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# TCU: Send applications, as 57,000 places remain

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By Getrude Mbago

**T**HE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened the final round of applications for degree programmes for the 2023/24 academic year as 56,968 slots are yet to be filled.

Prof Charles Kihampa, the TCU executive secretary, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that those who missed out in the last three rounds can send applications to respective universities looking for courses they can fit in.

In total there are 187,084 university study opportunities this year, with 130,116 eligible

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Deputy Prime Minister Dr Doto Biteko (L), who doubles as Energy minister, pictured at a meeting in Dodoma city yesterday presenting Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Jerry Silaa with guidelines on dealing with the effects of El Niño. The other ministers were also issued with the documents. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Increase disaster risk funds, UN urges govt

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

A United Nations agency had appealed to the government to increase financial resources towards disaster risk reduction and management, describing it as a vital humanitarian sector.

Brian Bogast, the World Food Programme (WFP) deputy country director pledged to uphold support to efforts to

strengthen capacity and resources for improved coordination on the sub-sector

He issued the remarks at an observance for this year's International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction taking up UN agencies for public and private sector cooperation, laying emphasis on strengthening the country's capacity in preparedness against disaster outbreaks.

Tanzania is making good strides in pre-

paredness and disaster risk reduction but more efforts are needed for the country to be able to deal with different forms of disasters, he said.

Underlining the need for the government to allocate more financial resources, he said that public institutions and non-

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# US mission in Kenya issues new terror alert

NAIROBI

The US Embassy in Kenya has issued a terror alert in Nairobi, warning Americans to review their personal security plans.

In a statement published on its official website yesterday, the Embassy said there are high risks of terrorism activities targeting areas frequented by foreigners and tourists in Nairobi and elsewhere in Kenya.

"Locations frequented by US Citizens and other foreigners and tourists in Nairobi and elsewhere in Kenya continue to be attractive targets to terrorists planning to conduct potentially imminent attacks," the Embassy said.

As a precaution, the US Embassy asked citizens to be vigilant at locations frequented by tourists or foreigners and

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# EAC: Troops not tied with any armed group

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has rejected accusations that it is collaborating with armed groups in the eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) whose activities the EAC continents sent there are supposed to check and

contain.

Dr Peter Mathuki, the secretary general, said in a statement yesterday that the EAC was "deeply concerned with unfounded allegations and negative propaganda labelled against the EAC regional force (EACRF) contingents," saying the propaganda suggests collaboration with armed groups.

"Such allegations aim to negate the hard work and gains made by the EAC regional force, who are making all efforts to restore peace and security in eastern DRC," he stated.

The statement comes in the wake of rising hostilities perpetrated by armed groups in the zone in which the regional force is conducting its operations in the North Kivu province of DRC.

The recent hostilities have resulted in the loss of lives, injuries and displacement of civilians, qualifying the actions of armed as in "stark contrast to the envisioned peaceful resolution of the conflict through the EAC-led Nairobi process."

"It is imperative to emphasize that the forces from the republics of Burundi, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda, who are currently deployed in the region, have strictly adhered to the code of conduct and established

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governmental organisations need to develop a collaborative platform to bridge needed resources and expertise.

This would assist the overall potential on issues pertaining to preparedness on disaster risk reduction and management, he stated, emphasizing interventions on preventing the outbreak of disasters.

Tanzania has so far made significant progress in creating an enabling environment for investment in reducing disaster risks by preparing the National Disaster Management Strategy (2022-2027) along with national and sectoral guidelines, plans and strategies, he pointed out.

This must be given first priority in order to save people's lives especially among marginalised communities across the country, he stated, to which Umy Nderiananga, the Policy and Parliamentary Coordination deputy state minister in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), said the government has put in place a friendly regulatory environment to improve service delivery to special groups in case of disaster outbreaks.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has always insisted that special groups, ranging from girls, elders, women and disabled must be treated with care when rescue takes place upon disaster outbreak, she stated.

This year's commemoration is aligned with the Sendai Framework, an international agreement to reduce loss of lives, livelihoods, economies and basic infrastructure, she said, elaborating on the theme of commemoration, 'fighting inequality for a resilient future.'

She said the government was engaging potential stakeholders and the private sector to strengthen the

country's capability in preparedness on disaster risk reduction and management.

Ruger Kahwa an expert on disaster management and humanitarian issues at the Response and Preparedness in Disasters (RAPID) Tanzania, a stakeholder organisation, said there are gaps in coordination on disaster risk issues across public agencies and government departments.

"There are several institutions with different capacities over disaster risk management, operating separately. It is high time stakeholders join efforts to strengthen the performance of the sector, he said.

Prof. Albino Tenge from the University of Dodoma (UDOM) said that UDOM is working on ways to improve disaster risk reduction capacity and management.

It has introduced a programme, the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in environmental disaster management, to help mould key human resources for that field, he said.

Rev. Dr Joseph Mayala, World Vision Tanzania (WVT) director expressed the need for faith leaders to be included in risk reduction and management activities.

Religious leaders have the vast majority of the people in various religious affinities and thus, they are key figures in educating the public on issues pertaining to disaster management, he stated.

This year's commemoration addresses the connection between disasters and inequality as two sides of the same coin.

Each adversity reinforces the other as unequal access to services leaves the most vulnerable exposed to the danger of disasters while the effects of disasters exacerbate inequalities and push the most at risk even further into poverty, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds talks with Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal (3rd-L) and his delegation during her recent four-day State Visit to India. Based in New Delhi, the Indian multinational conglomerate owns businesses spanning across telecommunications, manufacturing, insurance, real estate, hospitality and food. Story on page 4. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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review their personal security plans.

American nationals have also been urged to be aware of their surroundings, especially while in hotels, embassies, restaurants, malls and markets, schools, police stations, places of worship, and other places frequented by foreigners and tourists.

The embassy also shared phone numbers which the citizens may use to contact them when in need of any assistance.

The US Embassy also noted that the government of Kenya has heightened its

counterterrorism patrols in response to the increased threat of terrorism.

There has been no major attack in Nairobi since the DusitD2 complex attack on January 15, 2019, which left 21 people dead and dozens other injured.

In January 2020, Al Shabaab attacked the Mandla Bay airbase, a military facility in Lamu manned by Kenyan and

American forces, which left three Americans, a soldier and two US Department of Defence (DoD) contractors dead. Two other US service members and a third DoD contractor were

injured.

In February 2023, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki revealed that the government forces disrupted many terror plots at source, neutralised or arrested dozens of suspected terrorists.

Prof Kindiki further said a huge cache of weapons and explosives had been intercepted and destroyed.

"The current crackdown on Al-Shabaab terror cells in Somalia which is spearheaded by local community leaders with the support of the Federal Government of Somalia has tremendously weakened this militant group," said Prof Kindiki.

The CS said the government has also stepped up border patrols and upped surveillance to thwart any attacks.

"The nearly 6,000 new police officers who have joined the National Police Service in the last 100 days guarantees us sustainability of the fight against crime. The new officers will be deployed to security hotspots across the Country immediately to further buttress the security of our people and their property," Prof Kindiki said.

The alert comes a day after police in the United Kingdom intercepted a KQ

flight from Nairobi that was diverted from Heathrow to Stansted Airport in London.

Kenya Airways flight KQ100 was diverted to London Stansted Airport, the designated alternate airport for security incidents.

The reason for the diversion was said to be a potential security threat, with local press reporting that bomb squads were seen rushing to the scene.

"We are currently attending an incident at Stansted Airport. A flight from Nairobi to Heathrow has been diverted to Stansted this afternoon (Thursday 12 October). The airport remains

open," Essex Police said.

In a statement, the national airline confirmed that its KQ100 flight from Nairobi to London Heathrow "received an alert of a potential security threat".

"KQ management in conjunction with the security authorities of the government of Kenya and the United Kingdom carried out a thorough risk assessment of the threat. The crew onboard were briefed, and all safety and security precautions were taken to ensure the safety and security of our crew and passengers on board," the KQ statement read in part. **AGENCIES**

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applicants enrolled in three rounds of filing applications, he said, asking prospective students to utilise this fourth window.

The window will be open for just over ten days, from October 13 to October 24, he said, affirming that the commission had received requests from various stakeholders requesting an extension of admissions to provide room for eligible students who applied for admission and were not selected to reapply.

Universities that still have study places need to open the windows to enable those in need to apply, as this fourth window is the last.

Those who have sent applications and enrolled in multiple universities need to ensure that they confirm to one varsity by October 25, he cautioned, noting that on October 21 to 22 universities will be submitting lists of candidates enrolled in their institution.

By October 25 the universities will announce the names of the enrolled candidates and those with confirmed registration, he said, urging applicants and the general public to avoid being misled by dishonest people.

They claim to provide services on how to join higher education institutions in the country whereas all this is handled by universities, he said.

"We have three groups of people who are eligible to apply for higher studies and these are form six leavers, ordinary diploma holders and those with foundation courses from the Open University of Tanzania (OUT).

"All information on how to apply and minimum requirements are found in the TCU website and respective varsities," he explained.

Those with certificates obtained from foreign countries should submit them to the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) or the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTEVET) to obtain certification on their qualifications before applying, he added.



Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde pictured on Wednesday addressing a meeting where residents of areas said to be allocated to Geita Gold Mine Limited sought explanation on a range of grievances. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Parliamentary committee orders provision of education to people near water sources

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water and Environment has directed responsible authorities to provide environmental education to people residing near the Uluguru Mountains in Morogoro Region to broaden their un-

derstanding, thus enhance conservation of water sources.

According to the committee, the region's land department should collaborate with the Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board, Morogoro Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (MORUWASA) and Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) in provision

of education on environment conservation.

Acting chairman of the Committee, Kavejuru Felix gave the directive yesterday when members of the committee visited the Mindu Dam in Morogoro Region. He said to ensure sustainable water levels at the dam, villagers should be ed-

ucated on conservation issues.

"The dam receives water from the Uluguru Mountains, there are people living around the mountains and engages in various activities including agriculture. Once educated on environmental conservation, they would avoid damaging water sources when im-

plementing their activities," Felix added.

He said that allowing people to continue doing various activities without education, may lead to reduced water levels at the dam and cause water shortage to the people who depend on water from the particular water source.

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procedures outlined in the status of forces agreement and international law," the top EAC civil servant affirmed.

He stated that the regulations include the protection of civilians, a principle that is of paramount importance, underlining that operations conducted by regional force "are meticulously guided by its mandate and strategic guidance given from time to time by the summit of EAC heads of state."

The deployed troops are unwavering in their commitment to upholding international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, ensuring the protection all civilians affected by the conflict, he further stated.

EACRF is dedicated to working closely with the government of

the DRC and other stakeholders with a focus on facilitating the opening of main supply routes enabling the safe return of internally displaced persons to their homes and enhancing the overall protection of civilians, he emphasised.

"In view of the above, we call upon all parties involved in the conflict to respect the ceasefire and exercise restraint as directed by the summit of heads of state," he said, reassuring the people of eastern DRC and other stakeholders that the EACRF is committed to fostering peace, stability and security in North Kivu and require the support of the entire region.

The international community needs to uphold support for EAC endeavours in pursuing a peaceful resolution to this devastating conflict, he added.

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# COMMEMORATING THE LEGACY OF MWL. JULIUS K. NYERERE

The Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) family, encompassing our Board of Directors, Management, Employees, and Contractors, stands united with H.E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and all our fellow Tanzanians in marking the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of our esteemed Father of the Nation, Mwl. Julius K. Nyerere.

In honoring the legacy of our nation's founding father, GGML reaffirms its commitment to responsible and transparent operations. We are dedicated to collaborating with all stakeholders in our shared vision and journey towards achieving Tanzania's developmental goals.



Traffic Police Commander Ramadhani Ng'anzi (C) addresses journalists during yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of "Inawezekana", a campaign jointly organised by Traffic Police and Serengeti Breweries Limited and meant to sensitise members of the public on the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol. He is with Senior Superintendent of Police Deus Sokoni (L) and the firm's marketing director, Anitha Msangi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## RITA registers 280,000 under 5 years children in Kagera Region

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

THE Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) has registered more than 280,000 children under five years (72.6 per cent) of the set target in Kagera Region in three months.

Frank Kanyusi, RITA Administrator General and Chief Executive Officer in Bukoba municipality unveiled the statistics yesterday when speaking to journalists here.

He said before the operation, Kagera the registration was 14.2 percent, adding that RITA targets to register 418,246 children in the region.

Wilson Sakullo, Missenyi District Commissioner, on behalf of Kagera Regional Commissioner, Fatma Mwassa, directed each of the district councils to make sure all children are registered.

Mariam Nkunja from the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, commended the region for doing well in registration of children, as all the eight district councils in Kagera Region surpassed the set goals by half.

Nkunja applauded Bukoba and Missenyi district council for meeting the target by 100 percent.

However registration officers claimed to have faced challenges in some districts. They also mentioned poor network coverage at some rural places as a factor over failure to complete registration.

"Poor internet connection in some remote areas was a challenge. We were forced to carry booklets bearing children's information back to the office. We have reached the target by 67 percent," said W. Mwakanjula, a registration officer from Karagwe District.

The registration of under five children for birth certificates, started in Mbeya Region in 2013, the programme has now reached 25 regions in mainland Tanzania with 8.6 million children registered and issued birth certificates.

Having birth certificates helps children get routine vaccinations and other health care services, attend school and other opportunities in reaching their full potentials.

Children birth registration matches well with the National Multi-spectral Early Childhood Programme, spanning 2021/22 to 2025/26 which addresses the holistic development needs of children aged 0 - 8 years to thrive and achieve their dreams.

## Enterprise founder commends President Samia for efforts on digital advancement

By Guardian Reporter

INDIA-based Bharti Enterprises Limited has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the remarkable strides that Tanzania has made in advancing digital adoption.

Founder and chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal, whose company holds a large stake in Airtel Tanzania, expressed his

sentiments during a meeting with President Samia during her four-day state visit to India this week.

He reaffirmed Airtel's unwavering partnership with the Tanzanian government in its commitment to expediting digital adoption in the country.

Discussions in the meeting explored opportunities for enhanced collaboration in realising Tanzania's digital ambi-

tions, occasioned by the historic elevation of bilateral relations between the two countries.

He noted that in a move aimed at enhancing accessibility and efficiency of communication services to achieve at least 85 percent internet penetration by 2025, the government and Airtel Tanzania signed an agreement for a project designed to install 758 communication

towers across the country.

Dinesh Balsingh, Managing Director of Airtel Tanzania, affirmed the company's commitment to working closely with the Government of Tanzania to bring the digital economy agenda to fruition, enabled by strengthened ICT infrastructure.

"Following the granting of a license by the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority to operate the 2Africa sub-

marine cable in August 2022, Airtel Tanzania recently launched two significant projects, namely, the 2Africa submarine cable and Airtel's 5G network," he said.

Balsingh said that the projects, which were unveiled at a ceremony graced by President Samia, will go a long way in contributing to enhanced digital connectivity in the country.

He added "Airtel services have been

expanding across the nation, now covering up to over 80 percent of rural areas, we have successfully deployed our 4G network technology on Airtel's towers, extending coverage to 90 percent with the introduction of 5G technology, we are dedicated to ensuring that Tanzanians have improved access to communication services and faster internet."

TREES FOR THE FUTURE INC TANZANIA



### INVITATION FOR BIDS TENDER No.2 OF 2023 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER PONDS

1. Trees for the future Inc (TREES Tanzania) has set aside funds for operation during the financial year 2023. TREES is intended that part of the proceeds of the funds will be applied to cover eligible payments under the contract for the Construction of water ponds (Siuyu & Makotea villages - Ikungi district, Singida Region).
2. TREES Tanzania now invites sealed bids from reputable company to construct water ponds as shown below:

No.1	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Siuyu village - IKUNGI	1 Pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Total project Area=4,862.2 Sq.m</li> <li>➤ Total Project Perimeter=280.2m</li> <li>➤ Total volume of water to be collected = 5,900 Cu.m</li> </ul>	
No.2	Construction of pond with the following dimension at Makotea village- IKUNGI	1 pond
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Total project Area=6,960.2 Sq.m</li> <li>➤ Total Project Perimeter=370.9m</li> <li>➤ Total volume of water to be collected = 9,700 Cum.m</li> </ul>	

Bidder should quote for Construction of water ponds, in each case Bidder must quote for all ponds and quantities specified in No.1. Incomplete bid will not be accepted. TREES Tanzania will evaluate the bids and award the contract to the most competitive bidder.

3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office TREES Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second Floor, or via email [pendo.magagura@trees.org](mailto:pendo.magagura@trees.org) Mondays to Fridays from 9:00 AM to 4:00PM except Public holidays.
4. A complete set of the bidding Documents and additional sets will be offered free for interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given at paragraph 3, P.O BOX 1624 SINGIDA.
5. All bids in one original plus two copies, properly filled in enclosed in plain envelopes must be properly addressed to the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second Floor, P.O BOX 1624 SINGIDA. All bids must be delivered by hand to the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania before the deadline for submission of bids.
6. The deadline for the submission of bids will be on Tuesday 24th October 2023 local time at 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened in public and in the presence of Bidders representatives who choose to attend in the conference room of the Trees for the future Inc, Tanzania, N.H.C Singidani Complex Building, Second floor at 10:00AM local time on 24th October 2023. The outer cover must be clearly marked.

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The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is a regulatory body established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act No. 12 of 2003 for regulation of electronic and postal communication services in Tanzania.

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**WHEREAS** recently, TCRA has observed enormous access to prohibited content through the use of Virtual Private Network (VPN) contrary to the Regulations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, TCRA requires the general public, individuals, and companies who, by nature of their undertakings, the use of VPN is indispensable, to declare their VPN and all relevant information including IP address to the Authority by, or before 30th October, 2023 via <https://www.tcra.go.tz/vpn-details-form>.

TCRA will proceed to take regulatory actions against unauthorized use of VPN including disabling access to such VPN.

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# MNH, TNA is set to host the fourth neurology regional training course

By Correspondent Zuwena Shame

THE Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) in collaboration with Tanzania Neuroscience Association (TNA) is set to host the 4th Neurology Regional Training Course in sub-Saharan Africa bringing on board over 150 neurology specialists and doctors from various countries in Africa this month.

The training, which will be conducted from October 28 to 31, this year, is funded in cooperation by the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) in collaboration with African Academy of Neurology (AFAN) and TNA.

Briefing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TSA chairman Professor William Matuja said that the four-day training will be held at Muhimbili National Hospital Mloganzila campus where 40 doctors from Tanzania mainland hospitals will participate.

Participating doctors will be from MNH (Muhimbili and Mloganzila campuses) Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI), Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI), Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH), KCMC Hospital, Bugando Referral Hospital, Mbeya Referral hospital, Kibong'oto hospital and Mirembe hospital.

The other 20 doctors who will participate are from Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo DR, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Senegal, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Prof. Matuja said that patients and deaths associated with neurology are increasing worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) stroke being one of the neurology diseases, is the third world killer disease and after every 40 seconds, one person gets a stroke and after every second, three to four patients die due to stroke.

Prof. Matuja said that for more than 10 years, the number of patients with stroke has been increasing in the country where most of the victims are youth with most deaths caused by poor treatments and delay of patients to reach hospitals. "In Tanzania and Africa, stroke patients and deaths are increasing and the situation is worse because we don't have enough experts in this field. We expect to get these experts who will spread and share the knowledge to their respective working places and hence save people's life in the country and Africa at large," said Prof. Matuja.

Prof. Matuja said that so far Tanzania has 14 neurology specialists which are not enough to cater with the country's population of more than 60 million people, therefore the training course will have impacts in the health sector.

"We hope to get 40 neurology specialists in the country after this training course. Because we don't have enough of them compared to our population. The 14 experts we have now, 9 cater for adults' neurology patients and the rest are for children," Prof. Matuja explained.

He cited an example of Sweden whereby it has 6 million people but they have almost one million neurology specialists.

Prof. Matuja said that during the training course, participants will get

the opportunity to learn how to identify and cope with diseases such as stroke, epilepsy, infections in blood vessels, other emergency diseases of which are lacking specialists in Africa.

Dr Mnacho Mohamed, a neurologist from MNH said that a maximum of three to four stroke patients are being received by the MNH emergency unit from various places and nearby regions.

He encouraged Tanzanians to create a culture of seeking for medical services whenever they feel abnormal signs in their bodies. The first Neurology regional training course in Sub-Saharan Africa was conducted in 2016. Other countries which hosted such training were Cameroon (2022), Uganda (2021), Ghana (2019), Madagascar (2018), Burkina Faso (2017) and Mozambique (2016).



Foundation for Disabilities Hope programme officer Halima Msofe engages in discussions with visually impaired pupils from Chamwino District's Buigiri Primary School yesterday on the importance of education to children. Also in attendance are some of the pupils' teachers, parents and guardians. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

# Dar firm pledges support to enhance food security, job creation for women, youth

By Carlos Banda

A Dar es Salaam based waste management and animal feed company—Chanzi Limited has pledged to support the government's initiative by turning organic waste materials into animal feed and fertilizer.

Through the endeavour, the firm expects to create employment opportunities for youth and women and achieve sustainable development goals on waste management.

Speaking at the launch of the Chanzi facility in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Chief Executive Officer, Chanzi Limited, Andrew Wallace said collective effort is needed to achieve the goal of zero waste.

Chanzi will implement the project in partnership with Chanzi Ltd, AbInBev, Accelerator 100+, AbInBev Foundation, Unilever, and P4G.

"We have a waste problem in our continent. There are no exceptions. Over 50 per cent of the waste produced in this city we do not really know where it ends up. We see it in our rivers, lakes, oceans, forests and that's not what I would call a solution towards waste. What we are providing is a solution to waste management. We need to work together to expand the solutions across Africa," he said.

