also suffering from weakening loan demand from their best corporate and retail clients as growth slows in the world's second-biggest economy.

"We see multiyear structural [return on equity] decline as banks retreat from the property sector amid stalled projects, mortgage boycotts and heightened regulations," Macquarie analyst Dexter Hsu wrote in a note to clients.

China's "Big Four" lenders are systemically important institutions and the backbone of China's financial sector. They are among the world's biggest banks, holding about 36 per cent of the country's deposits and issuing a third of its loans. Beijing depends on the groups to stabilise the country's economy and trusts them to faithfully implement monetary policies.

The size and relatively stable health of

the Big Four banks has given Chinese authorities confidence as they try to orchestrate a soft landing for failing companies in the property sector, which accounts for about 30 per cent of national gross domestic product. However, Hsu said that while banks' loans to developers accounted for 4 per cent to 9 per cent of their total loans, it will probably become "the major source" of new non-performing loans in the next two years, driving up credit costs for the banks.

"We believe the real exposure to developers could be much bigger than reported because they extended credits to the developers via proprietary investments and off-balance-sheet credits like wealth management products, trust products, private funds and private bonds," he added.

Exacerbating the gloomy picture, Bei-

jing's economic planners have called on state banks to take an earnings hit by offering lower interest rates to support homebuyers and businesses. They have also been told to set aside more financial support and resources to help deliver unfinished homes.

A senior official at one of the Big Four lenders said the state of the property market meant that the banks had "no incentive" to boost lending to the sector despite pressure from Beijing.

"Our cost of capital is still too high. We have no incentive to beef up lending even though the regulator asked us to do so. The more loans we issue, the more [non-performing loans] we will have. The return on our lending business has gone down a lot while NPLs are taking off," the person said.

Qatar tells local banks to stop currency swap

DUBAI/DOHA

Qatar's central bank has told banks in the Gulf state not to exchange its currency with entities outside the country without prior permission, five sources told Reuters, in a move bankers say aims at ending the rial's divergence against the dollar.

The Qatari riyal, officially fixed at 3.64 to the dollar since 2001, has in the offshore market been quoted below its peg for the most part since mid-2017 when four Arab states boycotted Doha in a political row, which was resolved in early 2021.

In the communication

sent to treasury directors at local banks on Monday, the Qatar Central Bank (QCB) instructed banks not to engage in any swap deals to obtain riyals or dollars with any entity outside Qatar, the sources with knowledge said.

The notice said banks should seek permission from QCB before conducting any such transactions, they added.

QCB, in response to a Reuters query, said it "is not taking any action to limit the capacity of banks to engage in swap transaction with counterparties".

"Such matters are left to the commercial and risk management judgement of banks," the central bank



A cashier counts Qatari riyal notes at a money changer in Doha

said, adding that any such directive would be published on its website.

A currency swap agreement involves the exchange of one currency for another

over a specific time horizon in addition to the payment of a premium. It is a tool used to lock-in a fixed exchange rate or hedge against currency fluctuations.

Last year, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt ended a row with Doha that had seen the four nations sever political, economic and travel ties with Qatar over allegations it supports Islamist militants, which Doha denies.

During the dispute, tiny but wealthy Qatar, among the world's largest gas exporters, sued banks in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, accusing them of causing damage to its economy by what it called overseas currency manipulation.

Qatar settled a separate suit against Emirates NBD Bank and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank earlier this year and a New York

judge dismissed a case against Saudi Arabia's Samba Bank, but its not immediately clear whether a case against First Abu Dhabi Bank is still pending.

During the 3-1/2 year embargo, foreign currency, especially the dollar, was scarce in Qatar, bankers say. QCB required banks to seek approval to buy USD on a case-by-case basis.

Post-boycott there was an expectation that the price of the Qatari riyal would come in line with the peg but that has not happened. On Tuesday, brokers were quoting 3.6805/3.6855 riyals to the dollar in the offshore market.

Qatar's central bank foreign reserves and hard

currency liquidity has risen about 3.8% in the past two years to 211.3 billion riyals in July, official data shows, from 203.6 billion riyals in 2020.

"It doesn't make sense that Qatari riyal is still not trading at the peg," said a Gulf economic expert who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter.

"Qatar is receiving more dollar revenue than ever before and, because of all the fans coming to Qatar for the World Cup, there is bound to be a much larger than normal demand for riyals on international markets."

Qatar hosts soccer's World Cup in November.

India's fintech majors set for biggest ever takeover

NEW DELHI

A mega acquisition is underway in India's digital payments sector. And it may be giving the industry's existing players sleepless nights.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Monday this week approved PayU India's \$4.7 billion takeover of payment gateway BillDesk. What now remains is the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nod.

While the 20-year-old BillDesk has a marked presence in payment processing for government agencies, PayU is widely used by internet companies. Both compete with the likes of Paytm, Razorpay, Pine Labs, Infibeam Avenues, and MSwipe, among others.

"We believe this transaction will stimulate both innovation and competition within India's digital payments industry," Laurent Le Moal, CEO of PayU, said in a press release. "This will not only help to strengthen India's digital economy, but also bring financial services to those who may have historically been excluded."

The payment aggregator would be PayU's fourth Indian acquisition after Citrus Pay, Wibmo, and PaySense.

The combined PayU-Bill Desk entity is expected to process a total payment value (TPV) of \$147 billion, going by figures for 2020-21. PayU said in an investor presentation (pdf). Their cumulative gross revenues stood at \$752 billion.

"This is a big bet for PayU. They are very bullish on



PayU India recently concluded the \$4.7 billion deal takeover of payment gateway BillDesk PHOTO/FILE

the Indian market. Even if the share of online payments goes from 30% to 50% in five years, it is a huge addition to transaction volumes," said Mihir Gandhi, a partner at consultancy firm PwC, told Moneycontrol.

In 2021, Razorpay and Infibeam Avenues registered TPVs of \$60 billion and \$48 billion, respectively.

PayU processes \$25 billion of pay-

ments every year. BillDesk, on the other hand, handled \$90 billion of transactions in the last financial year. The homegrown company has tied up with more than 100 e-commerce clients.

Together, they expect growth four times more than PayU's current one billion in India.

Unlike rivals that operate on a loss-making growth strategy, BillDesk

turned profitable long ago. Its stellar performance resulted in an unprecedented valuation for it at about \$4 billion, around 20 times its revenue.

Analysts had, however, pegged its sale price at \$2.5 billion.

Valuations are often tightly linked to market conditions and timing. Industry insiders believe the Indian fintech space is receiving enormous funding

interest now and that makes it a favourable time for the acquisition.

India is amongst the fastest growing Fintech markets in the world and there are 6,636 FinTech startups in India.

Indian FinTech industry's market size is \$50 billion in 2021 and is estimated at \$150 billion by 2025.

The Indian fintech market touted as the fintech hub globally is estimated to reach assets under management (AUM) of \$1 trillion by 2030, up 10-fold from its 2021 size of roughly \$100 billion.

At the same time, the industry was expected to generate revenue of \$200 billion - also a 10X jump from 2021's \$20 billion, according to a report.

The report titled "\$1 trillion India fintech opportunity" jointly published by Chirataa Ventures and EY said payments, digital lending, wealth tech, insurtech, and neo-banking will all contribute to growth in the larger fintech space.

That growth will be helped by favourable demographics, growing technology adoption, higher disposable incomes and an aware customer, united payments interface (UPI), among other factors.

The digital lending market - which is expected to grow to \$515 billion in book size by 2030 - will also further the momentum in the industry. Sectors like agritech and proptech weaved in with fintech - were also considered to be big bets.

Abu Dhabi commercial bank plans \$1bn bad debt sale

RIYADH

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, the second largest bank in Abu Dhabi, is planning to sell about 4.1 billion dirhams (\$1.1 billion) of bad debt to clean up its balance sheet, battered mainly due to payment defaults by high-profile corporate clients.

The bank has codenamed this initiative "Project Turbo," and it has already kicked off a process to sell the claims, mainly secured by personal and corporate guarantees, along with real estate assets, Bloomberg reported.

Citing a bank document for potential buyers, the report noted that the bank wants to avoid spending time and money on costly enforcement actions outside the UAE.

The report further added that ADCB is seeking to sign a deal by the end of September.

According to the document, ADCB is working with Interpath Advisory, KPMG's former UK restructuring practice, to carry out the sale.

