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## Japan gives \$4.6m aid in fighting terrorism

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The government of Japan has committed to donate a variety of border control and monitoring equipment, worth 4.6 million US dollars, to assist Mozambique in the fight against terrorism in the northern provinces of Cabo Delgado and Niassa, as well as in the country's coastal regions.

To this end, Mozambican Foreign Minister, Veronica Macamo, and the Japanese Ambassador to Mozambique, Kimura Hajime, signed last week in Maputo an agreement for the donation of the equipment which includes radio transmitters, computers, and scanners that will boost the fight against terrorism.

The Foreign Ministry's Director for Oceania and Asia, Ismael Valigy, told reporters that the equipment will contribute significantly to the country's border control and is in line with the other initiatives funded by the Japa-



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nese government.

"I would like to express our great joy for the growing bilateral cooperation between Mozambique and Japan," Valigy said, adding that the donation is part of the preparations of the TICAD-VIII (Tokyo International Conference on African Development) Summit, scheduled for August in Tunisia.

Besides the commitment for peace, stability and security across the African continent, and promotion of investments, TICAD-VIII is also intended to strengthen cooperation ties between Africa and Japan, in the post COVID-19 pandemic era.

Ambassador Hajime said that that his country has delivered humanitarian assistance, consisting of food items and other basic goods, to those displaced from their homes by terrorism in Cabo Delgado.

Hajime also stated that the border control and monitoring equipment will be handed to the Ministry of the Interior.

Meanwhile, in a move set to ease

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# 'Rules bar registering of foreign varsity students'



Christian faithful hold palm tree leaves yesterday as they head for mass in Zanzibar's St. Joseph's Cathedral. Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. Photo: Correspondent Martin Kabemba

By Guardian Reporter

A RANGE of experts and stakeholders in higher education have appealed to the relevant authorities to set more convenient guidelines to allow Tanzanian universities to admit foreign students for undergraduate degree programmes.

The standards and guidelines handbook of the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) in its third edition articles 3.1.3 and 3.1.7 provide that only international students with equal qualifications to our advanced level certificate (A Level) are permitted to pursue undergraduate degree courses, stakeholders say.

The Open University of Tanzania (OUT) is permitted in the regulations to provide foundation courses to potential Tanzanian students interested in pursuing degree programs, with equivalency criteria specified by the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) seen as a stumbling block for admitting foreign students from nearby countries.



**Besides, the TCU mandate (section 5(1) of the Universities Act Cap. 346) covers its supportive, advisory and regulatory roles**

Countries such as Kenya, South Sudan, Nigeria, India, Ghana and others around the world, with students ready to study in Tanzania, use different secondary education and certification systems, stakeholders assert.

Musa Rajab, an expert in education affairs, says that these foreign students need a one year-bridging course so as to equate with Tanzania's A Level qualification and get entry to our universities.

## 'Tunduma border post road space too narrow'

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

TRADERS and other stakeholders using the Tanzania-Zambia border post at Tunduma in Songwe Region have appealed to the government to expand the main highway that joins the two countries (Tanzam) into two-lane road to reduce the congestion of trucks and ease cargo clearance.

The road needs to be widened up to 20 kms from the border crossing point, as that stretch faces congestion



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of trucks awaiting clearance to Zambia, they said, airing their views to a task force from the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) head offices in Dar

es Salaam, also featuring Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) officials, visiting the border post to meet with stakeholders.

The task force was there to discuss how to improve transit point services to ease international trade in the SADC region, with Khalid Salim, chairman of International Trucks (IT) Association, asserting that SADC zone

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**ROAD IMPASSABLE:** Floodwaters induced by the on-going heavy rains have massively damaged this bridge and effectively closed the road linking Songea district's Matarawe and Mjimwema wards to all vehicular traffic. Story on Page 7. Photo: Correspondent Gideon Mwanosya

## Africa registers 3,102 new Covid-19 cases in one day

ADDIS ABABA

THE African continent reported 3,102 new COVID-19 cases in 24 hours from Friday to late Saturday, the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has stated, totaling current numbers of positive cases across the continent as 11.3m patients.