Commenting on waste management in cities in Tanzania, Wallace appealed for government support and to expand and establish more facilities for processing waste in each city countrywide.

"Every city needs to have a Chanzi facility because it is solving problems. Let us create value from your waste, let us employ people and take them out of the dumps where they are working as informal waste pickers by giving them proper and safe credible employment in our businesses," he added.

Dr Menani Jangu, Director of Environmental Research and

Management from the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) commended the initiative saying the project is not only solving challenges in solid waste management but also create employment opportunities for youth and women.

"One of the challenges in urban areas is the management of solid waste. Having an intervention to use them to produce fertilizer and animal feed would encourage others to do the same. The advantages we are seeing is not about solid waste alone, we are enhancing food security as well as creating jobs," said Dr Menani.

Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) Managing Director, Jose D. Moran, praised the initiative citing that the project is part of giving back to the society through addressing the challenges in waste management and creating opportunities for the community.

"I am really proud to be part of this and I would like to thank everyone for making this possible. I am really proud because we are fulfilling our goal of giving back to the community by creating opportunities for people," said the TBL boss.

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The Ministerial Advisory Board, Management, and Staff of the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania **Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan** and all Tanzanians in Commemorating the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mwalimu Nyerere's death.



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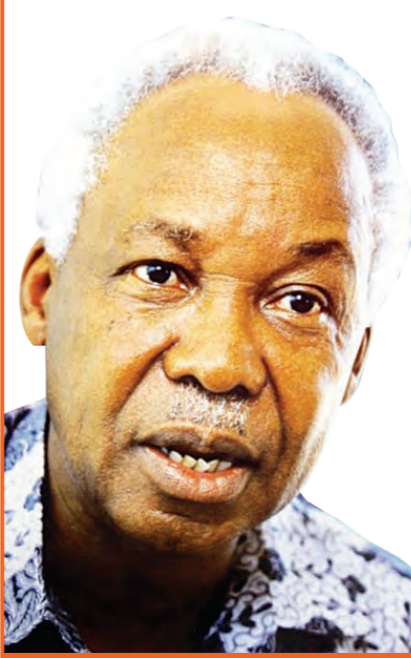
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Mbulu district commissioner Kheri James (C) holds the Uhuru Torch shortly after receiving it on Wednesday from the leader of this year's edition of the cross-country Uhuru Torch Race, Abdallah Shaibu Kaim (to his left). It was during the launch of a water project at Qalieda village in Manyara Region. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

## Deputy Speaker advises government to set up mobile gas filling stations to reduce congestion

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Musa Hassan Zungu, has advised the government to collaborate with station owners in setting up mobile gas filling stations to reduce congestion.

He made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam during a signing ceremony for apprenticeship training for students between the Weight and Measurement Agency (WMA) and the College of Business Education (CBE).

He has said the introduction of mobile filling stations will make motorists opt to use gas in their cars and abandon the use of petrol and diesel whose prices have continued to rise.

He said efforts must be made to create a good environment for petroleum users to abandon the product and instead use gas which is cheaper and environmentally friendly.

"One can of gas can last a whole month and save a lot of money compared to petrol, so the government should help us by collaborating with oil dealers to get gas easily because at the moment gas stations are very crowded and people see that it is trouble to go there," said Zungu.

He congratulated CBE for providing training that is in line with the labour market and advised them to have a procedure to find jobs for the students before they finish their education at the college.

"The training you provide is of a high standard, so there is no reason why a

student who finishes his studies here will be unemployed and I congratulate you for the partnership you have established with WMA because I know it will benefit both parties," said Zungu.

Zungu also advised CBE to continue promoting itself locally and abroad so that it can get students from foreign countries like other colleges such as the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiology Institute (JKCI), which receives many patients from abroad.

"I have known this college for many years, you are very good at producing professionals, but you must increase your marketing strategies, advertise yourself day and night, let the world know the work you are doing and you will find many students inside and outside the country," said Zungu.

The Rector of CBE, Professor Edda Lwoga, said that through apprenticeship training, undergraduate students who study for three years will study one and a half years at school and one and a half years at work in order to get practical education that will allow them to gain the skills needed by the labour market.

She said that the course will be offered by CBE from the level of Certificate, Diploma and Degree and this financial year the college has already got the tools for the course which are petrol, diesel, jet fuel and kerosene worth 200M/-.

## LSF awarded for championing access to justice and building the capacity of NGOs

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Legal Services Facility (LSF) has been awarded a certificate of commendation for being an outstanding organization in building the capacity of small organizations in the country.

The certificate was presented by Vice President Dr Philip Isidor Mpango, at this year's Non-Governmental Organisations forum in Dodoma. LSF is an organisation that is dedicated to enhancing access to justice.

The award is a result of efforts by

LSF for approximately twelve years in providing grants to over 200 NGOs in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar as well as enhancing their capacity in systems, financial matters, programming, performance, leadership, and documenting results.

LSF has been providing regular refresher training to paralegal organizations on laws and their amendments, to work professionally in addressing various challenges faced by the citizens, particularly women and children.

The success of LSF has been facilitated

under the ongoing support of development partners, the Embassy of Denmark, and the European Union.

This funding has brought significant benefits in enabling access to justice for all through free legal aid services in every region and district of mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Speaking about the award, LSF Executive Director, Lulu Ng'wanakilala, expressed great honour in receiving the recognition from the government under the Ministry of Community Devel-

opment, Elderly, Children, and Vulnerable Groups.

She thanked them for acknowledging the significant contribution made by LSF in promoting justice for all, as well as in building the capacity and providing grants to non-governmental organizations in the country.

She added that they will continue to collaborate with the government, development partners, private organizations, and various stakeholders both locally and internationally in addressing the challenges faced

by citizens, particularly women and young girls, who are the major victims of injustice.

"We have received this certificate with joy, and we promise to continue working closely with our partners in building their capacity and empowering them to reach many citizens, especially those in remote areas of the country. We will continue to collaborate with the National Council of Non-Governmental Organizations (NACONGO) and the Ministry of Community Development in organizing this annual

forum to provide a platform for NGOs and the government to discuss important issues, including achievements, challenges, and opportunities in delivering services to citizens," she noted.

The forum was closed by Vice President, Dr Philip Isidor Mpango, who emphasized that NGOs to uphold transparency and accountability in project implementation, respect Tanzanian values by adhering to the customs and traditions of Tanzania, and follow the laws and guidelines in place.

## Cooperate with journalists, Tamwa tells medical doctors

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MEDICAL doctors have been asked to cooperate with journalists by providing correct information related to reproductive health issues so that young people can protect themselves from harm due to lack of education on these issues.

Dr Mzuri Issa, director of the Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA-Zanzibar) made the call yesterday when opening the meeting between media stakeholders and health experts with the aim of presenting a report on the implementation of the reproductive health advocacy project for the media.

She said that in order to convey the right education, it is necessary to keep and report the statistics of these issues, including the deaths of mothers and children, childhood pregnancies, adding that providing education on the age of conception and the effects that may occur according to the relevant age is education important needed to be given to young people.

Abdul Rahman Mohammed, TAMWA-Tanzania's monitoring and evaluation expert said

that the association's goal is to increase awareness through the media about reproductive health rights issues for women and girls to help them avoid and protect themselves from various harms caused by lack of education of reproductive health.

Zaina Mzee, TAMWA-Zanzibar's project supervising officer said that they have built the capacity of journalists to understand the education and help them prepare programs, media and analytical information through the media and social networks on behavioral changes and reproductive health in general.

"The project started with a study that found that many writers do not have an understanding of reproductive health issues, so we prepared special training to build their capacity and now they report this information well and help the community to get decent services," she said.

Amina Hussein, Central Unguja district medical officer lauded journalists for daring to raise various challenges that have already been solved and asked them to continue to educate the community and

provide information that helps the community to overcome the challenges.

She explained: "I congratulate the journalists for the great work they did to raise the challenge, if these things are talked about, it is good that people know, and the government gets to understand what are the gaps in society and help them find ways to fix them."

Zanzibar-based veteran journalist, Salim Said asked health experts to be quick to cooperate by providing information and statistics when required by journalists to enable journalists to carry out their duties effectively.

"Many times journalists complain about the availability of statistics. I ask the Ministry of Health to try to cooperate with journalists when they want information from you, because statistics are a good sign that shows the size or smallness of the problem," said Salim Said.

The project to develop the advocacy of the media on reproductive health rights issues for women and girls in urban and rural areas, is a one-year project that is implemented in consultation with TAMWA Zanzibar and the Wellspring organization.



Members of the Arusha District defence and security committee and Arusha Urban Water and Sanitation Authority staff check an underground tank at Ngarantoni yesterday during an inspection tour of water sources. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpenzya

## New funding to ensure 370 million children receive polio jabs in low-income countries

By Guardian Reporter

THE European Commission, European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation have announced a new financing partnership to address critical global health opportunities.

The funds will support polio eradication and ensuring that innovations in health are more accessible to the people who need them most.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF, as implementing partners for the polio funding, will deploy the resources to eradi-

cate polio, support the distribution of other childhood immunizations and strengthen health systems so they are better able to respond to emerging health threats.

The expected €1.1 billion financing package aims to provide new funding to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history and help solve the health and development challenges faced by the world's most vulnerable people, who otherwise do not get fair access to healthcare services and innovations.

President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen said: "We are about to wipe polio off the face of the earth. The Eu-

ropean Commission, the EIB and the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation are partnering to get through the final stretch. With Euros 1 billion we will invest in stronger health systems globally and local vaccine and medicines production, manufacturing and administration, where it is most needed."

Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank said: "Today we are united to write the final chapter in the history of polio. The European Investment Bank is playing its part in a unique partnership with philanthropy and health partners, by providing EUR 500 million for investment in support of the Global

Polio Eradication Programme. This initiative will be a milestone in scaling up immunization and strengthening healthcare, ensuring that every child, regardless of their circumstances, can be protected against polio."

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation said: "Thanks to medical innovations, the world eradicated one human disease - smallpox. Today we're on the verge of ending another - wild poliovirus."

He said the foundation is committed to ensuring that no child, anywhere in the world, faces the awful disease, expressing optimism that polio will be eradicated once and for all

and make health innovations more accessible for everyone.

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General said: "Reaching un- or under-vaccinated children in the most remote and hardest-to-reach areas is essential for finishing the job of polio eradication."

Ghebreyesus added: "These new funds will not only help to drive us towards a polio-free world, but will also help to build more sustainable and resilient health systems to protect the same children and communities who are at risk of polio against the many other health threats they face."

# Minister Silaa urges ward tribunals to resolve rows

By Guardian Reporter

JERRY Silaa, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, has called on Ward Land Tribunals to abide by amendments of Act No. 3 of 2021 that calls on the tribunals to conduct their sittings in not more than 30 days.

Silaa also called on members of the public to know that ward tribunals are not responsible in involving themselves in marital issues; their work is only to resolve land conflicts, hence their names, Ward Land Tribunals.

"If the tribunal has resolved a boundary dispute or a sale issue between neighbours within a period of 30 days and in case the solution had not been endorsed by the parties to the dispute, it should be referred to the District Land Tribunal that is under the Lands ministry," the minister added.

He also called on members of the public with administrative complaints against district land tribunals to submit their complaints to the ministry's permanent secretary since the tribunals are directly under his jurisdiction.

"If a person is not satisfied by the legal rulings meted out by the district lands Tribunals, he should follow normal procedures on appeal to the High Court, but if he has complaints on administrative issues, his complaints should be referred to the Ministry's Permanent secretary for addressing," he said.

District Land Tribunals have jurisdiction to hear and decide land disputes of not more than 200m/- being the value of movable property and not more than 300m/- for immovable property Value.

District Land tribunals are established by the Lands Minister in accordance with the Land Disputes Courts Act (Act No. 2 of 2002, Cap 216).

In regard to Ward Land tribunals, the Wards Land Tribunals Act Cap 206, PO-RALG minister is the one responsible for their administration, the responsibility carried out on his behalf by the district Council executive Director (DED).



NMB Bank's Dar es Salaam zone manager, Dismas Prosper (2nd-R), symbolically presents to Kibaha district commissioner Nickson John earlier this week a consignment of chairs, desks and tables worth a combined 25m/-. It was support by the bank to five schools in the district: Kambage, Lumumba, Kongowe, Bungo and Viziwaziwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Police, TMDA crack down on smuggling of banned medical devices and cosmetics

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

POLICE in Shinyanga Region, in collaboration with Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) have seized toxic human drugs and medical devices that were being sold in private pharmacies in the region.

This was revealed on Wednesday by Shinyanga Regional Police Commander, Janeth Magomi to reporters following the one-month crackdown conducted.

"We have seized human medicines including syringes, poisonous cosmetics, drips and rubber

tubes whose origin has not been established because they lacked accompanying documents," said the RPC.

She added that during the crackdown they also seized five bags containing banned plastic bags, 20 bundlers khat (miraa), 1,800 grams of cannabis, five litres of illicit brew

(gongo) and six motorcycles used in criminal acts and a total of 25 suspects were arrested.

RPC Magomi further said that in regard to crackdown on road traffic offenders, they seized 2,331 vehicles for various traffic offences, including 993 vehicles were defective, 242 for carrying excess passen-

gers, 260 for high speed driving, 179 had no insurance cover, a total of 749 tricycles and motorcycles were also seized for similar offences.

Meanwhile, RPC Magomi said during the same period, the Police took to court suspects of various offences and judgements thereon given, including six for rape and

sodomy who were sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment, and another suspect jailed for life for rape.

She also cited two cases of abduction of children whose suspects were jailed for five years and one livestock theft case who was sentenced to do community work for one year.

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## Reading culture has never been too high, and is waning further

HIGH level opinion makes from academics, politics and the publishing industry have from time to time lamented the poor reading culture that is apparent in various communities, and for cause. Yet for those with exposure of what people feel about reading in other countries, and indeed in advanced countries, is likely they will agree that a reading culture per se isn't true of any particular country. The reason is that despite variations of culture and tremendous differences in levels of education, we all belong to the same psychological framework of viewing life, etc.

That is what educationists in the country have been expressing a bit loudly of late, but happily from a few positive inputs into the reading culture, like the launching of a number of memorials by top leadership in the past few years. First it was second phase president Ali Hassan Mwinyi, then his successor Benjamin Mkapa and lately former prime minister and retired top diplomat of all time Dr Salim Ahmed Salim. In 1981 an MP asked President Nyerere to write memoirs before or after leaving office; he didn't.

Memoirs are difficult for statesmen to put across because they are supposed to be written in a frank and disarming manner, aware that all those issues are long gone and people can freely talk about them. In reality that isn't the case as something that happened 50 years ago would touch a lot of people at the moment, if not those who were in public office, it can be those who are identified with them in life. That comes close to attacking the memory around them, so

definitely it is to be avoided.

In that way, asking Tanzanians to inculcate a culture of reading books as they are always useful in improving one's perception of the reality around him or her, the bigger problem really is to write those books rather than finding people to read them. There is always a good number of people to read a good story in a newspaper, pamphlet or book and the proof is the extent to which intolerant governments go to put up firewalls not just on radios or television but print media.

So the call by the Education minister to take up a culture of reading is definitely in right order as it may inspire some young people, or even adults, to rekindle their reading habits. This is especially so in wishing to understand more of what they wish to do in life or are already doing, to widen their skills and perception of issues in the society. They will read to various extents but more so they listen to discussion and often contribute with a measure of clarity or awareness of reality.

The family decided to write a biography of their father, a businessmen who died in September last year/ He wanted young entrepreneurs across Tanzania and beyond to learn from his story, as many of them get stuck and give up. It isn't the first time we hear of the theme, and it is heartening that the instruction to never give up is being echoed in other testimonies. Bravo. This will help to inculcate clear spirit of competition as bad feelings alter the healthy attributes of business, making it an intelligent game and not a war.

## Fish maws price part of market practices, not a regulated product

REPORTS are suggesting that a fishermen's union on the shores of Lake Victoria is demanding that the government reviews current policy on Nile perch business. It seeks that a specific item in the fish produce as a whole, fish maws, be accorded different treatment and a pay schedule be set out for it by the government. The reason is the need for a win-win situations between fishermen and processors.

An online entry says that a fish maw – the swim bladder of a fish – is one of the most expensive dried-seafood products in the world. Seen as a Chinese delicacy, it can fetch \$450 to \$1,000 per kilogram and it is often viewed as a symbol of wealth and prosperity.

At times it is given out as gifts at important events and stockpiled as a speculative investment in foreign markets, and it is questionable if fishermen can do that here as well. Thus there is a price gap between selling the fish and the maw.

Yet the issue is much less on the part of the government than on the fishermen themselves, whether they can actually separate the wider fish produce from the maw, and sell it differently.

If it is possible then they can do it without having to be allowed by any regulator as fish produce is not regulated like fuel, and if they can't themselves do it, it is unlikely that the government can set up such facilities in order to alter the price of fish. It is really a question of private initiative and how far it is consonant with the market, if the other part of the produce would sell, etc.

The union says the processors benefiting immensely from the Nile perch business due to the maws in the product. The fishermen no longer want to sell whole fish to processors but wish that the maws are treated differently in pricing and policy – that is for taxation purposes. Yet the government can't tax a produce and an element in it separately, unless someone starts a maws business and seeks a license.

Then the fish will be a raw material to him and there will be no tax on the raw material and how it is disposed, so long as environmental impact conditions are followed.

They say the government is losing revenues as it ought to tax the precious fishery products. Yet this suggestion fails the test of due procedure, as the maws are not countable and adding a tax on a product because of what it contains fails the test of due diligence and upsets the balance therein.

The processors know very well what the fish products contains and pay for the fish which includes whatever special edibles it contains. The only maws can be taxed is if it is another business.

If as the union says, the processors get fillets from fish, plus maws, skins, oil and shells can each of these components be taxed alone? They say, just create two categories, for maws as they sell highly and then for fillets, which is clever but arbitrary.

The ball is in the fishermen's court, to process the fish and sell items separately. They are selling raw materials to processors and get fish prices, period.

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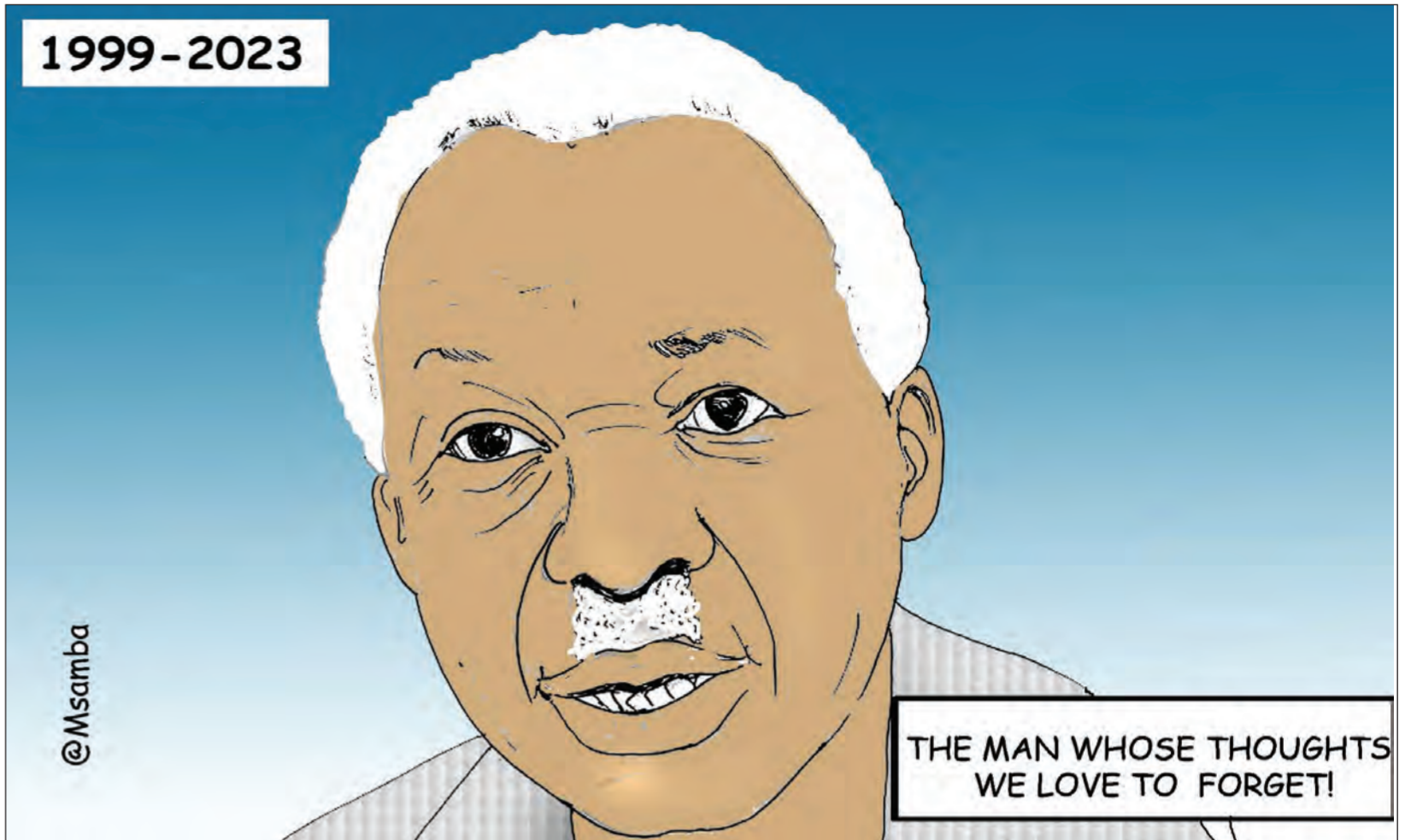
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## Time has come to fix the problem of Africa's 500 per cent debt premium

By David McNair

RATHER than having too much debt, the challenge for countries in Africa may be that their debt is just too expensive. But there are remedies.