The people who wished to stay anonymous said that this move from ADCB will also prompt other lenders in the UAE to embrace similar actions if the central bank approves.

According to the bank's financial statements, it had to absorb 6.6 billion dirhams in impairment charges in 2020 and 2021. ADCB posted a net income of 3.01 billion dirhams in the first half of 2022 despite booking almost 1 billion dirhams in impairment charges.

BANKING & FINANCE

Teachers' bank cut losses despite delays in sale

NAIROBI

Teachers are yet to find a buyer for Spire Bank more than two months after the June target that had been agreed with the Central Bank of Kenya and Sacco regulator Sasra.

Spire Bank has explored over seven potential buyers including a local bank that confirmed interest in the lender's good books and teachers' membership but the banking regulator has turned down most of the suitors on conflict of interest and credibility issues.

Mwalimu Sacco, the lender's owner, told the Parliamentary Finance Committee in April that it had agreed with the regulators to resolve the Spire Bank problem either through a strategic buyer or liquidating the bank by end of June.

"There is no fixed deadline imposed on the shareholder as such and the search for a sustainable solution is ongoing," Spire Bank said on Tuesday.

Despite the uncertainties over its future, the bank was able to cut its

losses in the half year to June 2022 on lower costs, loan recoveries and conversion of shareholder deposits into equity.

Spire cut its net loss by 21 percent to Sh403 million from Sh512.8 million last year, despite constrained lending due to low capital and delayed resolution through the bank sale or finding a strategic investor.

Interest expense declined from Sh221 million to Sh85 million on the conversion of Sh3.4 billion deposits to equity while operating expenses declined seven percent to Sh470 million.

The bank has been unable to lend due to low capital ratios that have seen its loan book shrink from Sh2.3 billion to Sh1.7 billion.

The lender whose capital ratios are below the mandatory CBK requirements has, however, seen an improvement in its core capital from negative Sh4.1 billion in June last year to negative Sh1.7 billion due to the deposit to equity conversion.

On its capital adequacy ratios, core capital to total risk-weighted assets

stood at negative 33.4 percent in June against the statutory minimum of 10.5 percent in June, while total capital to total risk-weighted assets stood at negative 32.1 percent against a required minimum of 14.5 percent.

The core capital to total deposits ratio, which lenders are supposed to maintain at a minimum of eight percent, stood at negative 40.8 percent.

Spire Bank has also been unable to access cash from peer banks due to its financial challenges.

The lender has also been begging for additional support from Mwalimu Sacco and the CBK to allow it to earn money to meet expenses and recover years of losses, but the Sacco faced limitations from helping out due to limitations imposed by the sector regulator.

A parliamentary probe revealed that Sasra stopped Mwalimu Sacco from pumping additional money into the bank after they bank billions of shillings into lender bought from the late Naushad Meralli in 2015 for Sh2.4 billion.



A Spire Bank branch in Nairobi FILE PHOTO

WORLD

Liz Truss' cabinet is Britain's first without white man in top jobs

LONDON

THE new British Prime Minister Liz Truss has selected a cabinet where for the first time a white man will not hold one of the country's four most important ministerial positions.

Truss appointed Kwasi Kwarteng - whose parents came from Ghana in the 1960s - as Britain's first Black finance minister while James Cleverly is the first Black foreign minister.

Cleverly, whose mother hails from Sierra Leone and whose father is white, has in the past spoken about being bullied as a mixed-race child and has said the party needs to do more to attract Black voters.

Suella Braverman, whose parents came to Britain from Kenya and Mauritius six decades ago, succeeds Priti Patel as the second ethnic minority home secretary, or interior minister, where she will be responsible for police and immigration.

The growing diversity is in part thanks to a push by the Conservative Party in recent years to put forward a more varied set of candidates for parliament.

British governments have until a few decades ago been made up of mostly white men. It took until 2002 for Britain to appoint its first ethnic minority cabinet minister when Paul Boateng

was appointed chief secretary to the Treasury. Rishi Sunak, whose parents came from India, was Kwarteng's predecessor in the finance job and the runner-up to Truss in the leadership contest.

"Politics has set the pace. We now treat it as normal, this diversity," said Sunder Katwala, director of non-partisan think-tank British Future, which focuses on migration and identity. "The pace of change is extraordinary."

However, the upper ranks of business, the judiciary, the civil service and army are all still predominately white.

And despite the party's diversity campaign, only a quarter of Conservative members of parliament are women and 6 percent from minority backgrounds.

Track record

Nevertheless, the Conservatives have the best track record of political firsts among the main political parties, including appointing the first Jewish prime minister in Benjamin Disraeli in 1868.

This is despite the fact ethnic minority voters are much more likely to back the opposition Labour party and the ruling party has faced accusations of racism, misogyny and Islamophobia.



This combination of pictures created on Sept 6, 2022 shows (from top L to down R) Britain's new Home Secretary Suella Braverman, Britain's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, Britain's new Health Secretary Theresa Coffey and Britain's new Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng leaving 10 Downing Street after a meeting with Britain's new Prime Minister Liz Truss in central London. AFP

Former prime minister Boris Johnson apologized in 2019 for describing Muslim women wearing burqas as looking like letter boxes.

The Conservatives have elected all three of Britain's female prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher, Theresa May and now Truss. The first lawmaker of Asian descent, Mancherjee Bhownagree in 1895, also came from the Conservatives.

Johnson assembled the youngest and most ethnically diverse Cabinet in history when he elected prime minister in 2019. His three finance ministers included two men of South Asian origin and one of Kurdish background.

The changes followed a years-long effort by former leader and prime minister David Cameron.

When he took over in 2005, the party had just two ethnic minority members of parliament out of 196, and he set out to ensure that his party more closely resembled the modern Britain it hoped to lead.

The next year, Cameron introduced a priority list of female and minority candidates to be selected,

many for safe seats in the House of Commons. Truss was a beneficiary of this push.

"A key part of ensuring the strength and resilience of any group, including a political party, is the avoidance of everyone thinking and acting in the same way - the avoidance of group-think," said James Arbuthnot, a member of the party board's committee on candidates when Cameron introduced the changes.

But Kwarteng has played down the significance of his ethnicity. He has said that, although he experienced racist insults growing up in the eighties, he does not see himself as a symbol of anyone other than his constituents in Spelthorne, which borders London's south-west suburbs.

"I actually think that it's not that much of a big deal," he said after being appointed as the first Black Conservative front-bench minister. "I think once you've made the point, I don't think it's something that comes up that much."

Chinese astronauts talk from space with African youth

CAIRO

THREE Chinese astronauts, or taikonauts, talked from space with the youth from eight African countries on Tuesday via video link, sharing their experience in the Shenzhou-14 mission.

The taikonauts -- Chen Dong, Liu Yang and Cai Xuzhe, who are on a six-month stay in orbit, shared with the African youth their life and scientific work in the space station.

The main venue of the event, titled "Talk with Taikonauts," was held at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa, while students from Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia and South Africa joined the dialogue at sub-venues. Emily Nangacovie, a science student from Namibia, had an opportunity to ask questions as to what research they have conducted in their mission.

In response, Cai said that they have been "focusing on studying the impact of long-term exposure to zero-gravity on astronauts' health and corresponding protection measures, looking at astronauts' behaviour and capabilities and delving into the application of traditional medicine in space."

"And (we) also do experiments on variable gravity science, life and ecology science,

biotechnology science, physics of fluids and combustion science," Cai added.

"These experimental research projects will provide support for astronauts to live a healthy life and work with a high efficiency in the space station and lay the groundwork for future exploration into deep space," he explained.

Chen, another taikonaut, said they will "carry out extravehicular activities, on-orbit equipment maintenance, space application experiments, space medical experiments, and on-station lectures, among other tasks." Yang Jun, Charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Namibia, said China will help train Namibian technicians on space technology and will conduct space research jointly with Namibia.

Last year three Chinese taikonauts on a Shenzhou-12 spaceship carried a Namibian national flag into space, while two taikonauts, Cheng and Liu, visited Namibia in 2019. "We can see how fruitful China-Namibia space cooperation is," Yang said, adding that the task of developing space technology rests on the shoulders of the youth in the world.

Passant Sayed Khalil, an Egyptian youth who teaches Chinese at Cairo University, asked Liu about how challenging it was



for her to become China's first female astronaut and how she achieved her dream. "In fact, in every walk of life, there are outstanding females dedicated to their positions.

