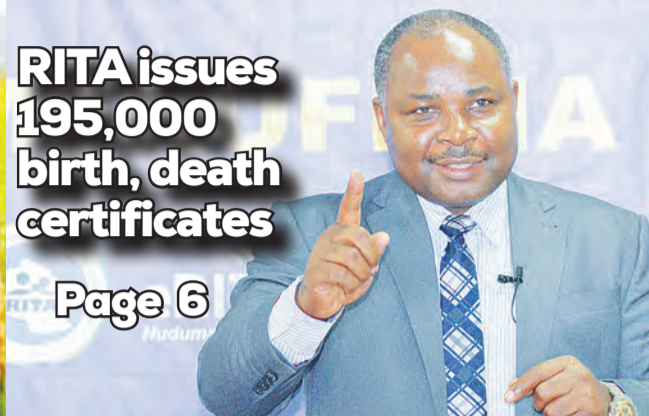




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People set to be involved in the updating of the Permanent Voters' Register at the polling station level in Shinyanga municipality take the oath of allegiance and confidentiality before Shinyanga Municipal Council's assistant registration officer, Charles Kafutula, yesterday. They were just through two-day training held in readiness for the updating, scheduled to take place in Shinyanga and Mwanza regions from August 21 to 27. Photo: Independent National Electoral Commission

● Targeting local residents, members of Indian Diaspora

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Indian High Commission in Dar es Salaam has said it is embarking on a marathon run of cross-country consular camps. Bishwadip Dey, the high commissioner, said here over the weekend that the diplomatic mission expects to organize up to six consular camps annually to engage parts of the communities having significant interests in the south Asian country. The incoming envoy said that as he takes up his duties, he "intends to travel across various regions and engage more proactively with local residents," to bring the diplomatic mission closer to Tanzanians and the Indian Diaspora outside Dar es Salaam.

Kalakendra, the envoy said that the first such consular camp shall be organized in Tanga next month, with the Kalakendra night cultural performance tying up with the 78th anniversary of Indian independence. The night was first observed in Dar es Salaam, followed by Arusha and expected to be staged in Zanzibar as well, he said, in the presence of Emmanuela Kaganda, the Arumeru district commissioner who graced the occasion. The DC said that apart from the usual trade and commercial cooperation, India has remained the most reliable partner for local higher education aspirations. There are thousands of young Tanzanians studying in India by private arrangements, in addition to a big number of others obtaining scholarships extended

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TRA: Uplift tax advisory committees

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has urged heads of regional administration to strengthen districts tax advisory committees for effectiveness in addressing tax-related conflicts. Yusuph Mwenda, the TRA commissioner general, issued this appeal here over the weekend at a familiarisation visit with local business leaders and regional officials. He emphasised TRA's readiness to assist in enabling the committees to function effectively, enhancing revenue collection and sorting out taxpayer compliance disputes. Regional leaders need to supervise closely to ensure that the committees are effective in supervising tax collections in their areas of jurisdictions, he stated.

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Kizimkazi festival starts, Mwinnyi targets tourists

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE KIZIMKAZI Festival offers a valuable opportunity for Unguja South Region to enhance its appeal as a leading tourism destination, Zanzibar authorities believe. President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinnyi made this remark at the launch of the 2024 Kizimkazi Festival here yesterday, affirming that it has a role in transforming the economy.

The week-long festival plays

a significant role in providing an addition attraction for tourists visiting Zanzibar during the northern summer, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan expected to grace the closing ceremony.

To boost tourist numbers, the government has created special events to draw visitors, improving existing attractions like usable caves, beach outlays and unique wildlife, he said.

Zanzibar's rich cultural heritage and historic buildings, plus

ancient religious sites like the Kizimkazi mosque are key factors in attracting international visitors, he said, urging greater engagement by the Unguja South Region authorities.

They can work with the local community and public institutions to further enrich the festival, marketing this event domestically and outside, he said, praising residents in the district for valuing the festival.

He said they had taken up opportunities associated with

the event each year, while the regional leadership can use the festival as a platform to showcase investment opportunities.

"Promote investment opportunities in your region," he said, pointing at extensive potential for marine investments so that these resources can be effectively utilised for the benefit of the people and boost government revenues.

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Digital health: Z'bar hires two firms for networking services

By Rahma Suleiman, Zanzibar

DIGITAL applications will be more available in due course in the provision of health services in Zanzibar following the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Tancloud Co. Ltd, a local cloud computing firm and Electronic Health Network, a UK firm, to build digital networks in the Zanzibar health sector.

Nassor Ahmed Mazrui, the Zanzibar Health minister, said

after signing the agreement here over the weekend, that this arrangement is meant to modernise and effectively provide online health services country-wide.

With the networking system, Zanzibar residents will receive prompt medical attention tailored to their health needs, a move promising significant benefit for the community.

He pointed at a range of reforms expected further improve health sector services,

with intent to make the noted tourist destination also a hub for medical visitations from across East Africa.

The major focus is to enhance investments in quality infrastructure and competent medical staff to facilitate the provision of quality health services, he said, outlining government objectives of aligning the services with wider regional and international standards.

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Simba Sports Club part ways with striker Freddy Kouablan





President Samia Suluhu Hassan and other heads of state and government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) pose for a photo during their 44th Ordinary Summit held in Harare, Zimbabwe, on Saturday. Photo: State House

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He picked the Indian example as a sector role model, where the government also seeks to provide equivalent care for residents opting to seek medical care outside Zanzibar.

With the changes, Zanzibaris will have far less need to seek medical treatment abroad, while also seeking to attract people in the neighbourhood to consider Zanzibar for upgraded medical care, he said.

The government will ensure health protection for the vast majority of people "and everyone should understand that their health is their investment because, without health, there is no investment," he stated.

Zanzibar will be recognised as a centre of health investment, he said, projecting that shortly there will be significant changes in healthcare services, "transforming the provision of health services for everyone to receive reliable care promptly, satisfied with the services they receive."

He discounted assertions on the role of the private sector, affirming that the government has not privatized health services in district, regional or referral hospitals. Instead, it is collaborating with the private sector to enhance hospital management and improve efficiency, he explained.

plained.

Many people prefer seeking private hospital services, often spending substantial amounts of money while those who cannot afford such costs rely on donations, he said.

The government compensates the private sector for providing treatment in government hospitals at no cost to patients, he said, stressing that this initiative reflects compassion on the part of health authorities under the leadership of President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

Patients receive free treatment while the government reimburses the private sector institutions involved for their services, the minister noted, saying of the agreements as aiming to introduce modern technology in hospitals and health centres.

This includes systems for drug procurement and distribution, where Dr Sumeya Okod, the Tancloud Co. Ltd director, stating that the firm is prepared to provide top-notch technology, efficiently aligning with the ministry's objectives.

The six-year agreement is valued at over \$170m, where the primary focus will be on utilising advanced digital technology to enhance healthcare services, she added.

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by the Indian authorities, she stated.

India has been at forefront in assisting Tanzania in the field of medicine, she stated, with Kalakendra events coordinator in Arusha, Jayesh Chandra noting the Indian Cultural Association in the region engaged in humanitarian projects to mark the anniversary.

"As part of our charity activities, this year we built a kitchen for Olorien primary school which, holding 850 pupils," he said, projecting similar project for a needy school in consultation with the authorities next

year. The India Cultural Centre, apart from promoting cultural exchanges, has been assisting hundreds of people in acquiring visas as overseas citizens of India, passport renewals and other consular services, he said.

The centre worked with the High Commission to organize a consular camp, the International Day of Yoga, aided in a business symposium and aptitude test for aspirants to study at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

The first IIT overseas campus based in Madras was inaugurated in Zanzibar back in November, as well as water projects funded by the Indian Line of Credit (LOC) also inaugurated in Zanzibar.

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Tanzania Revenue Authority commissioner general Yusuph Mwenda (standing-R) and China's Customs Authority minister Yu Jianhua pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend witnessing the signing of agreements on the promotion and consolidation of relations between Tanzania and China in customs matters. Photo: Correspondent MirajiMsaia

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He cited Mara Region as pivotal in tax collection both from its economic activities and busy Sirari border post, servicing trade flows with Kenya and Uganda.

Tax advisory committees relate to TRA's broader strategy to improve tax collection through enhanced taxpayer education, curbing smuggling as part of combating tax evasion, he said.

TRA expects to improve tax collection by enhanced taxpayer education and control of smuggling, ensuring compliance while preventing illegal tax practices, he elaborated.

Col. Evans Mtambi, the regional commissioner, said at the event that businesses often struggle after their founders pass away or there is a policy shifts, explaining the gaps as arising from a lack of business education.

Urged TRA to find friendly ways to support business growth, he said the agency needs to explore ways to provide business education, build a solid foundations for enterprises to ensure their sustainability. This will prevent frequent enterprise closures which impacts on government revenues, the administrator intimated.

A more workable procedure for delivery and maintenance of electronic fiscal devices (EFDs) would ensure their constant availability, quick repair if damaged, helping to reduce loopholes for bribes and tax evasion, he said.

TRA also needs to closely monitor tax payments in small-scale mining operations to ensure comprehensive government revenue collection, while polishing its strategies to address the smuggling of minerals.

"I commend the TRA staff at the Sirari Customs Post for their efforts in combating smuggling," the RC stated, vowing greater liaisons between the regional security committee with anti-smuggling initiatives at the border post.

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Private sector investors, particularly hotel operators could collaborate with the government in improving visitor facilitation, itself an aspect of the government's development goals.

Increasing tourist numbers contributes to national revenue via taxes and fees, creating employment opportunities for Zanzibar youth, he pointed out, assuring investors that the government remains committed to facilitating investment activities.

The key spheres are tourism, industry and commerce, he asserted, while Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Union state minister for Regional Administration and Local Governments in the President's Office (PO-RALG) urges cross channel efforts.

He said that officials in the Mainland and Zanzibar need to liaise on development efforts across various sectors, to leave a lasting impact for current and future generations. He praised President Mwinyi's efforts in education, health, road infrastruc-

ture and water as projects directly touching lives of the people.

Hindi Juma Ramadhan, the Kizimkazi Festival committee secretary, said that despite achievements recorded since the festival's inception eight years ago, Kizimkazi

village faces challenges such as inadequate clean and safe water services, limited electricity and a shortage of health care employees. Other challenges include land disputes between residents and investors while moral decay bites as well, he added.

India's 78th Independence Day: Govt for stronger ties

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has assured India of its commitment to enhancing bilateral relations across various sectors, including trade, in order to boost foreign exchange and create additional investment opportunities for mutual benefit.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports, made the statement in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the celebrations to mark India's 78th Independence Day held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC).

The event was attended by various envoys representing their countries in Tanzania, Members of Parliament, leaders from various institutions and members of the Indian diaspora.

Dr Ndumbaro said that India remains a crucial trade partner for Tanzania, with trade volumes between the countries having risen significantly.

The minister commended the Indian government for its ongoing support to Tanzania in sectors such as water and education.

He highlighted a notable project from 2022, where six Indian companies signed a contract for a \$5 million, a water development initiative, set to provide

clean and safe water to over four million people upon completion.

Bishwadip Dey, Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, said that bilateral relations have reached a significant milestone, further strengthened by President Samia Suluhu Hassan's visit to India in October, last year.

He noted that trade between the countries has surged, with trade volume reaching \$7.9 billion in 2023, according to available statistics.

Dey also mentioned the visit of three Indian naval ships to Tanzania this year, which participated in joint naval exercises with the Tanzanian Navy, underscoring the robust nature of security partnership.

Reflecting on India's Independence Day, Dey said: "India gained independence on August 15, 1947, and has since made remarkable progress in various sectors. Today, India is the world's fifth-largest economy and one of the fastest-growing."

He added that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visionary leadership, India aims to become a developed nation by 2047 and is committed to empowering its citizens to achieve self-reliance.



Joseph Mwakipesile (2nd-L), a green garnet mining site owner at Lemshuku in Simanjiro District, briefs Minerals minister Anthony Mavunde (C, in green cap) late last week on challenges related to water, electricity and state of roads facing the mining area. To the minister's left is Simanjiro constituency legislator Christopher ole Sendeka and left is Simanjiro mining officer Nchagwa Chacha Marwa. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

ICT experts urge Tanzanians to embrace digital economy

By Guardian Reporter

THE government through Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) ICT Working Group has called on Tanzanians to get prepared for implementation of a digital economy plan to smoothly align with global demands driving economic transformation.

Mohamed Abdulla, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology who is TNBC working Group Chairman, has said that embracing digital technology would significantly drive economic

growth and stimulate rapid growth of sectors of the economy such as agriculture, trade and tourism.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam shortly after the group meeting at the weekend, Abdulla said there was need for more emphasis on leveraging internet for businesses to simplify service access and accelerate economic growth.

"During our meeting, we discussed implementation steps of digital economy plan through cooperation between the government and private sector," he said, noting that the government under

was committed to implementation of digital economy.

He said members discussed recommendations on implementation and how to monitor and evaluate digital economy plan to enable stakeholders review them as part of preparing for the plan's execution.

"The government is all out to make Tanzania a leading digital economy and enhance our global competitiveness," he said, calling for all Tanzanians to join hands to embrace digital economy.

"We now see progress in accessing services; one can now purchase

goods and services from home digitally. We want to reach that level with other services to ease daily life."

The group co-chairperson Jackline Uiso from the private sector stressed the significance of digital transformation in communication sector, saying it could drive growth across industries as part of the plan's strategy.

She noted that the 10-year strategy includes guidelines for each sector to prepare for the economic changes and that Tanzania's financial sector was thriving, adding that the focus must shift to inte-

grating other sectors such as agriculture, health, media, construction, and education into the digital economy to fully capitalise on available opportunities.

Dr Godwill Wanga, TNBC's Executive Secretary, said the meeting involved various stakeholders who approved recommendations for the way forward and that the group's experts would visit each sector to ensure the plan is well known, provide education and encourage implementation.

Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga, a member of the working group and the Director General of the ICT Commission,

said the strategic plan would focus on what actions to take to achieve the set goals.

"One of the plans include educating citizens and ensuring that payments for various services are made online to achieve the objectives," Dr Mwasaga said.

Additionally, he said it aims to ensure that all economic sectors are digital and systems work together to allow every Tanzanian to have a digital number to aid in accessing services, with informal sector contributing to the economy and implementing a 'community payment' system to simplify transactions.



Nyangubu Nyamsogoro, director of local NGO Her Uraia Clickers, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday conducting sensitisation training on citizenship and electoral issues for young women from various political parties in Dodoma Region through Mabinti Uchaguzini project. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

AMR 'bigger' health threat than HIV/Aids, TB, malaria combined

By Special Correspondent

THE likelihood of falling ill or dying from diseases that resist treatment has escalated in Africa, with children and other vulnerable groups being most at risk, according to a new report by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC).

"The continent faces the highest mortality rate from antimicrobial resistance (AMR), with 27.3 deaths per 100,000—exceeding the combined death toll from HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria," said the 'African Union Landmark Report' launched over the weekend.

Africa bears a significant burden of infectious diseases, accounting for approximately 95 percent of malaria deaths, 70 percent of people living with HIV, and 25 percent of TB deaths globally, said the report.

"We must not ignore this silent threat that disproportionately impacts the most vulnerable among us," said Africa CDC Deputy Director General, Dr Raji Tajudeen.

AMR occurs when microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites develop resistance to antimicrobial drugs, a process hastened by human behaviours such as the misuse and overuse of these drugs in healthcare, agriculture and food systems. This renders antibiotics and other antimicrobials less effective, causing treatment failures, increased disease spread, severe illness, disability and higher mortality rates.

Despite the estimated USD2.6 billion needed annually for an effective AMR response across Africa, current funding is only a tenth of that allocated to other major diseases. This underfunding makes AMR a significant barrier to sustainable development, hindering progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063.

An estimated 700,000 people die annually from drug-resistant infections globally. Without timely intervention, this number is projected to reach 10 million by 2050, with Africa accounting for 4.5 million.

"Fighting disease requires resources and working with member states and our partners we need to do all we can to save lives," said Dr Tajudeen, speaking at the launch of a report on AMR in Africa. The event also initiated discussions on a roadmap and targets to advance Africa's battle against AMR. The outcomes are expected to inform the upcoming United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting in September—a crucial platform for global action on this escalating crisis.

Dr Huyam Salih, the director of the African Union-Inter African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), emphasized the critical role that the AU must play in combating AMR. "Antimicrobial resistance is not just a health issue—it is a threat to our agricultural systems, food safety, food security, livelihoods, and economies," she said.

USADF releases 250m/- grant to improve quality of coffee in Hai

By Guardian Reporter, Hai

THE US African Development Foundation (USADF) has awarded a grant of 250m/- to Lukani-Losaa Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society (Amcos) to help tackle challenges affecting production of coffee destined for international markets.

The Amcos located in Hai District, Kilimanjaro Region, which has 580

members is implementing a five-year strategic plan (2024/2029) aimed at boosting production by encouraging new farmers and expanding farms, as well as establishing a digital system for recording and managing business information and the cooperative's accounts.

Speaking about the project's implementation here at the weekend, Giliard Nkini, USADF Resident Project

Coordinator in Tanzania, said that the organization collaborates with the government to enhance efficiency in coffee subsector.

"We fully understand that for a nation to achieve productivity in farming and for farmers to truly benefit, they must join cooperative groups that are closely managed by the Registrar of Cooperatives," he said.

USADF operates in 22 African coun-

tries, focusing on improving incomes of farmers and agricultural processors, recognising that this is crucial for the economies of African nations.

Ebenetho Munuo, chairman of Lukani-Losaa Amcos, said that the grant reflects the cooperative's solid strategic plan for coffee development through cooperative system.

"The primary conditions of this grant include directing project funds

towards constructing of production and processing infrastructure, enhancing irrigation systems, promoting environmental conservation and strengthening systems for disseminating knowledge and essential information about quality of coffee," he said.

He said the overall aim of the project is to increase both the volume and quality of coffee, raise coffee prices and farmer incomes and ultimately

improve the quality of life for coffee farmers and their communities.

The projected harvest for the 2025/26 coffee season is expected to be 150,000 kilograms.

According to the cooperative's reports, opportunities in international markets have expanded, with direct markets now established in Japan, the United States, Australia and China.

Equipment worth 173m/- to expand rice production

By Correspondent Christina Haule, Morogoro

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has procured modern equipment worth \$65,000 (173m/-) to enhance sustainable rice production in the country.

Implemented in partnership with the government of Republic of Korea, this is part of capacity development and experience sharing for rice value chain through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) project which began in 2020 and is scheduled for completion by December this year.

Diomedes Kalisa, SSTC project coordinator, said that \$15,000 (40m/-) of the total amount has been used to acquire agricultural equipment, land levelling tools, technical planting and harvesting equipment.

Speaking at the weekend here, Kalisa said that the tools are designed to help farmers level their fields and conduct planting and harvesting more professionally to tackle some agricultural challenges, including rice losses during harvesting.

He said that unlevelled fields hinder effective water distribution, particularly in sloped areas, and contribute to crop losses due to uneven plant heights during harvesting.

"Further purchases of over seven ad-

ditional pieces of equipment valued at \$40,000 (106m/-) will be made and delivered before project completion. We collaborate with Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) to ensure that the expertise gained from various training reaches specialists who will then pass it on to farmers and agriculture officers at village level for sustainable agriculture through technology to uplift the sector across Tanzania," Kalisa said.

Kulwa Furahisha, TARI-Ifakara Centre manager, emphasised the importance of promoting effective agricultural practices for rice to boost productivity.

He said that using a rental system for agricultural tools help farmers access the tools to improve rice production efficiency.

Furahisha also mentioned that using plant protectants instead of chemicals, cultivating rice on raised beds and employing soil spreading equipment will help reduce water usage and address the challenges posed by high water consumption and climate change impacts.

Jabir Makame, Gairo District Commissioner, said that rice is Tanzania's second most consumed food crop after maize, with Morogoro Region being among the major producers, hence needing adequate education to advance production.

He identified low productivity as a major issue, with large cultivation areas

yielding minimal outputs due to poor farming practices and limited use of technology.

Makame said that training aims to build the capacity of experts to train farmers on how to increase the use of modern technology in rice farming, allowing them to cultivate smaller areas but achieve higher yields and efficiency in the rice subsector.

Lena Sanga, Mbarali District Agriculture Officer, thanked FAO and TARI for the valuable training, which she said will significantly benefit farmers.