As finance ministers, officials and NGOs fly to Marrakech for the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and IMF on 9-15 October, they should think carefully about what they can deliver to meet two criteria: ambition that meets the scale of the challenges we face; and decisions that are achievable given the current political capital available. This may sound like an impossible conundrum but African leaders have already laid out a blueprint.

With roughly five years of our current carbon budget remaining to stay within 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels - and with new World Bank data showing 8.6% of the world's population lives under \$2.15 a day (unchanged since 2019) - developing countries, particularly in Africa, need a major injection of low-cost capital. Credible estimates put the external financing needs in the region of \$1 trillion a year by 2030.

This much is clear, yet the leaders of countries with the power to unlock this capital are increasingly turning inwards, driven by domestic cost of living crises and internal political challenges. The limited attention on global issues tends to be drawn towards Ukraine and US-China tensions. With election season also looming in the US, EU, India and South Africa, the political window of opportunity could soon narrow, if not close.

This is the source of growing frustration among African leaders after three

years of exogenous shocks - from the COVID-19 pandemic, to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resulting food and energy price shocks, to the debt distress that has been exacerbated by the US raising interest rates. With limited external support, increasing costs and devalued currencies eating into their purchasing power, African finance ministers have been forced to make impossible choices between servicing debt and paying civil servants or funding education and health services.

Taking on yet more debt to solve these challenges may seem a risky strategy, but new analysis casts a new light on the nature of the debt crisis. The ONE Campaign has calculated that African countries are paying a 500% premium on their borrowing from capital markets, compared to rates that could be achieved with borrowing from the World Bank. This difference will result in an additional \$56 billion in debt service paid on loans taken out over the last five years. What this suggests is that rather than having too much debt, the challenge may lie in the fact that African countries' debt is just too expensive.

Thankfully, there is a solution that could be unlocked quickly with the current political capital available: reform of the Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) system.

These banks are designed to solve this problem. Because they are guaranteed by their shareholders - the world's major economies - they are considered incredibly safe and can borrow cheaply on capital markets

then pass that low-cost lending onto countries that need it.

### But these banks are too cautious.

Following a series of G20 commissioned expert reports calling for a tripling of MDB firepower, the system has started to move. In September, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced that it would unlock \$100 billion over ten years through more efficient use of its balance sheet. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) announced a tripling of its climate finance by 2030. And, this week, the World Bank's Development Committee will discuss a proposal "Ending Poverty on a Livable Planet" to unlock an additional \$100 billion over ten years and reform the Bank's mission and operations to be more effective.

This is progress, but not at the scale or speed needed.

At the Africa Climate Summit this September, leaders laid out a financial reform agenda calling for a package of measures to meet current challenges. This included unlocking \$500 billion a year from the MDB system and unleashing the power of IMF Special Drawing Rights, an international reserve asset, to boost lending power. At the World Bank and IMF annual meetings, leaders should decide to implement this agenda through doing three things:

First, they should commit to incorporate "callable capital" into development banks capital adequacy frameworks by April 2024. This is a guarantee that already exists, com-

mitting major economies to step in if the banks get into trouble. If the banks considered it as part of their risk assessments they could lend much more while maintaining their credit ratings. Recent estimates suggest the World Bank alone could release \$190 billion as a result.

Second, donor economies should decide to use their Special Drawing Rights to leverage MDB capital. The African Development Bank has put forward a "hybrid capital" proposal that would not spend the SDRs but use them as collateral leveraged four times over. Five donors should commit \$1 billion each to unlock this pilot of \$20 billion. The precedent could be game changing. There are currently \$375 billion SDRs sitting unused in advanced economies. Leveraged four times this could unlock \$1.5 trillion.

Third, IMF shareholders should approve a third seat on the Executive Board of the IMF for sub-Saharan Africa. This would build on the African Union being granted a seat at the G20 and respond to ongoing frustrations about the lack of African representation in the governance of the Bretton Woods Institutions.

Taking these steps would build the resilience of African economies and help them invest in climate solutions for the future, while addressing the trust deficit between Africa and Europe and North America in the wake of COVID-19 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. These are "no-regret" decisions.

**David McNair is Executive Director at The ONE Campaign, Non-Resident Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and sits on the European Council for Foreign Relations.**

## Effective international aid depends on the application of girl-centred design

By Amy West and Aysel Madra

In a year that is rapidly becoming the costliest on record for climate-related disasters, the International Day of the Girl Child appeals to the global community for greater investments for and with adolescent girls.

Mounting evidence continues to show that the wellbeing of our households, our communities, and our world, especially amidst climate change, hinges on how seriously we take this call-to-action for half of the world's population.

Protecting the rights of girls is key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Coalition for Adolescent Girls believes this prioritization of girls' rights is all the more urgent among those who live in underserved and traditionally marginalized communities, many of which sit at the crossroads of poverty and climate fragility.

It is estimated that 80 percent of those displaced by climate-related disasters are women and girls. In the wake of cyclones, wildfires, floods, and earthquakes, adolescent girls have an even harder time accessing services and are often forced to forage for basic needs.

A direct correlation exists between natural disaster (climate-related or otherwise), girls' inequitable ac-

cess to education, skills training, and health and wellbeing supports, and increased exposure to sexual and gender-based violence.

Further, the breakdown in family and community, as well as the loss of a key information and knowledge resources - namely, school or other learning centers - exposes girls to exploitative behaviors and multidimensional and intersecting vulnerabilities. Thus, the notion of disaster preparedness and disaster response must evolve to include girl-centered protection solutions to reduce these increased risks and their ripple effect on larger social and economic development goals.

The recent earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, and Morocco have seen unprecedented levels of devastation, both in terms of human life and the infrastructure necessary for accessing public services and ensuring protection from sexual exploitation, abuse, and violence.

In the southeastern provinces of Turkey alone, 9.1 million people were affected by the earthquake there, 3 million displaced, and nearly 300,000 buildings were destroyed. Among this wreckage, an estimated 320,000 people or more continue to live in temporary shelters.

Initial reports observe that for adolescent girls

there has been significant increases in domestic care and responsibilities, domestic abuse, sexual and gender-based violence, and child marriage along with reduced enrollment rates in school.

Girl-centered design is one protective and proactive approach to finding new solutions to the challenges that international humanitarian and development sector practitioners struggle to address at scale.

This process thinks about how spaces, programs, and activities can be developed for and with girls based on child safety protocols and girl-led participation. It is applied to ensure that all girls, especially the most underserved, are recognized and engaged. In Pazarcik, and Antakya, Turkey - areas hardest hit by the February earthquake - adolescent girls, and their families, still live in temporary shelters. Several of these girls were asked recently, "if you oversaw international aid, what would you do differently?"

"I would have done something to meet the self-care and clothing needs of the girls here. Then, [when] the girls were cared for, I would send them to school," said one 14-year-old from Pazarcik. Adds a 13-year-old from the same area, "There could have been classes. There could have been information for us. There is nothing here."





# NYERERE DAY

## Nyerere Day: Reflection on constitutionalism and the rule of law

By Telesphor Magobe

**L**AST week, we briefly looked at the offence of theft, which I may say is the most committed offence in the community. Section 258 of the Penal Code (R.E. 2022) provides for the definition of theft. Subsection (1) states: "A person who fraudulently and without claim of right takes anything capable of being stolen, or fraudulently converts to the use of any person other than the general or special owner thereof anything capable of being stolen, steals that thing."

We also saw that by virtue of section 265 general punishment for theft is imprisonment for seven years. We also said that the Penal Code (R.E. 2022) does not provide an alternative punishment (for instance, a fine). So, it is good to take note of this.

Today, I invite you to briefly look at Nyerere and the rule of law. As we mark Nyerere Day, which is celebrated each year on October 14, let us recall Nyerere's contribution to the respect for the rule of law and the solid foundations he laid for us.

Mwalimu Julius Nyerere (April 13, 1922-October 14, 1999) led Tanganyika to independence on December 9, 1961 and was the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania from October 29, 1964 to November 5, 1985 when he retired (ng'atuka as he put it).

He is the Founder (Father) of the Nation and renowned for being a charismatic leader who unlike many African leaders, neither abused power nor mismanaged public resources nor amassed wealth for himself or his family. He strove for a strongly defined work ethic, ethical leadership, lived a simple lifestyle throughout his life and was among the few non-corrupt leaders not only in Africa, but also across the world. He was also a staunch supporter of human rights, human dignity and equality of all human beings.

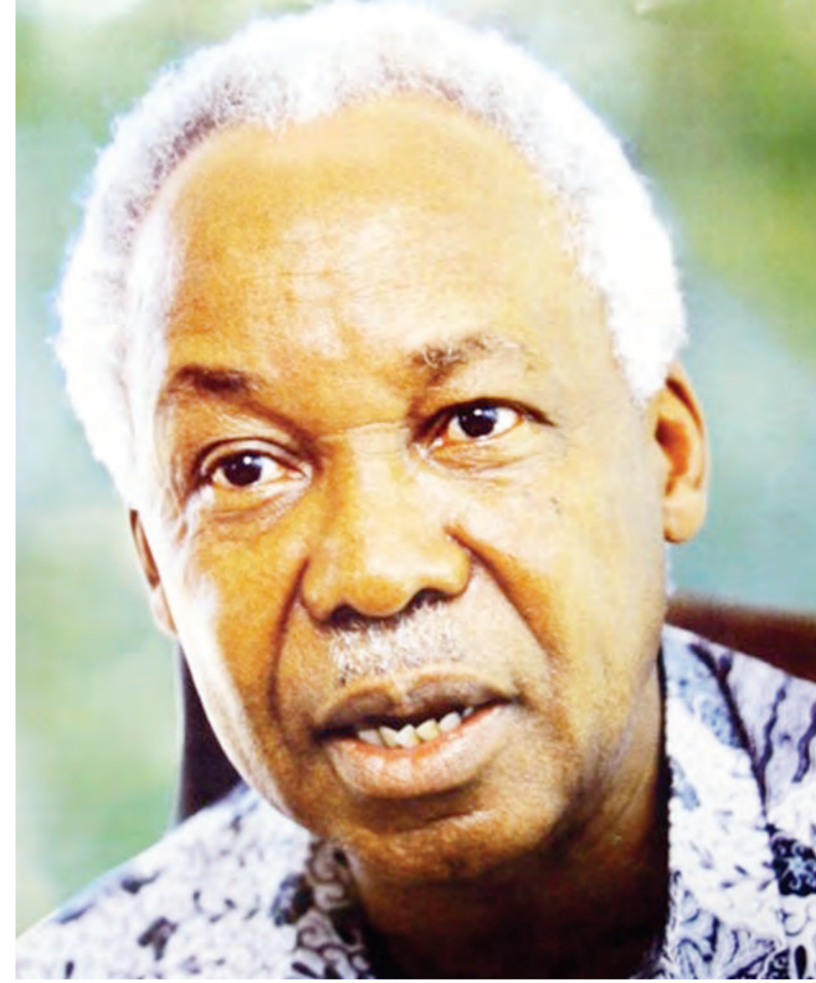
In fact, he is remembered for many good things, but today I would like to reflect on Nyerere and the rule of law. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land from which all other laws flow. Any law which violates any provision of the Constitution shall be void [Article 64(5)]. By virtue of Article 8(1) of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, 1977 (as amended until 2005) -

"(a) sovereignty resides in the people and it is from the people that the government through this Constitution shall derive all its power and authority; (b) the primary objective of the government shall be the welfare of the people; (c) the government shall be accountable to the people and (d) the people shall participate in the affairs of their government in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution."

These provisions show that any government authority is subject to and not above the Constitution. Instead, Article 13(1) states: "All persons are equal before the law and are entitled, without any discrimination, to protection and equality before the law." That is, before the laws of Tanzania apply to "all persons" equally: leaders and non-leaders alike are equal before the law.

Prof Robert Stein (2008) in an article entitled "Rule of Law: What Does it Mean?" says the following four universal principles comprise the rule of law: "(1) the government and its officials and agents are accountable under the law; (2) the laws are clear, publicised, stable and fair, and protect fundamental rights, including the security of persons and property; (3) the process by which the laws are enacted, administered and enforced is accessible, fair and efficient; and (4) the laws are upheld, and access to justice is provided, by competent, independent, and ethical law enforcement officials, attorneys or representatives, and judges, who are of sufficient number, have adequate resources, and reflect the makeup of the communities they serve."

Wade & Forsyth (2000) in their book "Administrative Law (Eighth Edition)" highlight some principles of the rule of law, but here I will mention four of them. They are: (1) Every act of government which affects the legal rights, duties or liberties of any person, must be shown to have a strictly legal pedigree. (2) The government should



conduct its affairs within a framework of recognised rules and principles which restrict discretionary power. (3) An essential part of the rule of law is a system of rules for preventing the abuse of discretionary power. (4) All public authorities should be subject to normal legal duties and liabilities which are not inconsistent with their governmental functions.

All these principles constitute what we call the rule of law, which Justice James Mwalusanya as quoted in Kijo-Bisimba & Maina Peter (2005) says it "means more than acting in accordance with the law. [It] must also mean fairness of the government. The rule of law is opposed to the rule of arbitrary power...Therefore, if by the rule of law all it means is that the government will operate in accordance with the 'law', then the doctrine of rule of law becomes a betrayal of the individual if the laws themselves are not fair, but oppressive and degrading."

Mwalimu on various occasions expressed his respect for and protection of the Constitution he dearly respected. In one of his speeches he says "A person who is elected President must first take an oath to protect the Constitution and will be judged by his or her protection or non-protection of it."

He said this because he was aware of the wide discretionary power the

Constitution gives to the President and it is possible to abuse it for any reason and at any time. He also said "In order to develop we need four things: land, people, good leadership and clean politics."

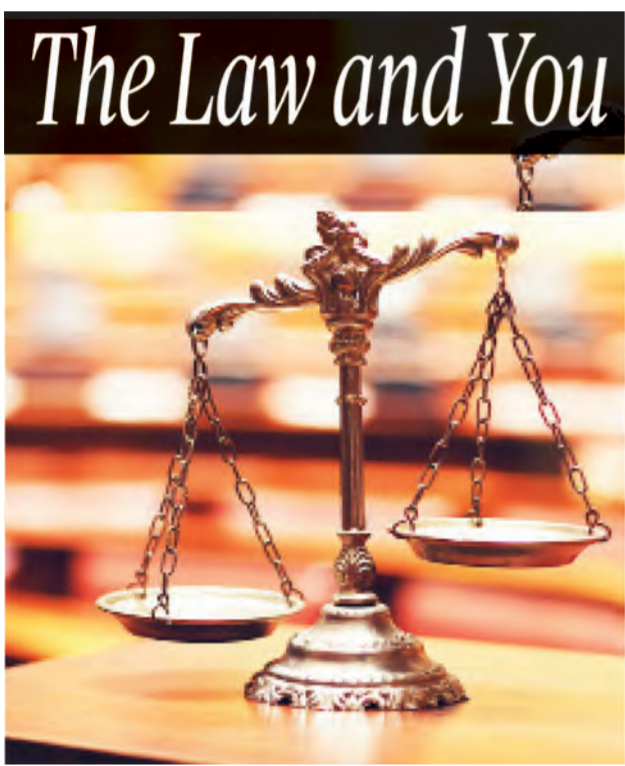
He is also renowned for his contribution to land law reforms on a person's right to compensation for a piece of land he or she has developed. From this we get what is called "Nyerere's doctrine of land value" (see Rwegasira, 2012, p. 68). In Ujamaa: Essays on Socialism (p. 50), he says: "Land is the basis of human life and all Tanzanians should use it as a valuable investment for future development. Because land belongs to the nation, the government has to see to it that it is used for the benefit of the whole nation and not for the benefit of one individual or just a few people."

Nyerere and the rule of law is a good reflection because many African leaders do not live up to leadership standards. They may trample on the laws they have assented to themselves, amend or repeal them at will if they find that those laws no longer protect their interests. Although they all take an oath to serve their people after being sworn in power it is the people who start serving them. They are held by their people to be above their national Constitutions and Acts of Parliament.

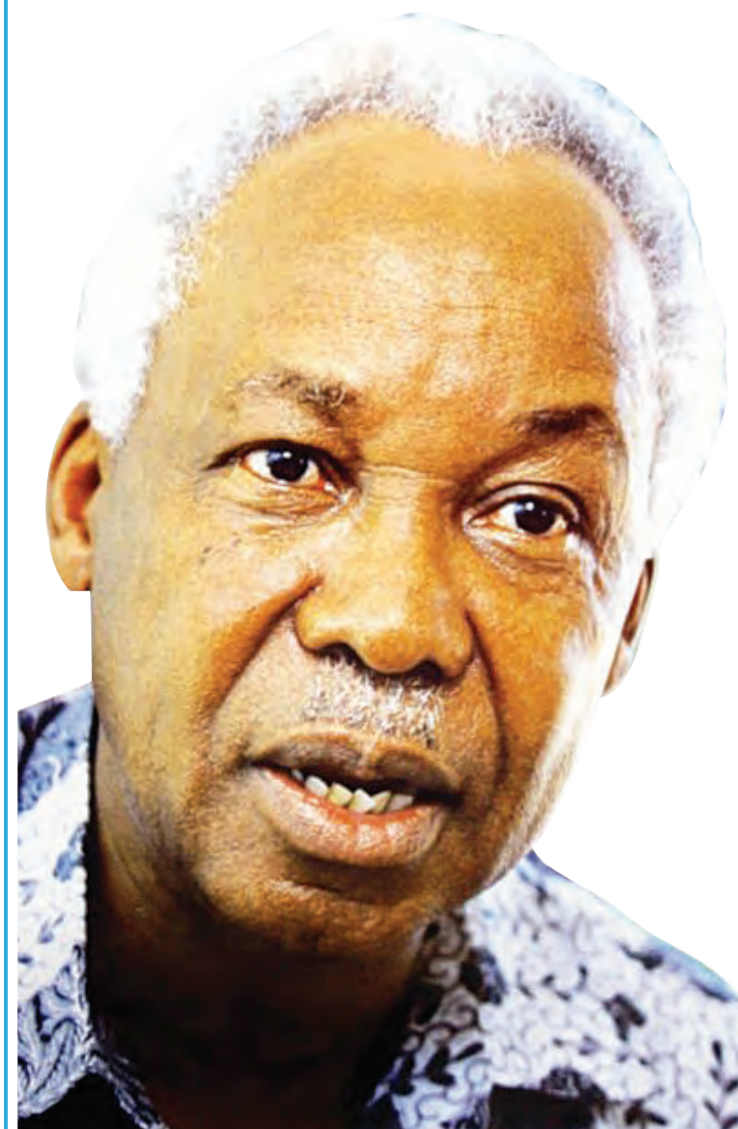
Mwalimu differentiated himself from other African leaders by adhering to the Constitution and ordinary laws and by living a simple lifestyle. He is an example to be emulated by African leaders especially those who tend to cling to power because they don't trust other people can lead after them. Happy Nyerere Day.

**Today's proverb: "Make every bargain clear and plain, that none may afterwards complain."**

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### MWL. NYERERE ANNIVERSARY

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# A revolutionary leader and inspiring statesman

By Daniel Mshana

AS we commemorate the 24th anniversary of the death of the Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere who passed away on 14th October 1999, this writer recalls his unique style, wisdom and charismatic leadership with which he guided and inspired the people of Tanzania and Africa at large.

It is 24 years today since Africa's most respected leader passed away at St. Thomas Hospital in London. Nyerere, fondly referred to as Mwalimu (teacher) and also Baba wa Taifa (Father of the Nation) led Tanganyika's struggle for independence from British colonialists way back in 1961 and goes down in history as our country's longest serving president.

We will always remember him for his unique contribution to Tanzania, the African continent and indeed the whole world as an outstanding statesman, and an advocate of unity, equality, peace, stability and justice for all.

It is difficult to mention all the achievements of the founding father of our nation. However, let me take this opportunity to highlight only a

few contributions during his tenure from 1961 to 1985.

Mwalimu Nyerere was a true advocate of socialism ideology which was modeled against any form of exploitation, oppression, segregation and inhuman acts. He was a great son of Africa for he believed in equality and respect for human rights.

He therefore introduced the famous Arusha Declaration on 5th February 1967 which outlined the principles of Ujamaa (Nyerere's version of African socialism) in order to develop the nation's economy which does not depend on capitalism.

The declaration called for an overhaul of the inherited economic system from German and British colonialists through African socialism and self-reliance (ujamaa na kujitegemea) in locally administered villages through a villagisation programme.

The programme sought to transform the pattern of rural settlement by congregating the rural populations in village units which would suit easy delivery of services such as education, health and water.