As long as we cherish our dreams, we will have power. As long as we aim high and work hard, we can unleash the potential of our intelligence and realize our dreams," Liu replied, thanking her family for supporting her in achieving her dream.

Khalil, who has visited China three times, said she has been inspired by Liu who brings her hope that "women can accomplish a lot of things at the same

time." "The talk is actually very impressive," Khalil told Xinhua. "If we have a goal in our life, we have to do our best and work hard until we reach it."

The event in Cairo showed presentation videos on China's development in space and the efforts made by the China Manned Space Agency to achieve the current accomplishments.

Sherif Mohamed Sedky, CEO of the Egyptian Space Agency, hailed the advancement of China in the field of space and highlighted China's contribution to Egypt's progress in the area.

"We work together in designing and carrying out satellites and we prepare together special

labs for testing and assembling satellites. So there is big cooperation between Egypt and China in the space field," Sedky told Xinhua.

"Egypt benefits a lot from this cooperation, through the exchange of expertise and the large laboratories that are currently being established in Egypt in light of the Egyptian-Chinese cooperation," he added, noting that such an event is an inspiring experience for Egyptian youth.

Zhang Tao, Charge d'affaires of the Embassy of China in Egypt, said that the event is not only a cultural exchange activity but also a scientific and technological exchange and experiment between China and Africa.

"Exploring space is a common dream of mankind. Egypt is an important African country and its youth are looking forward to more opportunities to explore the mysteries of space. I think this event will help Egyptian young people to further understand the development of China's aerospace technology," Zhang told Xinhua.

"China is willing to continue to work with Egypt to promote China-Africa space cooperation and make new positive contributions to deepen China-Egypt strategic cooperation," Zhang said.

Xinhua

WENTIAN, the first lab module of China's space station, was launched on July 24. So far, the space lab has been operating well and in-orbit experiments have been carried out as planned.

A space growth experiment of thale cress and rice seeds was launched on July 29, and the plants are currently growing well. It marks the first time in the world that full-life-cycle cultivation of rice is conducted in a space station.

The experiment was conducted under the guidance of Zheng Huiqiong, a research fellow at the Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and her team.

It aims to explore how microgravity, the largest challenge for growing plants in space, affects and controls

Plant growth experiment well underway in lab module Wentian of China's space station

the regulation mechanism of flowering, a key section of plant growth, so as to provide theoretical guidance for improving space planting technologies and space food production.

"The seedlings of thale cress have grown leaves. The rice seedlings have grown to some 30 centimeters high, and short-grain rice to 5-6 centimeters high," said Zheng, adding that the seeds are in good condition.

The experiment is expected to complete a full-life-cycle "from seeds to seeds," and during the process, astronauts will collect samples and then freeze and preserve them, before finally returning them to the ground for analysis.

It is learned that the focus of space



A Long March-5B Y3 carrier rocket, carrying Wentian lab module, blasts off from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in south China's Hainan province, July 24, 2022. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

growth research has been gradually shifted from seedling growth to

seed production. So far, only a few crops have gone through full-life-

cycle cultivation "from seeds to seeds," such as oilseed rape, wheat and peas.

Zheng hopes the first full-life-cycle cultivation of rice in space can be completed and generate key environmental parameters. Besides, she also hopes to analyze the molecular mechanisms of long-day plants and short-day plants' flowering in microgravity conditions.

Wentian is the second module and the first space lab of China's space station. It houses many experimental cabinets for life science and bioscience.

Zhao Liping, chief designer of the Wentian lab module space application system and researcher with

Russia and Myanmar sign roadmap on nuclear cooperation at EEF - Rosatom

VLADIVOSTOK

RUSSIA and Myanmar signed a roadmap for cooperation on peaceful use of nuclear energy for 2022-2023, the press service of Russian nuclear corporation Rosatom reported on Tuesday.

The parties to the agreement are Rosatom and the Ministry of Science and Technology together with the Ministry of Electric Power of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The signing ceremony took place at the Eastern Economic Forum.

According to Rosatom press service, the document was signed by Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev, Union Minister of Science and Technology of Myanmar Myo Thein Kyaw and Union Minister of Electric Power of Myanmar Thaug Han in the presence of the Chairman of the State Administrative Council, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

"The Roadmap fixes the defined steps for further Russian-Myanmar cooperation in nuclear sphere. In particular the document provides for the expanding of bilateral legal framework, possibility of implementing a small modular reactors project in Myanmar, as well as personnel training and work related to the improvement of public acceptance of nuclear energy in Myanmar," the press service says.

Organized by the Roscongress Foundation, the Seventh Eastern Economic Forum will be running from September 5 to September 8 in Vladivostok. TASS is the event's general information partner and its official photohost agency. This year, the theme of the forum is: "On the Path to a Multipolar World."

Africa urged to devise urgent actions to address continent's food insecurity

KIGALI

AFRICAS policymakers and agriculture stakeholders need to devise urgent actions to build resilient food systems on the continent, officials said on Tuesday as the Africa Green Revolution Forum 2022 opened in Kigali, Rwanda's capital.

The event, one of the biggest forums for African agriculture, brought together leaders from governments, civil society, as well as farmers, experts, scientists and entrepreneurs. The summit is co-hosted by the Rwandan government and the Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) group of partners and will run until Friday.

Rwandan Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente said while opening the forum that this year's summit's theme highlighted the urgent need to build inclusive, sustainable and resilient food systems in the post-COVID period.

"While most countries are recovering from the global shock, our ability to get together more than ever is key in advancing food systems to ensure food security for our people. The current high food prices call for bold measures to improve our capabilities for sustainable food production and supply to markets.

What we do now impacts tomorrow's results," he said. He called for increased investment in the strategic areas of the agricultural value chain such as reduction of post-harvest losses estimated at between 30 percent to 40 percent of total production in developing countries, use of fertilizers and improved seeds and adoption of smart agriculture as well as de-risking the sector. For this to be achieved there is a need to build a strong partnership between the public and private sectors, Ngirente said.

Estimates of Africa's investment needs to trigger and sustain agro-food transformation range from 40 billion U.S. dollars to 77 billion U.S. dollars every year from the public sector, and up to 180 billion U.S. dollars in private sector funding, according to the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

"The food systems transformation is key to economic transformation; we need this now, anything short of this implies that Africa is likely to be the only hungry continent by 2027," said Hailemariam Desalegn, former Ethiopian prime minister, and chair of AGRF Partners Group, during his opening remarks.

Noting that the cost of food is 42 percent higher on average since the shock of COVID-19 when the food crisis began, Desalegn warned that the gains made in achieving food security are being eroded yet again due to climate change effects, particularly on the African continent.

"The increasing burden on governments and farmers calls for urgent and bold actions to be taken. We are in a time when we need urgent action because every minute when we don't take action, at least an adult, two children and two women fall below the poverty line due to hunger and malnutrition," Desalegn said.

"We can't afford to wait, we need bold actions because the challenges we are facing require stronger and innovative leadership which delivers results." Geraldine Mukeshimana, Rwandan minister of Agriculture, called for actionable plans to get the continent out of the present food crisis and develop resilience for future survival.

Xinhua

the CAS Technology and Engineering Center for Space Utilization, said the experimental cabinets are in good condition and experiments have been carried out in an orderly manner.

The Wentian module offers greater space and more possibilities for researchers to conduct science experiments in space.

The Wentian module, where plants can be cultivated for a longer time, makes it possible to grow rice in space, said Han Bin, CAS academician and director of the Center for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences, adding that the rice growth experiment in space will reveal how rice seeds grow in microgravity and confined environment.

People's Daily

UN: Over 700 children have died in Somalia nutrition centres

GENEVA/MOGADISHU

HUNDREDS of children have died in nutrition centres across Somalia, the UN children's agency (UNICEF) said on Tuesday, a day after the global body warned that parts of the country will be hit by famine in coming months.

An official in one Somali region described famished people walking long distances with children on their shoulders to escape from drought and violence inflicted by Al Shabaab militants. Some children died along the way.

The Horn of Africa region is facing a fifth consecutive failed rainy season. A 2011 famine in Somalia claimed more than a quarter of a million lives, most of them children.

"Some 730 children have been reported to have died in food and nutrition centres across the country between January and July this year but the numbers could be more as many deaths go unreported," UNICEF Somalia representative Wafaa Saeed told a Geneva news briefing.

The centres are for children with severe acute malnutrition as well as illnesses such as measles, cholera or malaria and offer a snapshot of the situation across the country.