She committed to sharing the knowledge to improve the use of agricultural tools and enhance rice production in the country.

The project is implemented in Tanzania, Ivory Coast, and the Philippines, with activities in Tanzania based in Dakawa and Ifakara areas of Morogoro Region.



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Sharik Choughule, councillor for Dar es Salaam city's Kivukoni ward, holds a placard bearing President Samia Suluhu Hassan's photo shortly after making it to Uhuru Peak, Mount Kilimanjaro's highest point, late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

WHO donates 12 motorcycles to boost health surveillance efforts

By Correspondent Daniel

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THE World Health Organization (WHO), with funding from the Irish Fund has donated 12 motorcycles to Tanzania to boost effectiveness of district surveillance officers in monitoring and mentoring health facilities, to improve adherence to integrated disease surveillance and response strategies.

The handover event was held the weekend in Dodoma, whereby WHO Country Representative, Dr. Charles Sagoe-Moses, expressed gratitude to the Tanzanian government for its proactive measures to strengthen the health system.

"We extend our sincere thanks to the Irish government and the Irish Embassy for their financial support and commitment to the

'Health for All' agenda. This collaboration exemplifies our shared dedication to building resilient health systems," he said.

Tanzania has faced numerous health emergencies, including cholera and Marburg virus outbreaks, highlighting the need for improved resilience at the sub-national level. The donation is part of the broader project 'Strengthening Health Systems Resilience for Enhanced Health

Emergency Response at the Sub-national Level' funded by the Irish government.

The project aims to bolster healthcare capacity to effectively respond to emergencies.

Dr Wilson Mahera, deputy permanent secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) acknowledged the significant challenges related to transportation infrastructure that districts face,

which affects surveillance operations.

"The support from WHO is invaluable for our emergency response efforts," he said. "It will greatly enhance our ability to monitor and manage health crises, aligning with our health for all goals," he said.

In addition to the motorcycles, the project supports several other key initiatives, including development of the National Action Plan for

Health Security (2024-2028), maintenance of influenza sentinel sites, and strengthening emergency response capacities.

Margaret Gaynor, Head of Development Cooperation at the Irish Embassy, said: "This initiative underscores our joint commitment to enhancing resilience of Tanzania's healthcare system and ensuring a robust response to health emergencies." Efficient disease surveil-

lance is essential for early detection and control of public health threats. However, inadequate transportation infrastructure often hampers effective supervision and monitoring at the district and health facility levels. The new motorcycles will address these challenges, enabling more regular and efficient supervision, mentorship, and adherence to event-based surveillance protocols.



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Requirements:

- Expertise/Skills in Governance, Risk, Compliance and Administration.
- Applicants are required to be nominated / proposed by a Shareholder who is duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting and has signed the proposition to concede his/her willingness to be elected.
- Any shareholder who would like to nominate / propose a person for election to fill the Board Membership position, may submit the following to the Secretary not later than 26th August 2024: -
 - Notice of his/her intention to propose such a person signed by the proposed person conceding his willingness to be elected.
 - Resume of the proposed person with due consideration to the requirements of the Companies Act and the Company's MEMARTS.
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NOTICE

29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 29th Meeting of the Shareholders of TOL Gases PLC will be held on a hybrid of physical attendance at the Mlimani City Conference Hall and via ZOOM video conferencing on 29th August 2024 at 9.00a.m to transact the following business: -

- Adoption of the Agenda.
- Confirmation of Minutes of 28th Annual General Meeting held on 25th August, 2023.
- Matters arising from minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
- Statement of the Board Chairperson.
- To receive the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report, and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Dividend payment.
- To approve Directors' Fees.
- To appoint Auditors for the financial year 2024.
- Election of Directors.
- To set the place, date, and venue of the next meeting.
- Any other business (Duly notified at least seven days before the meeting)

Registration for participating in the ZOOM Video Conferencing should be done through phone no **0685750201/0685750203**.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is also entitled to appoint a proxy (whether a member of the Company or not) to attend and vote in his/her stead.

All proxy forms or letters appointing a proxy must be lodged at the office of the Company Secretary at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or via email to mjuliana@tol-gases.co.tz/nlulu@tol-gases.co.tz

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Southern African countries call for urgent action against mpox

HARARE

LEADERS of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) on Saturday urged the regional bloc's secretariat to convene an urgent meeting of health ministers to assess the impact of mpox in the region.

The summit also urged member states to strengthen disease surveillance, diagnostic testing, clinical care and infection prevention and control, SADC Executive Secretary Elias Magosi said when delivering a communiqué at the end of the 44th Ordinary SADC summit of heads of state and government here in the Zimbabwean capital.

"The summit directed the secretariat to convene an urgent meet-

ing of health ministers to assess the impact of mpox and facilitate a coordinated regional response to control the spread of the disease," he said.

He said the summit had noted the mpox situation on the continent and in the SADC region and the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of mpox as a public health emergency of international concern.

The summit extended solidarity and support to member states affected by mpox and further requested WHO, the African Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and partners to avail resources towards the mpox response in the region, Magosi added.



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From L: Mastercard Africa president Elliott; Tanzania's Information and Communication Technologies Commission director general, Dr Nkundwe Mwasa-ga; Mastercard East Africa director Elsie Wachira-Kaguru; Bank of Tanzania's Welfare and Integrated Finance acting director, Sadiki Nyanzowa; and Mastercard's senior vice president and manager of East Africa and for the Hindi Sea Islands, Shehryar Ali, who are on the first platform for Tanzanian financial sector stakeholders organised by Mastercard, as pictured in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

UN emphasizes human rights ahead of September summit

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE United Nations in Tanzania has underscored the importance of adhering to human rights and social justice as it strategises its engagement with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) towards the Summit of the Future 2024 in September.

According to the UN, the Summit of the Future 2024 is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enhance cooperation on critical challenges and address gaps in global governance. It will reaffirm existing commitments, including to the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Charter, and move towards a reinvigorated multilateral system better positioned to impact

people's lives positively.

Shabnam Mallick, Head of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, said this in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during discussion at a meeting dubbed 'High level Multi Stakeholder consultation towards Summit of the Future: Stakeholders Solutions for better Tomorrow and Safeguarding the Future'.

She said as they prepare for the summit scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd this year, it was time to recommit, deepen partnership, listen, support and work with civil society in building a brighter, shared vision and a common future for all.

"The promotion and protection of human rights remain at the core

of the United Nations' mission. Civil society plays an important role in defending these rights, advocating for those who are most vulnerable and holding institutions accountable. Your work in this area will be essential in shaping policies that are grounded in justice and equity," she said.

"Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires innovative approaches and strong partnerships. We need to continue building on the progress made and address the gaps that remain, particularly in areas such as climate action, poverty reduction and gender equality. Your grassroots initiatives provide invaluable insights and solutions that must be integrated into

global strategies.

"We must continue to work together to ensure that governance at all levels is inclusive and participatory. This involves not only engaging diverse voices but also ensuring that those voices have a meaningful impact on decision-making processes. Your role in advocating for transparency, accountability and inclusivity is more critical than ever."

Ibrahim Bakari, Executive Director of the United Nations Association of Tanzania (UNAT), quoting the late Julius Nyerere's speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1994, said that development should be people-centred as they are the target, creators and

beneficiaries of anything known as development.

"People cannot be developed by others; but they can develop themselves. But external forces can prevent them from developing themselves. Among those forces are wars and conflicts, and other external forces which can occur locally or abroad, and can be military or economic power."

Joseph Malekia, Senior Economist in the President's Office (Planning Commission) underscored the transformative role of CSOs in Tanzania's development.

He lauded their unwavering commitment to community engagement, which is vital for building a more inclusive and equitable

future

"The Summit of the Future is a call to action. It urges us to forge new partnerships, innovate our approaches and ensure that no one is left behind. In this endeavour, the voices of civil society must lead the way, guiding the global community towards a future that is inclusive, just, and sustainable," he said.

Regional consultation meeting was held in May this year in Nairobi, Kenya where a diverse group of civil society representatives from across the region came together, providing an open platform for dialogue where CSOs shared their insights, challenges and recommendations on issues ranging from climate action to social justice.



United Nations Association of Tanzania executive director Ibrahim Bakari addresses multi-stakeholders attend a meeting in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. It was meant to discuss key areas for CSOs to focus on ahead of The Summit of the Future 2024 scheduled for this September 22 and 23. Second right is Shabnam Mallick from the United Nations headquarters in New York. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

Food vendors in Kibaha trained on clean energy use, financial literacy

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

SEVENTY food vendors in Kibaha District, Coast Region, have been equipped with essential skills to help them improve their operations by adopting clean cooking and business practices to attract more customers and boost their income.

The training marks the second phase of the Mpishi Hodari programme following the successful implementation of phase one which saw 50 food vendors in Dar es Salaam receive training.

The one-day session focused on health, environmental and economic benefits of transitioning from traditional cooking methods as well as empowering vendors to access financial services.

Speaking at the opening of the training at the weekend here, Kibaha District Commissioner Nickson Simon commended the organizers of Mpishi Hodari initiative and other projects benefiting women, youth, people with disabilities and Tanzanians in general.

The programme targets 5,000 food vendors in urban, rural and peri-urban areas across Dar es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Urban West, Dodoma and Lindi regions.

"I am pleased to see Tanzanian-owned organisations leading the way in promoting clean energy in Tanzania. These initiatives align with the government's ef-

forts to promote clean cooking, with 2034 identified as a pivotal year for clean cooking in Africa," he said.

He promised that the government will provide necessary support to advance the campaign to reach more Tanzanians.

Pamela Mushi, representative of the organizers, said that Mpishi Hodari initiative aims at raising awareness about benefits of clean cooking methods.

She noted that phase two of the programme includes experiential learning through participatory training, interactive displays and exhibitions of improved stoves, cooking demonstrations by clean energy vendors and educational workshops on the benefits of clean cooking.

The phase also involves stakeholder engagement with the government, NGOs, private and international partners to enhance policy and technical support and provide incentives such as improved stoves to food vendors.

Beneficiaries of the training expressed their satisfaction, noting that using clean energy not only improves health but also reduces the time and costs associated with meal preparation. Clean energy sources like electricity or gas are more convenient and eliminate the need for additional preparations such as heating charcoal or firewood.



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Team climbs up Mt Kili with Indian national flag

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Divyangjan expedition team of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) recently undertook an expedition to promote diplomatic relations between Tanzania and India.

Leading the team was group captain Jai Kishan, who initiated the journey

from Kanchenjunga National Park in India on August 4th this year.

Under the guidance of Indian Ministry of Defence, the team composed of member Divyang Uday Kumar and others, took on the Mission Kanchanjunga National Park to Mt Kilimanjaro (Mission K2K), marking a significant achievement. Notably, this marked the first instance of



Food Quality and Safety Forum patron Sufiani Fungo speaks during the Food Quality and Safety Festival organised by the National Quality Association of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The festival is meant to remind Tanzanians on the need to reduce the incidence of diseases by paying attention to calls for proper and safe nutrition. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel



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an amputee climber successfully completing such an expedition using crutches.

Captain Kishan said that the expedition not only represents remarkable physical endurance, but also embodies the resilience of the human spirit.

He noted that the monumental achievement serves as a source of inspiration and a testament to perseverance and camaraderie, aiming to motivate future generations of Divyangjan and socioeconomically disadvantaged youth on a global scale.

Captain Kishan lauded the extraordinary courage and determination displayed by Uday Kumar, emphasizing the historic nature of his successful completion of the expedition using crutches.

The team commemorated their victory upon reaching Kibo Hut, situated at an elevation of 15,500 feet, on August 7, by unfurling the grand Indian national flag, spanning across 724 sq metres.

Following a strenuous 10-hour ascent through challenging terrain, including loose scree, an 85-degree gradient and an alpine desert, the team triumphantly reached the Uhuru Peak, towering at 5,895 metres (19,341 feet). Once again, they displayed the Indian national flag, this time measuring 7,800 sq ft., atop the roof of Africa.

Celebrating 78 years of Indian independence through this extraordinary feat, the HMI aims to showcase the ac-

complishments and potential of Divyangjan, inspiring both the nation and the global community while setting unprecedented milestones in aero, land and water sports.

Captain Kishan extended his gratitude to the Ministry of Defence and the entire nation for their unwavering support for Mission K2K.

He also urged non-governmental organizations dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities to facilitate their dreams. Kishan expounded on the rich historical ties between India and Tanzania, highlighting "the favourable environment and climate that facilitated the successful execution of the expedition."

RITA issues 195,000 birth, death certificates within two months

By Guardian Reporter

THE Registration, Insolvency, and Trusteehip Agency (RITA) has received and worked on a total of 198,972 applications for birth and death certificates in the past two months.

Of the applications, 195,771, which is equivalent to 98.4%, have already been processed and certificates issued, according to RITA Chief Executive Officer Frank Kanyusi.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Kanyusi said 179,485

of applications were for registration of birth certificates, while 19,487 were for confirmation of death.

Additionally, 18,341 applications were for corrections to existing certificates, which were returned to the applicants after necessary amendments," he said, adding that 562 applications were rejected because the certificates submitted for verification were not valid.

According to Kanyusi, 3,201 applications were still being processed and

would be completed within a few days.

He noted that there were several challenges that led to delays, including network issues that affected the agency's operations. However, the agency's taskforce took prompt action to return operations to normal.

"Prior to the network problem, there were also other challenges, including submission of illegible documents with faded text, making it difficult for experts to read which caused some certificates

to be rejected," he said. Kanyusi said submission of incorrect documents such as birth certificates instead of verification certificates resulted in failure in verification of some certificates.

"There have also been errors with some documents being password-protected, preventing the agency from verifying them," he added.

He said some applicants submitted certificates issued abroad, which RITA does not have the authority to verify and highlighted that some applicants failed to follow their verification status in their accounts hence contributing to increased complaints.

"For example, some applicants have chosen reasons for verification that differ from what is required for higher education loans. However, we have continued to provide education to those who visit our offices and through our social media accounts."

Kanyusi added that besides processing birth and death certificates, RITA also handles applications from students seeking birth certificates to meet one of the requirements for higher education loans.

He appealed to students applying for higher education loans to use the remaining time wisely to verify their birth certificates in order to qualify for the loans.

He said the application process for certificates will soon be closed and encouraged students to submit their applications through RITA's social media channels to understand the requirements for their applications.



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Heineken Beverages Expands Portfolio with Windhoek Beer, Partners With Local Distributor Windhoek Beer Joins Heineken Beverages Family



Managing Director of Mabibo Beers, Wines and Spirits, Jerome Rugemallia (center), with the Country Manager of Heineken, Obabiyi Fagade (right), and Lilian Pascal, Marketing Manager of Heineken Beverages Tanzania (left).

Leading global beverage company, Heineken has announced the expansion of its Heineken Beverages portfolio in Tanzania with the addition of Windhoek beer. The official announcement was made at a media briefing held on July 31st, 2024 at the Serena Hotel. This portfolio expansion follows the company's acquisition of Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL), the esteemed brewer of Windhoek beer, and Distell Group Holdings Limited, another leading global beverage company, in 2023.

Windhoek beer is a premium lager beer brewed in Namibia with a smooth, malty, and refreshing taste profile, revered as a superior, full-bodied premium lager. Tanzanians like Windhoek beer and we are now happy to be able to offer it as part of our portfolio.

In the same vein, Heineken Beverages has also forged a

strategic partnership with Tanzanian company -Mabibo Beer, Wines and Spirits, which prior to now held the exclusive rights to import Windhoek beer in the country. Mabibo will be the official distributor of Windhoek Beer in Tanzania.

This strategic collaboration reiterates Heineken's commitment to supporting local businesses and contributing to Tanzania's economic growth while further iterating its commitment to creating economic value in Africa. Heineken Beverages, which combines the strengths of Heineken South Africa, Distell, and Namibia Breweries, aims to capture significant growth opportunities across the Southern African region.

Speaking on the new acquisition and partnership with Mabibo, Heineken Beverages International's Country Manager, Obabiyi Fagade, expressed his enthusiasm saying, "This partnership with Mabibo Beer, Wines

and Spirits marks an exciting chapter in our journey here in Tanzania. By combining our global expertise at Heineken with local market knowledge, we are confident in our ability to deliver exceptional products and experiences to our Tanzanian consumers."

Heineken Beverages is dedicated to offering a diverse portfolio of high-quality beverages that cater to the evolving tastes of consumers. Through this partnership, the company aims to strengthen its market position and contribute to the ongoing development of Tanzania's beverage industry.

Commenting on the partnership, the Mabibo Beers, Wines and Spirits Managing Director, Jerome Rugemallia said "This commercial agreement has come after MABIBO Company and Namibia Breweries Ltd (NBL) agreed to break the contract entered into in 2008. Mabibo Beer Company has worked with Heineken Beverages and we are happy to be one of the distributors of HBI products. We ask our business partners, our stakeholders to continue to cooperate with MABIBO and HBI, especially if you consider that we have increased the scope of quality products such as Windhoek, Heineken, Desperados, Savanna, Amarula, Drostdy hof etc. With this information, HBI becomes the only importer of Namibia Breweries products in Tanzania."

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UN welcomes Sudan's decision to reopen border crossing with Chad for aid delivery

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has commended Sudan's decision to reopen the Adre border crossing with Chad for humanitarian aid to enter the war-ravaged Darfur region, his spokesperson said at the weekend.

The secretary-general commended the decision to reopen "the most direct and efficient route for humanitarian aid to reach the millions in Darfur facing record levels of acute hunger," Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

Guterres underscored the importance of concrete and sustained measures to facilitate humanitarian access and protect civilians, in accordance with the obligations of Sudanese parties under international humanitarian law and previously agreed modalities, said Dujarric.

"Humanitarian organizations must have full, safe and unhindered access to reach all civilians in need across Darfur, and across the country as a whole," the statement said, adding that the United Nations remains fully committed to working with all relevant stakeholders to help end the conflict and alleviate the suffering of the Sudanese people.

Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council on Thursday decided to reopen the Adre border crossing with Chad for three months to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid to those affected by the country's ongoing conflict.

Sudan has been witnessing a deadly conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) since April 2023, resulting in the loss of at least 16,650 lives.

In February this year, the Sudanese government stopped the delivery of aid through Adre, accusing the RSF of using the crossing to transport weapons.



I&M Group Plc executive director Sarit Raja Shah (C) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend in marking the 50 years since the establishment of I&M Bank in Kenya. The celebration ran alongside the launch of the bank's new headquarters in Dar es Salaam. To his right is I&M Bank Tanzania CEO and managing director Zahid Mustafa (L) and left is I&M Group Plc regional CEO Kihara Maina. Photo: Correspondent

Minister unveils novel six-year regional industrialisation drive

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MINISTER for Industry and Trade Dr Selemani Jafo has directed all regions to establish factories to implement the six-year (2025-2030) Industrialisation Programme meant to create jobs and boost economic growth.

Dr Jafo said this at the weekend in

Dodoma while unveiling the Viwanda Tanzania programme which is guided by the slogan 'Our factories, our jobs, our economy'.

Explaining the mode of implementation of the programme, Dr Jafo said that each region is required to establish three large industries, five medium industries, 20 small industries and 30 artisanal

factories whereby all regions will have a total of 78 large industries and 130 medium ones annually.

He said there will be 520 small industries, 780 very small industries, and a total of 1,508 industries per year which will generate 173,160 direct jobs and 911,300 indirect jobs per year. He also said that in the period 2025-2030 through the

programme, there will be a total of 468 large industries, 780 medium industries, 3120 small industries, 4,680 very small industries, and a total of 9,048 industries that will generate 1,038,960 direct jobs and 5,467,800 indirect jobs.

The minister noted that sectors that will be involved in the Programme are mining, agriculture,

livestock, fishery, energy, communications, construction, health, natural resources and forestry, education and service businesses (financial institutions, hotels and hospitality). In addition, he said that the programme will involve various public institutions, the private sector, the media as well as various leaders from the council level to the

central government.

He said the evaluation of implementation of the programme will take place in each region and the region that will do well will be awarded a special prize as an incentive, including the Samia Industrial Award as well as local tourism in one of the attractions for the winner every year.



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TRC has more to do on SGR scene than curb fare evasion

THERE have been reports for quite some time now of people due to travel by train from Dar es Salaam taking tickets on entry and reach their destinations as they have in mind - not as indicated on the ticket.

Fortunately, it is understood that the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) are already handling the matter.