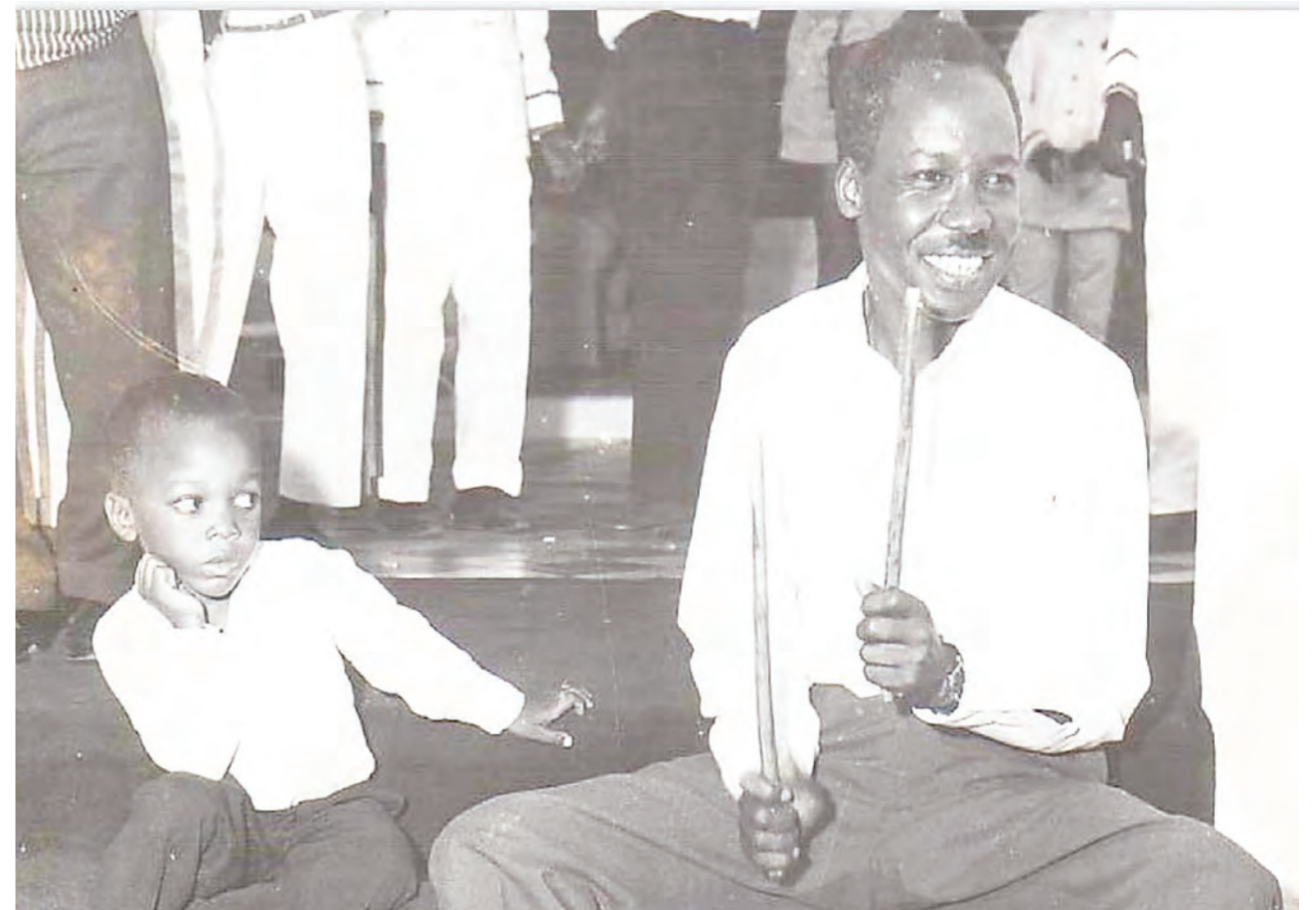
Although the Ujamaa philosophy did not last for many years, Mwalimu

Nyerere candidly emphasized that its purpose was to serve the people on equal basis regardless of colour, size, shape, skill, ability or anything else.

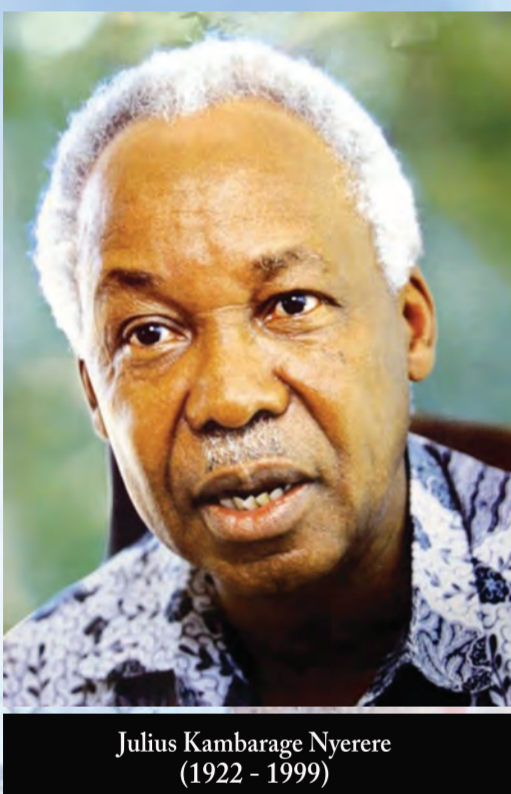
Indeed, what Nyerere achieved following the Arusha Declaration was having a democratic state which truly adhered to democratic ideals if compared to many other countries on the African continent.

The second achievement during Mwalimu's administration was bringing the nation together instead of splitting it up to over 120 tribal cultures. Mwalimu really abhorred tribalism. That is why he went ahead and introduced Kiswahili as the national language. Today, when you visit Tanzania, whether you are in a remote part of Mtwara, Sumbawanga, Kigoma, Kagera, Musoma, Tanga, Lindi, Njombe, Arusha or anywhere else, you won't face the challenge of communication barrier like in other African countries.

Another contribution by Mwalimu is his determination to see that all the African nations that were still under colonialism became independent. Hereiterated Tanzania's commitment to the total liberation of Africa and



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called upon the United Nations, the Non Aligned countries and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to support and ensure that countries still under colonialism are liberated. And we saw how he strived for the liberation of the then Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), Mozambique, Namibia and elsewhere. He also expressed his total support to the people's struggle inside South Africa against the apartheid regime.

Mwalimu had from the outset the vision of bringing African unity. We recall he began the mileage by inspiring the first President of Zanzibar, Abeid Amani Karume, to unite with Tanganyika. The two leaders agreed and endorsed articles of the Union on April 26, 1964 which saw the birth of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Later on, he inspired the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) to merge with the Zanzibar's Afro-Shirazi Party (ASP) and form Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) which is the ruling party today.

The government of Mwalimu who was supported by visionary leaders like Rashidi Mfaume Kawawa, Edward Sokoine, Kingunge Ngombale Mwiru, George Kahama, Paul Kimiti, Philemon Mgaya, Cleopa Msuya, Joseph Warioba, John Malecela, Daudi Mwakawago and many others did a lot in his quest to industrialise Tanzania.

That is why many industries were established during Mwalimu's era such as Urafiki Textiles, Mwatex, Mutex, Kiltex, Ufi, to mention only a few. Several parastatal organisations were set up including Tanesco, National Housing Corporation, State Mining Corporation, Tanzania Railways Corporation, Tanzania Ports Authority, National Development Corporation, Air Tanzania, to mention but a few.

There was also major transformation in the agriculture sector. About 80 percent of our country's poor people live in rural areas and rely on agriculture as their main source of livelihood and income.

In 1972, Mwalimu produced a policy paper called Agriculture is Politics (Siasa ni Kilimo) which vividly stated that Tanzania was not an industrial country but was wholly an agricultural country so the people must develop agriculture to a higher economic level.

This inspired many people and it was during that time and thereafter numerous cooperatives were established, mechanisation of agriculture and widespread irrigation schemes.

We can also recall that during the era of Mwalimu, there was no power rationing. Mwalimu was behind the construction of major hydro and thermal plants in Tanzania which increased electricity supply and were connected to the national grid built during the time in office.

The hydro generation stations built during his time include Kidatu (204 MW), Mtera (80 MW), Pangani Falls (68 MW), Hale (21 MW) and Nyumba ya Mungu (8 MW). Six diesel run power stations connected to the national grid are in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Tabora, Musoma and Mbeya with an installed capacity of 80 MW.

The isolated diesel power stations (not connected to the grid) were in Songea, Mtwara, Lindi, Masasi, Kigoma, Tunduru, Mpanda, Kilwa, Mafia, Ngara, Biharamulo, Liwale and Njombe.

During his time, the former Tanesco managing directors Salvatory Masha, Simon Mhavi and Baruan Luhanga worked diligently to construct new transmission and distribution lines as well as build strong substations which were extremely important for electricity distribution and use at both domestic and commercial levels.

Mwalimu also initiated and popularised adult education and what was known as Universal Primary Education (UPE). He inspired adult education during his public rallies and meetings. This gave illiterate adults the opportunity to read, count and write. Classes were in several places, including school buildings and even under trees.

Lastly, Mwalimu also inspired sports development and entertainment. Filbert Bayi (a former 1,500 miles world record holder, Abdallah Kibaden and Sunday Manara (former Taifa Stars soccer players), Hashim Lundenga (organizer of Miss Tanzania beauty pageant), members of pop groups Kilwa Jazz, Dar Jazz and so many others can testify how Mwalimu inspired them to take sports and entertainment seriously.



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# NYERERE DAY

## A teacher who truly believed in the power of education

By Adonis Byemelwa

TODAY, millions of Tanzanians and other people of god will around the world commemorate the 24th anniversary of the passing of our beloved founding President, Julius Kambarage Nyerere, who died at Saint Thomas Hospital, London, in 1999.

As outlined in his political programme, the Arusha Declaration (1967), Nyerere was committed to the creation of an egalitarian African socialist society based on cooperative agriculture in Tanzania. He collectivized village farmlands, carried out mass literacy campaigns, and instituted free and universal education.

On education Tanzania recorded one of the highest literacy rates in Africa. Tanzanian society was politically stable and nearly free of economic inequalities. Nyerere himself remained committed to socialist policies throughout his political career.

He also emphasized Tanzania's need to become economically self-sufficient rather than remain dependent on foreign aid and foreign investment.

The premium which Mwalimu placed on education should not be underrated. Although there were little opportunities to accommodate a huge number of students, quality education in public schools was really good.

I remember during our times in the 1980s, passing the standard seven examinations was a huge story worth big headlines in a village. Only three pupils made it to Secondary school from Kashasha Primary School, Missenyi, District, Kagera Region in a class of 45.

Nevertheless, those who did not make it to the national schools still had slots in cooperative union schools, which also set a very tough examination that aimed at screening only the cream. One could simply think Nyerere's kind of education was discriminatory in nature but it helped the system to enjoy churning out quality people who could serve the nation.

Tanzania almost wiped out illiteracy, official figures put the literacy rate at 96.8 percent in 1986 and the country was hailed worldwide as a model success for adult empowerment to read, count and write.

However, the history changed drastically about 12 years later. In 1998, the then Ministry of Education and Culture put literacy rate at 77 percent. This figure is nevertheless disputed by other agencies including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which says literacy in the country is much lower than that.

The agency could be right because long gone are the days when massive school dropouts and failure to enroll for basic primary education by children of the right school age. This factor has contributed to the chasm between the literate and society's illiterate lot.

Teachers and parents alike have for a long time been pondering whether the current form of education is not a mere paper education and if at all it is desirable for the nation in the 21st century.

We have now succumbed to embracing quantity at the expense of quality education. Major strides have been made to ensure everyone has access to education, yes, it is a good thing, especially after the promulgation of ward-level secondary schools countrywide, but quality is something else.

During Mwalimu's time, we still had a lot of form two dropouts, who struggled with other means of learning in vocational education, but the failures were not relegated over discrimination. The system wanted to have quality people because the Father of the Nation perhaps had Plato's Philosophy in mind that education should be for a few who can serve the nation with unquestionable abilities. Today, it is not uncommon to find a form six leaver who can hardly write intelligible letters, let alone show acumen in critical arguments.

The vocational training colleges under Mwalimu's education system were aimed at churning out skilled personnel who could help in small-scale industries and sometimes create their own jobs.

In recent days, it is not uncommon to see a mid-level vocational college graduate take a vehicle mechanical apprenticeship course in the streets under the tutelage of a standard seven-leaver who had been practically trained without embarking on theories. This indicates that even the current vocational training is not of the Mwalimu-time standards.

Apparently, many vocational training colleges had left aside Nyerere's vision and mission. Principals of these institutions are eager to produce more degree holders than diplomas, which mainly focus on developing skills.

For example, The Institute of Finance Management (IFM), Dar Es Salaam Technical Colleges (Dar Tech), and Community Development colleges in Arusha, Tengeru which used to produce very competent diploma holders have now embarked on churning out degrees and masters.

In the first place, Nyerere wanted a balanced society where managers and workers could complement efforts to build a better society. This is exactly what the Chinese did and are still doing. The presence of many degrees has now plunged the country into a pool of jobless youth, with impressive GPAs but little skills to place on the job market.

Nyerere must be writhing within if he learns that the current education system discourages certificates and diplomas and put premium on degrees whose holders cannot create jobs. We must be misguided to think that a degree holder trained in Tanzania can teach a kindergarten pupil.

The way lectures are conducted, all we know, does not allow chances for blackboard writing skills because there are no degree courses on how to practically do manual works the same way a teacher could treat students at their workstations. These skills are only taught at most diploma and certificate teachers' colleges.

The changing of Nyerere's roadmap to education is now costing the nation dearly and that is why we are back to placing emphasis on vocational training, reducing the number of years for primary education, pushing again the erstwhile quarter schools, which is too late to say the least, and has a lot of budgetary constraints, thanks to the proposed competency-based curriculum. We neither love nor hate Kiswahili, which Nyerere fought for.

Is our education holistic in the sense that it covers not just course work but develops creative thinking and logical analysis of issues at hand? Are the endless changes in the curriculum of any help for quality education in Tanzania? Are the mushrooming universities not like upgrading secondary schools?

Nyerere emphasized that for a university to play a significant role in society, it has to embrace freedom of thinking, freedom of debate, discussion, and freedom of publishing. It was through all these that students could develop their confidence and skills even when called for interviews.

A big difference between current university students and those who studied in the 1970s and 1980s is that in the bygone days, stu-



dents at the University of Dar es Salaam were academically competent and they used to discuss national, regional and global issues, particularly the liberation struggle because somehow, they felt they were part of the struggle and wanted to see the continent liberated from the yokes of colonialism.

Today's students are different; they do not discuss critical issues that face their society. I expected to hear discussions about the situation in Israel and Palestine, Somalia, the Ukraine and Russia war, and other issues of such nature. But what I hear from a good number of students I know are complaints whenever 'boom' delays a bit and stories of women queuing at a hospital to enhance their breasts and butts.

Should we argue that the students enrolled at universities nowadays are too young to think that much? This argument is weak because we see many young people of their age in other countries perform wonders in various sectors.

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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Bank of India (Tanzania) Ltd, join the President of the United Republic of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan and all Tanzanians in remembering Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere on [Nyerere Day](#)

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# An avid reader and keen listener with attention to detail

By Andrew Bomani

**T**HIS year's Nyerere Day comes a year after the Nyerere centenary; rather underwhelming it was to put it mildly. Thankfully, the most insightful book on him was released around the centenary to fill in the gaps. It is entitled '38 Reflections on Mwalimu Nyerere' and is co-edited by Prof Mark Mwandosya and Juma Mwapachu. They also have their personal reflections.

My choice of reflections begins with none other than Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, a close associate of Nyerere who most recently launched his own digital archive with officialdom.

A particularly appealing part of the Salim's chapter in the book for me was Nyerere's attention to detail. He notes:

"I came to know something else about Mwalimu's character. You did not go to see Mwalimu at his Msasani home with something to share or to explain without undertaking a thorough analysis of your mission. When I was minister for foreign affairs, I realised that it was important to know what was happening around the world. This was so because Mwalimu was an avid listener of world news, especially BBC news. He knew everything that was going on around the world. So, whenever you met him, he would ask, 'What's going on?' When I was at the United Nations in the USA, Mwalimu would come to my apartment and spend hours. He would stay until late in the night, listening to BBC news, Hard Talk, interviews and commentaries."

Veteran journalist Jenerali Ulimwengu makes it more interesting by revealing an unimaginable facet of Mwalimu's character as chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam.

"In July of 1971, the Student Union president, Simon Akivaga, a Kenyan, was sent home by the university administration headed by the vice-chancellor Pius Msekwa. The reason given by the latter was that Akivaga had written an insulting open letter to Msekwa and the administration. We rejected that justification and called a strike of the whole student body, demanding Akivaga be reinstated.

"A stalemate ensued and lasted a few months and, even after we had eased our boycott of school, we still refused to cooperate in any way with the administration. We reached out to Nyerere as chancellor, and he invited a few of us to his Msasani home. Led by the acting student president, E.A. Moshi, six of us were let into Mwalimu's home. We also found members of the university council, led by chairman Amon Nsekela.

"In a surprising move, Nyerere said he was interested in listening to us, the students, as he had already listened to the university administration. He said listening to the university administration had not helped him much because the council suggested that more students be expelled. After we introduced ourselves, he said he had heard some of our names on the list they had given him. I told them they were jokers for not seeing what the expulsions of only one man, and a Kenyan at that, had done to the university. And here they were recommending the expulsion of several more (and Tanzanians this time)!" That helped us get the just measure of what these bureaucrats had been planning for us, and it emboldened us to refuse to even look at them.

"At that meeting, he told us that though he generally disliked strikes, he liked ours because we were not demanding better food or living conditions. He liked that we were claiming our right to participate in decision-making on issues concerning our learning institutions. So, he said, 'I would encourage you to carry on with quest, though I must warn you, these people will expel you...they are powerful individuals, and they do not understand the importance of what you are doing, so they will expel you...but I say you carry on because it is a worthy cause...'

"The apparent contradiction in Mwalimu's words did not go well with most of us, but I understood it. There was no way a head of state was going to publicly give us carte blanche to defy authority, but saying he morally on our side was to me more than satisfactory. What was important for me at this juncture was that Julius Nyerere thought that our struggle was about the right issues. And that we should continue on that path,



notwithstanding the perils we were obviously courting. These were the days of 'Mwongozo', and some of us were really convinced of the paramount importance of having people participate in the determination of their lives.

"One clause of the Mwongozo of 1971 stated: 'Any act that allows people to determine their affairs is an act of progress, even if it does not good them more food or better health.'

"Eventually, the strike eased, a modus vivendi was found between ourselves and the Msekwa administration, which allowed some of us to graduate early the following year. Shortly afterwards, Akavaga was allowed

back on campus to complete his studies."

Ulimwengu goes on to say that "it is just possible that Msekwa failed to see the university as a world school where faculty could be sourced from anywhere in the world. Indeed, students had to come from all over East Africa and from the rest of Africa, indeed the whole world. In this narrow view, even Akivaga, a Kenyan, being chosen to lead the students' union was an aberration that had to be corrected immediately, and an excuse was identified to do so."

Any student of leadership will appreciate how the character of a leader is put to the ultimate test during the hour of his or her succession. Ambassador Ami

Mpungwe here shares an amusing anecdote.

"Visiting Mwalimu at Msasani before the 1995 CCM party conference, I told him...You have a very difficult task this year. I was told in 1985, that you were outsmarted. You wanted Salim, but nobody would listen to you." He said, 'No, no, no. CCM cannot outsmart me. CCM is my creation. Salim was indeed my preferred choice. Had I wanted him to win, I would have done so. However, I would have set a very bad precedent: an outgoing leader handpicking a successor. It would haunt you for the rest of your lives. That is why we proposed establishing a process for the nomination of a successor. The idea of a successor being a creation of an outgoing leader is not sound at all.'

Former PM, John Samuel Malecela, narrates in the book how he incurred the wrath of Nyerere.

"In a very unusual step, Mwalimu made sure he was invited to the central committee meeting. When invited by the chairman to address the CC, Mwalimu said, 'If Malecela appears on the list of the aspirants you will put forward for the consideration of the national executive committee of the party, I shall leave CCM and establish another party.' That was a very serious statement. In response, I said, 'Comrade Chairman, Mwalimu, I withdraw my name from the list of aspirants to be considered by the CC.'

Ulimwengu derogatorily goes on to say that, "in the end, after failing to get his choice, he was content with campaigning for Benjamin Mkapa. However, I suspect all through the campaign rallies he addressed, he carried this feeling that he was selling a second-hand product, not the genuine article he had intended to be peddling."

As a final word, failure on Nyerere's part gets an usual word of mention by Salim. This was concerning the fierce war in Biafra, Nigeria in the 1960s.

Says Salim: "When I was in India, I faced a difficult moment. Mwalimu recognised Biafra. In my view, recognition of Biafra was probably his only foreign policy mistake. His decision was out of personal conviction. To him, the Biafra case was a bona fide one because the Biafrans were treated as second class people. I think Mwalimu was concerned about persecutions perpetrated against Nigerians living in Eastern Nigeria. But his decision was misunderstood because he treated as a staunch Pan-Africanist. I was in an awkward position at the time because Mwalimu was seen as being a staunch Pan-Africanist."

This period and its aftermath is summed up aptly by Ulimwengu, someone who was intimately involved in Africa's liberation struggle from Algiers, when he writes: "Historians and commentators have long debated what led Mwalimu to decide to recognise Biafra, which went against one of the most basic tenets of the OAU. In fact, Nyerere himself helped to enshrine the principle of the 'intangibility of colonial frontiers' at the second summit of the OAU at Cairo..."

"Whatever caused Nyerere to walk back from his earlier position on colonial borders may never be known, since he never wrote his autobiography. But, what we know is that he realised at the moment when he took the step to make amends with Nigeria that the situation needed mending and that he took the step to mend it. In the process Mwalimu won a long-lasting friendship with Obasanjo, who had become his country's pre-eminent head of state and diplomat. The two set the stage for fruitful collaboration in search of solutions to Africa's unending problems."