Parts of Somalia will be hit by famine between October and December as a drought worsens and global food prices surge, the United Nations said on Monday.

US national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the United States was "gravely concerned by this dire projection and the significant scale of need throughout the country and region."

Sullivan urged for additional help for Somalia from the international community.

Ahmed Shire, information minis-

ter for the state of Glamudug, north of the capital Mogadishu, said 210 people had died from malnutrition in recent months.

"Al Shabaab burnt five towns completely, burning even the wells to ashes," he told Reuters. "These people were struggling with the drought that killed half of their animals. Al Shabaab looted the remaining animals."

Shire said roughly 1,000 families, each with at least seven children, had fled the area on foot and could not be rescued because of the threat of attacks.

Al Shabaab, an Islamist group linked to al Qaeda, has been attacking military and civilian targets for more than a decade.

UNICEF said disease outbreaks were increasing among children, with around 13,000 suspected measles cases reported in recent months of which 78 percent were children under five.

Faduma Abdiqadir Warsame, who manages nine camps for displaced people on the outskirts of Mogadishu, said her team had buried 115 children and elderly people in the past three months.

"The thousands of families who remain are just skeletons. If not immediately helped they will follow suit," she said, adding that most people were too poor to afford a proper burial.

"Children are buried like garbage in the alleys and along the walls," she said.

Financial aid for Somalia has increased recently and the United Nations' \$1.46 billion appeal is now 67 percent funded. But aid officials warned that more was needed.

"We are going to be witnessing the death of children on an unimaginable scale if we don't act fast," said Audrey Crawford, Somalia's country director at the Danish Refugee Council.

Agencies

Ugandan innovator makes affordable, green school bags

KAMPALA

IN a quiet neighborhood in Makindye, a suburb of Kampala, the Ugandan capital, seamstresses are busy making school bags that may redefine classroom furniture.

In the sewing room, a former car garage, some bags in different colors are on display. Arnold Mugagga, a Ugandan innovator and team leader at Zetu Africa, a design-based social enterprise, is the brain behind the school bag (SeatPack) that morphs into a classroom chair.

In rural Uganda, many children study under trees and some sit on the floor of their classrooms because their schools cannot afford desks. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says that research shows school furniture is too often unavailable in Africa, and when available, it may be poorly designed, inappropriately sized for a student's age, or disproportionately expensive.

Mugagga told Xinhua in a recent interview that his team back in 2016 perceived the idea of making a SeatPack to address the school furniture problem.

While his colleagues moved on, he persisted to ensure the SeatPack is developed in an effort to ease the learning of children especially those in remote areas. "We are stuck with desks, it is large, expensive to make and expensive to move, and so we took the functions that a desk provides, seating and writing, we put these functions inside a bag," Mugagga said.

The pack is made out of locally sourced materials: canvass, bamboo and a board. The bag is made out of canvass, then a seat is made out of bamboo and canvass and a board which is a writing surface to help the children read and write in a more comfortable way.

Mugagga said in comparison with the traditional desks, which require a lot of timber to make, bulky and expensive, the SeatPack is affordable and environmentally friendly.

Bamboo is used to make the SeatPack as opposed to timber which involves cutting a lot of trees in a world that is striving to protect the environment.

"With the current lack, over 95 million children (in Africa) are going to school without a place to sit or write, the largest reason is cost of furniture, which is timber," he said. "The Seat-

Pack avails every child a school bag and when they arrive at class, the child arrives with their classroom furniture. So the child's presence is already a classroom, they do not need a tree to go down for them to become a classroom, this is the gap the SeatPack fills."

Some schools in the northwestern Ugandan district of Arua have started using the innovation.

"I like this bag because it keeps my books, mathematical set and other items very well," Kevin Amony, a pupil of Abiki Primary School, told Daily Monitor, a local newspaper. "It also has everything that I need like the seat and slate. It is not very heavy. It is better than the previous bags that I carried to school."

Drani Ronald Bileah, the Arua District senior education officer, said the SeatPacks will be cost-effective in terms of affordability.

"A traditional wooden desk costs 260,000 shillings (about 70 U.S. dollars) and with this amount, you could procure four SeatPacks, which serve more purposes than just sitting," Bileah told the Daily Monitor.

Mugagga said Zetu Africa in partnership with other organizations is on a popularization campaign that will see 10,000 SeatPacks distributed to 10,000 school-going children by the end of this year.

The SeatPack team won the UNICEF Uganda Innovation Fund Challenge competition and was awarded about 21,000 dollars in prize money.

Mugagga is hopeful that the SeatPack innovation will be adopted beyond the Ugandan borders and across Africa, where the availability of school furniture is a challenge.

Xinhua



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Putin for review of Ukraine grain deal, accuses West of deception

KYIV

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin said yesterday he wanted to discuss re-opening a UN-brokered deal that allows Ukraine to export its grain via the Black Sea after accusing Kyiv and the West of using it to deceive developing countries and Russia.

Putin's criticism, which alleged that the deal was delivering grain, fertilizer and other foodstuffs to the European Union and Türkiye at the expense of poor countries, is likely to raise fears that the pact could unravel if it cannot be successfully renegotiated.

Ukraine, whose ports had been blockaded by Russia since the latter launched a special military operation in February, said the terms of the agreement were being strictly observed and there were no grounds to renegotiate it.

The agreement, facilitated by the United Nations and Türkiye in July, created a protected export corridor via the Black Sea for Ukrainian grain after Kyiv lost access to its main export route when Russia attacked Ukraine via land, air and sea.

The agreement, designed to help ease global food prices by increasing supplies of grain and oilseeds, has been the only diplomatic breakthrough between Moscow and Kyiv in more than six months of war.

Moscow said at the time that one of the main reasons it signed the deal was because it wanted to help developing countries stave off food shortages.

Putin said yesterday that Ukraine and the West were not honouring its terms and that most of the grain was going to the EU, not to poorer countries, something the Russian leader said would have to change if what he called an "unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe" was to be averted.

"I met with the leaders of the African Union, with the leaders of African countries, and promised them that we would do everything to ensure their interests and facilitate the export of Ukrainian grain," Putin told an economic forum in Russia's Far East region.

But if shipments to Türkiye as an intermediary country were excluded he said that only two out of 87 shipments had fallen under the UN



Russian President Vladimir Putin gestures while speaking during a plenary session at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia, yesterday. AP

World Food Programme, representing just 60,000 tonnes or 3 percent of the total 2 million tonnes exported so far.

"We are honoring the agreements. (But) it turns out...that they (the West) have just royally screwed us over and not just us but the poorest countries whose interests were the pretext for doing all this."

There were roughly 70 ships stranded in Ukraine when Russia started the special military operation in Ukraine in February, some of which had already been loaded with grain, with contracts already signed. Some of those contracted cargoes have been the first to move.

Putin spoke about possibly restricting grain and food exports to the EU and promised to discuss the matter with Turkish President 'Tayyip Erdogan, who helped broker the original deal.

Other complaints

A Ukrainian presidential adviser responded by saying that Russia had no grounds to review the landmark pact and that the terms of the wartime agreement were being strictly observed.

"I believe that such unexpected and groundless statements rather indicate an attempt to find new aggressive talking points to influence global public opinion and,

above all, put pressure on the United Nations," said Mykhailo Podolyak, the adviser.

Ukraine hopes to export 60 million tonnes of grain in eight to nine months, presidential economic adviser Oleh Ustenko said in July, cautioning that those exports could take up to 24 months if ports do not function properly.

According to the UN, 88 ships have sailed or are due to sail from Ukraine under the deal so far, and of those two have been World Food Programme ships - one of which went to Djibouti, the other to Yemen.

Of those 88 ships, the most grain - 368,407 tonnes - has gone or is due to go to Türkiye. Around 757,697 tonnes in total is listed as going to EU members though some shipments are also going to other countries including China, India, Iran, Egypt and Sudan.

Putin complained that another part of the deal meant to ease restrictions for Russian food exporters and shippers was not being implemented either.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov cast doubt on the deal too a day earlier, accusing Western states of failing to honour reciprocal pledges to help facilitate Moscow's shipments. read more

Ukrainian battlefield success?

Ukrainian officials meanwhile remained

guarded about how a counter offensive on the battlefield was faring.

Luhansk region Governor Serhiy Gaidai told Ukrainian television, without giving locations, that a "counter-attack is underway and ... our forces are enjoying some success. Let's leave it at that."