TRC officials and their PCCB colleagues have been laying out elaborate controls including the use of identification cards in buying tickets and scanning them on journey starts and arrivals.

What they haven't started addressing is where the traditional railway comes into this equation, if it is left to transport cargo while passenger traffic shifts to standard gauge railway.

There is also a lingering problem of bus operators, who now face exclusion as train is far cheaper.

The chaotic situation in ticketing raises a few issues about the business plan, how far there is income projection and the way it would start being from the world go.

There is a belated correction of the ticketing scenario even if it is exaggerated in its precautions, but scarce analysis seems to have been made on the link between cost recovery and tickets, or how the government optimises SGR revenues by offsetting some of the transport needs to traditional modes. Speed trains look like a communal service where all are invited, hypothetically because we are all on hurry and have poor means.

This situation to an extent shows why public-private partnerships are helpful as no PPP-run speed train services would have people travel-

ling virtually for free for two to three weeks.

Just why that situation persisted for a fortnight or so before anyone woke up to the situation, with the PCCB solicited to come in or doing so on their own, is awkward. Yet there is a plausible scenario where such a situation can come up, in the sense of systemic chaos on revenues, as it was the case with the city run rapid bus transit years ago. The revenue quotations were guesswork at a public meeting.

That should make someone at a higher stage more alert as to how things are likely to run, at least since correcting the ticketing scenario is not the same thing as rectifying the reflex in accounting or controls which brought it up in the first place.

The key element is that chaotic revenues are part of what may internally be imagined, noticed in the lack of fore planning, for instance purchasing tickets cheaply and selling them exorbitantly.

When this is narrated from the outside, one might think it is clever passengers or 'mission town' youths doing that. However, on second thoughts, one sees the potential from the inside.

All this harkens us back to the 4Rs national philosophy, often seen as personal axiom by the Union president, where rebuilding ties up with completing SGR as modernisation, resilience its productivity and profitability.

Reform has to do with managerial shifts to avoid chronic chaotic scenarios that are unaccountable to the public authorities.

This is much just as we need reconciliation as willingness to learn and to accept that undisciplined public sector monopoly has shortcomings.

Raising \$400m for southern Africa drought measures possible, via PPP

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is battling all manner of challenges as it seeks to raise \$400m for a comprehensive response to a dire southern Africa drought situation.

The UN agency is preparing a response of its own, which implies a lack of comparable involvement with other humanitarian agencies in the sense of this emergency being seen as a food issue. If cast in a wider context, that is as a development or sustainability challenge, it is different.

For example, there is a global facility related to environmental financing - and that is precisely what a sharp drought is all about.

That applies especially when it is compounded by a hurricane, tornado or storm destroying even the little that could still be harvest.

It would be right suggesting that UN agencies are not seeing this situation in its broader context, as it appears to be up to the specific countries to initiate appropriate action. If they are just seeking food gap covering tonnage, the response mechanism could be complicated.

There is wisdom in the expression that one should not worry as to where one fell but instead ought to check where one actually tripped - before the fall.

That is what a massive food shortage is all about - that is, that there is a scenario policy-makers believe will work and have not even started mapping out logistics or allocate resources for a different scenario.

Even if such a scenario involves food tonnage, UN agencies can assist local efforts, within a wider reassuring policy view that this situation will be tamed soon enough.

Policymakers at the regional level seeing this scenario need not just see the WFP face sharp difficulties collecting the large sum of money to purchase grain anywhere around the world, think 'outside the box' to admit that the problem lies elsewhere.

It is first a matter of not having given the various agencies enough rope with which to swing into action. They definitely need to convince their respective boards and key contributors that what is scaled up for provision adds to sustainability and not merely to local resources.

There is an axiom a respected economist formulated after intense research in the early 1970s - that no country that has a free press has ever suffered a massive drought that killed millions of people.

Ordinarily such situations arise from straitjacket agriculture and state grain purchasing, where private sector initiative is minimal and where there are no large grain storage facilities.

Under such conditions, we all risk finding ourselves forced to appeal to UN agencies to do something instead of undertaking reforms.

That would be for the simple reason that reform means altering this or that traditional structure or mode of privileges, which would be seen threatening to rock the dignity of key political actors. That must change.

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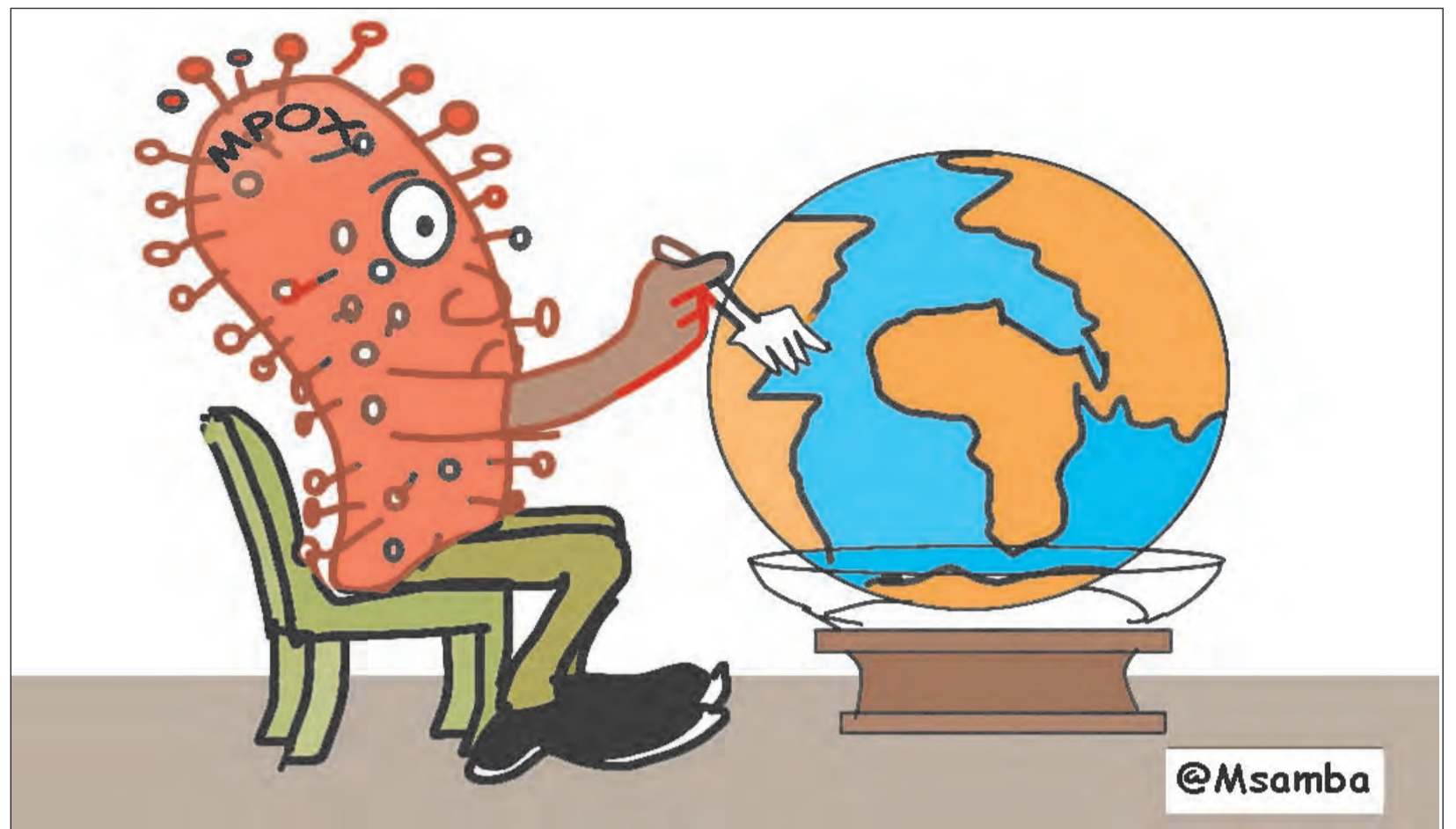
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Why #EndBadGovernanceInNigeria protests gained traction

By Promise Eze

THOUSANDS of Nigerians have taken to the streets to protest against bad governance, corruption, soaring inflation, and the rising cost of living, in what has been termed "10 Days of Rage" and believed to mirror Kenyan protests organized by the youth.

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country and a major exporter of crude oil, citizens claim that the benefits of the country's resources do not trickle down to the masses but to a group of corrupt politicians.

The demonstrations, slated for the first ten days of August, gained momentum on social media, with the hashtag #EndBadGovernanceInNigeria accompanied by the slogan "10 Days of Rage."

This follows the protests in Kenya, where young people engaged in six weeks of demonstrations over an unpopular bill that sought to raise taxes. Under pressure, President William Ruto retracted the bill and announced a cabinet shake-up.

There is no organized leadership for the Nigerian protests, but some of the demands include a total overhaul of the Nigerian system, including the reversal of economic policies implemented by President Bola Tinubu from his first day in office.

A group is also clamoring for the unconditional release of Nnamdi Kanu, a leader of a proscribed secessionist group who was arrested in Kenya, extradited to Nigeria, and detained since June 2021. In the northern state of Kano there were demands the president step down.

Tinubu eliminated the contentious fuel subsidy and requested the central bank to stabilize the naira and control inflation, which experts say may improve the economy but has ultimately impoverished millions of Nigerians.

To appease Nigerians before protests began, the government hastily approved an increase in the minimum monthly wage from 30,000 naira (approximately USD 18.55) to 70,000 naira (USD 43.29) following pressure from labour unions.

Observers note that this raise is negligible in the face of soaring inflation, which has exceeded 34%—its highest level in nearly 30 years—resulting in one of the nation's most severe cost-of-living crises. Politicians promised to slash their salaries by 50% to help solve Nigeria's hunger crisis.

Tinubu also held several closed-door meetings with leaders from across the country to appeal to Nigerians and quell the protests. Job advertisements in government institutions also made headlines.

Agabi Yusuf, a civil rights activist in Sokoto, Northwest Nigeria, argues that all of the "fire brigade" approaches to appeal to Nigerians to stop the demonstrations will not work because "Nigerians are hungry, and this time they have been pushed to the wall."

"You don't expect them to keep their mouths shut," he told IPS.

Brutal Force

Yusuf is worried about the government's brutal response to the protests. Human rights group Amnesty International reported that on the first day of the protests, at least 13 people were killed in clashes between protesters and police forces in various cities. Local media provided differing death tolls, with one newspaper claiming that up to 17 people were killed.

A 24-hour curfew was imposed in many parts of the country, including the northern state of Kano, which is the second-largest state and one of the country's major voting blocs, following the looting of government and public properties there.

People defied the curfew, waving the Russian flag and chanting in the local Hausa language, calling on the president to step down and for the military to take over power. The police responded by killing no fewer than 10 people.

The Sokoto-based Yusuf, who was detained by Nigeria's secret police on July 25 for attempting to organize youth to protest peacefully, said the threats and brutality from the government can only help but make things spiral out of control.

Yusuf told IPS that the security agency claimed he was part of those allegedly plotting to topple the government of Tinubu through the protests.

"The officers were just yelling at me. They locked me up in a very smelly room for about eight hours. In fact, they threatened that if anything went wrong during the protest, I would be held responsible," Yusuf, a leader with the Northern Advocate for Good Governance, said.

Yusuf is not the only one who has been threatened and detained. According to Amnesty International, nearly 700 protesters, including journalists, have been arrested across the country while nine officers have been injured during the protests. The authorities are wary that the protests may mirror the deadly End-SARS demonstrations against police brutality in 2020, which resulted in deaths and injuries after security forces opened fire on unarmed protesters.

Oludare Ogunlana, Professor of National Security at Collin College in Texas, shares Yusuf's views. He told IPS that suppressing people from protesting will result in very deadly repercussions.

"As we are appealing to the protesters to be orderly, we expect the security agencies to be cautious. If you use deadly weapons on people, then it will escalate and become uncontrollable. The people are simply telling the authorities to address their concerns, but the government has been indifferent."

Nuredeen Hassan, a political analyst in Nigeria, argued that though the protests may have been inspired by what happened in Kenya, there were already signs that Nigerians may soon storm the streets. He noted that "people are really angry about the state of the country."

"While Tinubu has only been president for about a year, his party has held onto power for nine years and only a few of the promises made over the years have been fulfilled. The country is getting worse and this has infuriated Nigerians," he told IPS.

In the administrative capital Abuja, where residents are angered about the rising cases of kidnapping for ransom, police chased protesters and threw canisters of tear gas at them, injuring many. Security agencies shot live rounds at journalists and protesters, and indiscriminately arrested dozens.

Yakubu Muhammed, a reporter with Premium Times, a daily paper in the country, told IPS that while he was trying to film police officers arresting people, he was hit with the butt of a gun and dragged into a van. "Despite explaining that I am a pressman, they arrested me and seized my phone. In the van, I met four people. I was released some moments later," he said.

Critics accused the security agencies of failing to protect protesters but rather choosing to give cover to allegedly government-paid thugs who, all over the

country, are raising placards saying, 'Say No To Protest'.

In Nigeria's economic capital Lagos, thugs threatened and chased protesters while the police watched.

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President Tinubu addressed the country on the fourth day of the protests. He pleaded for an end to the demonstrations but insisted that he would not reverse any of his economic policies.

His speech did not go well with the opposition who slammed him for not addressing the demands of the protesters. A former Vice President of Nigeria, Atiku Abubakar, said that Tinubu's "speech neglects the pressing economic hardships that have besieged Nigerian families since the very beginning of his tenure."

Ibrahim Baba Shatambaya, a lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria, is concerned that the President made no reference or condemned the killing of protesters in the country by security forces, despite his promise to hold onto the tenets of democracy and human rights.

"The protest is just one event which is an outcome of the poor performance of the government. If the government does not do the needful in actually reversing the trends of economic hardships in this country, the tendency is that the ruling political party may not likely have a field day come the subsequent round of elections in 2027," Shatambaya said.

Ethnic Tensions

Peter Obi, a former governor of Anambra State in southeast Nigeria, was criticized by Tinubu's media aide, Bayo Onanuga, for allegedly leading his supporters to organize the protests to remove the president from power. He referred to Obi's supporters as members of the proscribed pro-secessionist group Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) led by the detained Kanu. IPOB is agitating for an independent Biafra Republic which would be made up of Nigeria's southeastern states—the home base of the Igbo tribe. Onanuga claimed Obi, a presidential candidate in the last elections, is unhappy that he lost to Tinubu in a very tight race.

Obi has denied this claim and has taken legal action against Onanuga for defamation. Observers like the political analyst Hassan say this is just a reflection of the level of 'Igbophobia' meted out against the Igbos by some actors in the government and, if care is not taken, could lead to an ethnic crisis.

Organized Igbo-led groups in Nigeria's southeast denounced and pulled out of the protests before they began, fearing there would be a bloody backlash against them if the protest spirals out of control. They fear that, just like in 1966, when thousands of Igbos were blamed and massacred for allegedly leading a revolutionary coup that saw the deaths of many influential leaders and eventually led to a nearly three-year civil war, they could be targeted for actively calling for Tinubu's resignation.

Meanwhile, in the Yoruba ethnic-dominated Southwest, Tinubu's home base, there are growing calls for Igbos to leave the region, which has been condemned by the national government.

Elsewhere in the north, where the protests have become extremely violent with many cities shut down, and workplaces, hospitals, and schools closed, rumors are spreading that the northerners, the majority of whom are from the Hausa and Fulani ethnic groups, are actively protesting against the government because they want Tinubu, a Yoruba man, to step down for one of their kinsmen.

"Some Yorubas are defending Tinubu like they are not seeing this hardship only because he is their kinsman. The Hausas and Fulanis that called protests un-Islamic are now at the forefront of violent protests. They want to make Tinubu a one-term president like

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Access to sexual reproductive health and rights is key in promoting gender equality

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

EDUCATION and awareness on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) is crucial for young people to ensure their health and wellbeing. Empowering youth with such education and access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services helps them make informed decisions concerning their bodies, relationships and future.

This includes access to information about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and guidance on sexual health, which can prevent unintended pregnancies as well as reducing the spread of STIs.

Youth who have access to SRHR are likely to stay in school and pursue higher education, avoiding early pregnancy, for instance, can help young people complete their education and improve their economic prospects, thus breaking the poverty cycle.

Ensuring that both young women and men have equal access to SRHR is a key aspect of promoting gender equality. Investing in SRHR for youth lays the foundation for healthier, more equitable and empowered societies.

In an effort to empower youth with knowledge on SRHR, Tanzania Men as Equal Partners in Development (TMEPiD) launched a special programme to educate young people from various districts across the country.

The primary goal of the training programme is to enable youth to transfer the acquired knowledge to their fellow peers. When young people are well educated, they understand their rights and actively participate in decision-making processes related to reproductive health.

Youth involvement in decision making allows them to voice their needs to health governing committees and ultimately gain access to the services and the support they require.

Sabina Lister, a 25-year-old resident of Kigamboni in Temeke District, Dar es Salaam Region is one of 78 youth who have benefitted with the provided education. Other participants came from Shinyanga, Dodoma, Mara, Simiyu, and Zanzibar—both Pemba and Unguja Islands.

TMEPiD conducted the training under its Safeguard Young People (SYP) programme with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Among other things, participants were also educated on how to prevent themselves from being infected with HIV/Aids as well as avoiding early pregnancies. They were equipped with entrepreneurship skills and how they can access loans from banks and financial

institutions.

According to Lister, the training has brought significant changes for youth in the District, as they now have the opportunity to participate in health governing committees and present their needs.

With the knowledge and skills gained from TMEPiD, beneficiaries have established an eight people group in Kigamboni District whereas they collaborate with medical officer to raise awareness about SRHR among their fellows. The education is offered at health facilities.

Through the group, youth get chances to discuss health issues, address challenges they encounter in their communities, and advocate for their rights.

She commended TMEPiD and UNFPA for initiating the programme, noting a significant increase in the number of youth visiting health facilities to obtain information on SRHR, access youth-friendly health services, and receive vaccinations.

"TMEPiD should think of expanding the programme to other districts with Dar es Salaam since there are many youth who are unaware of SRHR, something which contributes to higher rates of teenage pregnancy, new HIV/Aids infections and other sexually transmitted diseases," said Lister.

Cuthbert Maendaenda, TMEPiD Director, told The Guardian that the training has been successfully implemented through SYP programme which is financially supported by UNFPA.

"We have chosen to focus on youth because most of them are unaware of their sexual and reproductive health rights," said Maendaenda, noting they are pleased with what has been achieved in all the regions. Youth representation in health facilities has now reached 30 percent.

He elaborated that under the programme, youth were trained on how to advocate for their rights, participate in decision-making processes—particularly within health facility governing committees—express their needs, and follow up on development initiatives within their communities.

Before this intervention, it was a challenge for youth to demand for their reproductive health rights, he told The Guardian, adding that in some regions, the number of male participation in reproductive health issues has also increased as men are visiting health facilities with their wives to get education on reproductive health services and family planning—something that was uncommon in the past.

Men are now game changers, they do no longer fear to test for HIV as they are comfortably visiting the Care and Treatment Centres (CTC) for HIV/Aids testing and counselling.

"The situation has now improved with more men

going for HIV testing," he added.

TMEPiD introduced the programme to empower beneficiaries and allow them to share knowledge with their fellows. This has helped in ensuring they push for their health rights and prevent themselves from sexually transmitted diseases and early pregnancies.

He said youth are also capable of challenging harmful gender norms, thus reducing disparities in health outcomes. The education they have acquired helps them in preventing of Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

Education and awareness about SRHR can help prevent gender-based violence by promoting respect for individual rights and boundaries, and by providing resources and support for those who

experience violence.

He said they are working closely with the government and UNFPA to ensure it increases its budget for reproductive health issues under the FP2030 commitment.

Under this commitment, UNFPA will provide \$2.6 million annually, with the government contributing 1 percent in each financial year to ensure successful implementation of the FP2030 commitments.

Lawrence Mafuru, Executive Secretary of the Planning Commission, emphasized that: "Tanzania acknowledge sexual and reproductive health (SRH) as foundational to enabling people to attain full and healthy lives, while empowering them to contribute toward prosperous, equitable, and sustainable societies". Godlove Mwasamila, youth coordinator and

trainer at TMEPiD added that the primary goal of the program is to ensure that young people are actively involved in decision-making processes and have increased access to SRHR services.