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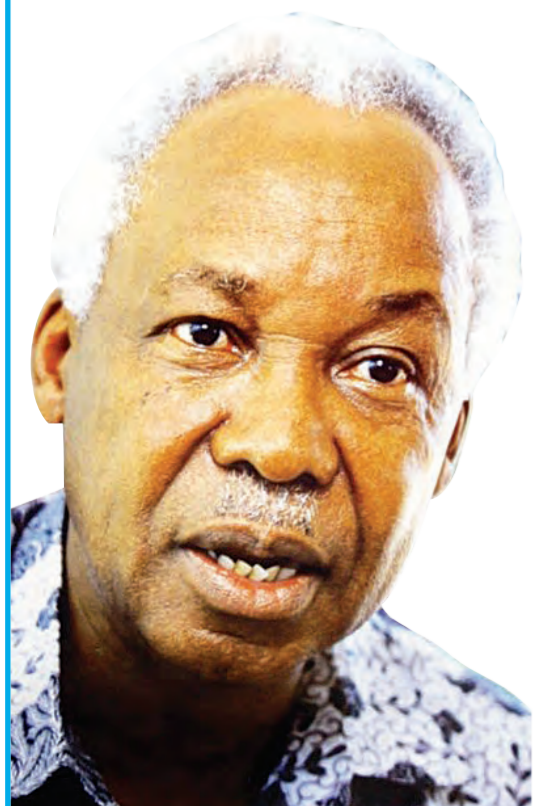
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# BUSINESS

## Food prices down to one-year low due to improved harvests

By Guardian Reporter

Consumer paid less to obtain food commodities during August this year, compared with July, following the harvest season in different parts of the country.

The market report by the ministry of industry and trade has shown that the wholesale prices for basic food commodities including maize, rice, beans, sorghum and round potatoes were less in August this year, compared to the period between May to July.

All key food crops, except finger millet, exhibited moderation in prices, an indication of improving food supply situation, credited to a good harvest in most regions in the 2022/23 crop season, according to new BoT report.

The wholesale price of maize, the main staple for both rural and urban consumers fell to 97,692/- per 100 kilo in August compared to 104,661/- in May and 100,292/- in July this year. The price was also less than 89,039/- recorded in August last year.

However, the report by Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS-Net) for August this year indicates that the prices are still higher than five year average.

According to Foreign Agricultural Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), the production of maize in 2023/24 was anticipated to increase roughly 3 percent to 6.1 million metric tons (MT) as more farmers switch to corn production in response to high prices.

As production increases, USDA estimates food, seed, and industrial (FSI) consumption to increase by 2 percent to 5.4 million MT in MY 2023/24. However, the consumption will remain below MY 2021/22 levels.

Post forecasts MY 2023/24 feed and residual consumption will decrease to 500,000 MT due to high prices and reduced demand in the feed sector and subsequent competition from human consumption for available corn supplies.

According to the report the wholesale price of 100-kilogramme bag of rice amounted to 247,078/- in August this year, less than 294,866/- in May and 252,907/- in July this year. However, the price was still higher



than 209,787/- recorded in August last year.

Rice production in 2023/24 season is anticipated to increase by roughly 9 percent year-on-year to 2.4 million MT as the area harvested returns to historical levels after declining in 2022/23 season.

The increase follows the government's initiative to support irrigation schemes in the Southern Highlands which has motivated more farmers to restore the area harvested to 1.1 million hectares.

In 2023/24 consumption is forecast to increase by 6 percent to 2.5 million MT as higher domestic production boosts available supplies.

The wholesale of bean also slowed to 258,703/- in August this year, compared to 279,833/- recorded in May and 264,633/- recorded in July this year.

The report also shows the wholesale of sorghum, went down to 126,492/- in August this year, compared to 145,815/- recorded in July and 142,708/-, while the price of round potatoes, mostly consumed

in urban area also slowed to 82,278/- compared to 103,741 in July this year.

Meanwhile, the stock of food held by the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) increased to 210,020 tonnes, the highest level since December 2021. The increase was on account of acquisition of 115,998 tonnes of cereals in August 2023.

Inflation is projected to remain stable and within the target in the coming months owing to ample food supplies, stabilizing consumer goods prices globally, as well as moderation of inflation rates in major trading partners, according to BoT.

In the past year, the main inflationary pressures have largely stemmed from escalating food prices, particularly within the unprocessed food category.

Prices of most essential food crops have sustained elevated levels when compared to the corresponding period in 2022, primarily due to heightened demand for food in some regions, particularly those bordering neighbouring countries.

## South Africa egg shortage: How poultry products became a hot commodity

Johannesburg

The country has been grappling with one of its worst outbreaks of bird flu - millions of chickens have been killed over the past few weeks, supplies of poultry meat have been threatened and supermarkets across the nation have run out of eggs.

Experts predict the egg shortage will cause the popular ingredient to jump in price - far from ideal considering it is one of the most affordable sources of protein for the millions living in poverty. Retailers, farms and industry giants have also been hit, with the nation's largest chicken producer stating the flu had "ravaged" a sector already burdened by rising costs and an electricity crisis.

In an effort to stop the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza - a deadly, extremely infectious type of bird flu - farmers have culled more than seven million egg-laying chickens. That amounts to 20-30% of the country's entire chicken stock, according to South African Poultry Association.

As a result, social media sites have been inundated with pictures of bare supermarket shelves, while many shoppers found that shops still selling eggs have set limits on how many can be bought.

Online shopping sites are no better - several consumers hoping to buy eggs on the web have been met with "unavailable" or "low in stock" messages.

No more cheap eggs

Domestic worker Nomalanga Moyo buys eggs every week in order to make muffins for her children's lunchboxes.

Her store of choice is a spaza shop - the term for a small informal outlet - in her township of Diepsloot. Here, she can buy any quantity of eggs - when funds are low, she is able to get just two eggs for about 2.50 rand (13 cents; 11p). However, this week, the store was totally out.

"I am now going to wait until I go to work during the week to see if I can find

eggs at the normal shops. However, it will cost me more," a worried Ms Moyo said.

More than half of South Africans live below the poverty line. They already spend about 35% of their income on food and according to the Pietermaritzburg Economic Justice and Dignity research group, this share will likely increase as a result of the egg shortage.

"Not only will consumers spend more for eggs but the rising price of eggs will affect all other food products where producers use eggs and other poultry products," it said.

Businesses have also been impacted by the flu.

In a trading update at the end of last month, leading South African poultry producer Astral Foods said the outbreak had so far cost it \$11.5m.

Astral said the flu has "spread at an alarming pace" and ravaged the poultry industry. The company also joined other producers in warning that South Africa could experience a shortage of chicken meat over the next few months.

Small businesses, which are less able to weather market shocks, have also voiced concerns.

"After baking scones for a client yesterday I was left with three eggs. I went shopping after to find more eggs but the price was too much for me," Zamapholoba Ngcobo, a bakery owner in the city of Pietermaritzburg said.

The shortage could not have come at a worse time, Ms Ngcobo said, as wedding and graduation season means cake orders are at an "all-time high".

But where there are losers, it seems there are always winners.

Ukulunga, a poultry farm in KwaZulu-Natal province, saw news of flu outbreaks in Brazil and Argentina earlier this year and implemented strict biosecurity measures as a precaution.

Nkululeko Ngidi, a manager at the farm, said: "When we started the farm we had to go out looking for business. Now that our farm is among the few that are free from bird flu, customers are looking for us.

## Drop in oil price reflects demand destruction - IEA

By Grant Smith

Oil's retreat from almost \$100 a barrel shows that prices climbed high enough to start eroding demand in the US and elsewhere, according to the International Energy Agency.

"Supply fears gave way to deteriorating macroeconomic indicators and signs of demand destruction in the United States, where gasoline deliveries plunged to two-decade lows," the IEA said in its monthly market report.

"Demand destruction has hit emerging markets even harder, as currency effects and the removal of subsidies have amplified the rise in fuel prices." International crude benchmark Brent rallied to a 10-month high above \$97 a barrel in late September, as Saudi Arabia and Russia squeezed supplies while global fuel consumption held near record levels.

It has since retreated 12 percent amid concern "that 'higher for longer' interest rates could slow economic and demand growth," said the Paris-based agency, which advises major economies.

Crude prices jumped on Monday as last weekend's attack by Hamas on Israel sparked fears of a wider conflict with Iran, a major oil producer and key backer of the militant group. The commodity has subsided again, trading near \$86 a barrel in London on Thursday.

"While there has been no direct impact on physical supply, markets will remain on tenterhooks," the IEA said. The agency, which can oversee the release of emergency oil stockpiles, said it "stands ready to act if necessary to ensure markets remain adequately supplied."

Despite the initial signs of demand erosion, world fuel consumption remains on track to rise by 2.3 million barrels a day this year to a record 101.9 million barrels a day, driven by China. Inventories are set to drain sharply this quarter, with crude stocks having drawn down by a "massive" 102 million barrels in August to the lowest since 2017, according to the report.

Next year the global market will flip from deficit back into supply surplus, assuming that the Saudis and Russia unwind their latest production cutbacks. The OPEC+ leaders reaffirmed their close cooperation in the oil market on Thursday with a public show of unity at a major industry event in Moscow.

Demand growth will slump by more than 50 percent to just under 1 million barrels a day in 2024 amid improved fuel efficiency and the growing popularity of electric vehicles, the IEA predicts. That will be more than satisfied by rising supplies outside the OPEC+ alliance, which will increase by 1.7 million barrels a day.

The KCB Bank's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyeny (2nd-L), represents 120 desks to legislator Kibaha Urban, Sylvestry Koka. The desks are meant for five primary schools in Kibaha District.

## Agriculture lending growth rate hits 52.4pc

By Guardian Reporter

Farmers, livestock keepers, fishermen and agriculture producers marketers have continued to receive highest consideration among lenders, with annual credit growth to the sector jumped to 52.4 percent during the year ended in August this year, compared to 42.6 percent recorded in August last year.

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) computations has shown that this is the highest growth of credit to be achieved by agriculture sector, backed by policy measures that were taken by the Bank to promote cost-effective credit intermediation, coupled with ongoing interventions by the Government to support the sector.

Agriculture is currently employing at least 40 million Tanzanians, contributes at least 65 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and a quarter of foreign exchange earnings.

In May this year, the World Bank also approved \$300 million financing for Tanzania Food Systems Resilience Program (TFSRP) to support 300,000 Tanzanian farmers, nearly half of them women, to adopt resilience-enhancing technologies and



practices to increase their productivity, while facilitating access to assets and services for up to 1.8 million more farmers.

The financing supports the implementation of three result areas under the government's wider Agriculture Sector Development Program II (ASDP II), include improved service delivery in research, extension, and seeds; developing resilient rural infrastructure; and strengthening fiscal performance to

enable delivery on priority investment areas.

Through the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) and other partnering banks and financial institutions, the government has also strategized enhancement of agriculture value chain financing.

TADB said in July this year that at least 1.6 million farmers have secured 518bn/- loans from the bank, since it was launched in 2015.

The strong growth has also

elevated the share of credit to agriculture to 10.1 percent of total credits in August this year, from 8.2 percent recorded in August last year, making it the only sector to record such growth over the last twelve months.

The BoT report shows that during the period of twelve months ended in August this year, the share of credits to other activities including personal loans, trade, manufacturing, transport and communication and other

services declined.

The share of credit to personal loan fell to 37.5 percent in August this year, from 38.7 percent in August last year, while those of trade and manufacturing fell to 15.6 and 9.2 percent from 15.7 and 11.1 percent respectively.

The BoT computations shows that the second growth of credit was recorded by building and construction, after growing at 30.5 percent in August this year, compared to 6 percent in August last year, followed by mining and quarrying activity, which recorded the growth of credit by 24 percent.

Credits to persons and trade grew by 19.4 percent and 22.9 percent respectively during the year ended in August this year, from 12.6 percent and 26.8 percent recorded in August last year respectively.

However, personal loans continued to constitute the largest share of the total outstanding private sector credit with 37.5 percent, followed by trade with 15.6 percent, agriculture with 10.1 percent and manufacturing with 9.2 percent.

# National debt down by \$728mn in August, says BoT

By Guardian Reporter

The national debt stock, comprising public (domestic and external) and private external debt, decreased by US\$728.1 million US\$ 40,574.6 million in August this year, in comparison to the previous month.

The decrease was attributed to exchange rate fluctuations i.e., appreciation of USD against other currencies as external debt constituted 70.5 percent of the overall debt.

Tanzania's Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) by International Monetary Fund (IMF) for April this year indicates that its risk of external debt distress remains moderate.

"Continued lingering effects of the spillovers from the war in Ukraine have marginally weakened Tanzania's ability to service its external debt," said the DSA.

"The economic recovery from the impact of the pandemic is undercut by the deteriorating global economic environment and shortfalls in rainfall. Risks remain tilted to the downside, while Tanzania has some space to absorb shocks."

The public DSA analysis indicates that the present value of the public debt-to-GDP ratio remains con-



tained at about 31 percent, well below the 55 percent benchmark based on Tanzania's debt carrying capacity.

The DSA results signal the importance of accessing, to the extent possible, external financing on concessional terms.

The DSA assumes that the GDP growth will gradually increase in the next 5 years, from 5 and 5.7 percent in 2023 and 2024.

"To maintain current fiscal and debt sustainability, in line with the IMF Extended Credit Facility (ECF)

objectives, the authorities should improve revenue mobilization and public investment management, including by selecting only investment projects with clear socioeconomic payoffs," it says.

According to Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Monthly Economic Review for September, the external debt stock (public and private) was US\$28,615.4 million at the end of August 2023, a decrease of US\$725.8 million from the preceding month.

The decrease was mainly attrib-

uted to exchange rate fluctuations i.e., appreciation of USD against other currencies in the debt portfolio while total external debt service payments during August 2023 amounted to US\$74.4 million.

The currency composition of external debt remained consistent with the previous month, with the US Dollar dominating at 67.6 percent, followed by the Euro.

The external debt stock composition by creditor remained the same as in the previous month and corre-

sponding month in 2022, with debt owed to multilateral institutions accounting for the largest share, followed by commercial creditors, says BoT report.

Much of the disbursed outstanding debt was allocated to transportation and telecommunications economic activities, followed by social welfare and education, and energy and mining.

Domestic debt increased by 720.1bn/- to 29,226.3bn/- in August 2023, mainly attributed by domestic financing through utilization of overdraft facility and issuance of government securities.

Long term instruments, namely treasury bonds and stocks, accounted for 77.7 percent of total domestic debt. Commercial banks and pension funds continued to hold large proportions of domestic debt.

During the August 2023, government securities worth 579bn/- were issued for financing budgetary operations, of which 443.7bn/- was Treasury bonds and the balance was Treasury bills.

Domestic debt service payments totalled 468.7bn/-, wherein 239.3bn/- was principal repayments and the balance being interest payments.

# IMF: Israel-Hamas war dims global outlook

MARRAKECH

International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel was "a new cloud on not-the-sunniest horizon for the world economy."

"In terms of economic impact we are very closely monitoring how the situation evolves, how it is affecting especially oil markets," she told a press conference Thursday in Marrakech, Morocco, during the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank.

The crisis is now top of mind as leaders of the world economy gather all week to discuss challenges that include poverty reduction, climate change and helping the poorest nations reduce crippling debt burdens.

"Geopolitical risks are the most significant risk for the world economy now," said French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire, including "the most significant risk for growth, for development and for common prosperity."

Europe's Weak Economy Faces Inflation

Europe's economy faces continued headwinds from inflation as well as the risk of an impact on oil prices from the conflict between Israel and Hamas, according to European Union Economy Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni.

"We have a weak economy, but we're not in recession, and this is mixed news," he said in a Bloomberg Television interview in Marrakech. "If we think to what we were expecting one year ago, we were expecting a worse situation than the one we're in."

IMF Working With Egypt to Set Dates for Mission

IMF is focused on making sure Egypt succeeds, Georgieva says in briefing in Marrakech. "Our discussions are very much focused on making sure that Egypt succeeds. We are currently in close engagement to define the dates for a mission, so we can make that progress I'm talking about," she said.

ECB's Centeno Says Current Stance Will Bring Inflation to Target

European Central Bank Governing Council member Mario Centeno said he's confident that current monetary-policy settings will bring inflation back to the target.

"With the current level of interest rates, we will be making a substantial contribution to the 2% objective," the Portuguese central bank governor told Bloomberg TV. "We will get there with continuing this monetary-policy stance, holding on for a while until we are totally sure that inflation is coming down."

African Markets Shrink as Investors Flee Growing Uncertainty

African capital markets are smaller than they were a year ago after uncertainty triggered by Russia's war in Ukraine, the steepest rise in global interest rates since the inflation shocks of the 1980s and currency depreciation led to investor flight.

The flight to safety pushed up the cost of debt and shrank the continent's pension assets, foreign-exchange, stock and bond markets, according to Absa Group Ltd.'s latest Africa Financial Markets Index report, which evaluates the financial development of 28 countries.

Bank of Korea Warns of Potential Oil Impact from Conflict

Bank of Korea Governor Rhee Chang-yong said any potential widening of the Mideast conflict that spurs oil prices sharply higher could weigh on the bank's growth forecast, but it's too soon to gauge the impact at this point.

"If this issue will go beyond regional and across the whole Arab region, then that'll have a large impact," Rhee told Bloomberg TV's Francine Lacqua.

Sri Lanka, China Agree to Restructure \$4.2 Billion of Debt

Sri Lanka and China agreed to restructure \$4.2 billion of debt, putting the South Asian nation closer to securing more funds from the International Monetary Fund.

The agreement reached "on the key principles and indicative terms of a debt treatment," constitutes a key step toward restoring Sri Lanka's long-term debt sustainability and economic recovery, the nation's finance ministry said.

Global creditors are increasingly at odds over how to level the playing field among lenders when governments default, jamming up efforts led by the International Monetary Fund to expedite sovereign debt restructuring.

Talks set for Thursday at the IMF's annual meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, between various groups involved in restructurings – including China and private creditors – are unlikely to produce any breakthroughs, according to people who will be attending the session.

# Tourism, gold push exports earnings to \$13bn

By Guardian Reporter

Export of goods and services amounted to US\$13.140.8 billion during the year ending August 2023, higher than US\$11.398 billion in the corresponding period in 2022, driven by services' receipts and non-traditional exports, particularly minerals.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) report shows services receipts increased to US\$5,613.5 million in the year ending August 2023 from US\$4,278.2 million in the corresponding period in 2022, driven by travel (tourism) and transportation receipts.

The rise in travel receipts reflects the recovery of tourism sector, whereas tourist arrivals rose to 1,686,024 from 1,279,211 in the year ending August 2022.

On a monthly basis, services receipts were US\$553.7 million in August 2023, compared with US\$438.5 million in August 2022.

The current account deficit also narrowed to US\$4,016.4 million in the year ending August 2023, com-



pared with US\$4,260.1 million in the preceding year, BoT report says.

Export of non-traditional goods recorded growth of 5.6 percent, driven by minerals, particularly gold, and coal.

Value of coal exports increased to US\$226.8 million

in the year to August 2023 from US\$82.2 million in the preceding corresponding period, owing to growing demand in the wake of supply shortages associated with the war in Ukraine.

As for gold exports, the rise was largely due to both volume and price effects.

Export of manufactured goods recorded modest growth, largely driven by fertilizers and glassware.

Export of traditional goods also increased to US\$808 million from US\$754.8 million, with all goods in the category recording increase, except

cashew nuts and cotton.

On a monthly basis, traditional goods worth US\$95.9 million were exported in August 2023 compared with US\$70.5 million in a similar month in 2022.

Likewise, non-traditional exports increased to US\$595.9 million from

US\$592.3 million.

Meanwhile, imports of goods and services increased to US\$16,502.5 million in the year ending August 2023 compared to US\$14,995.6 million in the previous year.

The main drivers are the white petroleum products, machinery, industrial transport equipment, fertilizers and service payments, particularly freight payments.

Import of white petroleum products, which accounted for 19.8 percent of the total imports bill of goods, fell by 5.2 percent, owing to both volumes and price effects.

On a monthly basis, goods worth US\$1,250.6 million were imported in August 2023, higher than US\$1,090.7 million in August 2022.

Services payments also rose to US\$2,457.6 million from US\$2,166.2 million in the year to August 2022, largely driven by freight payments consistent with the rising import bill.

On a monthly basis, services payments were US\$195.5 million in August 2023, compared with US\$234.5 million in August 2022.

# Coffee producers urged to promote domestic consumption

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIA coffee producers have been urged to come forward with viable proposals for promoting domestic consumption of coffee so that to promote the internal coffee market instead of depending only on the foreign market.

Speaking with the reporters from various media houses at his office here this week on the special 3-day coffee festivals of its own kind dubbed; 'Kahawa Festival 2023' scheduled from October 27 to 29 this year at the Tanzania Coffee Curing Company (TCCo) area in Moshi Municipality, the Director General (DG) for the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), Primus Kimaryo (pictured) explained that, the festival among many other things aims at promoting local consumption of coffee for sustainable markets.

He further added that, if local consumption of coffee would be promoted well, the Tanzania coffee producers will increase their income by having a well-built coffee market within and outside the country.

The Kahawa Festival event was at first started from 1st to 3rd October, 2020 at Uhuru Park in Moshi Municipality that went together with various coffee products exhibitions, seminars and workshops on high quality coffee productions, coffee research, cupping and barista competitions, among many series of ac-

tivities, staged to commemorate the International Coffee day (ICD) that occurs every year on 1st October.

In this year's Kahawa Festival according to the TCB boss, more than 87 coffee exhibitors from across the world will come together in Moshi Municipality to celebrate coffee and recognize the millions of people across the globe from farmers, baristas, coffee shop owners and more who work hard to create and serve the beverage we all love.

"Local consumption of coffee in Tanzania is estimated to be 7% while in Ethiopia domestic consumption of coffee is more than 60%, so we have to promote it our country to at least 15%..." DG Kimaryo pointed out.

Kimaryo further explained that, coffee is the first number one drink in the world after water, adding that though Tanzania is among the countries worldwide that produces high quality varieties of coffees, more efforts are needed to promote its local market instead of depending on foreign markets whereby if any pandemic like COVID-19 occur, the depending foreign market does not exist.