Additionally, the African death toll from COVID-19 has reached 251,549 while recoveries totaled 10,725,483 at the time of the compilation of data.

South Africa has the highest COVID-19 caseload in the continent with 3,731,247 cases, followed by Morocco and Tunisia with 1,163,888 and 1,037,368 cases respectively, the agency noted, pointing out that Southern Africa is the most affected region, with the northern and eastern parts next, while central Africa is the least affected region.

At the same time, a study by the World Health Organisation (WHO)

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has affirmed that COVID-19 infections in Africa are grossly underreported, as no public agencies are ready to acknowledge the cases they come across.

WHO said infections could even be a hundred times more than official figures suggest, a position likely to be met by skepticism in the continent, despite that the agency's director general hails from Ethiopia, a native of its restive northern province of Tigray.

Since Egypt registered a Covid-19 case in mid-February 2020, cases reported stand at 11,360,305 and reportedly over 250,000 deaths, which experts say the figures are low compared with other regions around the world.

A recent report by WHO suggested that up to 800m people had been infected in Africa by last September, a figure representing two thirds of the continent's inhabitants, with over 1.3 billion population.

A report by Aljazeera, the Qatar based cable television network, said WHO believes that infection figures in Africa just scratch the surface of coronavirus infections everywhere, while WHO Africa director Matshidiso Moeti said a new analysis of standardised pandemic spread models suggest infections levels nearly 100 times higher than what official agencies say.

"This suggests that more than two-thirds of all Africans have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus," she stated, which some observers think it is more plausible in relation to the omicron variant spread, with its mild health impacts and virtually touching all households.

WHO said in its report that 150 studies stretching from early 2020 to early this year were analysed for indications of exposure to the virus, affirming that exposure jumped from just three per cent in June 2020 to 65 per cent by September 2021.

"In real terms, this means that in September 2021, rather than the reported 8.2 million cases, there were 800 million infections," the director underlined, a situation where the global average of actual infection numbers is said to be 6 times higher than official confirmation of reported cases.



CRDB Bank Plc training manager Agnes Robert makes a presentation at an AIESEC Tanzania symposium held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. AIESEC is a global youth-run not-for-profit organisation providing young people with cross-cultural leadership development, cross-cultural internships. The idea is to empower youths to counter challenges in the labour market. The bank has a standing partnership with the agency focused on capacity building for Tanzanian and Burundi youths through an apprenticeship programme. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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importers were increasingly opting for the port of Dar es Salaam, owing to its heightened safety assurance. Tunduma border post was being overburdened and the highway link has to be improved for the task, which

will make it easier for more traders and truckers to use the port to transit through the border post, he said. Jumanne Wabara, a transporter, commended the task force for the visit for direct discussion with transport stakeholders, as it would enable the needs of stakeholders for the border

post and the port of Dar es Salaam to be taken up more effectively. Despite that the government plans to widen the highway from Igawa in Mbarali District to Tunduma, a 200 kms section, it ought to start with the 20 kms portion close to the border post, he said. More than 70 per cent of

the transit cargo offloaded at the port of Dar es Salaam is destined to countries of Southern Africa, he stated, saying more congestion would discourage importers in the zone using the port. Songwe Region assistant customs manager Omary Mzava asked task force officials to make occasional

visits at border posts for exchange of views with stakeholders, in seeking to improve services. TPA marketing officer Fatma Rajab said the visit to the border post is geared to improving services and expand the transit market for the port of Dar es Salaam.



ActionAid Tanzania coordinator Joram Wimmo (R, gesturing) briefs members of the Parliamentary Agriculture Committee in Dodoma city at the weekend of the Third Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Biennial Review. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

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the country's power challenges, Zimbabwe will now be part of the ongoing power expansion projects in Mozambique, while a new visa regime will see visitors from either country getting passes at ports of entry valid for a duration of 90 days.