But an official with the pro-Moscow Donetsk People's Republic on Tuesday offered more detail and said there was fighting at Balakliia, an eastern town of 27,000 people that lies between Kharkiv and Russian-held Izyum, a city with a major railway hub used by Moscow to supply its forces.

Russia says it has repelled an assault in the south and has not reported any territorial losses.

Reuters was unable to independently verify those battlefield accounts.

Agencies

'Xi always puts people in highest place'

PARK Joon-yung, who served as the Governor of South Korea's South Jeolla province between 2004 and 2014, recently received an interview with People's Daily in Seoul, capital of South Korea, during which he shared his exchanges with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"In 2005, the second year of me acting as the Governor of South Jeolla province, I met with Xi, who was serving as the Party chief of China's Zhejiang province. Having a profound knowledge of the history of South Korea-China friendship, he quoted from a number of sources in our talk and stressed that to strive for a wealthy life for the people and social harmony was the correct direction for the future development of Northeast Asia. I was deeply impressed by his remarks," Park recalled, adding that the Chinese leader demonstrated a great foresight on regional issues.

In July 2014, Xi paid a state visit to South Korea as the Chinese President and delivered an important speech titled "Jointly Create a Beautiful Future of China-ROK Cooperation and Accomplish the Great Cause of Asia's Revitalization and Prosperity" at Seoul National University. Park was there and listened to the speech.

"President Xi greeted the students and faculty in Korean, which triggered warm applause and brought him closer to the South Korean public. In the speech, he cited many stories of friendship between the Chinese and South Korean peoples, striking a chord with the audience," Park said.

President Xi stressed that China is willing to be a partner of South Korea to achieve common development, be committed to regional peace, join hands



Then Vice Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with then Governor of South Korea's South Jeolla province Park Joon-yung, also then president of the South Korea's Governors' Association, at the Great Hall of the People, April 19, 2012. (Photo courtesy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China)

to revitalize Asia and promote world prosperity, Park noted, adding that the Chinese President has charted the course for the development of China-South Korea relations.

The 75-year-old South Korean highly agrees with Xi's governance philosophy. "President Xi is a leader that came from the people. He always puts the people in the highest place," Park said.

During the interview, Park specifically spoke of the younger years of the Chinese President. "He did almost every work that was exhausting when he was dispatched to northern Shaanxi province under a campaign that saw tens of millions of urban educated youth live and work in the countryside. It was this hardship that made him extremely responsible for the people," Park told People's Daily.

Park said that Xi mentioned the life of the Chinese people in all conversations they had. "President Xi is quite concerned with farmers and migrant workers, and he asked me about South Korea's issues and experiences in this regard," Park noted.

As the leader of the Chinese people, President Xi always bears in mind the welfare of

the Chinese people, Park said, adding that both the efforts made to promote common prosperity and the firm resolution to fight corruption reflect the Chinese President's people-centered development philosophy.

"President Xi's original aspiration to seek happiness for the people has never changed," Park said.

Park believes that the Belt and Road Initiative and the concept of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by President Xi mirror China's future-oriented broad vision and the country's pursuit of peaceful development.

Under the current circumstances, no country is able to deal with challenges alone, and common prosperity remains a foundation for long-term peace and stability.

"President Xi has contributed Chinese wisdom and plans to tackling the common issues facing mankind," Park said.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and South Korea. Under joint efforts, the two countries have enjoyed rapid devel-

opment of bilateral relations, becoming strategic cooperative partners.

"South Korea-China friendship is in line with the fundamental interests of the two countries and their peoples. The mutual assistance offered to each other by the two countries to tide over difficulties amid COVID-19 exactly illustrated their valuable friendship. I hope that as they celebrate the 30th anniversary of their diplomatic relations and under the guidance of the heads of state of the two countries, South Korea-China relations can develop better and faster, and constantly step onto new levels," Park said.

People's Daily

Rethinking needed in TFF to rebuild Taifa Stars after its Uganda debacle

By Correspondent John Kimbute

ACRIMONIOUS post-mortem sessions were being conducted at the start of the week in the wake of the 3-0 defeat of Taifa Stars at the hands of the Uganda Cranes in the qualification run for the African Nations Championship (CHAN), a soccer showpiece designed for home-based players.

This was the tournament in which Tanzania saw itself as being in a position to make a difference, as there used to be little difference with the full national side when either one or two players were being added to the full side.

It used to be Mbwana Samatta, Simon Msuva, and Thomas Ulimwengu slid out a bit earlier.

This advantage, all the same, is only visible if at the early stages the national side encounters fairly weak national sides with whom it stands a good chance of showing its abilities effectively.

When it runs into a strong side at the early stages, chances of its weaknesses being laid out for all to see are much higher, in like manner as local club champions hit into the Nigerian champions at the preliminary stages. They in addition had problems registering some players.

Much the same thing was visible in the 3-0 rout in the fact that Uganda is a good side regionally, and traditionally competes with Kenya for the old East African Challenge Cup, which Tanzania used to win once in a decade.

Tanzania has been able to make a difference at the club championship level as here it depends on the sporting culture and amounts of cash available for individual clubs.

When it comes to such funds, which add up to speculative



Former Tanzania's senior national soccer squad 'Taifa Stars' head coach, Kim Poulsen. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

capital (areas with unstructured modes of earning a profit) soccer in Tanzania benefits from its countrywide arch-rivalry.

In other words, the soccer mood in Tanzania is a mixture of imagining big things given the fact that our leading clubs often click in continental football, and our national sides at times do so.

It is short of realism in the fact that it sets virtually unreachable goals and makes it a condition of employing the coach via a written commitment that he will take the club to those heights.

How do we task a coach to reach the semi-finals of the CAF Champions League with players failing in top African championship clubs like Wydad Athletic Club or Cairo Al Ahly? Just how?

After Taifa Stars slipped up in a game they dominated at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, alias 'Lupaso', it was a matter of checking with the coach if the side has the potential to turn the tables - as it has once or twice happened with the club championships.

The coach appeared noticeably skeptical, figuring out how the visitors excelled in all departments, and there is no time to iron out a national side that can change the face of things in all departments - in which case he earned the sack. We picked a new bench that says 'yes we can!'

As this bit of data is getting to be a little rusty at present, the issue is who is in a position to conduct the necessary rebuilding of the side to make it competitive in future competition, soon enough.

Discussion is not being directed on that aspect but whether we can blame 'the coach,' taking it for granted that there have been changes in the national team technical bench, quite simply.

There is a kind of satisfaction with that experimental bench put together in a hurry, discussants forget that it was an emergency bench created out of TFF impatience and a degree of victimization.

The question is whether Taifa Stars needs to live with a quite visible structural shortcoming

in the technical bench simply because we (via TFF) have expressed a modicum of confidence in their abilities, and trusted in their ability to bring about a miracle at St Mary's Stadium in Kampala.

Regrettable as this belief was, it is now relevant to eat our pride, entrusting the team to a person who is in a position to change or mould it in the direction required to obtain results, quickly so.

What the pundits seemed to agree on in discussing the structural weaknesses of the senior national side was the relative inability to follow up on good players in the national U-17 side, letting them scatter after a tournament.

They have different and uncoordinated experiences whereas if they were either being brought together or sponsored outside the country, they would gain excellent exposure, enhancing their abilities.

Even if they do not get teams outside, they form an excellent starting point to rebuild a good national side when the U-17 youths are not left to the four winds.

Poulsen is the best person to do the job, having plenty of personal confidence of those players and even the contacts need to sponsor them outside, definitely with some local contribution for instance as regards air tickets and some backup allowances for families, etc.

This way we can develop youths' abilities at a higher level, from U-17 prowess to foreign exposure and possible recruitment later in Premier League sides.

They may not win either CHAN or Africa Nations Cup but give a change to those who deserve it like our perennial tormentors on the northwest border, et al.



Noel Kiushi

Dar swimming official hails FINA Junior Swimming Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN swimming referee Noel Kiushi returned home early this week after operating as one of the officials of the just-ended eighth edition of the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships that took place in Peru.

Kiushi said there is a huge difference between swimming in his country and other developed nations, adding he will impart the knowledge he learned in the tournament to local referees and coaches.

The official noted: "There is a huge difference between our swimming level and developed countries' level in terms of facilities, financial, and human resources."

Kiushi pointed out: "They have high-quality electronic pools which support a lot of technology, a big event of such magnitude will make children love the game."