Under the program, youth are equipped with knowledge on SRHR and smart advocacy, stated Mwasamila noting that they also intend to enhance youth capacity so that they can push their agendas and advocate for their rights.

"As a significant outcome of the training, we succeeded to empower about 10 young people to secure positions in health committees at different health facilities. They also engage in provision of SRHR awareness and education and other health-related activities within their communities," he said.



REQUEST FOR TENDER

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

Supply and Management of Bulk Explosives

Pre-qualification Criteria

No	Reference no	Description of work	Pre-qualification Criteria
1	NM020/2024	Supply and Management of Bulk Explosives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Available to commence as soon as possible. ii. Has the systems to provide explosives loading and management service with the highest compliance to occupational health, safety, environment, and community standards. iii. Has systems to manage processes, procedures and work methods to provide safe systems of work. iv. The contractor shall be able to hold 3 months stocks required for supply and maintenance onsite. v. Supplying, transporting, and handling of explosives as per Barrick safety standards and complying with Tanzanian regulations. vi. Offering explosive products and solutions that optimize efficiency in operations. vii. Shown the ability to be able to ship 4000 tonnes of AN into the port of Dar Es Salaam, consecutively over a 6-month period. viii. Provide supporting documentation ensuring the supplier has the capability to supply the quantities required by the mine. ix. Supplying high-quality explosive products as per client's request and backed by rigorous testing, quality assurance processes, and ongoing technical support to ensure consistent performance and reliability in diverse operating conditions. x. Provide sufficient support that they are currently producing a minimum of 600 tons of emulsion per month. xi. Be able to provide new MMU's and MCU's process units and be able to maintain them while stocking the required critical spares and maintenance parts on site. xii. Be able to manage stock and monthly bill BGML based on consumption and repairs completed. xiii. Have magazines in the Lake Zone Region xiv. The suppliers stock system should be capable to interface with SAP for stock monitoring and ordering purposes. xv. Be able to provide/conduct technical training to BGML staff. xvi. Be able to provide a clear breakdown of cost contributors for each of the rates quoted, supported by a robust escalation mechanism. xvii. Able to comply with Barrick's Safety standards and management systems. xviii. Able to install, operate, test, and maintain all the equipment in good workable condition in accordance with good practice. xix. Provide technical advice and support regarding explosive selection, application, storage, handling, and safety procedures to ensure optimal performance and compliance with regulatory standards. xx. Proof of Local Content Regulations compliance. xxi. Proof of compliance with the Tanzanian Explosives Act. xxii. Consistent Labor supply to load explosives, stem holes and fire blasts and report submission for QA/QC on explosive quality, quantities loaded, stemming length and priming depth. xxiii. Monthly reconciliation reports on blasting patterns and Drone Blast videos to support the blast improvement projects.

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Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM.

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Key Dates

- Last Date to Submit EOI

25 August 2024

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Supply of 4 URJ200-500 Vacuum pump Self priming system c/w 250kW WEG Motor Tender REF: NM021/2024

Qualification Criteria

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Qualification Criteria
1	NM021/2024	Supply of 4 URJ200-500 Vacuum pump Self priming system c/w 250kW WEG Motor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Preferred Make – URJ200-500 Vacuum pump Self priming system c/w 250kW WEG Motor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity 630m3/hr • Total head 88.3m • Discharge size 250mm. • Revolution 1490RPM • NPSH 4.2m • Power supply 380V/50Hz/3P • Soft starter • Mechanical seal (Water pump) • Pump casing – Carbon steel. • Motor – WEG 250kW, 1480RPM, 50Hz, 3P, IP55, F class, IE2 ii. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares. iii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified. iv. Installation and commissioning support and assistance. v. Lead time of delivery. vi. Local Content Compliance

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By Telesphor Magobe

Marking International Youth Day amidst growing job uncertainties

ON August 12 each year the world marks International Youth Day. This is a platform through which the youth in various parts of the world can share their aspirations, innovations and collaboration towards achieving sustainable development and also the challenges facing them and how to address them.

This year's theme was "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development". The 21st century is referred to as the digital era, which is characterised by a fusion of technologies. These technologies have changed the way people think, behave, work and interact.

It is the era of a rapidly evolving world which needs new coping skills and competencies that are not taught at school, but are acquired through experience, training and practice. ILO in its World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2024 report suggests that with emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) labour market entry barriers for newcomers created by large digital monopolies have been significant obstacles to faster technological adoption, in particular in low-productive sectors and developing countries. This situation aggravates the incidence of unemployment and poverty.

The youth need to develop new coping skills and competencies such as critical and innovative thinking, complex problem-solving, the ability to collaborate, and socio-emotional skills (knowledge society skills) because they are crucial to the future labour market. These skills and others make a person not only employable, but also even if is not employed, he or she can create jobs and employ himself or herself.

Mahmud and Wong (2022) in their article titled "Stakeholder's Perspectives of the Twenty-First Century Skills" refer to knowledge society skills as 21st century skills, which they say include, but are not limited to, working independently, problem-solving, verbal communication, allocating time efficiently, and ability to function well in stressful situations. These skills and competencies are needed for the youth of the 21st century or of the digital era.

The authors say in the workplace, employees with these skills can collect, organise, and understand data as well as predict outcomes, experiment, summarise, and communicate the results. Nevertheless, they suggest, lack of these skills in a significant number of employees hinders economic development.

One of the areas complained about is how pupils and students are groomed for the future, that when they graduate find themselves unemployed because they lack employability (soft) skills as mentioned above or there is no room to employ them because due to operational reasons an organisation or company has only a lean team it can afford to employ and retain.

Suarta et al. (2017) in their article titled "Employability skills required by the 21st century workplace: a literature review of labour market demand" suggest that: "The workforce in the 21st century not only requires graduates with high academic qualifications as represented by the subject and degree class, but also equipped with a number of skills and attributes. Employer surveys indicate that occupation-specific skills are no longer sufficient for graduates to meet the needs of national labour markets." Soft or employability skills are considered a missing link between education and training and the workplace and there is a need to maintain them through up skilling and reskilling to improve proficiency.

The SDG Digital Acceleration Agenda launched by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2023 looks at digital technologies as "improving financial inclusion, increasing the effectiveness of government and public service delivery, and providing



people with platforms and channels to ensure their voices are heard." Thus, digitalisation is seen as transforming countries, communities, economies, and societies, and facilitating the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The youth in different parts of the world marked International Youth Day with hope and uncertainty. The hope the youth have is that it is them taking charge of things after seeing for many years that they haven't been moving in the right direction and they want to ensure that what they do makes a difference in their communities, countries and in their own lives. The uncertainty they have is how they are going to be absorbed into the labour market.

Emerging technologies create new opportunities and challenges. In this digital era, there are jobs which will be replaced with automation and others will be created and these will need new skills to do them. As some studies suggest, the problem with

the future labour market is that, it is not that people will not have jobs, but that they will lack skills needed to do the jobs created by emerging technologies.

In light of this, the youth will be better placed if they develop skills and competencies that will make them absorbed into the future labour market (also called the global digital economy). UNCTAD in a report entitled "2024 Digital Economy: Shaping an environmentally sustainable and inclusive digital future" says: "It is important to ensure that the human rights impacts and the unique challenges confronting women and girls, youth, indig-

enous peoples and other groups at risk of being left behind, are not overlooked. For instance, nearly 12.9 million women and many children work in the informal sector managing waste from digitalisation, which makes them significantly more likely to be exposed to potential negative consequences for their health."

Thus, International Youth Day gives the youth food for thought on how they are going to cope with this rapidly changing world and remain relevant, while at the same time they are threatened by the unemployment challenge.

According to the ILO report, unemployment is expected to

rise modestly in 2024 as labour force participation rates decline and employment growth slows, while global unemployment will rise by 2 million, pushing the global unemployment rate from 5.1 per cent in 2023 to 5.2 per cent in 2024.

The global jobs gap, though improving, remained elevated in 2023, at about 435 million. In the circumstances, the youth's mind remains unsettled given future job uncertainties. Thus, this year's International Youth Day challenges youth to be more innovative to cope with the rapidly changing world and remain relevant to this digital era.

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Green market boosts agricultural trade, social well-being in Namibia

WINDHOEK

NESTLED on a bustling street in Windhoek, Namibia's capital, the Green Market draws crowds every Saturday. This vibrant marketplace is more than just a gathering spot for friends and families; it also provides a crucial platform for farmers to sell their natural products.

Established in 2004 by members of the Waldorf School to replicate the success of a similar market in South Africa, the Green Market has since become a dynamic hub for local entrepreneurship and a catalyst for agricultural trade.

Operating every Saturday, the Green Market offers a diverse range of natural farm produce, fashion, cultural items, arts, and both international and local cuisine. Its unique selling point is its consistent weekly operation, which distinguishes it from other markets.

Initially managed by a group of school parents, the market is now overseen by a team of five trustees. "We aim to promote further eco-friendly practices that have a positive impact on the environment," said Bettina Meierhofer, who has managed the market for the past seven years with the support of the trustee team.

The market has expanded significantly from its beginnings with just four stalls to over 40 vendors today. Stall fees start at 100 Namibian dollars (about 5.6 U.S. dollars), with costs varying based on the size of the stall and the nature of the business and products. In the past, the Green Market used to take a commission from the profits earned by exhibitors on Saturdays.

Occasionally, the market provides free trade space for startups

as part of the commitment to reinvest in the community and address market access gaps, said Meierhofer.

Nearly 20 years on, exhibitors like Angela Ilonga, who specializes in textile and fashion design, have attributed business growth to the Green Market. Ilonga was one of the first four entrepreneurs to exhibit products at the Green Market in 2004.

"Before this, I struggled to find a suitable place to sell my products, including accessories and other wildlife-themed items," she said. "The market allowed me to reach my target clientele, including tourists. I never left," Ilonga added.

The market serves not only as a trading space. "It also serves as a platform for exchanging ideas, networking, and learning best practices from fellow vendors," she said.

In addition to its diverse range of products, the market also features a range of international cuisines and products, adding to its diversity, said Meierhofer.

To sustain and grow the market, the team employs robust marketing strategies on social media and other platforms to attract more exhibitors and visitors. They also apply strict criteria to ensure vendor products meet high standards and satisfy a growing clientele.

"We don't accept any products; we assess if it is within the standards, ensuring that their products meet the demand of a growing clientele," said Meierhofer.

Looking ahead, the Green Market envisions becoming even more eco-friendly, with plans to eliminate plastic use and increase opportunities for farmers and other vendors.



People visit the Green Market in Windhoek

"Our vision is to promote healthier food production and contribute to economic growth and social well-being," said Meierhofer.

Carl Schlettwein, Namibia's minister of Agriculture, Water, and Land Reform, highlighted the importance of such markets in con-

necting small and medium enterprises with traders and ventures in the value chain.

The agricultural sector in Namibia

is vital, serving 70 percent of the country's population and contributing significantly to the local economy, according to the minister.

68m suffer from drought in Southern Africa, SADC says

HARARE

ABOUT 68 million people in Southern Africa are suffering the effects of an El Nino-induced drought that has wiped out crops across the region, the regional bloc SADC has said.

The drought, which started in early 2024, has hit crop and livestock production, causing food shortages and damaging the wider economies.

Heads of state from the 16-nation Southern African Development Community (SADC) were meeting in Zimbabwe's capital Harare to discuss regional issues including food security.

Some 68 million people, or 17% of the region's population, need aid, said Elias Magosi, SADC executive secretary.

"The 2024 rainy season has been a challenging one with most parts of the region experiencing negative effects of the El Nino phenomenon characterized by the late onset of rains," he said.

It is Southern Africa's worst drought in years, owing to a combination of naturally occurring El Nino – when an abnormal warming of the waters in the eastern Pacific changes world weather patterns – and higher average temperatures produced by greenhouse gas emissions.

Countries including Zimbabwe,



Zambia, and Malawi have already declared the hunger crisis a state of disaster, while Lesotho and Namibia have called for humanitarian support.

The region launched an appeal in May for \$5.5 billion in humanitarian assistance to support the drought response, but donations have not been forthcoming, said outgoing SADC chair Joao Lourenco, the president of Angola.

"The amount mobilized so far is unfortunately below the estimated amounts and I would like to reiterate this appeal to regional and international partners to redouble their efforts... to help our people who have been affected by El Nino," he told the summit.

The drought is a major talking point at this year's summit, alongside issues such as the ongoing conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, which Lourenco said was a source of great concern.

Africa seeks digital solutions for better revenue collection

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN governments have been trying to introduce new taxes – in part to pay off heavy foreign loans – amid economic headwinds that include rising global prices for food and energy.

In June, the Kenya government introduced Finance Bill 2024, which sought to collect more money from the public and businesses.

The move triggered weeks of angry protests that prompted President William Ruto to withdraw the bill and fire his cabinet.

On Monday, Kenya's outgoing finance minister, Njuguna Ndungu, said the government does not need to introduce new taxes.

"From this notion that high taxes will raise high tax revenue, the reality

is the opposite," Ndungu said. "... So, because high taxes cannot bring you high tax revenue, what do we need to do? We need to study how we can optimize each tax instrument."

One way is to improve collection rates on taxes already on the books.

One company, N-Soft, has helped the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, and several other nations supervise technological services and collect fees and taxes automatically.

N-Soft says that by setting up monitoring of the DRC's telecom sector, it improved tax collection in that field by 60%. Prakash Sabunani, the senior vice president and partner

of N-Soft, said Africa is losing a lot of revenue in the digital space.

"Governments need to utilize digital tools. Digital tools are today the future. Everything today, as you can see, is converging toward AI. Mobile operators, mobile, telecom solution providers, device manufacturers, everybody is today focusing on AI," said Sabunani. "And that's where the new economy is actually targeting their new streams of income."

N-Soft is urging African governments and tax authorities to focus on collecting taxes from phones with SIM cards, pay TV services, online financial services, and the online gaming and betting industries.

By doing so, these governments could raise more money to fund their development goals. Sabunani said African countries need to improve the tax collection system so they can avoid burdening themselves with loans.

"We encourage local governments to look at their own inner space and their own economic space to first optimize that revenue before going out of their borders to claim money or to request for loans," said Sabunani. "They don't need to because if they were optimized in their data, in collecting their revenue and in optimizing their sources of collection, believe me, they wouldn't need to borrow any money."

McDonald Lewanika, the coun-

try director at Accountability Lab, an organization that promotes good governance for Africa, said "poor prioritization" of where resources are deployed are leading to "poor performance by governments" and "poor dividends for ordinary people." Why, he asked, should people have to pay debts "that we were not supposed to incur in the first place, in order for them to pay for corruption and bad governance at the end of the day?" At minimum, adopting digital tools to collect taxes may keep countries out of financial situations like Kenya's, and help them avoid the kind of protests that brought down President Ruto's cabinet.

By Adonis Byemetwa

New public-private partnership blueprint will increase investment in education sector



Prof Adolf Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology

TANZANIA is poised for a significant overhaul in its education sector with the introduction of a new public-private partnership (PPP) blueprint, recently announced by Prof Adolf Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology during a recent engagement with private sector stakeholders. Prof Mkenda underscored the blueprint's goal of enticing increased private investment into education.

This initiative is not merely about financial influx but it focuses on elevating educational standards and expanding access to quality services. By fostering a collaborative environment between public and private entities, the blueprint aims to tackle current challenges, enhance infrastructure, and drive innovative solutions, thereby ensuring a more effective and equitable education system for all Tanzanians.

Public-private partnerships have emerged as a critical strategy for governments worldwide seeking to leverage the expertise and efficiency of the private sector to deliver high-quality services.

These arrangements involve private entities taking on part of the service delivery responsibilities traditionally managed by the government, while also assuming the associated risks. Payments to the private sector can come from user fees, government budgets, or a combination of both.

The newly announced blueprint by the government seeks to address challenges faced by private investors in the education sector by providing a structured framework to guide investment.

Prof Mkenda highlighted that the plan's goal is to encourage private sector involvement in education, underlining that the blueprint will offer a detailed guide on how to achieve this objective. "It is the government's commitment to utilize private sector resources to enhance education. This document will guide how to achieve this goal," Mkenda asserted.

According to Prof Mkenda, the blueprint aims to address various challenges currently facing the education sector by ensuring that private investors can navigate issues such as tax regulations, fees, and other investment-related concerns.

The plan is part of a broader policy document prepared by the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Investment, which has been instrumental in creating a framework to improve the business environment in Tanzania.

The new blueprint will mirror the successful models used in other countries, aiming to refine Tanzania's approach to education investment. Despite some advances, private education providers in Tanzania have faced significant hurdles, particularly concerning high taxation imposed by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

The Tanzania Association of Owners and Directors of Government Schools and Colleges (TAMONGSCO)

has voiced its dissatisfaction with the tax regime, despite recent reductions in educational taxes by the government. The association argues that Section 64(8) of the Income Tax

Act stipulates that educational service providers should be exempt from certain taxes, given that some are not profit-oriented.

Currently, private schools are required to pay over ten different taxes, including property tax, land tax, corporate tax, value-added tax (VAT), local government taxes, work permits, and occupational health and safety regulations.

Stakeholders have reported that TRA has received complaints from private education investors and is working to address these issues, although the requirement for tax compliance remains.

Private school owners have also expressed frustration with the delays in issuing Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) and charitable status for

schools. TRA insists that TIN and charitable status are essential, treating schools as businesses subject to similar tax obligations.

Additionally, school owners are calling for the removal of work permit fees for teachers from East African Community (EAC) countries who already hold teaching licenses from any of the partner states.

If approved, the new blueprint promises to address these concerns effectively, according to the minister, who has directed the Permanent Secretary to expedite the processing of this crucial initiative.

The World Economic Forum defines PPPs as voluntary collaborations between various stakeholders from different sectors, working together towards a common goal or to fulfill a specific need involving shared responsibilities, resources, and capabilities.

Historically, it has been the government's responsibility to provide education across all age groups as mandated by law. However, various forms of PPPs have existed in the education sector, including government-assisted private schools.

For instance, in the 2006-07 period, a significant proportion of secondary and primary schools in various regions were managed by private institutions with substantial financial support from local governments.

A World Bank study titled 'Public and Private Secondary Education in Developing Countries' revealed that students in private schools achieved better academic outcomes compared to their public-school counterparts.

The study found that the cost per student in private schools was lower than in public schools, and private institutions had greater autonomy in decision-making and a stronger emphasis on student success.

PPPs in education can be implemented through three main areas: infrastructure provision, support services, and educational services. In infrastructure provision, a private partner constructs, owns, and operates facilities, which the government then utilizes under a long-term contract.

The private partner secures funding and is responsible for building and maintaining the infrastructure, receiving payments over the contract period, typically ranging from 20 to 30 years. At

the end of the contract, ownership of ten reverts to the government, though other models may retain private ownership.

The 'Building Schools for the Future' program in the UK is an example of a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) for constructing secondary school buildings. Under this scheme, private partners fund and build school facilities, maintaining them for a 30-year contract period. Performance criteria are established to ensure the maintenance of these schools, with payments made quarterly based on performance.

In support services, a private partner provides specific services such as school meals, IT equipment, laboratories, gyms, and transportation. These services can be integrated with infrastructure or provided separately. The benefit is that a private partner with expertise in specific areas can deliver these services more efficiently and cost-effectively than if schools manage them independently.

For example, IT services are provided in many government schools in regions such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, with private partners managing all equipment and service administration. Payments are made by government schools based on the availability of these services.

In the area of educational services, a private partner establishes and operates an entire school, including building classrooms, providing support services, and delivering educational services. The private partner has complete management control, including hiring teachers and staff.

The government sponsors student enrollment and pays fees per student based on performance criteria such as student and teacher attendance, teacher qualifications, infrastructure maintenance, student learning outcomes, and examination results.

Since 1981, Chile has implemented a voucher system allowing students to enroll in private schools, with the government paying monthly fees directly to these schools. There is a price variation between private schools depending on location and education quality. Families can choose their schools, although schools are not obligated to accept every student. Vouchers are paid directly to the schools.

Public-private partnerships offer a transformative opportunity to revitalize the education sector by harnessing the expertise and efficiency of private institutions. This innovative approach is set to revolutionize educational delivery and related services, paving the way for significant improvements and driving substantial positive change.

By learning from successful global models, Tanzania is on the verge of a major overhaul in its approach to private investment in education. The new blueprint aims to create a more favorable investment climate, boost educational outcomes, and ensure a more robust and dynamic education system. This strategic shift promises to benefit students, educators, and all stakeholders, marking a pivotal advancement toward a more effective and inclusive educational landscape.