He appealed to Tanzanians to have a tendency of drinking coffee for a sustainable local and international market. The Director General of TCB, Primus Kimaryo said that his board in collaboration with other coffee stakeholders is struggling to make sure that Tanzania is increasing its production by producing high



Tanzania Coffee Board director general Primus Kimaryo addresses journalists on the special 'Kahawa Festival 2023' scheduled for October 27 to 29. Photo by Correspondent James Lanka

quality coffee that is suitable in local and international markets.

"I'm happy that today, we have different coffee stakeholders in this Kahawa Festival event from Kagera region which produces almost a half of

all coffees produced in the country," the TCB DG explained.

For his part, the Chairman of the Tanzania Coffee Association (TCA), Dennis Mahulu explained that, the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) in col-

laboration with Coffee Stakeholders has formed a joint committee with a task of organizing the best way to celebrate the event.

"The committee is composed of an individual from almost every actor in the coffee value chain. He added that, the Barista Competition has been organized specifically as a platform to advance the barista profession, recognize hundreds of baristas in the country and to encourage youth engagement in the Barista field," Mahulu explained adding that:

"The competition will be conducted for three days during the festival and it will involve more than 40 contestants," he explained. The TCA Chairperson further explained that, apart from barista competitions indicated in the Kahawa Festival Program, Cupping Competition will be one of the organized activities.

According to him, this will be the third ever official cupping competition in the country whereby all the cuppers around our nation participated and demonstrate their ability, speed, and accuracy in identifying different coffees basing on cupping attributes such as Aroma, Acidity, Body, Aftertaste, and Flavor," he explained.

The annual event will be participated by various different coffee stakeholders including the high rank officials from the Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI), officials from the Prime Minister's Office, among many dignitaries.

# 'China all ready to elevate BRI economic, trade cooperation'

BEIJING

Ten years after the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was launched, China will continue to work with participating countries, aiming to take economic and trade cooperation to a new level, a Chinese official said.

In an interview with Xinhua, Vice Commerce Minister Guo Tingting said BRI cooperation has delivered mutual benefits over the past decade, featuring deepened trade and investment cooperation, more abundant connectivity projects, and improved cooperation mechanisms.

"China's super-large market has provided important development opportunities for BRI participating countries, which contributed nearly half of China's total imports," Guo said.

As the major trading partner of over 110 BRI countries, China saw its total goods trade with all BRI countries reach close to 2.9 trillion U.S. dollars in 2022. China's direct investment in BRI partner countries topped 30 billion dollars last year, while BRI countries invested more than 20 billion dollars in China.

This strengthened cooperation has promoted the integration of industrial and supply chains and delivered more momentum to the construction of an open world economy, Guo said.

In terms of project cooperation,



the past ten years witnessed an array of projects that have genuinely improved people's lives, including the China-Laos Railway, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters, and the introduction of agricultural technologies such as Juncao and hybrid rice to BRI countries.

"These cooperation projects have helped BRI countries improve infrastructure construction, promote connectivity, enhance people's well-being, and strengthen their development capacity," Guo said.

Demonstrating the efficiency of project construction, the actual

turnover of Chinese contractors in BRI countries topped 100 billion U.S. dollars each year over the past decade.

Cooperation platforms and mechanisms have also been improved, Guo said. China has signed free trade agreements with 20 BRI countries, with the implementa-

tion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement creating the world's largest free trade area.

A total of 47 memorandums of investment and cooperation in green, digital and marine sectors were inked between China and BRI countries, and the number of coun-

tries participating in Silk Road e-commerce cooperation grew to 30.

A series of exhibitions, including the China International Import Expo and the China International Fair for Trade in Services, helped support businesses in seizing BRI opportunities.

**Building infrastructure** Infrastructure construction is crucial to BRI cooperation. Guo said China's construction contracts with BRI countries reached 2 trillion U.S. dollars in the past decade, and the actual turnover of Chinese contractors stood at 1.3 trillion dollars.

These projects covered a wide range of areas from transport to power and water conservancy, featured green development and emerging sectors, and helped improve people's lives, Guo said, citing some landmark projects including the China-Laos Railway, the Jakarta-Bandung High-Speed Railway, and the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway.

China also carried out more than 1,600 foreign aid projects in BRI countries, in the fields of education, health, environmental protection, and poverty reduction.

Looking forward, Guo said more efforts will be made to build more high-quality projects, improve infrastructure connectivity, encourage the integrated development of investment, construction and operation, and guide businesses to expand green and new-type infrastructure cooperation.

**Deepening trade cooperation**

China has signed free trade agreements (FTAs) with 28 countries and regions, including 20 BRI countries, Guo said.

In the past ten years, China signed bilateral FTAs with the Republic of Korea, Georgia, Ecuador and Nicaragua, and upgraded FTA agreements with ASEAN, Chile and New Zealand. The RCEP agreement signed in Nov. 2020 took effect in June this year for all 15 members.

China will continue to expand the high-standard free trade area network, work actively towards joining the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement, and push forward negotiations on more FTAs or agreement upgrades, Guo said.

## Renewable energy plays a crucial role, firm says

MONROVIA

Harnessing the potential for renewable energy and green hydrogen production, or replacing carbon atoms with hydrogen atoms in the energy value chain, can build peace and stability in Africa, petroleum company Conex Liberia MD Amitabh Prasad has said.

"By 2035, Africa can produce 50-million tons of competitively priced green hydrogen. The expected global demand for green hydrogen is 607-million tons by 2050.

In comparison, Africa's demand for green hydrogen and its derivatives is expected to reach 10-million to 18-million tons a year by 2050, but with a production potential much above that.

"Africa can export, after meeting internal demand, between 20-million and 40-million tons a year of green hydrogen by 2050. It can therefore consume its own production of green hydrogen and have sufficient surplus to export," Prasad emphasised during a presentation at the Hydrogen Africa conference, held in Johannesburg, in late September.

Further, the potential cost to produce green hydrogen was estimated at about \$2.50/kg by 2030 and could trend lower to between \$1/kg to \$2/kg by 2050, he noted.

The future energy basket would see blue hydrogen continue to play

a role, with an estimated 31% of hydrogen derived from blue processes and 69 percent derived from green processes, although grey hydrogen would cease to be part of the basket, he added.

An International Energy Agency study in 2022 estimated that Africa could produce green hydrogen at a cost of between \$1.50/kg and \$2.70/kg, and require investment of between \$450-billion and \$900-billion by 2050.

"Harnessing Africa's renewables and hydrogen potential will not only help to overcome some of the social and development problems in Africa, but is a good business case that makes sense," said Prasad.

Africa has 17 percent of the world's population, 20 percent of its arable land, but produces only 4 percent of global greenhouse gases (GHGs). African countries are vulnerable to climate change, despite not being large contributors to GHGs.

Key to unlocking the potential of green hydrogen is to ensure legal ease of securing land, of which there are large tracts, he added.

"The green hydrogen production potential in West Africa is significant, with a potential levelised cost of electricity of between €0.21/kWh and €0.5/kWh. This has the potential to change the social and political dynamics of the whole region.

## Nuclear initiative to decarbonise global energy

VIENNA

The International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) second Climate Change Conference, held here has updated, delegates on the Net Zero Nuclear initiative, and urged governments, industry leaders and civil society to cooperate in rolling out more nuclear power, to help combat climate change.

Net Zero Nuclear is a joint initiative of the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the World Nuclear Association (WNA).

The aim of the initiative is to tre-

ble global nuclear generation capacity, to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

"If we triple global nuclear capacity that gives us a good route to get us to the target of net zero," highlighted ENEC MD and CEO Mohamed Ibrahim Al Hammadi. "We invite you to join Net Zero Nuclear, sign our declaration, and spread the word to help us achieve this goal."

The leading industrial groups that have so far partnered with Net Zero Nuclear are Centrus, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, Terrapower and Urenco. More partners will be announced in the near future.



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9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:05 Shika Bamba 5  
10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi  
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
11:50 Kipindi Maalum: Kumbukizi Mwalimu  
12:00 Ustafiri wako  
13:20 Art and Lifestyle  
13:50 Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt  
14:45 Igzoz: Mizengwe  
15:40 Watoto Wetu  
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21:05 Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka  
21:15 Igzoz: Slay Queen  
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22:10 ITV Top 10  
22:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt  
23:40 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 Ai Jazeera

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8:00 Ai Jazeera  
9:00 Watoto Wetu  
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12:45 Mjuzi Zaidi  
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14:00 Tamasha la Michezo  
15:30 Mwanagaza  
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21:10 Igzoz: Mizengwe  
21:35 Kipindi maalum: Mchozo Supa Jackpot  
21:45 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
23:15 Ai Jazeera

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22:15 Mapiishi  
22:30 Soap: Uzalo  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 Music: The Base  
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10:55 Habari za saa  
11:00 Ripoti maalum rpt  
11:55 Habari za saa  
12:00 Ai Jazeera  
12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt  
12:55 Habari za saa  
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21:30 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF  
21:45 Chetu ni chetu  
21:55 Soap: Uzalo  
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22:30 Soap: Uzalo  
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23:30 Music: The Base  
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23:00 Habari  
23:30 Music: The Base  
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SATURDAY 21 Oct

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6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 Ai Jazeera  
9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:05 Shika Bamba 5  
10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt

13:30 Our Earth  
13:55 Habari za saa  
14:00 Shambani za Pwani rpt  
14:55 Habari za saa  
15:00 Meza huru  
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17:00 The Base  
18:00 Jiji Letu  
18:15 Mapiishi  
18:30 Jagina  
19:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon  
20:00 Habari  
21:05 Malumbano ya hoja  
23:00 Habari  
23:30 Music: The Base  
00:30 Ai Jazeera

SUNDAY 22 Oct

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
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7:00 Habari  
8:00 Ai Jazeera  
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16:10 Igzoz: Slay Queen  
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18:00 Jiji Letu  
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18:30 Rev rpt  
19:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
19:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon  
20:00 Habari  
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TUESDAY 17 Oct

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08:00 Al Jazeera  
09:00 In good shape  
10:00 Capchat rpt  
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt  
12:00 DW  
12:20 Jagina rpt  
13:00 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt  
13:30 In good shape rpt  
13:30 DW  
15:15 Albu yako  
15:30 Rev rpt  
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt  
16:45 Mizengwe rpt  
17:00 The Decor rpt  
17:30 Meza huru  
19:00 Eco@Africa  
20:00 Jagina  
20:30 Out & About Africa  
21:00 Monday Agenda  
21:30 Capchat live  
22:15 Telenovela: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt  
00:00 Ai Jazeera

SUNDAY 22 Oct

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22:00 Capchat  
22:30 Ai Jazeera

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09:00 Kumekucha Michezo rpt  
10:00 Meza Huru Rpt  
11:30 Tomorrow Today rpt  
12:00 DW News Africa rpt  
12:30 Our Earth  
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14:00 Capchat  
15:00 Out & About rpt  
15:30 Eco@Africa  
16:00 Business Edition rpt  
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## WORLD

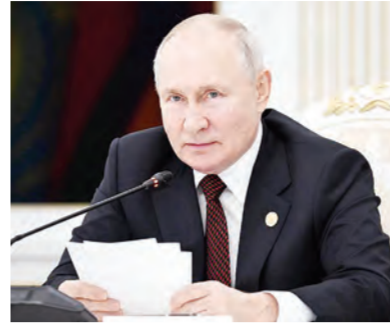
## CIS remains effective despite non-participation of some member states – Putin

BISHKEK

ISRAEL has been brutally attacked, but a settlement will be possible only through the establishment of an independent Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the CIS summit.

Russia proceeds "from the postulate a negotiated solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has no alternatives."

"The negotiations' goal should be the implementation of the United



Nations' two-state formula, which implies the creation of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem

as its capital, coexisting in peace and security with Israel, which, of course, as we have seen, has come under an attack of unprecedented brutality. Of course, it has the right to defend itself. It has the right to ensure its peaceful existence," Putin said, stressing that "it is crucial to work for resolving this issue by peaceful means."

"The way I see it, in a situation like this and in this particular place, there is simply no alternative [to two independent states]," he concluded.

Agencies

## Venezuela slams US sanctions as 'extortion and blackmail'

CARACAS

VENEZUELA denounced US sanctions as "extortion and blackmail" at an international forum on Thursday, as the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) adopted on the same day a new resolution condemning the negative impacts on human rights of unilateral coercive measures (UCM).

"It is a system of sanctions ... that sought to asphyxiate the Venezuelan economy to pressure the Venezuelan people to change their political course," Venezuelan Vice-President Delcy Rodríguez said during her speech at the international forum of the sixth Russian Energy Week in Moscow.

"The 930 unilateral coercive measures, that are illicit and illegitimate, are still intact against Venezuela," said Rodríguez.

She argued that the sanctions have caused extreme damage to the Venezuelan oil industry, which historically generates the highest percentage of foreign currency for the South American country.

"The impact on the Venezuelan economy is brutal," she said. Although since 2021, the country "has been experiencing a process of economic recovery and growth."

Rodríguez said that the "geo-strategic" targets of US sanctions have been oil exporters such as Iran, Russia, and Venezuela.

She warned that the strategy of sanctions plus wars has become the "central axis" of US foreign policy.

Also on Thursday, Venezuela's government welcomed a new resolution by the UN Human Rights Council condemning unilateral coercive measures (UCM) against countries.

"We celebrate that the United Nations Human Rights Council approved a new resolution condemning Unilateral Coercive Measures," Venezuelan Foreign Affairs Minister Yvan Gil said on social media platform X, formerly Twitter.

The resolution adopted at the 54th session of HRC is "a new victory for Bolivarian Peace Diplomacy and International Law," Gil added.

Sanctions unilaterally imposed on countries are "an instrument of violation of people's fundamental rights," said Gil.

Hector Constant Rosales, permanent representative of Venezuela to the United Nations Office at Geneva, said the resolution adopted Thursday is a "new victory for International Law."

The Resolution A/HRC/54/L.26 "Human rights and unilateral coercive measures" was submitted by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and was adopted by the HRC with 32 votes in favor, 13 against, and 2 abstentions.

The Resolution also extends for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights.

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## Israeli military warns Palestinians to evacuate Gaza City

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ISRAELI Defense Forces (IDF) yesterday ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the southern area of the coastal enclave ahead of a possible Israeli ground offensive.

"The IDF calls for the evacuation of all civilians ... for their own safety and protection," read a statement issued yesterday morning.

"You will be able to return to Gaza City only when another announcement permitting it is made," the statement said. According to the IDF, Hamas militants are using underground tunnels in the city to hide.

Israel is believed to be preparing for a ground incursion on the Gaza Strip, according to media reports and analysis.

Earlier on Thursday, the IDF chief said Israel seeks an end to the rule of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, targeting its senior leaders with days of heavy bombardment.

As massive airstrikes on Gaza killed three senior Hamas members and entered the sixth day, IDF Chief of Staff Herzli Halevi said the Hamas leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar and the group's leadership "are dead men walking."

The IDF said Israel would no longer allow the Gaza-ruling faction to exist as an entity with a mutual border. "Unlike other operations, we are seeking to topple Hamas," said IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari in a televised statement.

While Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, on Thursday vowed to "make Israel pay a higher price" if it carries out a ground offensive in Gaza.

In a televised speech, Abu Obaida, spokesperson of Al-Qassam Brigades, said the group would "activate options that will incur heavy loss of lives and properties if Israel dares to carry out a ground offensive in Gaza."

"We have strong armament that can provide an effective defense that the enemy has never seen before and crush its barbaric army," he warned.

Obaida added that his brigades captured enough Israelis to swap all Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli jails.

The spokesperson also called on "the Palestinian youths and all the living forces in the Arab and Islamic nations to mobilize on all fronts to join the ongoing battle against Israel."

Death toll

Also on Thursday, occasional firing of rockets at towns and villages in southern Israel continued, sending hundreds of thousands of residents to seek shelter.

At least four individuals sustained serious-to-moderate injuries, according to Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service.

The number of fatalities in Israel since the beginning of Hamas' surprise attack has reached at least



The body of a Palestinian woman is removed from the rubble following an Israeli strike, in the city of Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip on Thursday. AFP

1,300, Israel's state-owned Kan TV news reported.

Efforts to recover more bodies in southern Israel were underway, and, according to Israeli authorities, the identification process has been slow due to the condition of the bodies.

Meanwhile, the death toll from Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip and West Bank has totaled 1,569, while 7,212 others were wounded, according to the Ramallah-based Palestinian Health Ministry.

The ministry said in a statement that the number of fatalities in Gaza has reached 1,537, including 500 children and 276 women.

Moreover, residents in Gaza are facing worsening living conditions. The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) warned that food and water in Gaza would run out very soon, plunging the besieged enclave into "a devastating situation."

"We are seeing shortages of fuel, water and electricity. We are seeing overcrowded shelters," the agency wrote in a post on the social platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has issued a statement confirming its engagement with both Hamas and Israel in an effort to facilitate negotiations for the release of approximately 150 hostages who were abducted to Gaza days ago.

US support

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Israel on Thursday, pledging support and more weapon deliveries for Israel's efforts in combating Hamas.

In a live broadcast statement, Blinken said more shipments of US arms were "on the way."

Earlier this week, the USS Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group, including an aircraft carrier, arrived in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea "in order to deter any actor seeking to escalate the situation or widen this war," said the US Central Command in a statement.

A second US aircraft carrier is heading to the Mediterranean for a "long-scheduled deployment," according to the White House on Wednesday, while a US cargo plane carrying the first shipment of advanced weaponry had landed in the country.

Lambasting that "Hamas should be treated exactly the way ISIS was treated," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged the international



US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin arrives in Tel Aviv (Photo/ANI)

## Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin lands in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV

UNITED States Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday even as high-ranking US officials continued their reachout efforts in the region.

On arrival in Tel Aviv, Lloyd Austin said that US support for Israel was ironclad.

"Just landed in Tel Aviv. Today, I'll meet w/ Prime Minister @netanyahu, Minister @YoavGallant & other senior leaders to demonstrate that America's support for Israel's security is ironclad & talk to them face-to-face about their defence needs. We stand w/ the people of Israel" he posted on X.

According to a statement from the US Department of Defence Austin's visit to Israel underscores the United States' unwavering commitment to support Israel following the recent deadly attacks by Hamas terrorists.

Austin is expected to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant and members of the Israeli War Cabinet. They will discuss Israel's operational planning and security needs in response to the series of attacks launched by Hamas on October 7.

The Department of Defence press releases quoted a senior Pentagon official as saying "This is sending quite a clear signal of the depth of US commitment to Israel's security. What is quite clear is the commitment of this administration and our Cabinet to support the Israeli people as they work to restore security to their people."

Soon after the Hamas attacks the US increased its military presence in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea by deploying aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford Strike Group. It also increased Air Force

fighter presence in the region with the presence of Air Force A-10Thunderbolt II attack aircraft.

The US Department of Defence statement quoting a Pentagon official said, "The United States is unequivocal in its support for the defence of Israel and is sending a warning to any entity that would consider taking advantage of this conflict and this war to escalate violence. One word, quite simply, 'Don't.'"

In addition to increasing its force presence in the region, the US has also begun to send military assistance to Israel. According to the US Department of Defence Secretary Austin this week convened the 16th meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group and attended a meeting of NATO Defence ministers in Brussels. At the meeting Austin reiterated the United States' commitment to assisting Israel.

Earlier US Secretary of State Antony Blinken had also met with the Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and followed that up today with meetings with Palestinian Authority head Mahmoud Abbas and Jordan's King Abdullah as America looks to minimise aftereffects of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Meanwhile, as the Israel-Hamas conflict entered the seventh day the Israel Defence Forces called for an immediate evacuation of Gaza. In a statement, the IDF said that all civilians of Gaza City must move from their homes southwards for their own safety and protection and move to the area south of the Wadi Gaza.

The IDF asked civilians to distance themselves from Hamas terrorists who are using them as human shields. The IDF said they will continue to operate significantly in Gaza City and make extensive efforts to avoid harming civilians.

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Palestinians take part in a protest against the U.S. Middle East peace plan, in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip.

## Work together to broaden Belt and Road as 'path of happiness' benefiting whole world

THE high-profile third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation is expected to be held in Beijing. It will be not only the grandest event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), but also an important platform for relevant parties to advance high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Together, participants in the forum will learn from past experiences, draw a blue print for future cooperation, and lead Belt and Road cooperation toward better development. They will scale

new heights, enhance their partnership, and demonstrate their strength in coping with challenges of the times and building a global community of shared future.

Chinese President Xi Jinping extended sincere invitation to relevant parties at the 23rd Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. He said, "Ten years ago, I proposed the BRI, and on its tenth anniversary, China will hold the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. I welcome your participation. We

should work together to broaden the Belt and Road as a 'path of happiness' benefiting the whole world."

His invitation received warm response. Russia said the BRI conforms to the development of Eurasia, and the Russian side is looking forward to the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. Vietnam said it firmly supports the major initiatives proposed by Xi and supports China in holding the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation. Hungary said it would

actively join the forum.

As of the end of September, representatives from over 130 countries and multiple international organizations had confirmed participation in the forum. It fully indicates the international community's confidence in and expectation for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Over the past decade, the BRI has transformed from an abstract overall outline into a meticulously detailed blueprint, becoming the most welcomed global public good as well as the largest plat-

form for international cooperation.

By July this year, more than three quarters of all countries in the world and over 30 international organizations have signed Belt and Road cooperation documents with China. The BRI has so far established more than 3,000 cooperation projects and galvanized nearly \$1 trillion of investment.

Over the past decade, participating countries have sowed the seed of cooperation and jointly reaped the fruits of cooperation, achieving shared prosperity through

mutually beneficial cooperation.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Silk Road Fund have provided financing support for hundreds of projects. The China-Laos Railway has converted Laos from a landlocked country to a land-linked one. The Jakarta-Bandung High-speed Railway is the first one in Southeast Asian countries to run at a speed of 350 km/h. The Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway has boosted local economic growth by over two percent.