"Loving the game will also motivate the country to love the game, this means the swimmers' performance will reflect the kind of investment made in the sport's infrastructure in general," the leader said.

"Once I return, I will meet Tanzania swimming coaches and officials to see what to do."

The official revealed: "I will share my experiences I got during the eighth FINA World Junior Swimming Championships, of course, there is a lot to share especially the technical officials' roles in making swimming a good sport."

"I will start at the coming Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSA) Games which will be held in Arusha this month,

the organizers have invited me to the event," he said.

He advised that for the sport to grow in the country there is a need for parents to allow their children to learn to swim, especially in regions that have swimming pools.

The leader disclosed: "All stakeholders such as government, the business community, schools, and individuals ought to rethink the kind of investment they make in swimming and also include the game in the curriculum as this will necessitate swimming infrastructure to be built."

Kiushi is a Principal Sports Tutor at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), he was among three African referees selected to officiate in FINA World Junior Swimming Championships.

The leader had earlier said he was feeling good for UDSM, Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA), the country, the continent, and the world following his selection for the duty.

Kiushi that studied international coaching in swimming at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary is on the latest list of FINA officials with the capacity to officiate in any level of swimming championships including the Olympics.

Other local swimming officials on the FINA's latest list with capabilities and eligibility like Kiushi are Frank Lussawa and Jeremiah Keema.

The Peru Championships was the second for Kiushi to officiate at the FINA championships.

The official first officiated the 12th edition of the FINA World Championships which were held in the United Arab Emirates in 2010.

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gregate winners qualifying for the group stages playoff and confronting teams that have dropped from the second round of the CAF Champions League.

For their first international assignment, Geita Gold FC will use the Azam Complex Stadium at Chamazi in Dar es Salaam as their home ground in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup games.

Geita Gold FC squad:

Goalkeepers: Mac Arthur Arakaza, Kelvin Kayego, Samson Sebusebu, Constantine Deusdeth

Defenders: Amos Kadikilo, Bakari Hussein, Yahya Mbegu, George Wawa, Shawn Oduro, Ramadhan Haruna Shamte, Geoffrey Balugu Manyasi, Jonathan Mwaibindi, Adeyoun Saleh, Jonathan Ulaya, Alphonse Alphonse, Oscar Masai, Kelvin Yondani

Midfielders: Ramadhan Chombo, Selemani Ibrahim, Deusdeth Okoyo, Geoffrey Luzendaze, Juma Mahadhi, Miraji Athumani, Kelvin Nashon, Raymond Masota, Yusuph Kagoma, Offen Chikola

Forwards: George Mpole, Edmund John, Eric Yema, Daniel Lyanga

Geita Gold FC's squad for 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup confirmed

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

GEITA Gold FC's squad for the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup has been confirmed ahead of their opening match against South Sudan's side Hilal Al Sahil in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

With the competition set to get underway, Tanzania Football Federation has now released the full 33-man squad list that Geita Gold FC submitted to the Confederation of African Football for the competition.

The list comprises 30 first-team players and three prospects from the U-20 side.

New signings Miraji Athuman, Selemani Ibrahim, Ramadhan Chombo, Mac Arthur Arakaza, Yahya Mbegu, and George Wawa have all made the squad for the upcoming campaign.

However, there is no place for Burundian international Said Ntibazonkiza who was a late arrival following his departure from Yanga.

Last season, Geita Gold FC earned a promotion to the top flight for the first time in their history and went on to finish fourth behind Yanga, Simba SC, and Azam FC to earn a historic ticket to represent Tanzania



Geita Gold FC players warm up ahead of a recent NBC Premier League tie that took place in Geita.

Mainland in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Apart from Geita Gold FC, Mainland Tanzania will be represented by Azam in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup.

However, Azam FC is among 14 clubs that were exempted from the first preliminary round and they

will enter the competition in the next round where they will face the aggregate winners of the first preliminary round tie between Libya's Al Akher and Sudan's Al Ahli Khartoum.

The matches of the second round of the qualifiers will take place at the start of October, with the ag-

Dar runners shine in 2022 SARPPCO Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S athletes have started the ongoing Southern Africa Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation Organization (SARPPCO) Games, which are taking place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, on a high note.

The hosts' athletics team's head coach, Rogath Stephen, said the 11th

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The SARPPCO Games were formed in 1995 in Zimbabwe, they have

firmly established themselves as a benchmark for international police cooperation.

The games are meant to create a platform for police officers from the region to engage in fruitful interaction, sharing ideas on policing traditions, and fostering regional friendships, understanding, and cooperation through sports.

RB Leipzig sack coach Tedesco after Shakhtar thrashing

LEIPZIG, Germany

DOMENICO Tedesco was fired by German side RB Leipzig on Wednesday, a day after a 4-1 home thrashing by Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk in their opening Champions League group match.

It comes months after he led them to German Cup success but a dreadful start to their league campaign has yielded five points from five matches in the Bundesliga.

"RB Leipzig have parted company with Domenico Tedesco with immediate effect," the club tweeted.

Even before Tuesday's humiliation, there were rumours that Leipzig had lined up former Borussia Dortmund coach Marco Rose.

The Leipzig-born Rose won two Austrian titles with sister club Red Bull Salzburg.

Italy-born Tedesco, 36, only took over last December when Leipzig sacked American Jesse Marsch after a poor run of results which left them 11th in the table, seven points off Champions League qualification.

Tedesco turned their fortunes around, guiding them to a Champions League spot, the Europa League semi-finals and their maiden domestic trophy, beating Freiburg on penalties in the German Cup final.

However, a 4-0 defeat away at Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday and the Shakhtar result proved to be the breaking point.

Leipzig, who spent big in the summer bringing in former Chelsea striker Timo Werner, had been tipped to challenge for the title.

Leipzig CEO Oliver Mintzlaff said on Wednesday the "decision to release Domenico Tedesco was very difficult for us."

"We played a successful second half of the season with Domenico last year.

"We won our first major title with the DFB Cup and thus played the most successful season in our young club's history.

"We came to the conclusion that we need new impetus.

"We regret that we are now parting ways and would like to expressly thank Domenico Tedesco and his team for a job well done."

AFP

US Soccer, players formally sign equal pay agreements

WASHINGTON

REPRESENTATIVES for the men's and women's U.S. national teams on Tuesday signed their historic collective bargaining agreements with U.S. Soccer, formally closing a long and sometimes acrimonious fight over equal pay.

The federation announced in May that it had struck separate agreements with the players' unions on contracts that run through 2028. The new contracts include identical pay structures for appearances and tournament victories, revenue sharing and equitable distribution of World Cup prize money.

A signing ceremony was held following the women's friendly match against Nigeria at Audi Field in Washington, with Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh among those on hand.

"I have to give a lot of credit to everyone involved, the women's national team and their PA (players' association), the men's national team and their PA, and everyone at U.S. Soccer. There were so many people that helped, that worked together to make this happen," said U.S. Soccer President Cindy Parlow Cone, herself a former national team player. "And it wouldn't get pushed over the line without the men jumping in and being on board with equal pay."

After years of struggling for equitable pay and treatment, the U.S. women filed a federal gender discrimination lawsuit against U.S. Soccer in 2019. The lawsuit drew international attention, prompting fans to chant "Equal Pay!" when the United States won the Women's World Cup final in France.

In February, the two sides settled the lawsuit, with U.S. Soccer agreeing to pay the women \$24 million. But the settlement was contingent on reaching new labor agreements with both teams.

The men had been playing under the terms of a CBA that expired in December 2018. The women's CBA expired at the end of March, but talks continued after the lawsuit was settled.

The sticking point in negotiations was World Cup prize money, which is based on how far a team advances in soccer's most prestigious tournament. While the U.S. women have been successful on the international stage with back-to-back World Cup titles, differences in FIFA prize money meant they took home far less than the men's winners. American women received a \$110,000 bonus for winning the 2019 World Cup; the U.S. men would have received \$407,000 had they won in 2018. The unions agreed to pool FIFA's payments for the men's World Cup later this year and next year's Women's World Cup, as well as for the 2026 and 2027 tournaments.

Because the men's national team players are currently in league play, the CBA was signed by USNSTPA Executive Director Mark Levinstein. Women's players Crystal Dunn, Becky Sauerbrunn and Sam Mewis also signed, along with USWNTPA Executive Director Becca Roux.