This is part of a set of agreements that were reached between President Mnangagwa and his Mozambican counterpart, President Filipe Nyusi, during a three-day State visit that ended yesterday.

The agreements, reached in the energy sector, mean Zimbabwe will be able to add more electricity to its power grid, and accelerate industrialisation and modernisation towards Vision 2030, to become an upper-middle-class economy.

In an interview soon after arriving in Harare from Maputo yesterday, President Mnangagwa described his visit as "excellent" as it opened new frontiers of co-operation between the two countries.

"Our State visit to Mozambique at the invitation of President Nyusi is premised on the solid relations between us and Mozambique but most importantly it is the commitment by Zimbabwe to capacitate

Mozambique, post the current challenges in Cabo Delgado, where Zimbabwe among other SADC countries, has taken the responsibility to capacitate the Mozambican Defence Forces so that they hold their ground and stop any future spread of terrorism.

"With regards to issues of economic and trade co-operation, what we discussed and agreed upon, primarily, is in relation to energy.

"We agreed that Zimbabwe should participate in the construction and generation of energy at Buzi. There are adequate gas deposits at Buzi, which is very close to our border, so we are going to craft a joint venture with Mozambique for the exploitation of gas at Buzi which will give us fuel and fertiliser.

"Secondly, they have a programme to bring gas, again they would want Zimbabwe to join them," said President Mnangagwa.

On the present visa regime, President Mnangagwa said the days allocated to travellers from either country will be increased from the current 30 to 90 per visit.

According to a communiqué released after the three-day State visit, the two countries acknowledged the progress in the transport and communication sector, as well as

energy.

They also "noted the export of energy from Mozambique to Zimbabwe, the utilisation of the pipeline from Mozambique to deliver petroleum products to Zimbabwe from Beira Port, as well as the prospects of partnership in projects in the sector, namely Mpanda Nkuwa, Terminal Termic Centre and Buzi Reserves". The two countries also agreed to increase co-operation in the sharing of water resources, through concrete legal instruments, aimed at sharing the utilisation of common water resources; and co-operation in the field of health, where the two countries are engaged in exchange programmes.

The State visit saw Zimbabwe and Mozambique consolidating their long-standing relationship through the signing of an agreement establishing a Bi-National Commission that was accompanied by the adoption of agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in various fields to enhance co-operation.

Agreements were also signed in the area of Justice and Legal Affairs, Aeronautical Search and Rescue Services, and Science and Technology.

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Experts express dissatisfaction with allowing only the Open University to offer foundation courses, not other universities, in which case regulatory agencies need to strategically adjust the higher education standards and guidelines consonant with higher levels of regional integration, along with widening the sphere for student enrolment for local universities.

The regulatory agencies need to allow other universities to offer bridging courses for prospective international students, they say, noting that such ad-

justment has worked in neighboring Uganda, having advanced level certification similar to ours.

Some universities in Uganda have added a one year foundation course in their curriculums to accommodate foreign students and this has greatly contributed to inflows of foreign students, earning foreign currency and raising the international status of the country's higher education institutions.

Mulusali Komba, an education stakeholder, says that countries around the world use different approaches to accommodate foreign students who want to join their degree programmes but completed studies in different edu-

cation systems.

Pre-entry or bridging courses for potential undergraduate international students would have multiple benefits for the country, enhancing the country's educational tourism opportunities.

Current TCU regulations project that local universities will attract a minimum of five per cent international student in their admission levels, with a view to achieving the country's agenda for internationalization of higher education, since it counts in university ranking globally.

Around 303 international students mainly from East Africa were

registered in local universities in the 2020/2021 period, far below the five per cent, standing at 0.19 per cent of the 157,101s students enrolled for bachelor degree programmes.

Prof. Charles Kihampa, the TCU executive secretary, said that standards and guidelines for enrollment of foreign students are set by all national universities through the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Affiliated Institutions.