The fruitful outcomes of the

BRI fully proves that the "belt of development" and "road to happiness" for all humanity will deliver more prosperity to more people and constantly enhance the sense of fulfillment and happiness for people of participating countries, as long as it follows the principle of wide consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, pursues open, green and clean cooperation, aims at high-standard, sustainable and people-centered growth and continues seeking high-quality development.

People's Daily



# US House speaker nominee Scalise drops out of race

WASHINGTON

REPRESENTATIVE Steve Scalise, who Republicans nominated to be the next speaker of the House of Representatives, dropped out of the race on Thursday as the party failed to resolve its divisions, prolonging the leadership crisis in the chamber.

Scalise, the No 2 House Republican, had secured his party's nomination to replace ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy but was still short of the 217 votes needed to be elected on the House floor, as several of his fellow Republicans said they would not support him.

Republicans could afford no more than four defections as they control the House by a narrow 221-212 margin if they wanted to end the House's leaderless bout that has already lasted nine days.

"I just shared with my colleagues that I was withdrawing my name as a

candidate for our speaker designee," Scalise told reporters.

"If you look at over the last few weeks, if you look at where our conference is, there is still work to be done ... There are still some people that have their own agendas."

The Republican infighting has left the chamber unable to act to support Israel's attack against Palestinian militants of Hamas and pass government spending bills before funding runs out on Nov 17.

Republicans had been hoping to avoid a repeat of the embarrassing spectacle that occurred in January, when headline conservatives forced McCarthy to endure 15 floor votes over four days before winning the gavel.

## 'At a standstill'

Several Republicans earlier said they would stick with Scalise's rival Jim Jordan, who lost out in a secret-



ballot vote on Wednesday. Jordan has encouraged his supporters to vote for Scalise, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

While McCarthy was the first speaker to be removed in a formal vote, the last two Republicans to hold the job wound up leaving under pressure from party hardliners.

Scalise, 58, gained near legendary status within Republican circles by surviving a severe gunshot wound after a gunman opened fire during practice for a charity baseball game in 2017.

He also commands widespread respect as a veteran legislator, who has spent years in party leadership positions.

But Scalise also faces new health concerns as he undergoes treatment for multiple myeloma, a form of blood cancer, which some Jordan supporters cited as a reason not to vote for him. Jordan was endorsed by former president Donald Trump and appeared to be the favorite of populist minded hardliners.

Trump in an interview with Fox News Radio earlier on Thursday said he did not object to Scalise as speaker.

"Steve is a man that is in serious trouble from the standpoint of his cancer. I mean, he's got to get better for himself," he said in an interview with Fox News Radio. **Agencies**

## World will have to 'clean up mess' created by US around Middle East conflict – diplomat

MOSCOW



IN terms of the latest round of escalation of the Israeli-Palestinian tensions, the United States has "already done everything they could" and the rest of the world will have to clean up the mess, the Russian Foreign Ministry's official spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has said.

Commenting on latest remarks by White House officials, who said the United States was not planning to send its forces in Israel to participate in the conflict, the diplomat said: "I'd say, they have already done everything they could. Now, as always, others will have to clean up the mess after them."

Tensions in the Middle East flared up again after Hamas militants infiltrated Israel from the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian movement described its attack as a response to the actions of Israeli authorities against the Al-Aqsa Mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Israel declared a state of readiness for war, announced a total blockade of Gaza and started carrying out strikes on the Palestinian enclave, as well as on certain areas in Lebanon and Syria.

Clashes are also taking place in the West Bank. Over 1,500 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,200 have suffered wounds; in Israel, the death toll stands at about 1,500 and almost 4,000 people have been wounded.

## 'Today India doesn't ask for help, but offers it'

NEW DELHI

HOURS after a chartered flight with Indian citizens, caught up in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, arrived in the national capital, Union Minister Anurag Thakur yesterday said the Centre extracted countrymen from similar conflict zones over the last nine years, adding that the government no longer seeks the assistance of other countries in such mission but offers it instead.

As many as 212 Indian nationals from Israel arrived at the Delhi airport as part of 'Operation Ajay', yesterday morning.

The operation was launched to repatriate Indians from Israel amid the ongoing offensive in Gaza, which followed the multi-pronged terror attacks from terror outfit Hamas.

Speaking to ANI on Friday about the ongoing operation to extract Indians willing to return amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, the Union minister said, "Whether it was during the Covid-19 pandemic or the Ukraine-Russia conflict or the 'Arab Spring' (civilian uprising in Egypt), India has successfully one such mission after another to bring back every single citizen from conflict zones. We have carried out many such missions over the last 9 and a half years. Not just our citizens, we have also rescued foreign nationals from conflict zones as well. Today, India does not ask for help, rather it offers assistance to others."

Earlier, yesterday, the first batch of Indians from Israel arrived to chants of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Vande Mataram'.

With folded hands, Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar personally greeted the returnees. He also interacted with students flying in from Israel.

The minister reassured passengers of the Centre's "unwavering commitment" to the safety of every Indian overseas.

"Prime Minister Modi is determined to protect all Indians overseas," he added. **ANI**



## Higher interest rates 'important driver' of global debt growth, IMF fiscal chief says

WASHINGTON

WITH global public debt projected to grow faster, higher interest rates have been pushing up borrowing costs, becoming an important driver of public debt dynamics, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) senior official has said.

Global public debt went up quite a lot in the pandemic year 2020, and then came sharply down in 2021 and 2022 given strong catch-up growth plus inflation surprises, said Vitor Gaspar, director of the IMF's fiscal affairs department, in a recent interview with Xinhua in Washington D.C., ahead of the ongoing World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings in Marrakech, Morocco.

Despite that, global public debt-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratios are now higher, and projected to grow faster than in pre-pandemic projections, Gaspar (pictured) noted. According to the newly released IMF's Fiscal Monitor, total debt liabilities of governments, non-financial corporations and households in 2022 stood at 235 trillion U.S. dollars, or 238 percent of GDP.

The turning up of debt reflects slowing growth, rising real interest rates and budget deficits dipping further into the red, in part reflecting rising borrowing costs, as well as growing debt in major economies, the report noted.



"Borrowing costs are increasing for all country groups, and that has to do with rising public debts in many countries, plus increases in interest rates in almost all countries," Gaspar said.

For advanced economies, interest expenditures on budget are now 2.4 percent of GDP, compared with 2.1 percent in 2019. The trend is about the same for emerging markets from 2.1 percent of GDP in 2019 to 2.5 percent now in 2023, he noted.

"But perhaps more importantly, interest expenses on budget lag developments in market interest rates. It takes time for market interest rates to be reflected on effective interest rates for the budget," said the IMF senior official.

Although debt vulnerabilities and risks remain elevated, and fiscal restraint is a much-needed ingredient in the policy mix in many corners, the IMF's assessment is that the risk of a "systemic" wave of sovereign debt defaults remains low.

The Fiscal Monitor looks at the fiscal implications from the green transition. It argues that it is necessary to rely on a combination of policy instruments, including carbon pricing, complemented by that aimed at correcting remaining

market failures, as well as fiscal support for the vulnerable.

The private sector has a crucial role to play in a successful green transition, the Fiscal Monitor noted, adding that public policies should provide a framework that favors private sector participation in investment and financing.

"One very important instrument to provide incentives for the private sector to come into this area is that carbon pricing increases gradually so that investors have enough information to calculate the profitability of their investments. And that leads us to the importance of policy certainty," Gaspar said.

Noting that regulatory instruments are effective and important, the IMF fiscal chief said that firms that have set emissions targets or are in an environment where they face regulatory emission standards are likely to invest more in green technologies, in particular in energy-intensive tech sectors, or hard-to-abate sectors.

Citing Indian economist Raghuram Rajan's view that an easy and intuitive way of looking at global warming and climate change is in terms of per capita emissions, Gaspar said if we accept Rajan's premise, "one is led to believe that revenue-sharing of common mechanisms is a good way forward."

The IMF official praised China's progress towards a green transition, saying that the progress has been "impressive" in some areas.

One of the most impressive aspects is innovation, he said, and innovation in China is crucial well beyond the green transition.

"The transition to an innovation-based economy is likely to be a dominant characteristic of the new growth model for China," Gaspar said.

China is taking a worldwide lead in the area of solar technology, he noted. And in electric vehicles, and in particular in battery technology, it does seem that "China right now is defining the technological frontier at the world level," he added.

On China's fiscal policy, the IMF official said he thinks the challenge for China is to use the ample policy space to put public finances at the service of stability and growth, as it faces a number of issues associated with the adjustment of the real estate sector.

The other aspect has to do with China's transition to a new growth model, and public finances are crucial in these dimensions as well, Gaspar said. The extension of the social safety net in China will decrease the need for precautionary savings on the part of households, and so facilitate this transition to a new growth model in China which relies more on domestic demand, innovation and consumption, he said.

Commenting on the U.S. Congress' avoiding a government shutdown in a last-minute deal, the IMF official said "political brinkmanship" is not an element of a well-ordered budgetary procedure. **Xinhua**

UNITED NATIONS

## UN investigates misconduct by peacekeepers in DRC

THE world body is taking action against misconduct by peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), a UN spokesman said on Thursday.

"The UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC has taken robust action in response to reports of serious misconduct, including sexual exploitation and abuse as

well as assault by UN peacekeepers," said Stephane Dujarric, chief spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Dujarric said military police from the mission, known as MONUSCO, followed up on a tip that peacekeepers deployed at a base in eastern DRC were fraternizing

after curfew hours at an out-of-bounds bar known to be a place where transactional sex occurs.

He said the mission dispatched military police accompanied by conduct and discipline personnel to the bar to investigate. When the military police attempted to detain the peace-

keepers for breaching UN standards of conduct and MONUSCO's non-fraternization policy, the peacekeepers physically assaulted and threatened the mission personnel.

"There is also evidence indicating a serious failure in the exercise of command and control by

senior military officials belonging to the same contingent," the spokesman said. "The relevant authorities are being informed of the allegations, including a request to deploy a national investigation officer to investigate jointly with the (UN) Office of Internal Oversight Services."

# China's outbound investment ranks among highest globally

CHINA'S outbound direct investment (ODI) in 2022 reached \$163.12 billion, ranking second in the world, according to a report jointly released by the Ministry of Commerce, the National Bureau of Statistics and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange.

The report comprehensively reflects China's ODI in 2022, including the flow and stock, the country's ODI in major economies, the composition of outbound direct investors, and the composition of ODI enterprises.

The Thar Coal Block-I Coal Electricity Integration project in Pakistan operated by Shanghai Electric supplies electricity to 4 million local households. In Hungary, a server is being produced every minute on average in an automated and intelligent factory built by Chinese technology company Lenovo...

In recent years, Chinese companies have accelerated their pace of "going global," continuously increasing their overseas investment.

According to the report, China's ODI flow has ranked among the top three globally for 11 consecutive years, and accounted for over 10 percent of the world's total for seven years in a row. The country's ODI stock reached \$2.75 trillion at the end of 2022, ranking among the top three in the world for six consecutive years.

Chinese enterprises are now doing

business in over 80 percent of the countries and regions in the world. By the end of 2022, domestic investors in China had set up 47,000 overseas enterprises in 190 countries and regions worldwide, with nearly 60 percent in Asia, 13 percent in North America and 10.2 percent in Europe. Among them, 16,000 were established in Belt and Road countries.

"As evidenced by China's high global rankings in ODI flow and stock, Chinese enterprises are developing rapidly and strengthening their presence in the global market, and improving local infrastructure and creating massive jobs with their projects launched worldwide," said Yu Miaojie, president of China's Liaoning University.

By doing so, Chinese enterprises have promoted unimpeded trade, financial integration and people-to-people bonds, thus driving global economic development, Yu added.

Chinese companies are increasingly expanding their presence overseas and investing in a wider range of industries. According to the report, in 2022, China's ODI spanned across 18 major sectors of the economy. Notably, investments exceeding \$10 billion were made in areas such as leasing and business services, manufacturing, finance, wholesale and retail, mining, and transportation.

Green investment has become a major highlight. "In recent years, China's



A Chinese engineer (middle) takes Philippine staff members to adjust solar panel racks in a solar farm built by Chinese enterprises in San Marcelino, the Philippines. Upon completion, the solar farm will become the largest of its kind in the Philippines. (Photo/Yang Huoran)

outbound investment has maintained steady expansion, and the quality has also improved, with significant growth in the field of new energy," said Liu Qiao, Dean of the Guanghua School of Management at Peking University.

Statistics showed that new energy was the sector that saw the highest number of outbound investment projects in the power industry last year, accounting for approximately 58 percent of the total. Among them, there were eight solar power pro-

jects, accounting for 33 percent, with an investment of \$1.33 billion. Six projects were wind power projects, accounting for 25 percent, with an investment of \$519 million.

Chinese enterprises pursue win-win cooperation to assist other countries' economic development when they go global. The report said that in 2022, Chinese enterprises overseas paid a total of \$75 billion in taxes to the countries they invested in, up 35.1 percent. The total number of employees of these companies surpassed 4.1 million at the end of 2022, of which nearly 2.5 million were local employees.

In 2022, China's outbound investment stimulated \$256.6 billion worth of imports and exports of goods. Additionally, non-financial Chinese enterprises operating abroad generated \$3.5 trillion in sales revenue, a 14.4 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations International Trade Center, said at the 23rd China International Fair for Investment and Trade that trade and investment will revive the global economy, promote economic development and create more jobs in a sustainable manner, no matter the capital is to or from China.

China's outbound investment has maintained a sound momentum since this year. According to statistics released by the Ministry of Commerce, China's non-financial ODI increased 18.8 percent year-on-year to \$85.61 billion yuan (\$80.3 billion) in the first eight months of the year. In particular, Chinese enterprises' non-financial ODI in Belt and Road countries reached 140.37 billion yuan, up 22.5 percent year-on-year.

Meanwhile, the turnover of the overseas contracted projects amounted to 648.62 billion yuan, up 6.1 percent from a year ago, and the total value of the newly signed contracts was 863.34 billion yuan, up 2 percent from a year ago. **People's Daily**

The Guardian

## SPORT

## SBL partners Traffic Police to host 2023 Polisi Jamii Cup

By Guardian Correspondent

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL), through its flagship brand Serengeti Premium Lager, has partnered with Tanzania's Traffic Police to organize this year's edition of a popular football tournament involving motorcycle riders, termed 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup'.

The partnership represents a significant milestone in the firm's dedication to promoting responsible drinking and road safety within the community through a positive drinking campaign, dubbed 'Inawezekana'.

The SBL's primary goal with the 'Inawezekana' campaign is to raise awareness about the importance of positive drinking habits, with a strong emphasis on moderation with the notion that responsible drinking brings about safety, health, and well-being.

The 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup', known for its dedication to motorcycle riders, provides an ideal platform to reach a vital segment of society.

The SBL, the firm's officials revealed, is proud to join hands with the Traffic Police to promote responsible drinking and road safety.

Through the partnership, SBL aims to engage motorcycle riders and enthusiasts at all levels of the tournament, from ward divisions to the national stage.

Anitha Rwehumbiza, Serengeti Breweries Limited's Innovation and Marketing Director, said: "SBL firmly believes that responsible drinking begins with each individual... it involves making informed choices about alcohol consumption and understanding the far-reaching consequences of one's actions on the road and in the community."

She noted: "The 'Inawezekana' campaign aims to promote and encourage responsible drinking habits and road safety within our community."

## Dar NGO launches digital preservation of Makonde culture

By Guardian Correspondent

THE launch and exhibition of the project for the digital preservation of Makonde culture are slated to be shown on social networks including Instagram and Facebook through image filters.

A non-governmental organization, Onastories, in collaboration with the National Museum, launched the project in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Onastories' Director, Tulanana Bohela, said the launch involves the traditions of the Makonde tribe to promote its culture, especially facial tattoos and the carving of masks.

"We have, to start with, empowered 12 designers with the ability and knowledge of augmented reality technology to preserve Makonde's culture digitally," Tulanana, also the organization's Head of the Original Technology Division, revealed.

She revealed: "(We aim at) stimulating collaboration between cultural conservators, historians, document

The SBL official disclosed: "We are proud to partner with 'Polisi Jamii Cup' as it aligns with our strategic vision to ensure the safety of our consumers."

"The tournament plays a significant role in creating awareness toward responsible drinking and educating Tanzanians in general on different ways to avoid drunk driving," she added.

"It is not the first time to collaborate with the Traffic Police, we have done so before to reach out to our customers and motor vehicle drivers in various regions such as Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Iringa, and Dodoma," Anitha concluded.

Ramadhani Ng'anzi, Commanding Officer of Tanzania Traffic Division, disclosed: "The Traffic Division, through 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup' and Serengeti Breweries Limited, seeks to promote road safety, specifically by discouraging drunk driving."

Ng'anzi stated: "This collaboration aligns with our goal of encouraging motorcycle riders and all drivers to adhere to road rules and regulations and drive safely."

"Through the unique approach of utilizing football as a medium, this initiative enables motorcycle riders to compete from ward divisions to the national level, facilitating the discovery of football talents," Ng'anzi revealed.

The Commanding Officer insisted: "We are very committed to making our roads safer through promoting responsible behaviour and we eagerly anticipate working together to achieve these objectives."

The 'Inawezekana' campaign reflects SBL's unwavering commitment to corporate social responsibility and the welfare of its consumers and the wider community.

The SBL aims to, through the 'Usalama Barabarani Polisi Jamii Cup', create a safer and more responsible drinking culture.

collectors, and designers to ensure authenticity exists."

"(We also seek to) digitize Makonde's tattoo and make it accessible to preserve, educate, and connect to platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok," she stressed.

Elvida Max, the Head of IT Division at the National Museum, said during the launch that the project will maintain culture for many generations to come.

Elvida said that before the launch, the organization had prepared for six months to monitor the way the Makonde live and put the history on a digital system and, later, it will be stored in the National Museum.

The project is motivated by the loss of tattooing culture in Makonde society, the effects of technological changes in the influence of tourists in museums, and how technology can be used to connect today's generation with what the ancestors did via augmented reality technology.

## Simba SC relieved at CAF CL Group Stage draws, Yanga overly cautious

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

STILL smarting from a 2-1 loss to Ihefu SC in an NBC Premier League match in an away encounter, Young Africans SC (Yanga) had salt added to an injury when the CAF Champions League draws came out.

Not surprisingly, as the top side in last year's final Premier League standings, the team drew a recognizably tougher group, which goes to show that the groups are somewhat logical.

The top sides are drawn largely against one another, but there is a mixture of top sides that permeates the grouping.

This draw elicited reactions in city sports talk shops that Yanga had drawn an especially tough group and Simba SC what looks like a milder group.

The point of reckoning is that Yanga looks third at most in the group, behind Al Ahly and Algerian champions CD Belouizdad, presumably having a chance against Medeama of Ghana.

Simba SC has one North African side, Wydad Casablanca of Morocco, plus ASEC Mimosas of Ivory Coast and Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana.

The draw has largely taken the few smiles remaining from the faces of Yanga fans, as the pundits largely agreed that the Msimbazi Street side has ample chance of making it to the quarterfinals, while virtually all of them count out their rivals from such a feat.

Naturally, this aspect of the sort of groups that either side drew shall not be remembered at the end of the day, much in the way Yanga brushed aside that the CAF Confederation Cup tourney was dissimilar to the CAF Champions League.

Pundits and fans tended to agree that Yanga had won big, and Simba SC had failed.

Without any shade of doubt, the tables are being turned on the Jangwani Street side as their



Tanzania's Yanga winger, Ducapel Moloko (L), dribbles past Sudan's Al Merrikh defender when the clubs took on each other in the rematch of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on September 30. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

rivals, Simba SC, have a visible chance of proceeding to the quarterfinals while the domestic champions need to make a miracle to survive the Group Stage.

This much was audible when Yanga president Hersi Said addressed the situation, noting essentially that the Group Stage will be a learning event for the Jangwani Street side. No such reaction was elicited from the other side, just the coach spoke.

On the face of it, the draw looks bad enough for a Jangwani Street outfit but not altogether forbidding, as, at any rate, there were instances where they have eliminated a North African side, and the top sides there are comparable.

What seems a bit problematic is the whole issue of depth of the side, if they have enough of a reserve bench to stomach injuries and play at the same level, and more so, to practice some rotation and obtain positive results even in doing that. There are some difficulties there.

For one thing, it is in a sense that the Jangwani Street side is in the Group Stage to learn, that is, how far they have come as a side and to what extent can they compete with the best in the CAF Champions League.

They won their first real test, namely the home and away elimination encounter with Al Merrikh of the Sudan, and implicitly demonstrating that the side is ready for the real thing. Their win was a bit more

convincing than their next-door rivals, with a two-goal win at an away tie.

This led to a state of excitement, amidst anxiety for the technical away goal win for Simba SC over a determined Power Dynamos side of Zambia that nearly knocked the wind out of the top 10-rated ambitious local side gunning for higher honours in the CAF Champions League.

This scare led to some witch-hunting at the Msimbazi Street club ranks while officialdom made an effort to quieten the feelings of the fan base until the mishap with Ihefu SC cleared the air. The draw was, hence, a vital morale booster.

What is evident is that

a series of derbies will be engaged by fans and supporters of the two sides, as well as wars of pundits and attempts to make sense of signs as the two sides battle it out in their respective groups.

Chances that the battles will end in precisely the way they now look are high but not closed out as, in the past, either side has pulled surprises on precisely the same North African opponents that look formidable and awesome.

And even in their own countries they aren't always the champions, speaking of Al Ahly for instance, and even Wydad Casablanca, etc.

Yet it must be admitted that entering the Group Stage for two Tanzanian sides is already quite remarkable, but, in a sense, we have benefited from the turmoil and anarchy in Sudan.