AP

Mbappé, Haaland shine in Champions League, Benzema injured

By MATTIAS KARÉN

KYLIAN Mbappé and Erling Haaland took their high-flying scoring acts into Europe as the Champions League returned on Tuesday, while last season's standout star Karim Benzema limped off with an injury after less than 30 minutes.

Mbappé and Haaland both netted two goals as their respective clubs Paris Saint Germain and Manchester City began their European campaigns with victories, underlining just why those two teams are again among the favorites for the title.

Real Madrid's chances of defending its crown probably depend largely on having a fully fit Benzema, but the France forward had to come off with an apparent knee injury in the 30th minute against Celtic. Second-half goals from Vinicius Júnior, Luka Modric and Eden Hazard still secured a 3-0 win for the Spanish giant in Glasgow.

Benzema was in a league of his own in the competition last season, netting 15 goals in 12 games to lead Madrid to the title. But Mbappé and Haaland look ready to challenge the Frenchman for the status of Europe's top striker as they try to lead their clubs to an elusive first Champions League title.

The 23-year-old Mbappé, who has seven goals in five league games so far, scored



Juventus' Juan Cuadrado, left, duels for the ball with PSG's Kylian Mbappe during the Champions League soccer match Group H at the Parc des Princes stadium, in Paris, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022. (AP Photo)

his double in the first 22 minutes of a 2-1 home win over Juventus to become the youngest player to reach 35 goals in the competition – beating the mark held by teammate Lionel Messi.

The 22-year-old Haaland has 25 goals in 20 Champions League games – also a record – after scoring once in each half of Man City's 4-0 win at Sevilla. The Norway striker, who has 10 goals in six Premier League games this season, has now netted on his Champions League debut for three clubs – Salzburg, Borussia Dortmund and City.

Also, Dinamo Zagreb upset Chelsea 1-0 at home while Serie A champion AC Milan was held to a 1-1 draw at Salzburg.

MBAPPÉ SINKS JUVE
Mbappé's opening goal for PSG came after just five minutes following some audacious link-up play

from Neymar.

Mbappé played a short pass to the Brazilian before making a run into the area, with Neymar holding onto the ball just long enough before chipping it over a defender and into the path of the France striker, who volleyed it first-time past goalkeeper Mattia Perin.

The second came after he exchanged passes with Achraf Hakimi and beat Perin with another first-time finish. United States midfielder Weston McKennie pulled one back for Juventus in the 53rd, creating a tense finale in Paris.

In the other Group H match, Benfica defeated Maccabi Haifa 2-0.

CHELSEA STRUGGLES
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang couldn't give Chelsea's stuttering attack any kind of instant spark as the Blues failed to impress once again following an inconsistent start to the

season.

Aubameyang made his Chelsea debut after his move from Barcelona, playing with a face mask to protect his injured jaw, and had one goal ruled out for offside while his teammates repeatedly failed to beat goalkeeper Dominik Livaković.

Instead it was Mislav Oršić who continued his scoring streak against English teams, racing away from Wesley Fofana – another of Chelsea's marquee signings – to score on a breakaway in the 13th minute.

"It's an underperformance from us," said Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel, whose team has lost twice in the Premier League already. "We are clearly not there where we need to be. ... At the moment everything is missing."

Noah Okafor put Salzburg ahead against Milan

near the half-hour mark by shooting through the legs of goalkeeper Mike Maigman, but Alexis Saelemaekers equalized before the break.

Rafael Leão then nearly won it for Milan in stoppage time when he had a shot deflected off the post.

U.S. international Sergiño Dest came on in the 57th minute for his Milan debut following his transfer last week from Barcelona, one of six Americans in action on the night.

CITY ROLLS IN SPAIN

Haaland could well be the piece that Man City has been missing as it repeatedly came up short in Europe under Pep Guardiola.

The Norwegian again showed his uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time as he was on hand to steer in a cross from Kevin De Bruyne in the 21st minute and then tapped in a rebound for the third goal in the 67th. Phil Foden and Ruben Dias scored the other goals for City in a dominant performance at Estadio Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán.

Also in Group G, Marco Reus took his tally to 22 goals in 57 Champions League matches by opening the scoring in Borussia Dortmund's 3-0 win over Copenhagen. U.S. international Gio Reyna set up the other two goals for Dortmund, exchanging passes with English teenager Jude Bellingham in a slick move for the third.

HAZARD STEPS UP

If Benzema has to miss significant time for Madrid, Hazard signaled that he may be ready to pick up some of the slack.

The Belgium playmaker – who was on the bench before replacing Benzema – set up the first two goals before scoring the third himself against Celtic. It was his first Champions League goal in 651 days and first in any competition since January.

Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti was hopeful that Benzema will be back soon, though. "It seems not so serious," Ancelotti said about the striker's injury.

Callum McGregor had nearly put Celtic ahead in the first half when he struck a fierce shot against the post in the 21st minute.

In the other Group F game, Maryan Shved scored twice as Ukrainian club Shakhtar Donetsk beat RB Leipzig 4-1. Shakhtar's domestic season only recently started after a lengthy break because of Russia's invasion but the team got some help from Leipzig goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi for the first goal.

Gulacsi made the blunder of the evening by giving the ball away to Shved as he stood well outside his own area, giving the midfielder a simple finish into an empty net.

Leipzig leveled with a goal by French defender Mohamed Simakan in the 57th but Shved restored the lead one minute later.

AP

Chelsea sack Thomas Tuchel as manager after poor start to season

LONDON

CHELSEA'S new owners have sacked head coach Thomas Tuchel just three months after completing their takeover of the club.

Tuchel's 100th and final game in charge of Chelsea was Tuesday's 1-0 Champions League defeat at Dinamo Zagreb and sources have told ESPN that Tuchel, 49, was informed of the decision on Wednesday morning.

A consortium led by L.A. Dodgers co-owner Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital acquired the club from Roman Abramovich at the end of May and oversaw a record-spend in a single window for Chelsea of more than £250 million on nine players.

However, sources have told ESPN that relations between Boehly and Tuchel became strained over the club's transfer strategy, while further concerns over the team's substandard start to the season prompted the ownership to act.

Members of the club's backroom staff will take interim charge, possibly also for Saturday's Premier League trip to Fulham, as the search begins for Tuchel's replacement.

A club statement read: "On behalf of everyone at Chelsea FC, the club would like to place on record its gratitude to Thomas and his staff for all their efforts during their time with the club. Thomas will rightly have a place in Chelsea's history after winning the Champions League, the Super Cup and Club World Cup in his time here.

"As the new ownership group reaches 100 days since taking over the club, and as it continues its hard work to take the club forward, the new owners be-

lieve it is the right time to make this transition.

"Chelsea's coaching staff will take charge of the team for training and the preparation of our upcoming matches as the club moves swiftly to appoint a new head coach.

"There will be no further comment until a new head coach appointment is made."

Tuchel was appointed as Frank Lampard's successor in January 2021 and guided Chelsea to their second Champions League crown in May that year.

In February, he led Chelsea to the only trophy previously to elude Abramovich during his 19-year tenure, the Club World Cup, with victory over Palmeiras in Abu Dhabi.

However, Tuchel then came under intense pressure as the public face of the club as Abramovich was effectively forced into selling Chelsea after the U.K. government imposed sanctions relating to his alleged ties to Russia president Vladimir Putin.

Tuchel steered the club through a difficult period on the pitch as the Boehly/Clearlake consortium negotiated their purchase of the club.

However, disagreements emerged over the club's transfer strategy and sources have suggested Boehly became concerned that Tuchel's messages were not getting through to the players, many of whom had become frustrated at his approach.

Tuesday's defeat in Zagreb was their third consecutive away loss, the first time that had happened under Tuchel, while the club lie sixth in the Premier League having won three of their opening six matches.

Speaking after losing



Chelsea's head coach Thomas Tuchel shouts during the Champions League group E soccer match between Dinamo Zagreb and Chelsea at the Maksimir stadium in Zagreb, Croatia, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022. (AP Photo)

in Zagreb, Tuchel said: "Of course I'm frustrated; there's too much to analyse, I'm a part of it, and we are clearly not where we need to be. At the moment everything is missing."

Meanwhile, Brighton's Graham Potter, former Tottenham Hotspur boss Mauricio Pochettino and ex-Real Madrid manager Zinedine

Zidane are top of Chelsea's shortlist to replace Thomas Tuchel as head coach, sources have told ESPN.

Chelsea sacked Tuchel on Wednesday, hours after his 100th game in charge ended with a 1-0 Champions League defeat away at Dinamo Zagreb.