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Across:
 1. Capital city of Uganda
 9. at all times
 10.a person who is addicted to something
 12.a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline
 13.the territory of a particular region
 14.a blouse or bodice

Down:
 1. used to lock and unlock doors
 2. confessed openly
 3. very large
 4. the expression of approval
 5. final
 6. fuss or difficulty
 7. a number of miles travelled
 8. a level of equality
 11.eat dinner
 16.combining form related to mountains
 17.the flat cutting edge of a knife 18. 'let it be so'
 19. a conscious action
 20. any material in the form of tiny particles

15.chemical element of atomic number 10
17.a growth of hair on a chin
18.increased
21.state in Western India
22.a decree which had the force of law in Russia
23.equally balanced 24.Topics

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BUSINESS

Tanzania's current account deficit decreases by 49.5 pc

By Guardian Reporter

Tanzania's current account deficit sharply decreased by nearly half, falling to US\$2.5 billion in the year ending June 2024, down from US\$4.96 billion recorded during the same period in 2023, making it the lowest deficit recorded since July 2023.

According to Bank of Tanzania's monthly economic review for July, the improvement resulted from substantial increase of exports of goods and services, driven by gold and tourism sector, as well as decline of goods imports.

Exports of goods and services grew by 14.9 percent, reaching US\$14.68 billion during the year ending June 2024.

This growth was fueled by higher earnings from tourism, gold exports, and increased sales of traditional and horticultural products.

"The improvement in



Bank of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam office

the external sector was driven by the global economy's recovery from previous shocks, enhanced export performance, and effective import management amidst favorable global commodity prices," said the central bank review. Traditional exports surged by 41.8 percent to US\$1.07 billion, thanks to higher volumes of cashew nuts, cotton, and coffee, despite some price fluctuations.

Tobacco exports saw a remarkable 140 percent increase during the year,

driven by both higher vol-

umes and prices. Exports earnings from tobacco reached the historical high of US\$438.5 million, which accounted for nearly 44 percent of total earnings from traditional exports.

Additionally, prices for agricultural commodities such as coffee, palm oil, sugar, rice, and tea rose during this period, with coffee prices particularly benefiting from strong demand and lower harvests due to adverse weather conditions.

Non-traditional exports also improved, rising

to US\$6.37 billion from US\$6.20 billion in the previous year.

This increase was largely attributed to gold, which made up 49 percent of non-traditional exports, as well as horticultural products, fish and fish products, and oil seeds.

Exports earnings from gold amounted to US\$3.1 billion, from US\$2.6 billion recorded during the year ended in June 2023.

Notably, horticultural exports increased to US\$415.4 million, up from US\$294.1 million the year before, driven by higher vegetable exports. Oil seed exports grew by 26.4 percent, reaching USD 295.3 million by June 2024.

Service receipts totaled US\$6.81 billion in the year ending June 2024, a 25.5 percent increase from the previous year. This rise was mainly due to travel receipts, which accounted for 53.5 percent of total service income, followed by transport services, particularly from freight

charges.

The improvement in service receipts was closely linked to an increase in tourist arrivals, which rose to 1.99 million in June 2024, up from 1.64 million in June 2023.

On the import side, Tanzania's imports of goods and services fell to US\$16.03 billion in the year ending June 2024, down from US\$16.98 billion the previous year.

This reduction was mainly due to lower global commodity prices and reduced freight costs.

Service payments also decreased by 11.5 percent to US\$2.24 billion, with lower freight costs for imported goods accounting for 53.2 percent of total service payments.

Meanwhile, foreign exchange reserves strengthened to US\$5.35 billion by the end of June 2024, sufficient to cover 4.4 months of projected imports of goods and services, meeting both national and East African Community (EAC) benchmarks.



The head of the Babati-based silo complex, Efraim January, explains the performance of the state-owned food processing and storage hub. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

NFRA inaugurates state-of-the-art silo complex in Babati

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Babati

The National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) has inaugurated a state-of-the-art silo complex in Babati district, Manyara region, aimed at enhancing the processing and storage of various crops produced across Tanzania.

This ultramodern facility, valued at 18bn/-, focuses on crops such as maize, sunflower, barley, soybeans, and sorghum.

The new complex has attracted a significant number of customers, including crop traders from neighboring countries like Uganda and Burundi, drawn by its advanced technology and efficiency.

According to Efraim January, head of the complex, the facility offers cloud-connected quality assurance systems that set it apart from other processing centers.

"Our computerized complex provides fast services, capable of processing a 30-ton truck of maize grains within just 30 to 40 minutes," Eng. January revealed in an exclusive interview during a special tour of the project.

The facility is equipped with a range of digital equipment designed for various stages of crop processing. These include machines for grain sampling, cleaners, dryers, as well as packaging and storage facilities.

January emphasized the complex's commitment to ensuring that crops are processed to meet both local and inter-

national market standards.

Discussing the maize grain cleaning process, which is a major activity at the center, Eng. January explained that the facility uses a modern automated system to remove fine dust, threads, and broken grains. The refined maize is then packed and stored under optimal moisture conditions of 13.5 percent.

"Our vision is to deliver processed and packaged crops to consumers in the best possible condition, adhering to recommended health standards," he stated.

January also highlighted NFRA's broader mission, which involves purchasing surplus crops from farmers at fair prices and storing them professionally to ensure national food security.

The Babati-based complex features eight modern silos, each with a storage capacity of 3,425 tonnes, bringing the total storage capacity to approximately 27,400 tonnes.

The facility also includes five centers dedicated to the professional procurement of maize grains from local farmers, with NFRA purchasing based on government-recommended standards.

NFRA currently operates 72 purchasing points across eight regions: Dodoma, Dar es Salaam (Kipawa), Njombe (Makambako), Songwe, Rukwa (Sumbawanga), Arusha (Babati), Shinyanga, and Songea. The agency's purchasing strategy includes buying from farmers, large-scale traders, and cooperative societies.

Tanzania urges India to strengthen trade and investment ties

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

Tanzania has called on the Indian government to continue enhancing trade relations between the two nations to further business connections, increase foreign currency inflows, and expand investment opportunities.

Dr. Damas Ndumbaro, Tanzania's Minister of Culture, Arts, and Sports, made this appeal last Thursday while addressing ambassadors, heads of international organizations, members of the diplomatic corps, the Indian diaspora, and government officials at the 78th Independence Day reception held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC).

Dr. Ndumbaro emphasized that India remains a crucial trading partner for Tanzania, with bilateral trade volumes significantly increasing from US\$1.6 billion in 2020 to US\$3.1 billion in 2023.

This growth solidifies India's position as Tanzania's largest export destination.

In addition to trade, India has become one of the top three sources of foreign direct investment in Tanzania and ranks among the top five investment sources overall. These investments have created 600 jobs and are valued at US\$3.7 billion.

Dr. Ndumbaro also expressed gratitude for India's longstanding

cultural and sports partnerships with Tanzania. He urged Indian ambassadors to further support collaborations between Tanzanian and Indian health institutions, particularly between the Indian Institute of Medical Science and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences. He also commended India's ongoing assistance in the water and education sectors.

In 2022, six Indian companies signed an agreement to undertake a water development project in Tanzania valued at US\$5 billion. Once completed, this project is expected to provide clean water access to over 4 million Tanzanians, a significant improvement in the quality of life.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Bishwadip Dey, highlighted the progress in bilateral relations, which were elevated to a Strategic Partnership during President Samia Suluhu Hassan's state visit to India in October 2023. Since then, four high-level Tanzanian delegations have visited India, further solidifying ties.

According to Dey, bilateral trade reached US\$7.9 billion in 2023, making Tanzania India's second-largest trading partner in Africa. This success underscores the collaborative efforts of both governments.

In addition to trade, India and Tanzania have deepened their defense cooperation. This year,



Dr Damas Ndumbaro, Minister of Culture, Arts and Sports (R) toasts with India's High Commissioner to Tanzania to celebrate India's 78th Independence Day. The event was held in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo: India High Commission.

three Indian naval ships visited Tanzania and participated in joint maritime exercises with the Tanzanian Navy, as well as the second India-Mozambique-Tanzania trilateral naval exercise.

India continues to share its expertise with Tanzania through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programs.

Reflecting on India's 78th Independence Day, Dey remarked on India's progress since gaining independence on August 15, 1947.

Today, India is the world's fifth-largest economy and one of the fastest-growing. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India aims to become a developed

nation by 2047, striving for self-sufficiency and independence in all sectors.

India has also made significant strides in renewable energy, ranking fourth globally in installed capacity, with a goal of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based energy by 2030.

Additionally, India boasts the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, substantial advancements in healthcare and pharmaceuticals, and leadership in real-time digital payment systems.

Dey praised Tanzania for its stunning landscapes, rich culture, and warm hospitality, noting that the country has recently become a favored destination for Indian celebrities.

He expressed excitement about his new role as High Commissioner, having arrived in Tanzania two weeks ago, and emphasized the importance of engaging with the Indian diaspora, one of the largest in Africa.

As part of his mission, Dey plans to visit various regions across Tanzania to strengthen ties with local communities.

The Indian High Commission intends to organize six consular camps annually in different regions, beginning with Tanga in September, followed by Mbeya in November, Arusha in January 2025, Mwanza in March, Dodoma in May, Morogoro in July, and Shinyanga in September 2025.

Dangote refinery set to disrupt European fuel markets

LONDON

The Nigerian oil industry has had a roller coaster of a year. In January, Shell announced that it would be exiting the West African nation's onshore oil industry after nearly a century of operations as a result of unstable and unsavory operational conditions.

British supermajor Shell is just the latest western company to pull out of Nigeria's oil industry, which now finds itself in rapid decline.

At the same time, however, Nigeria is getting ready to open up one of the world's largest oil refineries with the potential to be a major player in global oil markets.

Nigeria's oil sector has been plagued with troubles for years now, pushing major oil interests to pull out of the oil rich nation.

According to reporting from the US News & World Report, Shell's

decision to sell off its Nigerian subsidiary for \$2.4 billion was due to the fact that the company "has struggled for years with hundreds of onshore oil spills as a result of theft, sabotage and operational issues that led to costly repairs and high-profile lawsuits."

Shell's decision to pull out of Nigeria comes on the heels of similar decisions from Houston-based Exxon Mobil, Italy's Eni and Norway's Equinor.

In the wake of the West's exodus from the Nigerian oil sector, the industry remains in a state of heightened flux and uncertainty.

The country's energy landscape, which includes the 11th largest proven oil reserves in the world (just behind the United States), "has grappled with poor governance, weak institutions, deteriorating security conditions, spiraling economic decline, and uninspired leadership"



according to an analysis from the Center for Strategic & International Studies.

The weakening of Nigeria's oil production capacity also comes at a time that the nation is preparing to bring the massive Dangote refinery online.

Once the plant is up and running

at full capacity, Dangote will be able to process 650,000 barrels of crude oil a day, making it competitive with the United States' largest refineries and over 50 percent bigger than the largest refinery in Europe.

This spells trouble for the feedstock of the refinery, as the plant's backers had intended for the plant to

refine domestically produced crude in order to bolster the heavily oil-dependent local economy, which has been marked by crisis and severe hardship in the recent term. Shell's recent exit from the market will make the country's goals of reversing its declining production rates particularly difficult to achieve. In the meantime, Dangote has looked to foreign markets to buy the crude it needs to fill demand, but sufficient supplies for the massive operation have proven hard to come by.

Despite these struggles, the sheer scale of Dangote will nonetheless turn Nigeria into an "oil market juggernaut" according to a recent Bloomberg headline.

While the plant is not yet fully operational, it's already making waves in global markets. "During the past few weeks, actions by the country's massive Dangote refinery have moved prices," the Bloomberg re-

port detailed, "with purchases of US barrels initially boosting the crude futures curve before a decision to sell them sent oil tumbling."

Aliko Dangote, the billionaire Nigerian businessman who has spearheaded the refinery's construction and development, has said that the plant will start producing gasoline this month. Other experts say that September is more likely.

In either case, it's going to cause a splash in a tight oil market. "Once the site starts churning out gasoline, it will transform fuel markets in the region and upend long-established trade flows, particularly in Europe, where Nigeria currently purchases much of its supplies," Bloomberg went on to report.

What's more, Europe will now have to compete with Nigeria to buy crude oil on a very tight global market, indicating significant disruption to come.

Board invites local investors into sisal processing

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

The Tanzania Sisal Board (TSB) has called on local investors to install decorticator machines in Korogwe sisal plantations owned by Agriculture Marketing Cooperatives Societies (AMCOS).

This invitation comes in response to concerns raised by small-scale sisal growers, who have found it costly to transport their harvested sisal to processing facilities at Hale and Magunga farms in Korogwe district.

TSB's board chairman, Theobald Sabi, visited the farms to witness the challenges firsthand. He discovered that many of the existing decorticator machines were non-functional due to old age.

Following the tour, Sabi emphasized that inviting private investors into the sisal sector

would not only improve efficiency but also boost the processing of sisal fiber.

"The private sector plays a key role in local capacity building, technological upgrading, and investment promotion. Our decision aims to provide a permanent solution that will allow farmers to enjoy their work without worrying about the shortage of sisal processing factories," Sabi said.

He assured that the board would take urgent steps to ensure that all activities related to the sisal value chain proceed smoothly, contributing to increased productivity for farmers, the board,

the country's economy, and the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at large.

TSB Director General, Saddy Kambona, explained that the purpose of the visit was to build capacity and raise awareness about the entire sisal production value chain, from planting and processing to marketing. The visit also aimed to address the challenges facing smallholder farmers and find solutions to improve the sisal agriculture sub-sector.

Kambona noted that the decorticator machines installed by private investors at Hale and Magunga Amcos farms have greatly helped farmers process their sisal leaves.

In contrast, machines owned by Sisalana are outdated and not functioning well, leading to significant losses as many fibers end up as waste.

TSB board member, Naweed Mullah, expressed gratitude for the tour, noting the positive developments in the sector and calling on the board to provide better services to farmers at affordable prices.

He highlighted the need for more processing factories, given that sisal was recently reintroduced as one of the country's five strategic cash crops.

Shedrack Lugendo, Chairper-

son of the Magunga Agriculture Marketing Cooperative Society and representative of all five Korogwe Amcos farms, thanked the board for their visit.

He urged the board to prioritize installing new decorticator machines instead of repairing the outdated ones owned by Sisalana, which have proven inefficient.

"We are hopeful that your visit will lead to positive changes. Many Amcos have requested investment in processing factories with new technology decorticator machines, and your approval will be a significant step towards supporting smallholder farm-

ers," Lugendo said.

The Union of Korogwe Amcos operates five sisal plantations—Hale, Magoma, Magunga, Mwelya, and Ngombezi—which involve 7,551 registered small-scale farmers.

According to the TSB database, these farmers currently contribute to the production of about 36,000 tonnes of sisal fiber annually.

TSB aims to increase sisal fiber production to 120,000 tonnes annually by 2025. Data from the Ministry of Industry and Trade shows that sisal fiber was the leading product Tanzania exported to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) over the past year, with 426.4 tonnes sold to Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco, and Egypt.

Tanga Region gets 97.9bn/- for construction of health facilities

By Guardian Correspondent, Muheza

Tanga region has received a total of 97.9bn/- for the construction of health facilities including hospitals, health centers, and dispensaries.

This was said by the Regional Commissioner, Ambassador Batilda Burian, during the opening of Mama Samia Eye Clinic, which provides eye care services for two days in Muheza District, sponsored by the non-governmental organization Mo Dewji Foundation.

"As a region, we have received 97.9bn/- solely for the health sector. We have managed to build 72 dispensaries, more than 23 health centers, six new hospitals, renovate three district hospitals, and make other improvements," said Dr Burian.

The coordinator of eye care services from the Mo Dewji Foundation, Amina Ramadhan, said that in one day, they managed to register 1,800 citizens with eye problems. Over the three days they will be providing services, the number will surpass that, and they will be able to reach up to 2,000.

She said that the Muheza camp is the seventh this year, and a total of 26,000 citizens have received services in camps held in various areas, with the activities continuing every month. A total of 1,800 citizens have undergone cataract surgery in the seven camps that have been held.

Speaking during the event, some elders re-



Deputy minister of arts, sports and culture and Member of Parliament for Muheza constituency, Hamis Mwinjuma (C), exchanges greetings with one of the elders who attended Mama Samia Eye clinic held in Muheza district. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

quested the government to continue improving health services, especially in providing treatment for eye problems.

They also praised the eye clinics being conducted in communities, as they have helped citizens receive services quickly and in a short time.

"Please keep the services well organized, people are happy to come and find out that they are being treated for free. Honestly, I am very happy; you go to see the doctor for a short time, and all

the necessary services are provided without needing to stay overnight. We should praise the government for this," said Mariam Wandi (90), a resident of Muheza District, Tanga Region, who explained how she received eye care, including cataract surgery, which she previously feared due to the cost.

She explains that her challenge was having a cataract, poor vision, and itching, but she was afraid to go to the hospital because of the costs, as her financial situation is limited.

"I had two daughters, one was a prison officer and the other a nurse, who used to help me, but both passed away at different times. That situation made me afraid to go to the hospital because I don't have insurance. When I heard that there were free services, I decided to come forward, and I'm thankful I was treated."

Similarly, Fatuma Mohamed (78), a resident of Tanga City, said she is grateful to the Mo Dewji Foundation for their services, as she had spent two years going to the

hospital without success. However, with this service, she only spent 7,000/- on transport and was treated.

She emphasized that the government should ensure better services for the elderly, including those with eye problems who go to the hospital but receive unsatisfactory responses, which causes them to lose hope and remain with their problems at home.

A total of 4,640 people were screened during the two days of the event ended yesterday.

Young people unemployment in China jumps to 17.1pc in July

Beijing

Youth unemployment in China ticked up to 17.1 percent in July, official figures showed, the highest level this year as the world's second-largest economy faces mounting headwinds.

China is battling soaring joblessness among young people, a heavily indebted property sector and intensifying trade issues with the West.

Chinese Premier Li Qiang, who is responsible for economic policy, called Friday for struggling companies to be "heard" and "their difficulties truly addressed," according to the state news agency Xinhua.

The unemployment rate among 16- to 24-year-olds released Friday by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) was up markedly from June's 13.2 percent.

The closely watched metric peaked at 21.3 percent in June of 2023, before authorities suspended publication of the figures and later changed their methodology to exclude students.

Nearly 12 million students graduated from Chinese universities this June, heightening competition in an already tough job market and likely explaining July's sharp increase in joblessness.

In May, President Xi Jinping said countering youth unemployment must be regarded as a "top priority."

Among 25- to 29-year-olds, the unemployment rate stood at 6.5 percent for July, up from the previous month's 6.4 percent.

For China's workforce, the national unemployment rate was 5.2 percent.

However, the NBS figures paint an incomplete picture of China's overall employment situation, as they take only urban areas into account.

The new unemployment figures come on the heels of other disappointing economic data from Beijing, including figures showing dampened industrial production, despite recent government measures aimed at boosting growth.

Industrial production growth weakened in July, with the month's 5.1 percent expansion down from June's 5.3 percent and falling short of analysts' predictions.

China's major cities also recorded another decline in real estate prices last month, a sign of sluggish demand.

Demand for bank loans also contracted for the first time in nearly 20 years, according to official figures published earlier this week.

International challenges are also mounting, with the European Union and the United States increasingly imposing trade barriers to protect their markets from low-cost Chinese products and perceived unfair competition.

Leaf tobacco merchant plants 1.06m trees in Nzega

By Guardian Reporter, Tabora

The tobacco leaf merchant, Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Limited (AOTL), has planted 1,062,500 trees in the Ngukumo tree farm project in Nzega district, Tabora region, at the cost of 980m/-.

The company's forest controller, Rashid Salum, revealed this in his brief address to the visiting Uhuru Torch delegation at the forest planted for the purpose of various uses by the surrounding tobacco farmers, including tobacco curing.

He said that the move was a continuation of the company's strategy to plant trees in various tobacco growing areas.

The initiative started by a joint forest management programme in Kasulu, Kigoma region in 2014, where millions of trees were planted in 450 hectares area.

"After seeing that Tabora region, where we source most of our tobacco has a big problem of forest destruction, due to the felling of trees for curing tobacco, charcoal and firewood, we decided to look for land in Nzega district council and they gave us this land, which totals 469 hectares and we have planted trees in five different blocks," said Salum.