"If there is such an idea that universities should be allowed to prepare foundation courses (or pre-entry courses) for foreign students, then they should take the idea to this committee, and

later forward the matter to TCU for consideration," he stated.

As regards to the number of foreign students enrolled in local universities, TCU boss said "the question of whether the number of foreign students enrolled in our universities is small or not, is not our fault...we are just the regulator. It's the duty of the respective universities and higher education stakeholders to aggressively advertise (using different platforms) these institutions in order to attract more international students."

Andrew Moses, an expert in higher education affairs, said that in the face of an increasingly competitive higher

education world, TCU needs to go beyond its regulatory role and provide guidance to local universities on how to improve higher education standards and thus become competitive.

"Besides, the TCU mandate (section 5(1) of the Universities Act Cap. 346) covers its supportive, advisory and regulatory roles," he said, affirming that TCU is duty-bound to be more innovative, attract constructive ideas from public and private circles.

It should create a supportive national environment for operationalization of higher education institutions in the country's national interest, the expert added.

# AU encourages Tanzania to intensify programmes to end hunger, stunting

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE African Union (AU) through its key agricultural initiative, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) has advised Tanzania to intensify its targeted programmes to reduce poverty and stunting rate among children under the age of five as per the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) goals.

(BR) Report Tanzania, among others, recommended that the country has to increase production of nutrient food crops and strengthening capacity of all programs aimed at eliminating hunger and stunting.

The development emerges amid the time when home statistics depicts that Tanzania has attained a food adequacy of more than 100 per cent.

While the set target to eliminate hunger among the CAADP member coun-

tries by 2025 was set at 6.35 per cent Tanzania has to date scored only 3.60 per cent.

Moreover, according to The African Agriculture Transformation Score Card (AATSC), Tanzania has so far attained the set goals for halving poverty by at least 6.32 and on the side of fighting stunting the country's score is currently at 31.6, though both marks are however below the set levels.

The grim records were presented

over the weekend in Dodoma capital at a special meeting which brought together members of the Parliamentary Agricultural Committee, the farmers from Rural Women Farmer's Forum (RWFF) as well as the heads of civil societies and Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs).

Among others, the round table gathering was tailored to present to the government about the country's result score at the African Agriculture Trans-

formation Score Card, but above, to chart possible ways the country can perform better in the relevant sides.

Presenting the outcomes, Joram Wimmo, Action Aid country coordinator presented that, as per the report review, Tanzania is also lagging behind in enhancing resilience to climate variability, enhancing investment finance in agriculture and in the side of enhancing mutual accountability for action and results.

"The report suggests that the country has to speed up interventions on sustainable land and water management, market access, food supply as well as in agricultural research," he briefed.

"He added, the Africa's top agricultural tank thinkers, in their 3rd CAADP Biennial Review (BR) Report Tanzania have itemized a number of initiatives that the member countries (including Tanzanians) must work to improve in order to meet the agreed goals by 2025.



Ramadhan Salehe (L), a representative of a group of elderly persons in Kahama District, symbolically receives sewing machines from Kahama district commissioner Festo Kiswaga at the weekend. The machines and an assortment of other items were presented as Barrick Tanzania assistance to people with disabilities and the elderly living in villages surrounding Bulyanhulu Gold Mine. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Mining firm remembers PwDs and elderly in Msalala District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

ABOUT 210 people with disabilities and the elderly from the villages surrounding Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine in Msalala District have been given assorted items from the mining company to enable them to participate freely in their socio-economic activities.

Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine relations and environmental manager Agapiti Paul said that among the donated items included 30 bicycles, wheel chairs for the disabled, 5 hearing aids, 6 white sticks, 2 leather sewing machines, 8 ordinary sewing and 2 overlock machines, furniture, TV set and one motorcycle which will be used in the Genders' Desk office in order to facilitate girls and women issues.