Sources have told ESPN that the club are keen to approach Brighton to

speak to Potter, who has excelled on the south coast since taking charge in 2019. Brighton finished in ninth place with 51 points last season – their highest tally in the Premier League – and Potter is under contract until 2025.

Potter, 47, has won plaudits for Brighton's attacking style of play, and their progress has continued un-

abated this season despite losing midfielder Yves Bissouma to Spurs and defender Marc Cucurella to Chelsea for a combined fee of more than £90 million.

Pochettino is out of work after being sacked by Paris Saint-Germain, but ESPN has previously reported that the Argentine coach would be open to a return to English football. He was considered for the Manchester United job this summer before Erik ten Hag's appointment at Old Trafford.

Zidane is also a free agent after resigning from Madrid in May last year, saying the LaLiga club lacked faith in him despite delivering three Champions League titles in a row during his first stint in charge at the Bernabeu.

Chelsea are keen to make a swift appointment, but there is no candidate immediately lined up to replace Tuchel. It remains likely the club will face Fulham at Craven Cottage on Saturday with a member of the backroom staff in interim charge.

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Yanga breaks Azam FC's record with 40-game unbeaten run in PL



Yanga's goal-getter, Fiston Mayele (C), seeks to beat Azam FC's defender, Daniel Amoah (L), and midfielder Sospeter Bajana during a 2022/2023 NBC Premier League tie that took place in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA set a new NBC Premier League record for consecutive matches unbeaten on Tuesday after they drew 2-2 with Azam FC in a clash held in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

The results witnessed Yanga sealing their 40th successive result without defeat, eclipsing the 39-game run previously held by Azam FC.

Second-half substitute Feisal Salum bagged a brace for Yanga to cancel goals netted by Daniel Amoah and Malickou Ndoye who had twice given Azam FC the lead in a thrilling game that ended in the 2-2 draw at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Tuesday evening.

The unbeaten run, which began on May 15, 2021, with a goalless draw against Namungo FC, saw Yanga claim a domes-

tic treble, the NBC Premier League title, Federation Cup, and back-to-back Community Shields.

They have won 29 duels and drawn 11 during the run. Azam FC was the last team to beat Yanga in the league.

City rivals Azam FC held the previous record for seven years, having gone 39 Premier League matches unbeaten

across three campaigns under Cameroon coach, Joseph Omog, and English Stewart Hall.

Tuesday's results also provided Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi's men with their 40th consecutive unbeaten game in all competitions since September 19, 2021, when they last suffered defeat after falling 1-0 away to Nigeria's Rivers

United FC in the CAF Champions League preliminary round.

Two weeks ago before the league took a break to pave way for the African Nations Championship qualifiers tie Tanzania's Taifa Stars' and Uganda, Yanga tied Azam FC's record after beating Coastal Union 2-0 at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium, Arusha.

Yanga returns to the field

on Saturday for the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League first preliminary round clash against South Sudan's Zalan FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

A trip to Namungo FC in mid-October followed by a 'Dar Derby' against Simba SC promises to test the resolve of Tanzania's new record holders.

Meanwhile, the Tanzania Football Federation has revealed the Yanga squad for CAF Champions League.

The Tanzania representative submitted a list of 27 players with only forward Chrispin Ngushi the notable absentee from the squad.

Yanga full squad:

Goalkeepers: Abutwalib Mshery, Erick Johora, and Djigui Diarra

Defenders: Ibrahim Hamad, David Brayson, Bakari Mwaninyeto, Dickson Job, Lomalisa Mutambala, Kibwana Shomari, Djuma Shaban, and Abdallah Shaibu.

Midfielders: Zawadi Mauya, Khalid Aucho, Gael Bigirimana, Salum Abubakar, Farid Musa, Feisal Salum, Yannick Bangala, Stephane Aziz Ki, and Ducapel Moloko

Forwards: Yusuph Athuman, Fiston Mayele, Bernard Morrison, Lazarous Kambole, Denis Nkane, Heritier Makambo, and Dickson Ambundo.

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14:00 Bongo Hits
14:30 Ujenzi (r)
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Ubongo Kids (r)
16:00 Zote Kuntu
16:30 #HSHTAG
17:00 S5ELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Bongo Hits
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 NIRVANA
21:30 TOP 10
22:00 Zote Kuntu
23:00 Kurasa (r)
23:05 EATV SAA 1

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Bongo Flava musicians to perform in 2022 Fiesta

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

FAMOUS new generation music 'Bongo Flava' artists are expected to take the stage at the first show of the 2022 Fiesta season to be held at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Sumbawanga, Rukwa later this month.

Some of the artists who will be present at this year's fiesta are Ali Kiba, Abdul Kiba, Juma Musa 'Juma Jux', Raymond Mwakyausa 'Rayvanny', Omary Mwangi 'Marios', Sarafina, Weusi group, Salmin Issa 'Kusah', and Khery Sameer 'Mr. Blue'.

There will further be Ibrahim Mandingo 'Country Boy', 'Maarifa', Boniventure Kabogo 'Stamina', 'Kayumba', Emmanuel Elibariki 'Nay wa Mitego', Sharif Said Juma 'Jay Melody', 'Young Lunya', Abdulaziz Abubakar 'Dogo Janja', and Abdallah Ahmed 'Dulla Makabila'.

Chairman of the 2022 Fiesta season's Organizing Committee, Sebastian Maganga, stated so in Dar es Salaam recently.

The official graced the launch of the new season of the local festival, which is now 18 years old, which took place in the city.

The launch saw artists take to the stage, and the organizers offered relatives, friends, entertainment stakeholders, and Clouds Media Group's employees an opportunity to forward ideas on how to make this year's fiesta a success.

Maganga disclosed: "Launching the season on the stage signals great wealth and gifts for the artists, and in our plans, we hope to ask 'Anko Tajiri' to be part of the fiesta 2022."

"It marks the start of the Fiesta 2022 season," Maganga stated.

Maganga said after the launch, they will, on September 17, be in Sumbawanga and later move to other regions.

The regions are Tabora, Mwanza, Dodoma, Arusha, Mtwara, and Dar es Salaam.

He said more regions might host the Fiesta and clarified that Rukwa has had the honour of turning into the region where the Fiesta, themed 'Weka Maneno', is launched.

"This is the season of joy and entertainment, so it's time for Tanzanians to get together and celebrate 2022 Fiesta in their areas," he said.

Nabi defends Aziz Ki, calls for patience with Yanga star



Stephane Aziz Ki. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA head coach Nasreddine Nabi has defended midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki and his decision to play the Burkina Faso international on the right flank in Tuesday's 2-2 thrilling draw with Azam FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

A thrilling four-goal draw ended with goals netted by Ghanaian center-back Daniel Amoah and Senegalese center-back Malickou Ndoye for Azam FC and a brace by Feisal Salum for Yanga.

The results left both teams unbeaten after three rounds of matches in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League.

Starting as a right winger, Aziz Ki failed to get the better of Zimbabwean international Bruce Kangwa and struggled to make an impact in the game before being taken off in added-on time.

There have also been questions over Nabi's decision to play Aziz Ki on the right flank in the first place.

Speaking in an interview after the game, Nabi defended Aziz Ki and his decision while urging Yanga's fans to be patient as the former Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas attacking midfielder adapts to the NBC Premier League.

The gaffer stated: "Once again I said we have to give Aziz time to adapt to the team. We must also not forget that unfortunately yesterday, we had Jesus Ducapel

Moloko's injury, he was in great shape training individually yesterday but got injured."

The coach revealed: "Concerning cohesion, it's normal, you must know that cohesion does not come in like a week, it is through a lot of matches."

"We must be sure that the player will get along well in the future. Normally, there are criticisms over the rotations, Aziz will play, Feisal will play."

"Well Aziz, he did not play as a winger, he played in the half-space, he is not like Morrison who has a lot of speed. You have to allow him time to adapt."

The gaffer stated: "He can play in any position across the front and midfield also so that's not an issue, it is about finding the right formula."

Nabi and his charge have shifted focus to the 2022/23 CAF Champions League first preliminary round first leg game against South Sudan's side Zalan FC on Saturday.

Both the first leg and the second will be played at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam due to the lack of an approved venue to host international games in South Sudan.

The aggregate winners of the tie will face the aggregate winners of the same round's tie between Sudan's Al Hilal and Ethiopia's St George for a final qualification round for the CAF Champions League group stage.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