He said the company entered into a memorandum of understanding with Nzega District Council to start a tree planting project, with the 80 by 20 percent ownership arrangement, with the company owning a majority.

He said the project officially began in December 2022/23 by land clearance, digging holes as well as planting Mfudu-



Uhuru Torch Race leader Godfrey Mzava exchanges greetings with Alliance One's Forest controller, Salum Rashid (R) as he receives a report on the company's sponsored tree farm/forest at Ngukumo Village in Nzega District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

fudu trees commonly called Thite Teak, which are fast growing tree species that normally take up to seven years to mature.

He said the company had three tree planting programs, the first one being to encourage tobacco farmers themselves to plant trees in their surrounding including homes.

The trees are for use for curing their tobacco leaves, instead of cutting down natural grown trees, which by and large have greatly contributed to the destruction of some forests.

He named the second program as a

communal commercial tree planting, whereby, the company assists the farmers with tree planting with at least 40 percent, and then the farmers are free to use the trees when matured for various uses including curing of tobacco leaves.

"The third program is like this one here and we call it a joint forest management, in which the AOTL establishes a farm and plants trees like this forest here at Ngukumo in Nzega district, and upon maturity we allow the communities to use it sustainably," he elaborated.

The leader of the uhuru torch delegation this year, Godfrey Mnzava, said the

sustainability of tobacco farming should go hand in hand with tree planting.

"The Uhuru torch sends this message to all tobacco companies in the country that from now onwards, they should emulate Alliance One on their very special initiative in restoring the green on our planet earth," he noted.

He also urged the tobacco farmers and non-tobacco farmers in the country to continue planting trees as well as contribute effectively to the protection of the existing forests by not destroying them with their human activities.

On his part, the representative of the Executive Director of Nzega District Council, the Nkiziwa Ward Executive Officer, Maria Katema said the introduction of the tree farm at their area will greatly restore the forest cover which was destroyed by human activities in the district.

Katema said that the land given to AOTL to plant trees was once a large forest, but was slowly destroyed by human activities, including making charcoal, wood for curing tobacco, farming as well as animals grazing.

"The project has brought good news alongside it, including employment to more than 300 people from different areas of the ward," said Katema

A villager, Joseph Mshine congratulated the the company for establishing a forest farm in their area, which had lost natural vegetation due to environmental damage while urging his fellow residents not to bring livestock into the young trees.



PBZ soars with unique financial performance in H1, 2024

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE People's Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ Bank) has unveiled its first-half financial report for 2024, showcasing remarkable achievements and outstanding performance in various key areas.

According to unaudited financial statements net income after tax, which stands at a remarkable 31.15bn/- (with a pre-tax profit of 44.50bn/-), representing an 18 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

Net Interest Income, which has risen to 54.15bn/-, a 14 percent growth compared to June 2023.

The bank's Managing Director, Arafat Haji said the achievement is a testament to the effective execution of its strategies.

"This growth is a testament to our effective execution of our strategies which focused on growing our earning assets through an improved efficient management of our balance sheet structure, supported by our excellent customer service, and the dedication of our team to deliver our promises to

our customers and stakeholders." Haji stated.

According to the MD, the success achieved by the bank is owing to the sound economic policies aimed at spearheading investment and business growth, implemented by the Government of Zanzibar.

Notably, the bank demonstrated its commitment to efficient operations, with its cost-to-income ratio improving to a commendable 46.49 percent, well below the regulatory requirement of 50percent.

This efficiency, coupled with strategic investments in areas that drive long-term growth, positions the bank as a model of financial prudence and forward-thinking.

The bank's impressive performance extends beyond its financial results, as evidenced by its remarkable asset growth.

Total assets have swelled to 2.23trn/-, a staggering 22 percent increase from the 1.83trn/- reported in June 2023.

Loan portfolio has grown to 1.11trn/-, up from 932bn/- in June 2023, while its deposit base has experienced a remarkable 31 percent increase, now standing at 1.77trn/-.



Arafat Haji

Commenting on this growth, Haji said "This growth reflects the trust our customers have placed in us and our ability to meet their financial needs and provide them with solutions to support their requirements."

Furthermore, the bank's asset quality remained exceptionally strong, with a non-performing loan ratio of just 2.44 percent, well below the regulatory requirement of 5 percent, further demonstrating the

bank's prudent risk management practices and the soundness of its loan portfolio.

Alongside its financial achievements, PBZ Bank has also made significant strides in expanding its digital and physical presence.

The bank has recently opened new branches in Morogoro and Mbeya regions and has increased its number of agents by 114, further enhancing its accessibility to customers across Tanzania.

"Additionally, our mobile app has undergone major improvements and is now available on all major app stores, reflecting our commitment to delivering a seamless and technologically advanced customer experience," the bank MD added.

Looking ahead, the bank promised to remain resolute in its pursuit of strengthening its market position and exceeding its targets for 2024.

According to the MD, they will continue to focus on enhancing the customer experience and satisfaction, leveraging their investment in technology to drive innovation, and maintaining a robust balance sheet to support sustainable growth.

"We are confident that we are well-positioned to achieve our future goals. I extend my appreciation to all our staff within the bank for their outstanding performance over the years. Their efforts have been very encouraging and thus the positive results and continued consistent growth of the bank, and we are confident that we are well-positioned to achieve our future goals," he said.

Global Uranium prices remain under pressure

NEW YORK

Uranium prices have been under pressure recently, trading within a narrow range and slightly lower due to limited trading volume and liquidity.

However, as per analysts at Citi Research in a note dated Monday, this weakness in uranium prices is expected to subside as demand for nuclear energy continues to rise, while supply struggles to keep pace.

Analysts at Citi remain tactically bullish on uranium in the near to mid-term, with projections indicating a potential price rebound to \$98/lb later this year.

Citi has adjusted its uranium price forecasts in response to the recent market softness. The analysts now expect uranium prices to average \$94/lb in 2024, with potential upside momentum during

the third and fourth quarters.

Looking further ahead, Citi forecasts uranium prices to average \$110/lb in 2025, reflecting continued bullish sentiment driven by the increasing demand for nuclear energy.

Uranium production has seen a significant increase in 2023, rising by over 10 percent or 14 million pounds.

This growth has been primarily driven by the expansion of existing mines, with Kazakhstan playing a key role.

Kazakh production has been slightly revised upwards, with an expected output of 59 million pounds this year, as issues with sulfuric acid are anticipated to be resolved. In Canada, the Cigar Lake and McArthur River mines are showing improved performance and are likely to reach their production plateau this year.

Cyril Ramaphosa signs electricity regulation amendments into law

PRETORIA

President Cyril Ramaphosa (pictured), has signed into law the much-anticipated Electricity Regulation Amendment (ERA) Act, which lays the legislative foundations for the establishment of a fully independent Transmission System Operator (TSO) in the coming five years.

The ERA Bill was approved by lawmakers ahead of the May 29 elections and the President's assent on August 16 has come amid some concern about the constitutionality of provisions that could affect the authority that municipalities currently have over electricity distribution. Nevertheless, the reforms included in the Act, which amends the Electricity Regulation Act of 2006, are otherwise broadly supported by stakeholders, including organised business.

These stakeholders argued that the legislative changes are urgent to level the playing field between Eskom and independent power producers, as well as to align the electricity supply industry with the unfolding energy transition.

Significantly, the new Act provides for the establishment, duties, powers and functions of a State-owned TSO, which must

be established as an independent entity within five years.

It also requires the development of a market code that will establish rules to govern the future competitive market, and outlines the process through which the code will be approved.

The legislation also provides for market operation as a new activity that may be licensed by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa).

"To ensure a level playing field for competition between multiple electricity generators, the Act provides that the system operator shall not discriminate between different generators or customers in relation to dispatching or balancing the system, except for objectively justifiable and identifiable reasons approved by the regulator.

"Access to the transmission and distribution power system must be objective, transparent and non-discriminatory," the Presidency highlighted in a statement confirming that the ERA had indeed been signed.

The Act states that the National Transmission Company of South Africa, which began trading as a separate Eskom Holdings subsidiary on July 1, will act as the TSO in the interim.



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WORLD

Trump says Harris easier than Biden to beat as race for Pennsylvania heats up

WILKES-BARRE

REPUBLICAN presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Saturday he believed Democrat Kamala Harris will be easier to beat than President Joe Biden even as some polls showed her edging ahead in the race for the Nov 5 presidential election.

Trump, the former president, spoke at a rally in Wilkes-Barre in northeastern Pennsylvania, a state looming large in the campaign. Vice-President Harris will conduct a bus tour of western Pennsylvania starting in Pittsburgh on Sunday, ahead of the kickoff of the Democratic National Convention on Monday in Chicago.

"I believe she will be easier to beat than him," said Trump, referring to her as "radical" and a "lunatic."

Trump has sought to portray Harris as far left on a number of policies. At the rally, he highlighted her previous call for a ban on fracking, an industry important to the state. Harris' campaign has recently indicated she would not support a ban.

He also continued to attack Harris on personal terms, even as some political analysts say such comments could hurt Trump with moderate voters.

"Have you heard her laugh? That is the laugh of a crazy person," Trump said, adding that he was displeased by the illustration of Harris on the cover of the latest issue of Time magazine. "I'm much better looking than her."

In a meandering speech, Trump re-

peated his false claim that he lost the 2020 election due to fraud, dismissed the threat of climate change and said his plan to impose across-the-board tariffs on foreign goods would not act as a tax on US consumers, an assertion that most economists contest.

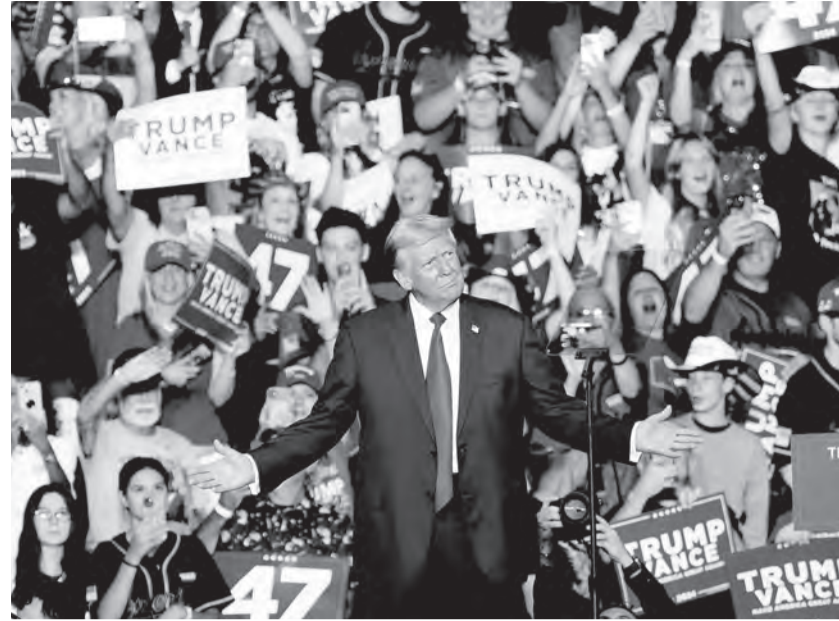
The Mohegan Sun Arena, where Trump appeared, has a capacity of roughly 8,000 and was nearly full when he started speaking. But the crowd began to thin after the one-hour mark. He spoke for more than 100 minutes in total.

Trump said Harris should have done more to tackle inflation and other issues since she and Biden took office. If reelected he said he would sign an executive order directing cabinet secretaries and agency heads to take action to lower prices.

"Another rally, same old show," Joseph Costello, a spokesperson for the Harris campaign, said in a statement responding to Trump's rally speech, which he described as filled with "lies, name-calling, and confused rants."

Pennsylvania was one of three Rust Belt states, along with Wisconsin and Michigan, that helped power Trump's upset victory in 2016. Biden, who grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, flipped the trio back to the Democrats in 2020.

With 19 electoral votes out of the 270 needed to secure the White House, compared with 15 in Michigan and 10 in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania may be the biggest prize in this year's election and potentially tip the balance for either



Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump arrives to speak at a campaign rally at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre, Pa, on Saturday. AP

candidate.

Harris' entry into the race after Biden ended his reelection bid last month has upended the contest, erasing the lead Trump built in the final weeks of Biden's campaign. Harris is leading Trump by more than two percentage points in Pennsylvania, according to the poll tracking website FiveThirtyEight.

Blanketing airwaves with ads

Trump won Pennsylvania in 2016 by about 44,000 votes, a margin of less than one percentage point, while Biden prevailed by just over 80,000 votes in 2020, a 1.2-point margin.

Both campaigns have made the state a top priority, blanketing the airwaves with advertisements. Of the more than \$100 million spent on advertising in seven battleground states since Biden dropped out in late July, roughly \$42 million was in Pennsylvania, more than twice any other state, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing data from the tracking site AdImpact.

Democratic and Republican groups have already reserved \$114 million in ad time in Pennsylvania from late August through the election, more than twice as much as the \$55 million reserved in Arizona, the next highest total, according to AdImpact.

The Harris campaign said on Saturday it planned to spend at least \$370 million on digital and television ads nationwide between the Labor Day holiday on Sept 2 and Election Day.

The battleground states - seen as critical for winning the election - also include Arizona, North Carolina, Nevada and Georgia.

New polls published on Saturday by the New York Times found Harris leading Trump among likely voters in Arizona, 50 percent to 45 percent, and in North Carolina, 49 percent to 47 percent, and narrowing the former president's leads in Nevada, 47 percent to 49 percent, and in Georgia, 46 percent to 50 percent. A pollster from the Trump campaign said the poll results underestimated the Republican candidate's support.

Trump will give remarks on the economy at a campaign event in York, Pennsylvania, on Monday. His running mate, US Senator JD Vance, will hold an event in Philadelphia that day as well.

Trump's trip to Wilkes-Barre in Luzerne County was aimed at solidifying support among the white, non-college-educated voters who lifted him to victory in 2016. The blue-collar county voted Democratic for decades before swinging heavily toward Trump in 2016, mirroring other similar regions around the country.

Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, will make multiple stops across Allegheny and Beaver counties on Sunday, the campaign said. The tour is the first time Harris, Walz and their spouses have campaigned together since their first rally as a presidential ticket in Philadelphia earlier this month.

US authorities have embarked on path of total censorship – ambassador Antonov

WASHINGTON

THE US authorities have definitively embarked on the path of total censorship, persecuting all over the country those who allegedly work for the Russian government, Russian Ambassador to the US Anatoly Antonov said commenting on the search of the home of American political scientist and Channel One host Dmitry Simes in Virginia.



According to the diplomat (pictured), "the US authorities' raids on the Channel One host are one of many facets of the "witch hunt" unfolding here with renewed vigor.

"All this is going amid the presidential election campaign. All over the country, there is a persecution of those who allegedly work for the Russian government in violation of the law on foreign agents," Antonov said as quoted by the press service of the Russian diplomatic mission.

"Local ruling circles have definitively embarked on the path of total censorship. Freedom of speech in the modern United States is sacred only if this word is pro-American.

All dissenters are subject to political inquisition, especially when it concerns those who fight against the imposition of one-sided and biased views on Russia," the diplomat stressed, noting that the Russian embassy "is concerned about what is happening."

According to Antonov, Washington "is steeped in double standards in the area of democracy and freedom of speech."

"Hundreds of people are declared undesirable simply because they dare to contradict the administration's policies. They are forbidden to have their own point of view. Breaking into homes, searches, confiscation of documents - this is a short list of the actions of the American special services," the diplomat went on.

According to him, the American authorities "easily violate their own canons, provided for by the First Amendment" to the American Constitution, "reprising dissent has become the norm."

"In the meantime, officials continue to lecture the entire world on democratic values and human rights," the ambassador stressed. According to him, all this "is reminiscent of the dark times of McCarthyism."

Antonov stressed that he personally knows Simes "as a talented political scientist with deep knowledge of the US political system, domestic and foreign policy of the state."

"I used to be a guest at the NGO "Center for the National Interest" headed by him. There I argued about the fate of Russian-American relations. All this was part of civilized discussions with a respectful attitude to the opinion of the opponent," the head of the Russian diplomatic mission said.

Search in Simes house

Earlier, the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed raiding a US house of American political scientist Dimitri Simes in Virginia.

Simes told TASS that he had not been officially notified of the FBI search, which was conducted on August 13.

The Department of State has not yet responded to a TASS correspondent's request for comment on the incident.

Political scientist, historian and TV presenter Simes was born in 1947 in Moscow. In 1973 he emigrated to the United States. Last year, he moderated a plenary session with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, and in June he participated in a closed meeting with the head of state after his speech at the Foreign Ministry.



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China implements strict monkeypox protocols amid rising global cases

BEIJING

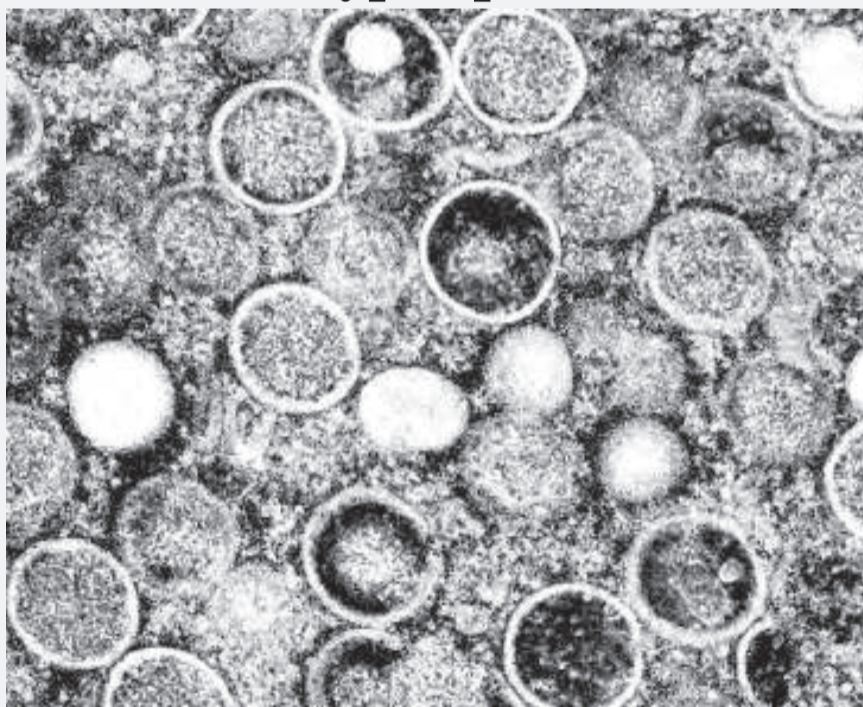
CHINESE authorities have intensified efforts to prevent the import of the mpox virus as global cases continue to rise.

Effective from Aug 15 for six months, arrivals in China from countries and regions with confirmed mpox infections must declare their condition to customs if they have been exposed to mpox or exhibit symptoms such as fever, headache, back pain, muscle pain, swollen lymph nodes, or rashes.

For such individuals, customs officers will implement medical measures and conduct sampling and mpox testing, according to China's General Administration of Customs.

Vehicles, containers, cargo and other items from countries and regions with reported mpox cases will be sanitized if they are contaminated or potentially contaminated.

The National Disease Control and Prevention Administration and the National Health Commission have urged their local branches to strengthen col-



This image provided by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases shows a colorized transmission electron micrograph of monkeypox particles (red) found within an infected cell (blue), cultured in the laboratory that was captured and color-enhanced at the NIAID Integrated Research Facility in Fort Detrick, Md. AP

laboration and information sharing with customs and other relevant authorities to promptly detect and handle mpox cases.

The mpox virus is transmitted mainly through close physical contact, particularly during sexual activity, while daily contact poses a lower risk, according to the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Those who have been exposed to mpox or experience symptoms should seek medical attention immediately, said Li Tongzeng, an infectious disease specialist at Beijing Youan Hospital.

Earlier this week, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared mpox a public health emergency of international concern, activating its highest level of global alert for mpox for the second time in two years.

"This is something that should concern us all ... The potential for further spread within Africa and beyond is very worrying," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Xinhua

US business leader says latest CPC plenum sends positive signals on China's economic growth

WASHINGTON

A US business leader welcomed the economic policies from the third plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), noting that these measures will help expand domestic market demand, improve market exit mechanisms and promote technological innovation and green development.