Al Merrikh and Al Hilal are traditionally superior to the city giants and, even now, Al Hilal is at Group Stage having met weaker opposition, in part.

Had the country been peaceful like it was at the previous year's start of the CAF Champions League preliminary stages, Yanga could still have won, but based on a technicality in the manner of their next-street rivals.

This shows that the two city sides are good enough against any major side that isn't fully awake but, at the same time, the two sides aren't fully awake all the time, it could spell trouble.

The difficulty is who is likely to either have more trouble or be pushed to make mistakes— which comes down to square one, that a tougher group pushes one to extremes.

## Tanzanite Queens to face Falconets in 2024 FIFA U-20 WWC Qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi &amp; Agencies

THE journey to the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup has gained momentum as Tanzania U-20 women's national team, Tanzanite Queens, prepares to take on Nigeria's Falconets in the first leg of the qualifying tournament third round slated for November 10-12 at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Tanzanite Queens progressed to the third round after commanding a 12-0 victory over Djibouti in two legs of the second round.

In the first leg of the second round tie, Tanzania triumphed 5-0 and later on secured a dominant 7-0 victory in the second leg, with both duels being played at Azam Complex Stadium.

Next for Tanzanite Queens is a tough contest against Falconets, with the rematch having been slated for November 17-19.

Tanzania's Tanzanite Queens will undoubtedly bring their A-game to the showdown against Falconets, as the former battles for a coveted spot in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

However, Tanzania already has an appealing record at the Women's World Cup stage after fielding Serengeti Girls in the 2022 U-17 FIFA Women's World Cup finals held in India.

The country's envoys reached the quarterfinals and were too close to step into the semi-finals but they suffered a 3-0 defeat to Colombia.

They managed to beat France 2-1 before being locked to a 1-1 draw with Canada (1-1) to claim four



Tanzania's U-20 Women's footballers congratulate each other shortly after the squad had grabbed a goal against Djibouti in the 2023 U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers' second-round tie in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

points and then went down 4-0 to Japan and 3-0 to Colombia.

As such, this should be used as an encouragement by their senior sisters to make another breakthrough by qualifying for the Under-20 Women's World Cup contest.

The Falconets have a good history in this competition, having qualified for every edition of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup and finishing as

runners-up twice, in 2010 and 2014, narrowly losing to Germany on both occasions.

Their consistent presence in the tournament underscores their commitment to nurturing and developing young talent in women's football.

The path to next year's U-20 Women's World Cup, which will be hosted by Colombia, presents an enticing challenge for African teams.

Four slots are available for representation from the continent, heightening the competition and the stakes for all participating teams.

As the Falconets and Tanzania gear up for their qualifiers' fixtures, they aim to not only secure their place on the global stage but also inspire and empower the next generation of female footballers in Africa.



## Holdings Senegal draw Cameroon in Africa Cup of Nations group

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AFRICAN champions Senegal have been drawn with Cameroon at next year's Africa Cup of Nations finals while record winners Egypt will have old foe Ghana in their group at the tournament to be hosted in the Ivory Coast.

The host nation was grouped together with Nigeria while World Cup semi-finalists Morocco look to have a comfortable path to the knockout stages.

Senegal will play in Group C with Cameroon, Guinea and Gambia, who were surprise quarter-finalists when they made their Cup of Nations debut at the last edition.

Senegal, ironically, play against Cameroon in the French city of Lens on Monday in a friendly as part of their preparations for the tournament, which runs from Jan. 13-Feb. 11.

Home fans will bristle at the prospect of the Ivorians taking on Nigeria in Group A but will be confident they can ensure a top two finish at the expense of lightweights Equatorial Guinea and Guinea Bissau.

Egypt have won a record seven Cup of Nations titles and will be in Group B alongside Ghana, the Cape Verde Islands and Mozambique.

Egypt's last success in 2010 came at the expense of Ghana's Black Stars in the finals in Angola.

Morocco, who have only won the Cup of Nations once in 1976, were drawn in Group F against the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania and Zambia.

Next year's tournament will be hosted at six venues, including newly built stadiums in Abidjan, Korhogo, San Pedro and Yamoussoukro.

It was supposed to have been played in June but put back by six months because of fears over the rainy season in the region.

The third Cup of Nations finals with 24 teams after the 2019 finals in Egypt and the tournament hosted in Cameroon in early 2022. **Reuters**

## Overhead kick earns Venezuela draw against Brazil

CUIABA, Brazil

EDUARD Bello scored an overhead kick as Venezuela earned a 1-1 draw in Brazil in their 2026 World Cup qualifier.

Defender Gabriel Magalhaes headed Brazil ahead from Neymar's corner shortly after half-time, before Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr had a goal disallowed for offside.

Bello made them pay when he netted spectacularly with five minutes to go.

Brazil fall to second in South American qualifying after three games, behind Argentina who have a 100% record.

Argentina earned their third win from three games in Conmebol qualifying with a 1-0 victory over Paraguay thanks to a brilliant goal from former Manchester City defender Nicolas Otamendi.

The 35-year-old scored his fifth goal in 106 international appearances just three minutes into the match in Buenos Aires, via an acrobatic back-post volley from a corner.

Lionel Messi, who has been struggling with a muscle problem in recent weeks, came on as a 53rd-minute substitute for the 2022 World Cup winners and struck the post with a free-kick late on.

Uruguay, who host Brazil in Montevideo in their next fixture on 17 October, earned a 2-2 draw away to Colombia thanks to a late Darwin Nunez penalty.

The Uruguayans, now managed by former Leeds boss Marcelo Bielsa, trailed to James Rodriguez's 35th-minute strike but equalised through Mathias Olivera shortly after the interval.

Mateus Uribe restored the Colombian lead, but in the 87th minute their goalkeeper Camilo Vargas was sent off for fouling Maxi Araujo in the box, with Liverpool striker Nunez netting the penalty to earn a point.

Elsewhere, Chile beat Peru 2-0 while Ecuador won 2-1 in Bolivia.

All 10 teams in the Conmebol confederation play each other twice in qualifying, with the top six sides in the table reaching the 2026 World Cup in Canada, USA and Mexico. The seventh-place finisher goes into an inter-confederation play-off.

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# Everton: The inside story of a turbulent 2022-23 season for the Toffees - 2

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“There was a moment in training ahead of the Southampton game, which became a story in itself because of the board statement that came out,” she explains.

“It was awful weather in January and Lampard was sat on a football in the rain.

“I asked if he was all right and he just said, ‘yeah’. You could see people feeling sorry for him.”

Shortly after, a story in the local media appears saying chief executive Denise Barrett-Baxendale was held in a headlock by a fan at the previous game, while social media footage emerges of players Anthony Gordon and Yerry Mina being confronted by supporters.

Some fans asked why there was no CCTV footage of the incident with Barrett-Baxendale and Merseyside Police confirmed they received no complaint from the club about an alleged headlock.

By the summer of 2023, Barrett-Baxendale, the club's chief finance and strategy officer Grant Ingles and non-executive director Graeme Sharp had all left their roles.

On the podcast, interim CEO Colin Chong reveals: “It was hard for the board members.

“Some of the criticism received was unnecessary and probably inaccurate. The board stayed away from some of the matches because of a threat to their safety and spectators saw their absence as something else, when it wasn't.

“We had some threats made on social media, there were some harsh letters that came into the club. It was certainly not the majority of Evertonians but, as soon as somebody sends in a threat, it has to be taken seriously.

“Spectators or Evertonians' perceptions of why the board were prevented from coming to football matches, they will have seen that as a personal affront, but it was never intended to be that way.

“It was purely about security of individuals and any statement that came out of the club was never directed at the majority of spectators, it was just those one or two individuals who probably take things more seriously than others.”

One fan tells the podcast: “We need a complete revamp of this club. Everyone needs to go from the top to the bottom and we need to start from scratch because, at the moment, we are getting beaten by teams below us and deservedly so.”

The debacle of Lampard's sacking

On Saturday 21 January 2023, away at West Ham, chairman Bill Kenwright, Barrett-Baxendale and former striker Sharp are present, as is owner Farhad Moshiri who appears at an Everton match for first time in 15 months.

The result doesn't go well with a 2-0 loss. Only a handful of players acknowledge the travelling support at full-time and Lampard looks a broken man.

He is sacked shortly after but the handling of his



Abdoulaye Doucoure's winning goal on the final day against Bournemouth kept Everton up last season. BBC

departure is chaotic. The club begin to discuss Lampard's future in the hours after the game and thereafter news outlets - including BBC Sport - report that he has been dismissed.

There is silence from Everton and it is not until Monday afternoon when they officially confirm he has left.

Thelwell says: “We all wanted Frank to succeed and he did a very good job in lots of ways. He united the fanbase at a very difficult time. He did help us to do a great job in helping us to survive last season.

“Fundamentally it becomes a results business and if you don't start to get the results, then of course it's very difficult to keep everybody in situ sometimes. “We were desperate for it to work, everybody worked as hard as they possibly could for it to work.”

Everton Under-21s manager Paul Tait and under-18s boss Leighton Baines take training and midfielder Gordon is missing, texting in to say he is sick.

**On 30 January, Dyche is appointed as manager.**

The former Burnley boss is battle-hardened and details are provided on the podcast of how he insists on shin pads in training and no woolly hats, putting the players through their paces with a gruelling bleep test.

But the transfer deadline shuts with Gordon leaving to join Newcastle for £45m while Everton fail to sign a player in the window.

Thelwell explains: “The reality of our situation is January is always a very difficult window. Everybody is overpriced.

“All the best players are very difficult to get unless you've got the money to spend on those sorts of players and generally people don't want to sell their best players because they recognise they've got a long part of the season still to go.

“Of course, then we get to a position whereby we sell Anthony Gordon for what we regard as a very good fee, but it's very late in the window then so we have to make a decision about whether we sign a player that is available and we all like, which we did in three or four circumstances, but couldn't quite get over the line.

“We have a very good group here, some good players for Sean to work with. He was comfortable with the group he had, let's stick with what we have unless we come up with something that is better than what we have. We didn't find that by the end

of the window.”

**The Dyche-Woan dynamic**

The next episode details Dyche and his relationship, both on and off the pitch, with assistant manager and best friend Ian Woan.

Dyche and Everton achieve a dream start with a 1-0 win over league leaders Arsenal, to set Goodison Park rocking. He then gets to work with his players alongside Woan.

The pair met in the 1990s while at Nottingham Forest, shared a flat for nine years during their time at Burnley and Woan was also best man at Dyche's wedding.

Woan tells the podcast: “He's really good at kind of compartmentalising, working and playing. But he's such a down-to-earth fellow. We laugh about it now, but we were playing Arsenal at Turf Moor and we are in the flat on Saturday morning and I'm sitting there watching TV.

“I heard this noise in the hallway and I look around, it's the gaffer doing the hoovering. We just looked and I went, ‘I'm sure Arsene Wenger's not doing that right now’.

“Our youngest daughters are best friends and the eldest ones are good friends too so it is not just about him being a gaffer, the families are intertwined too.”

Dyche says: “The wins take care of themselves but the knocks are the ones where you need someone who gets what's going on - and it's nice to have a beer and decompress a little bit.

“I definitely want the staff to disagree, for a reason - and we have some good debates - but it can get tricky because you are dealing with mates. As a manager, you have to make a decision which everyone else might not want.”

**Club legend Coleman? Not for him**

The Merseyside derby against rivals Liverpool ends in defeat but a vital

victory comes the following week against fellow strugglers Leeds, with skipper Coleman scoring the winner at Goodison Park.

The Irish right-back is the Premier League's longest-serving player and has been at Everton for 14 years, playing more than 400 games and costing a mere £60,000.

“Club legend? Not for me,” says Coleman. “Because in my opinion, you have to have won something at a football club to be a club legend. I'll be someone that has played three or four hundred games forever but club legend, not in my eyes.

“I can go to bed at night knowing that I give everything for Everton Football Club and that is all I can ask of myself.

[Former Everton manager] Carlo Ancelotti rang me a couple of days after [the Leeds game] and said, ‘oh my God, what a goal’ and we spoke for a couple of minutes and he is someone I have stayed in touch with.

[EX-Everton boss] Marco Silva [also] texted me after, saying it was an important three points and well done on the goal. It is nice because when they are here I give my best and do all I can and want them to stay in the job as long as possible.

“They respect how much I have tried to do for them and it's great to stay in touch with them.”

**Fans' protests ramp up**

By the beginning of February, fans continue to be disgruntled and the podcast describes how a number of groups got together for a meeting at the back of a takeaway outside Goodison Park.

They come up with a strategy to get the board's attention by making themselves heard with protests before every home game until the end of the season.

Meanwhile, the club have been referred to an independent commission

by the Premier League for alleged breaches of the Financial Fair Play (FFP) rules, which the club robustly denies.

Losses have totalled £430m over the last five years and costs for the new stadium have increased from £500m to £760m, with major concerns the club could go bust if they are relegated.

On the pitch, they clinch a late draw against Tottenham but a loss at home to Fulham means they have collected just six points from a possible 24.

Supporters are now terrified the club's long, top-flight stay - dating back to 1954 - is about to come to an end this season, with one saying it is a “mess behind the scenes” and the “diabolical” showing against Fulham leaves the situation “fragile”.

In episode six, Thelwell says: “We are a big club and at big clubs, ‘enough’ should never be enough.

“We should always be striving for a higher standard and the bare minimum is that we should be competing for trophies, we should be competing for titles.

“We need to understand that is what the challenge is and try to get us back to that spot as quickly as we possibly can. I don't feel the pressure in that at all, it is a privilege to work for Everton Football Club.”

The side gain a point in a goalless draw at Crystal Palace and protests are halted to give the team a warm welcome for the next game with blue flares and chanting while the bus makes its way down Goodison Road.

The hope turns to despair as a shambolic Everton are thumped 4-1 by a rampant Newcastle.

**Survival brings relief**

It is now May, the final month of the campaign and, in episode seven, Everton have five games remaining to try to save themselves from relegation - they lie 19th in the table, but only two points

shy of safety.

They gain a draw at fellow strugglers Leicester, helped by Jordan Pickford's penalty save from James Maddison, before arguably the surprise result of the Premier League season as Dyche's men go to high-flying Brighton and win 5-1.

Everton then lose against Manchester City but claim a last-gasp draw at Wolves, securing their top-flight status in a nail-biting 1-0 win over Bournemouth on the final day through Abdoulaye Doucoure's strike.

Despite the achievement, defender James Tarkowski is in no mood for celebration.

“It has been the most difficult season of my career for sure,” the former Burnley player tells the podcast in the tunnel after the game.

“I have been in relegation battles as well, but this one has been really difficult. The performances of the players haven't been good enough, there has been stuff off the pitch that we can't control.

“When you say congratulations, I don't really feel like we should be congratulated because it has been a poor season from us. So today is relief more than anything.

“The size of this club is way beyond anything I have ever played for. That's no offence to the other teams but this is just something different.”

Reflecting on staying up, Dyche tells the podcast: “I remind them of the work in the week, made it very clear they are in a good place. There was no ‘Churchillian’ wonder moments. I've had a few in my time when I thought it was necessary, but on that day I felt calmness was the key.

“When Doucs scored - I have been around the game all my life and have played some big games - that was the highest level of volume I have ever heard.”

Following another struggle at the start of this season and a takeover from 777 Partners on the horizon, there are sure to be more stories told about this Grand Old Team.

Bould says: “Making this series has been an incredible experience and despite the level of pressure on everyone inside the club it was a privilege to be part of that group while they fought against relegation.

“It is hard to imagine without hearing the series just how intense it gets in that world and it is something I will forever be grateful to Everton for allowing me to be part of their inner circle, even when it was tough.”

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Gwiji by David Chikoko

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# Taifa Stars handed tricky 2023 Africa Cup of Nations group



Taifa Stars players are pictured in a training session at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently, as they prepared for a 2023 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' tie against Niger held at the stadium. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**T**ANZANIA'S senior national soccer team's head coach Adel Amrouche will lead the team to its third continental finals in three months, as the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, to be played in Cote d'Ivoire, gears up to its official launch.

Initially scheduled for June and July 2023, the Africa Cup of Nations was postponed to be held from January 13 to February 11, 2024, to avoid the matches taking place in the middle of the rainy season.

It represents the third straight AFCON to feature an expanded 24-team format after recent editions in Cameroon and Egypt.

It will take place in six stadiums- Abidjan (two venues), Bouaké (central), Korhogo (North), San Pedro (southwest), and the capital Yamoussoukro (central).

Tanzania's Taifa Stars qualified for this 34th edition of the African Cup of Nations by finishing second in Group F of the qualifiers with eight points behind Algeria which dropped just two points in six games.

Taifa Stars picked two victories, against Uganda (1-0) and Niger (1-0), and drew

two matches away from their bases, against Niger (1-1) and Algeria (0-0). There were also two home losses against Algeria (2-0) and Uganda (1-0).

The Africa Cup of Nations official draw was conducted on October 12 at a glitzy affair held in Abidjan where African football royalty in the form of Didier Drogba, Sadio Mane,

Achraf Hakimi, as well as John Obi Mikel were present as the draw assistants.

Tanzania has been drawn in Group F which will have Taifa Stars coming up against Morocco, DR Congo, and Zambia.

Morocco and Zambia are also part of Tanzania's qualifying group for the 2026 World Cup.

Morocco, which stunned Belgium, Spain, and Portugal en route to becoming the first-ever African nation to reach a World Cup semi-final last December, will visit Tanzania on November 20 for the 2026 World Cup qualifiers.

Amrouche and his charges will play their group stage matches in the town of San-Pedro, 350 km from Abidjan.

They will play on the fifth day of the tournament, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. as they take on 2022 World Cup semi-finalist, Morocco, a side they have faced in four previous encounters.

Three days later, they will take on neighbours Zambia on January 21 before concluding their games on January 24 with DR Congo.

Group winners, runners-up, and the best four third-placed teams will advance to the round of 16.



Hassan Mwakinyo

## Hassan Mwakinyo still eligible to fight outside Tanzania

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ALBEIT Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC) has banned the country's boxer Hassan Mwakinyo, but the laws of the game still allow the boxer to take the ring elsewhere.

Chaurembo Palasa, TPBRC president, said if Mwakinyo decides to use another country's boxing permit, he will violate the rules and action will be taken against him.

Mwakinyo is currently banned for one year and a 1m/- ban that is already in exercise until next year.

The national boxing icon is allowed to appeal against his ban within seven days of the decision.

However, the punishment would not deter PAF, the boxing promotion firm which conflicts with Mwakinyo for his refusal to honour his contract with the firm, from pursuing more legal action against the pugilist.

His suspension came when he refused to fight Julius Indongo of Namibia in Dar es Salaam on September 29, whereby, the promoter claimed Mwakinyo had breached the contract.

However, The Guardian understands the impact of the suspension might only be felt domestically but he is eligible to fight internationally.

Cited examples, that could be likened to Mwakinyo's issue, include the one that had Harrison Nee Lampety of Ghana facing a ban from his country's boxing commission and acquiring a Tanzania boxing permit that made him eligible to fight in Russia.

Since boxing is essentially a business, Mwakinyo could pursue an international license without any repercussions from the TPBRC.

Palasa previously highlighted that the local boxing governing body remains vigilant and would enforce further penalties on Mwakinyo if he employs further tactics.

Mwakinyo pointed out that at the moment he would like to thank his fans and water off the anxiety because he will make his official statement within the seven days given to him to appeal against his ban.

The outspoken boxer revealed: "I would not like to talk about it now, but I ask my fans to be calm since they have not accepted the ban."

The boxer pointed out: "It's not something I can talk about right now, they will get answers before the seven days given to appeal."

## Kopunovic urges Tabora United to maintain form in Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TABORA United head coach Goran Kopunovic has urged his players to maintain their impressive form when this season's NBC Premier League resumes on October 25.

The Serbian tactician has seen the Tabora-based side collect eight points in five league matches.

The league debutant finds itself in sixth position after enjoying a good start to the season, with only one loss in the opening match against Azam FC that ended after 14 minutes.

Kopunovic has been elated by his players' efforts to excel on the pitch as he now aims for more emphasis on his offensive transition, defensive compactness, and more control of the ball.

So far statistic-wise, the Tabora club has allowed only four goals from two wins and two goalless draws in the side's last four fixtures which had it showcasing attacking football.

Mashujaa FC, one of the other two promoted teams this season, is equally making a debut in the top flight.

JKT Tanzania which returned to the top flight football after a long spell in the Championship League, has as well secured promotion to the Premier League. The trio is separated from each other by one point in the league standing.



Tabora United's head coach, Goran Kopunovic.

Tabora United is level with Mashujaa FC on points, with both securing eight points, but the former has a better goal difference of -1 while JKT Tanzania has amassed seven

points in the league log.

The former Simba SC head coach noted despite his current squad being in fine form, sitting sixth on the league log, there is a need to work on the defensive

area.

The Serbian revealed there is a need for him to start strengthening the team from the midfield to the defensive area because there are too

many annoying mistakes being made and may it cost the team when the league resumes.

"I like how we are improving but it is not easy in these matches, seeing my team coming from behind creating chances, and winning a match shows how the players have understood our philosophies, I like how we play calmly and how we stretch teams and attack fast," Kopunovic noted.

"We have been allowing easy goals their times out players lose concentration due to the luxury we have on the ball, I need to address this so as we can strengthen our defensive unit."

Kopunovic said it is important for his squad to pick many points at the beginning of the league before things change as he feels that ups and downs in the next 25 games are an obvious outcome.

He revealed: "We have to collect as many points as possible, something that is very possible in the league, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC is our next match, a good side that is well trained."

"I believe as we keep strengthening our squad we will have better results going forward," the Serbian gaffer pointed out.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