"I am excited by the recent third plenum ... It appears that macroeconomic policy is headed in the right direction," Craig Allen (pictured), president of the U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC), told Xinhua in a recent interview in Washington D.C..

He applauded the measures introduced at the plenum

aimed at boosting consumption and expanding domestic demand, viewing these practical measures as a positive signal that the Chinese government is moving in the right direction.

Regarding the "overcapacity" issue alleged by the West, the U.S. business leader said that China's manufacturing exports are currently thriving, with banks significantly increasing loans to manufacturers and substantially reducing loans to the real estate sector, but meanwhile Chinese manufacturers are facing challenges such as low profitability and low capacity utilization.

Allen added he is very pleased to see that the plenum discussed revising the bankruptcy law, which can help

poorly performing companies exit the market through bankruptcy, benefiting the overall development of China's economy.

He also took notice of the strong emphasis on technology and innovation at the plenum. As China's research and development (R&D) investment already accounts for 2.6 percent of its GDP, he expected this percentage to increase significantly, which he said is significant for U.S. businesses.

"There was an emphasis on innovation and the green economy. And both of those are useful and important focal points for the American economy, for American companies, and we can contribute to both," said Allen.

Currently, the USCBC has



over 200 American member companies doing business in China. Allen told Xinhua that these U.S. companies are very eager to continue strengthening cooperation with China in areas such as climate change, health care, tourism, education, finance, and entertainment.

Taking health care as an example, Allen said that as

China's population ages, its people become wealthier, and private health insurance plans become more popular, U.S. companies are excited about the opportunities for collaboration with China in the sector.

There was further discussion on a unified national market and issues of provincial protectionism at the plenum, he said. "We strongly support that, as it will lead to yet more opportunities for strong Chinese companies as well as foreign companies."

"We are pleased that the government is heading in that direction," he added.

Allen also pointed to the measures outlined in the document released after the plenum to strengthen intellectual property protection, improve

standardization processes, and ensure fair treatment for foreign enterprises in government procurement, saying that the implementation of these measures will benefit everyone including American companies. "I think that there's much to be positive about over the medium and the longer term," and that cyclical issues unfolding now are being addressed by the Chinese government, said Allen.

The U.S. business leader observed many "really exciting" growth areas in the Chinese market, which U.S. companies are pleased to explore with their Chinese partners across various sectors.

He mentioned that the USCBC's member companies are confident in the long-term de-

velopment of the Chinese market and have made substantial investments in China, hoping to contribute to its long-term economic growth.

"We're bullish about the future. We want to be a good partner to our Chinese corporate partners and to Chinese consumers," said Allen.

"We're in China for the long term. We're deeply invested in China, and we wish to contribute to China's long-term sustainable economic growth. And in doing so, that will benefit U.S.-China relations in a very significant manner," said Allen.

Regarding the position of the Chinese economy in the global economy, Allen voiced confidence that China will remain a key engine of global economic growth. Xinhua

Israeli strike kills at least 17 Palestinians in central Gaza, health officials say

CAIRO/GAZA

At least 17 Palestinians were killed and dozens wounded in an Israeli strike in the central Gaza town of Zawayda on Saturday, health officials said, as Israel issued new evacuation orders, citing Hamas rocket fire nearby.

Israel also announced the names of two soldiers Israeli media reported were killed on Saturday afternoon when a roadside bomb exploded in the central Gaza Strip, and an air strike in the occupied West Bank that it said killed two senior Hamas militants involved in the killing of an Israeli.

Most of the people killed in Zawayda were from the same family and they included eight children and four women, according to health officials in the Hamas-administered enclave.

"They were asleep in their beds, kids and babies, then three missiles targeted their place," said Abu Ahmed Hassan, a neighbor. The owner of the house was a known merchant, he said. "There are no military activities here at all," he added.

The Israeli military said in response it had struck militant targets in an area from which rockets were fired at its troops. It said the incident was under review.

Israel's military spokesperson posted instructions in Arabic on X on Saturday for people in parts of central Gaza, including in the Maghazi district near Zawayda, to evacuate to a designated humanitarian zone.

Reuters could not immediately verify whether Zawayda was among the places ordered to evacuate and whether people there had received the military's instructions. Residents said thousands were streaming out of Maghazi.



People take part in a protest against the assassination of Hamas Politburo Chief Ismail Haniyeh in the West Bank city of Hebron, July 31, 2024. Xinhua

On Friday, two sections of the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis within what Israel has designated as a humanitarian zone were deemed dangerous by the military, which ordered people to evacuate them, saying militants had been regularly firing rockets from there.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said Friday's orders, which also included other areas of the enclave outside the humanitarian zones, had affected around 170,000 displaced people.

"This is one of the largest evacuation orders affecting the zone to date and it shrinks the size of the so-called 'humanitarian area' to about 41 square kilometres, or 11 per cent of the total area of the Gaza Strip," an OCHA report said.

In the central part of the enclave, residents said Israeli tanks advanced further on Saturday into the eastern area of Deir

al-Balah, an area they had not entered before, where hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians are sheltering.

The Israeli military said that since Friday its forces had killed dozens of militants, including some who had fired rockets from central and southern Gaza.

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million population has been displaced by the 10-month-old Israeli offensive, which has laid waste to much of the enclave.

Another Israeli airstrike on a car in the occupied West Bank city of Jenin on Saturday killed at least two more Palestinians, one an 18-year-old, the Palestinian health ministry said.

Ceasefire talks

Negotiations on a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel in the Gaza Strip will resume on Wednesday in Cairo, Egyptian sources told Xinhua on Saturday.

The delegations of the three mediators – Egypt, Qatar, and the United States – and Israel's delegation will attend the talks scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, according to the sources, who required anonymity.

Meanwhile, representatives from Egypt, the United States, and Israel are currently still in Doha, which hosted the recent ceasefire negotiations earlier this week, to discuss "the technical points" of the ceasefire agreement in preparation for the talks in Cairo, said the sources.

In Doha, officials from the four countries engaged in intensive talks with the aim of concluding an agreement for a ceasefire in Gaza, including the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees.

The three mediators announced in a joint statement on Friday that a "bridging proposal" had been presented to Hamas and Israel, which is consistent with the principles of UN Security Council Resolution No. 2735 that calls for an "immediate, comprehensive, and thorough" ceasefire in Gaza.

A senior Hamas official on Saturday accused Israel of obstructing all efforts to finalize a Gaza ceasefire agreement.

"The Israeli occupation continues to obstruct all efforts to complete any ceasefire agreement," Sami Abu Zuhri said in a press statement.

Abu Zuhri also accused the US administration of "fully adopting Israel's position" and claimed that Israel is retreating from previous clauses. He noted that Washington is trying to "deter any moves" in the region against Israel.

"We are not facing a real agreement or negotiations, but rather the imposition of American dictates," he said, saying that talking about reaching a ceasefire agreement is "an illusion."

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US should immediately negotiate with Russia, Ukraine – presidential candidate

WASHINGTON

THE United States should immediately sit at the negotiating table with Russia, Ukraine and other stakeholders, said Jill Stein, who was approved as the Green Party's US presidential candidate earlier in the day.

"We need to decompress this conflict as quickly as possible, and we need to get back to negotiations with Russia, Ukraine and other players. What Russia essentially wanted was neutrality from Ukraine. That is absolutely simple," she said at a new conference following her nomination.

"We need to engage in basic diplomacy. This is not rocket science. This is basic diplomacy. It's basic conversation that could readily avert a catastrophic conflict here," she added.

In her opinion the conflict "would readily have been averted had the US sat down to negotiate in advance" or "had the US not sabotaged the peace agreement that was established shortly after" Russia began its special military operation in Ukraine.

She also believes that the incumbent administration's policy is, in essence, "the exercise of the military industrial military industrial complex and its intention to basically gin up business for itself by creating war, after war, after war. 'And the American people need to put an end to it,' she said.

Stein, a 74-year-old physician and an environmental activist, was offi-



cially nominated as the Green Party's presidential candidate for the upcoming election during a party convention on Saturday. Her running mate is Professor Butch Ware.

The US presidential election will be held on November 5. The Democratic Party was supposed to be represented by incumbent President Joe Biden, but after his failed performance in his June debate with Republican candidate Donald Trump, calls for the incumbent head of state to pull out grew louder among Democrats. On July 21, he decided to withdraw from the race and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for the country's top office.

Turkish bath tradition remains alive in Ankara

ANKARA

IN the Old City of Turkish capital Ankara, a hammam, or Turkish bath, offers a glimpse into history within its Ottoman setting.

Oner Aydin, the owner of the Karacabey hammam, said it is the oldest and largest hammam in Ankara, which was a small Ottoman town before becoming the Turkish Republic's capital in 1923, providing an authentic Turkish bath experience for centuries.

"The construction of this historic bath began in 1427 and was completed in 1440. It has been in service since then," Aydin said. According to Aydin, the hammam was closed for some time, before his company undertook repairs and resumed its operations in 1989. The Turkish bath typically features a spacious, circular marble main steam room with high ceilings. It is heated by a furnace, with hot air flowing through conduits beneath the floor.

In the center of Karacabey's steam room, an elevated circular platform allows bathers to lie down and enjoy the heat, as well



An employee serves a customer at the Karacabey hammam in Ankara, Türkiye, Aug. 16, 2024. Xinhua

as receive massages and scrubs.

Individual sinks are installed in the surrounding walls, each with hot and cold water taps. Users can adjust the temperature to their preference and use copper bowls to pour water over themselves.

Hammams have waned in popularity over time. Despite the growth of spa and wellness culture, many Turkish cities still maintain hammams, which was introduced by the Ottomans. However, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, interest in hammams in Türkiye has surged as people have become more health-conscious.

According to Aydin, Turkish baths have many health benefits. "Hammams are cru-

cial for health because the steam opens pores, the scrub rejuvenates the body, and the environment allows the body to breathe," he said.

Visitors to the hammam typically wrap themselves in a traditional Turkish bathing towel known as a "pestemal."

For those seeking a foam massage and good scrub, scrubbers using a special exfoliating glove called a "kese" are often available to remove dead skin.

After the steam bath, bathers typically move to the resting room to cool down and relax, often sipping a glass of Turkish tea or conversing with friends. The entire experience usually lasts up to two hours.

Turkish baths have traditionally served

as communal spaces for socializing, relaxing, and rejuvenating both physically and mentally.

"Hammam means cleanliness, this is something deeply rooted in our culture. For me, it signifies rejuvenation and peace," said Erdal Turkan, a frequent visitor.

He believes that the experience of a home shower is quite different from visiting a hammam, and people are returning to this tradition to escape the stress and grind of modern life.

"Hammams are venues for connection, where people meet, get to know each other, and discuss business," Aydin said.

Beyond Western model: How Chinese modernisation is contributing to the world

BEIJING

REFORM, INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY

THE Chinese modernization is reshaping the global landscape by offering an alternative development path that emphasizes cooperation, sustainability, and cultural continuity, an expert said.

As China continues to prosper, its model presents new opportunities and inspirations for the global community, said Wang Yiwei, director of the Institute of International Affairs at Renmin University, in a recent interview with Xinhua.

By fostering the rise of the Global South and promoting a more inclusive approach to modernization, China is contributing to the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Unlike the Western model, which has often been criticized for its exploitative practices, China's approach emphasizes mutual benefits and shared progress, Wang said.

Over the past four decades, China has lifted nearly 800 million people out of extreme poverty, accounting for almost three-quarters of the global reduction in poverty.

This success, recognized by the United Nations Development Programme, provides a compelling model for other developing countries fighting to address poverty on a large scale.

As China continues to break new ground in technology, it offers alternative models of development that do not rely on Western para-



An aerial drone photo taken on April 8, 2024 shows an industrial park of plantations with crops and vegetables planted in turn in Miyi County, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Xinhua

digms. The World Economic Forum noted that China's innovations are reshaping global standards, particularly in areas such as telecommunications and renewable energy.

China's commitment to environmental sustainability is exemplified by its strides in renewable energy.

The Global Energy Monitor reported that China is set to double its solar and wind ca-

capacity to 1,200 gigawatts by 2025, five years ahead of its 2030 target.

"China is a major player in global manufacturing with a full industrial chain," said Wang.

China's investments in smart grids and green technology not only enhance its own development but also contribute to global efforts to combat climate change, he added.

NEW MODEL FOR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

China's modernization strategy is inherently linked to its vision of global cooperation, Wang noted.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the China International Import Expo (CIIE), as well as China's role in the global value chain, all exemplify China's approach to fostering global development through infrastructure and connec-

tivity projects. China's active participation in the global value chain also contributes greatly to global economic development. By exporting manufactured goods and technologies, China is helping to elevate industrial capabilities in developing countries.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization recognizes China's role in enhancing global industrial standards and driving economic growth worldwide.

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China's modernization offers an alternative to the Western-centric view of development, Wang said.

By prioritizing inclusivity, sustainability, and cultural continuity, China is changing the notion that modernization must follow the Western trajectory. China's approach

to modernization reflects its unique governance model and offers a different perspective on how societies can achieve progress.

At the heart of China's modernization is a people-centered philosophy, which prioritizes the well-being of its citizens.

This approach echoes ancient Chinese wisdom. "As an old Chinese saying goes, the country is the people, and the people are the country," said Wang. China's modernization is not just about achieving economic success; it's also about redefining what modernization means in the 21st century.

As the world is addressing complex global challenges, China's experience offers valuable lessons that could guide humanity toward a more equitable and sustainable future. Xinhua



Simba Sports Club part ways with striker Freddy Kouablan

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA Sports Club have officially parted ways with striker Freddy Michael Kouablan after reaching a mutual agreement, marking the end of the Ivorian forward's brief seven-month stint with the club.

Kouablan (pictured), who joined Simba in January from Zambia's Green Eagles FC, had been a highly regarded acquisition, having been the top scorer in the Zambian league at the time of his signing.

During his short tenure with the Tanzanian giants, Kouablan made a notable impact by scoring 11 goals across all competitions, including six in the Premier League.

Despite his contributions, the club's coaching staff, led by head coach Fadlu Davids, decided that Kouablan would not be part of their plans moving forward.

The decision to release Kouablan follows Simba's recent signing of striker Lionel Ateba from USM Alger, one of Algeria's top-tier clubs.

Ateba, who has signed a two-year deal with Simba, is seen as Kouablan's replacement. His arrival was strongly recommended by Davids, who is focused on bolstering the team's attack for the upcoming season.

After evaluating the squad, Davids determined that Ateba would bring a fresh dynamic to Simba's forward line, prompting the decision to move on from Kouablan.

Simba's leadership is clearly intent on building a squad capable of challenging for titles both domestically and on the continent. Ateba's signing is a strategic move aimed at strengthening their attacking prowess as they prepare for a competitive season.

In another significant development, Simba have completed the transfer of midfielder Awesu Awesu from Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC. Although there were initial issues with Awesu's registration, these have now been resolved, allowing the transfer to proceed smoothly. KMC FC have officially bid farewell to Awesu, wishing him success in his new role at Simba.

The club's goalkeeping department

has also seen changes, with the return of Aishi Manula to the squad.

Manula, who had been left out of Simba's pre-season tour in Egypt due to uncertainty surrounding his future and injuries, has now recovered and is set to resume his duties with the team. His return is a significant boost for Simba, which now have a strong pool of goalkeepers, including Moussa Camara, Ali Salim, Hussein Abel, and U20 prospect Ahmed Feruz.

In light of Manula's return, Simba have decided to deregister goalkeeper Ayoub Lakred, who sustained an injury during the pre-season in Egypt. This move was necessary to make room for Ateba's registration, as the club looks to balance its squad for the season ahead.

As Simba gear up for the 2024/2025 Premier League campaign, they are keen to hit the ground running.

The club kicked off their season yesterday with an opening match against Tabora United and have a series of challenging fixtures ahead, including a match against Fountain Gate FC on August 25 at the KMC Complex and an away fixture against Tanzania Prisons at Sokoine Stadium on October 22.

A key early fixture will be a fourth-round encounter with Azam FC, a match that could have significant implications for Simba's title ambitions.

In addition to their domestic league pursuits, Simba are also preparing for their campaign in the CAF Confederation Cup. The club will face the winners of the preliminary tie between Zanzibar's Uhamiaji FC and Libya's Al Ahly Tripoli in the second round.

Success in this competition is a priority for Simba as they aim to make their mark on the continental stage.

Simba's recent moves, including the departure of Kouablan, the signing of Ateba, and the return of Manula, underscore the club's commitment to achieving success in the upcoming season. With a retooled squad and a clear vision, Simba are poised to take on the challenges of the 2024/2025 season with renewed determination. The road ahead may be challenging, but the club is well-positioned to compete for honours in all competitions.

Young Africans showcase their strength with a dominant performance against Vital'O

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans have taken a significant step towards advancing in the CAF Champions League after a commanding 4-0 victory over Burundi's Vital'O in the first leg of their preliminary round matchup.

The match, played at the Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, saw the Tanzanian champions showcase their strength with a dominant performance.

New signings Prince Dube and Clatous Chama made immediate impacts, each finding the back of the net alongside Clement Mzize and Stephane Aziz Ki.

Their contributions helped Young Africans assert control early in the match, with Dube opening the scoring just five minutes in. He capitalized on a well-placed long ball from Aziz Ki and slotted it calmly into the net with his left foot, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

Vital'O attempted to respond with a few attacks of their own, but Young Africans' defense, led by captain Bakari Mwam-



Young Africans squad during their first leg of the CAF Champions League first preliminary round against Vital'O at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Young Africans won 4-0. Photo: Courtesy of YASC

nyeto, held firm. The Burundian side's efforts were further frustrated by goalkeeper Djigui Diarra, who made crucial saves to keep his team in front.

Young Africans doubled their lead in the 68th minute when Chama pounced on a rebound after an Aziz Ki shot hit the post. Chama's calm finish demonstrated his experience and positioning, putting the match further out of Vital'O's reach.

Substitutions by head coach Miguel Gamondi paid off quickly, as substitute Clement Mzize added a third goal in the 73rd minute. A defensive error by Vital'O allowed Mzize to capitalize, outpacing the goalkeeper and slotting the ball into an empty net.

The victory was capped off in the 90th minute when Aziz Ki converted a penalty, sealing a 4-0 win. The penalty was awarded after sustained

pressure from Young Africans forced a mistake inside the box by the Vital'O defense.

In recognition of their performance, Young Africans were awarded TSh 20 million by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, with each goal valued at TSh 5 million. This gesture will be repeated for every international match the team plays, providing additional motivation for the players.

With this emphatic win, Young Africans are now in a strong position to progress to the next round of the CAF Champions League. A draw or even a loss by no more than four goals in the second leg, scheduled for August 24 at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, would be enough to secure their advancement.

The winners of the Young Africans vs. Vital'O tie will face the victors of the matchup between Ethiopia's CBE and Uganda's SC Villa.

As Young Africans prepare for the return leg, fans will be eagerly anticipating another dominant display that could propel them further in the tournament and solidify their ambitions on the continental stage.



People with disabilities' basketball team players pictured recently during a training session at the Jakaya M. Kikwete Sports Park in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: JUMANNE JUMA

TFF can scale competitions to axe qualification duplication, skipping

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

WITH Premier League sides vastly improving in their player registration abilities, which also means stronger sponsorships and a solid operational base, organising how the top sides participate in regional competitions can now be improved. The perennial case of this confusion is the top league sides being invited to take part in the Mapinduzi Cup, and as it is clear they would meet in case they are both there, one side skips the tourney. In a recent event, the top sides skipped Kagame Cup regional club tournament now restored.

This is precisely what needs to be avoided in planning for the season's competitions, so that the now more able clubs know what they can gun for, as the premier league overall championship cannot be gunned by every competing side. So far, just the continental contests provide the satisfaction that those not winning the title can pride themselves with, whether or not they reach far in the tournament. The same thing could be done for other contests, the less profitable or less famous outings, for a club to at least be able to show to its supporters that it aimed at one tournament, or similarly did something there.

The restoration of Kagame

Cup for instance appears to have been somewhat sudden, as it appeared to target the cup contenders who are also slotted in continental tourneys.

Only after they rejected the tourney in favour of pre-season travel arrangements did other sides be asked to fill the gap, which was not ideal, as being aware from the start they would have a tourney would have propelled better pre-season readiness.

The timing of the contest can't be altered owing to the charged calendar, so it is the clubs that can be redesigned, to take off the leading sides as they have more pre-season travel options.

That is why, owing to the fact that local clubs are increasingly cutting an imposing figure in regional football, we can have a more open arrangement where the top sides aren't being asked to take up all competition chances. It means we should follow the same rules that we have for the CAF championships for the other tourneys so that they obtain the value they deserve. The first two sides can be picked for the big continental tourneys, while the next two qualify for Mapinduzi Cup, and two for Kagame Cup.

The NBC Premier League has a situation where even start-up sides appear ready and happy to sign good players from beyond the border, or veteran coaches from Europe who have

coached here or nearby, even top South African sides.

Local soccer analysts treat some of the leading clubs in our neighbourhood as middle ranking by comparison with local premier league sides, one being Vital'O that was claiming, via its talkative spokesman, that he was sure they would floor Young Africans SC. Scarcely any fans here or back home are likely to have believed him, and that means our club sides matter.

This implies that there would be more guesswork about who goes to compete in this or that tourney, with the Mapinduzi Cup at mid-season skipping over the city rivals, to find sides that wish to prove something in that tournament, not just the best sides. Or at least a club can be asked if it wishes to compete, and definitely not both the two top city sides as they would always wish to skip a derby for any reason, since a derby can change the club atmosphere and put pressure on the leadership or the coach, whether or not the side had up to that point rolled up some neat successes. This is always the case.

Making these auxiliary tournaments also a matter of qualification could help improve their standings among the local fans, as well as solidify fans' expectations for upcoming club sides. Some of them have once

peeped into continental competition and even arrived at the stage or close to that feat like Namungo FC some years back.

Yet even those listed for CAF tournaments were in the pre-season middle or late stages and not quite prepared for competitive football, the way Coastal Union FC failed to make a good impression at the Kagame Cup tourney. It was a haphazard invitation, not an awaited occasion where their fans would have been hoping for something, to boost their morale.

While the local Premier League and the CAF tourneys will remain the more exciting engagements, the other contests stand a chance of being acknowledged as calendar events in their own right. They would complement the FA Cup and the Charity Shield in comparable importance, where the two city sides do not hesitate from being pulled to a derby in pursuit of any of those titles, whereas Zanzibar clubs prize the local top context and Mapinduzi Cup as an auxiliary, or a local version of the Charity Shield.

In the days where local club appearances in continental tourneys were limited in scope by and large, the regional club tournament or its national team version used to be more important. It shows why scheduling teams for participation could

Arteta compares Saka to Messi after Arsenal beat Wolves

LONDON

BUKAYO Saka was likened to peak Lionel Messi after he scored one and made another in Arsenal's comprehensive opening day win over Wolves.

The England forward, looking surprisingly fresh so soon after representing his country in the final of the Euros in Germany last month was one of manager Mikel Arteta's stand out players.

He cut in from the right to curl an inch-perfect cross for Kai Havertz to head Arsenal into a first half lead and executed a similar to move to create space for himself to score with a left-foot power drive deep into the second half.

Arteta was asked afterwards why defenders always struggled to stop such a familiar action from the young Londoner.

The Spanish coach smiled and said: "With good players, it's like that. With Messi I know he's gonna come here and put the ball there, but he does it all the time. You can't stop him. That's the quality of the players."

"We generated a lot. Probably should have scored two or three and the game would have been different."

"Second half we were sloppy in moments and didn't control some giveaway inside, which against this team in particular can be difficult. Then the game was a bit more open. Then Bukayo has an unbelievable action to score the second and it wasn't a different game."

Saka started alongside fellow European Championship stars David Raya and Declan Rice, who suffered with cramp late on after a truncated pre-season build-up.

Arteta was clearly delighted but not overly surprised by how well his internationals showed up on opening day.

He concluded: "I'm not surprised. That was their mentality straight away after the last game they said I'm gonna be ready for the first game. I spoke to them after the summer, and tried to arrange a plan."

"They wanted to come back and be here early. They were already getting prepared when they were on holidays. This is the mentality that we need. If players are doing that compromise it will grow around the team and they will step up the level. That's what we need."

(Agencies)

Hansi Flick: Even opposition fans want to see Lamine Yamal play

FOOTBALL ESPANA

HANSI Flick hailed Lamine Yamal as Barcelona opened their 24/25 La Liga season with a 2-1 win at Valencia.

Flick secured a perfect result on the road at the Estadio Mestalla, as goals either side of the break from Robert Lewandowski, sealed a debut three points for the German.

Barcelona were unable to snatch a result sealing third goal late on but Flick was happy with his team's performance.

Flick opted to start Lamine Yamal in the starting line up, despite a delayed return to preseason, after winning Euro 2024 with Spain in a sensational summer.

The 17-year-old has also endured a difficult week in his personal life after his father was attacked and stabbed in their hometown of Mataro.

However, despite the off-field focus, Flick insisted his teenage superstar is one of the best players in La Liga, and even opposition fans appreciate his quality.

"He's a fantastic player. He's important for us and everyone wants to see him play, and that's why they applauded him here too", as per quotes from Marca.

"It's very important to start with a win. We were better in the second half as we made mistakes in the first half. The goal just before half time was very important."

Next up for Flick is a first home league game against Athletic Club on August 24.

Meanwhile, in the last few weeks, there has been growing speculation on the future of Barcelona midfielder Ilkay Gundogan. Reports have stated that club bosses want to move him on before the summer transfer window closes of his high wages, and on Saturday, news broke that they could be about to get their wish.

Sport claimed that Gundogan had asked to leave Barcelona, just one year after he joined from Manchester City on a free transfer. He's been linked with Fenerbahce recently, although the veteran midfielder has publicly denied that interest in the last couple of weeks.

Hansi Flick was asked about Gundogan after Barcelona's victory over Valencia on Saturday night (via Diario AS). He expressed his belief that his fellow German will continue in Catalonia for the entirety of the 2024-25 season.

"Gundogan got a cut on Monday. I've spoken to him, but that's something between us, not for you. I know him well, I know what kind of player and person he is. Like I said, the conversation is something between us, but I have a feeling he'll stay."

Liverpool, Arsenal win as Salah and Milner set records on first Saturday in the Premier League

By STEVE DOUGLAS

THESE were wins for Liverpool and Arsenal and records for the prolific Mohamed Salah and the enduring James Milner on the first Saturday of the Premier League season.

Liverpool's new era under Arne Slot began with a 2-0 victory over promoted Ipswich, with Salah netting the second to take his tally of goals in the opening round of a Premier League season to nine – breaking a tie he had with English soccer greats Wayne Rooney, Alan Shearer and Frank Lampard.

Arsenal, runner-up in the league for the past two seasons, also won 2-0 at home to Wolverhampton thanks to goals by Kai Havertz and Bukayo Saka.

Liverpool and Arsenal are widely expected to be the biggest threats to champion Manchester City in its bid for a record-extending fifth straight English top-flight title. City opens its title defense at Chelsea on Sunday, with the season having been launched Friday by Manchester United beating Fulham 1-0.

In other matches on Saturday, Newcastle overcame a 28th-minute red card to Fabian Schar for a headbutt to beat Southampton 1-0 through Joellinton's goal and Everton also had a player sent off, Ashley Young, in its 3-0 loss at



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah scores his side's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Ipswich Town and Liverpool at Portman Road stadium in Ipswich, England, Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024. (AP Photo)

home to Brighton.

Brighton's team featured James Milner, who – at 38 – was starting his 23rd season in the Premier League, beating the record of 22 he held jointly with Man United great Ryan Giggs. Milner is seven years older than his manager, Fabian Hürzeler, who had a winning start to English soccer after moving from German team St. Pauli.

Aston Villa beat West Ham 2-1 and Nottingham Forest drew 1-1 with Bournemouth in a match that saw Forest midfielder Danilo suffer a broken ankle after landing awkwardly in an aerial challenge. Screens were put up around the Brazilian while he received treatment.

DISAPPOINTMENT

FOR ED SHEERAN

Ipswich's most famous supporter, pop star Ed Sheeran, was cheering the team on against Liverpool from a VIP box at Portman Road, days after buying a small stake in the club.

This is Ipswich's first season in the top flight since 2002 and the team looks sure to entertain, even if it might concede plenty of goals in the process with its open, expansive style.

Salah set up Diogo Jota for the first goal in the 60th and then poked home a finish from close range in the 65th as Liverpool improved following a slow first half in its first competitive game under Slot, who replaced longtime manager Jurgen Klopp during the offseason.

SAKA SHINES

Saka was one of a host of top stars quickly back into action after playing international tournaments during the summer at either Euro 2024 or the Copa America.

The England winger was quickly into his stride, crossing for Havertz to head home in the 25th before scoring himself by cutting inside and firing a shot inside the near post from the edge of the area in the 74th.

Arsenal was grateful to goalkeeper David Raya for pulling off three impressive saves to retain a clean sheet for the best defense in the league last season, while Havertz was at the center of an incident that saw Wolves defender Yerson Mosquera fall onto the

Germany striker and land with his hand on Havertz's throat. Mosquera avoided any sanction.

Arsenal finished last season two points behind Man City after taking the title race to the final round.

BRIGHTON CRUISES

Kaoru Mitoma, Danny Welbeck and Simon Adingra were the scorers for Brighton at Goodison Park, which is the home for Everton for one last season before the club moves to a new, bigger stadium across town.

Young was shown a straight red card in the 66th minute for hauling down Mitoma when he was the last defender. At 39, Young is the oldest player to receive a red card in the Premier

League. Milner played for 82 minutes on his record-setting day.

SCHAR SEES RED

Newcastle didn't end up paying for Schar's rash reaction when he responded to a push from Ben Brereton Diaz by placing his forehead against that of the Chile striker, who fell to the ground. Schar received a straight red card.

The score was 0-0 at the time, but Newcastle earned all three points when Alexander Isak collected a misplaced pass by Southampton goalkeeper Alex McCarthy and set up Joellinton to score in the corner.

PAQUETA GOAL

Brazil midfielder Lucas Paqueta started for West Ham with a spot-fixing scandal hanging over him from the end of last season, and scored from the penalty spot against Villa.

Paqueta is alleged to have deliberately received yellow cards during Premier League matches to influence betting markets. He was charged with misconduct on May 23 and faces a long ban if found guilty by English soccer authorities. He denies the charges.

Colombia striker Jhon Durán scored the winner for Villa in the 79th after coming on as a substitute. Amadou Onana gave Villa the lead on his debut in the fourth minute before Paqueta equalized.

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Robert Lewandowski scores twice as Barcelona beats Valencia 2-1 in debut of coach Hansi Flick

MADRID

ROBERT Lewandowski scored late in the first half and early in the second to give Barcelona a winning start in coach Hansi Flick's Spanish league debut.

The goals by Lewandowski gave the Catalan club a 2-1 win at Valencia in its opening league match on Saturday.

It was Flick's first official match in charge after he replaced former club great Xavi Hernández at the end of last season.

"It was very important to debut with a victory," Flick said. "We made some mistakes in the first half but we improved in the second."

Valencia opened the scoring with a header by Hugo Duro in the 44th, but Barcelona rallied with goals by Lewandowski in first-half stoppage time and four minutes into the second half.

"The goal at the end of the first half was very important," Flick said.

Duro's goal was initially disallowed for offside, but video review determined it should stand.

Lewandowski's first goal came after an assist from teenager Lamine Yamal, whose father was stabbed on Wednesday after an altercation near Barcelona. Mounir Nasraoui had to be hospitalized but his injuries

were not life-threatening. The 35-year-old Lewandowski gave Barcelona the lead by converting a 49th-minute penalty kick after forward Raphinha was fouled inside the area.

"My objective is to score goals. It's important to start the season like this to give us more confidence," Lewandowski said.

Flick used several players from Barcelona's famed La Masia youth academy, including Gerard Martín and 17-year-old Marc Bernal. Both made their first-team debut.

Barcelona defender Alejandro Balde had to be substituted in the second half because of an apparent muscle injury.

Barcelona, still struggling financially, finished second in the league last season, 10 points behind champion Real Madrid.

Madrid opens its league season on Sunday at Mallorca.

"Leganes marks return with draw

Promoted Leganes marked its return to the first division with a 1-1 draw at Osasuna.

The visitors opened the scoring through Juan Cruz in the 22nd before an own goal by Juan Soriano evened the score in the 79th.

Leganes had spent the last four seasons in the lower tier before win-



Robert Lewandowski double seals debut Barcelona win for Hansi Flick. Agencies

ning the second division to earn promotion. The club is owned by

former Houston Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow, whose Blue

Crow Sports Group has included investors from the United States, Mex-

ico, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Canada.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Gamondi: We showed Vital'O why we are champions



By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

YOUNG Africans Sports Club began their continental campaign in style with a commanding 4-0 victory over Burundi's Vital'O FC in the first leg of the CAF Champions League first preliminary round on Saturday afternoon.

Goals from Prince Dube, Clatous Chama, Clement Mzize, and Stephane Azizi Ki secured a comprehensive win for Young Africans.

The match, held at Chamazi

Complex, saw Young Africans take full advantage of the home setting despite technically being the away team, due to Burundi's ban on hosting international fixtures.

This resounding victory puts Young Africans in a strong position heading into the return leg, which will

also take place in Dar es Salaam, this time at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday.

Speaking after the match, Young Africans head coach Miguel Gamondi (pictured) expressed his satisfaction with his team's performance, emphasizing their dominance throughout the

game.

Gamondi also responded to pre-match comments from Vital'O's spokesman, Arsene Bucuti, who had downplayed Young Africans' chances.

"The other team, I think, talked too much. You must have respect. They said we were going to play ugly, and we said they are nothing. We showed why we are champions. We are Yanga, a big team, and honestly, I didn't even know if they existed," Gamondi said.

The Argentine coach was pleased with how his squad executed the game plan, controlling both halves and creating numerous scoring opportunities.

"We have a very good squad. The strategy was to win by the largest scoreline possible to ease the pressure for the return leg at Benjamin Mkapa.

"The idea in the first half was to score, maintain possession, and tire out the opposition by moving the ball. Unfortunately, the wind made it difficult to control

the ball, and we missed four clear chances.

"In the second half, we added more pace and speed, changing strategies as needed. Overall, we played very well, controlled the game, and created many chances," he added.

The aggregate winner between Young Africans and Vital'O FC will face either SC Villa of Uganda or Ethiopia's Commercial Bank in the next round.

The Ethiopians hold a crucial 2-1 away lead heading into the return leg in Addis Ababa this weekend.

The victor of the second preliminary round will advance to the lucrative group stages of Africa's premier club competition, scheduled to take place between October and December 2024.

As Young Africans look ahead to the next phase of the competition, their impressive performance against Vital'O highlights their potential to make a deep run in the CAF Champions League this season.

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Coach Ouma admits long diagonal passes exposed Coastal Union defence

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

COASTAL Union head coach David Ouma acknowledged his team's defensive struggles after a 3-0 defeat to Bravos Do Maquis in the first leg of the CAF Confederations Cup preliminary round on Saturday.

The match took place at Estádio Nacional da Tundavala in Lubango, Angola, where Coastal Union faced their first international competition since the 1989 African Cup Winners' Cup.

Angolan forward Joaquim Paciência netted a brace in the first half, and Luís Gonçalves added a third goal in the 81st minute, sealing a comfortable victory for the home side.

Coastal Union were without their experienced goalkeeper and 2023/2024 Premier League Golden Gloves winner, Ley Matampi, who missed the match due to illness, as confirmed by Coach Ouma.

Reflecting on the defeat, Ouma expressed his disappointment, particularly with his team's inability to adjust to Bravos Do Maquis' tactical shifts after a promising start.

"We dominated the first 15 minutes, which was our game plan. We anticipated their high-intensity approach and were able to counter it effectively during that period," Ouma stated.

However, Coastal Union's early control unraveled as Bravos Do Maquis began exploiting their defensive vulnerabilities.

"Their long diagonal passes exposed our defense. The first goal came from a long ball that bypassed our defense, and our defender failed to clear the danger.

"The second and third goals followed similar patterns, which is unacceptable for a team with our defensive objectives," Ouma lamented.

Coastal Union now faces a daunting challenge in the second leg as they look to overturn the three-goal deficit.

Despite finishing fourth in the Tanzanian Premier League with 37 points from 11 wins, four draws, and 13 losses, the team will need a significant improvement in performance to secure a positive result.

The return leg is scheduled to take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on August 23.

Coastal Union will need to put forth a remarkable effort to advance, as the winners of this tie will face FC Lupopo from the Democratic Republic of Congo in the next round.

Coastal Union's journey in the second leg will be closely watched by fans and analysts alike, as they strive to bounce back and continue their progress in continental competition.

Dr Biteko commends CRDB Bank Marathon efforts to aid children, women, and youth

By Guardian Correspondent

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Dr Dotto Biteko, has praised the CRDB Bank Foundation for its continued efforts in organizing the CRDB Bank Marathon, which has been dedicated to supporting government efforts to improve the health sector, assist those in need, and enhance community well-being.

Dr Biteko gave this commendation during the fifth season of the CRDB Bank Marathon, where 350m/- was raised to support children in need of heart surgery at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI), healthcare services for women with high-risk pregnancies at CCBRT Hospital, and youth empowerment.

"I congratulate you for continuing to support the treatment of our women and children. Women are the backbone of our nation's economy. They are also the caretakers of our families, especially children. Therefore, by strengthening the health of mothers and children, you are strengthening the health of the nation," said Dr Biteko, adding that the government and Tanzanians appreciate these efforts made by CRDB Bank through the CRDB Bank Foundation.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Arts, Culture, and Sports, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, said the marathon has significantly helped to promote a culture of sports in the country.

Dr Ndumbaro mentioned that the marathon has become an important platform for Tanzanian athletes to showcase their talents on an international stage, as the race is internationally certified by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and World Athletics.



The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Dr Dotto Biteko (C), accompanied by the Minister of Arts, Culture and Sports, Dr Damas Ndumbaro (3rd R), Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila (2nd R), Chairman of the CRDB Bank Board of Directors, Dr Ally Laay (3rd L), Chairman of the CRDB Bank Foundation Board, Martin Warioba (R), CRDB Bank CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela (4th L), and other leaders, begin the five-kilometer race at the climax of the fifth season of the CRDB Bank Marathon held yesterday at The Green Grounds in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

thons and Distance Races (AIMS) and World Athletics.

CRDB Bank CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela stated that out of the funds raised, 100m/- will go to help children in need of heart surgery at JKCI, 100/- will support healthcare services for women with high-risk pregnancies at CCBRT Hospital, and 150m/- will be used for youth empowerment.

In the marathon, a total of 8.7m/- in prizes was awarded to 60 winners in the 42km, 21km, 10km, and 5km races, as well as the 65km cycling race.

The Chairman of the CRDB Bank Foundation Board, Martin Warioba, said that a total of 8,000 participants registered this year, with a goal of reaching 10,000 participants in Tanzania next year, and aiming for 3,000 participants each from Burundi and the DRC.

The races, held in Dar es Salaam, were the third after those held in the

DRC and Burundi. In the DRC, the races were held on August 4, raising USD 50,000 to improve children's healthcare services at Jason Sendwe Hospital in Lubumbashi.

In Burundi, the races were held on August 11, raising BIF 120 million to help flood victims in Gatumba, Bujumbura.

Speaking while announcing the race results, CRDB Bank Foundation Managing Director Tully Esther Mwambapa congratulated the winners and thanked the marathon's partners, including insurance companies Sanlam and Alliance Life, the main sponsors of the race.

"We are very grateful to our partners and all the runners for joining us in our efforts to bring smiles to affected children," said Mwambapa.

The winners of the 42km race were Joyloyce Kemuma from Kenya in the women's category, and Moses Nengichi

also from Kenya in the men's category.

In the 21km race, the women's winner was Sara Makera from Tanzania, and the men's winner was Joseph Panga from Tanzania. In the 10km race, the women's winner was Hamida Nasor from Tanzania, and the men's winner was Mao Hindo Ako from Tanzania.

Sara Makera, the winner of the 21km women's race, expressed her happiness in participating in the race and said that her victory is part of helping treat children with heart problems and providing care for women with high-risk pregnancies at CCBRT Hospital.

"As a woman, I feel great joy in participating in spreading smiles to children and women. People should understand that good health is a right for everyone, and women should not have to lose their lives during childbirth. We thank the CRDB Bank Foundation for bringing us together in these efforts," she said.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