"We are proud to be in the forefront of ensuring that we care for people with disabilities living in the vicinity of our mine to increase their joy and enable them to participate in economic activities by providing them with working equip-

ment. We shall continue to care for specific groups as a whole including the gender desk to cater for 'with girls' and women issues so that they also benefit," Paul said.

Kahama District Commissioner Festo Kiswaga, thanked the Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine for continuing to work with the government in implementing corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects to ensure that the community move a step forward.

"I congratulate Barrick for providing these items by ensuring that people with special needs get equipment that will enable them to work happily. Indeed you have wholeheartedly supported practically the commitment and the intention of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, the number one advocate for people with special needs who she had repeatedly urged special groups not to be left behind and given priority in society," DC Kiswaga said.

He added that Barrick has been dishing out a lot of money to implement various projects thus instructing all executives to ensure

that the money is used to bring development to the people and that he will not hesitate to deal with those who dare to misuse the given funds.

Msalala District Council executive director, Charles Fussi, has called on people with disabilities to come forward and apply for interest-free loans in the Council and advised them that before taking the loans they should get advice on viable projects so that they can grow economically and be able to repay the loans.

On behalf of people with disabilities, Salome Samwell, a resident of Msalala, thanked Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine and Msalala Council for providing them with support materials that they will use to walk from one place to another and earn incomes for economic growth.

The representative of the elderly, Ramadhan Salehe, said Barrick Bulyanhulu had shown love by providing them with health insurance cards that would enable them to reduce medical expenses for themselves and their dependants.



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## President Samia promotes five TAWA senior and 12 assistant commissioners

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has promoted five Senior Assistant Commissioners and 12 Assistant Commissioners of the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) at a function held at TAWA head offices here.

The event was officiated by the chairman of TAWA management board, Maj. Gen. (rt) Hamisi Semfuko on behalf of President Samia.

Speaking after the event, Maj. Gen. Semfuko told the promoted officers to recognise that they were in higher positions to think and plan hence they should be ready to be assigned more administrative duties and to be more patriotic.

He said the Authority is constituted by law and is among institutions the supervision of the Commander in Chief of Armed Forces and that the opportunity is rare, hence the promotion is a huge opportunity for them.

He said TAWA management board, in collaboration with other institutions including TANAPA, NCCA and TFS will prepare a promotion procedure that will involve greater diligence and transparency in order to have one system with one unit with transparency instead of the one whose promotion procedure is confidential.

"I would like all commanders and personnel to know that in implementing the board activities has greatly looked into your ability, there has been great transparency in its decision, it is our hope that from now on you will

start to change," stressed Maj Gen Semfuko.

He called on them to act with professionalism in their responsibilities and to remember that in the unit, officers of various ranks are supposed to know the capability of those under and above them, their problems and on how to solve them.

He thanked the outgoing minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Damas Ndumbaro for his able leadership that saw great achievements and also praised the new minister, Pindi Chana and pledged that as a board they will provide her with great cooperation in all activities pertaining to the country's wildlife conservation.

For his part, TAWA Commissioner General, Mabula Nyanda spoke on efforts they were making in training and improvement of working tools including vehicles, the ongoing 32 Covid-19 projects and better working environment for TAWA personnel as well as more training to wardens and senior officers.

He said the promotion of the officers has been done in accordance with TAWA structure and five general orders in adhering to profession, ability to lead, ethics and ability to implement responsibilities with achievements.

TAWA board members, at different times called on the promoted officers to enhance discipline and accountability in order to attain TAWA goals to become strong, disciplined and ethical.



Hanang district commissioner Joyce Mayanja pictured at the weekend speaking at the inauguration of a clean and safe water well jointly built by Serengeti Breweries Limited and WaterAid in the district's Bassotu ward. She is flanked by SBL corporate relations director John Wanyancha (R) and WaterAid country manager Anna Mzinga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Relief as water comes to 4,000 villagers in Manyara

By Guardian Correspondent, Hanang'

OVER 4,000 residents of Bassotu village in Hanang District, Manyara Region and nearby areas are set to benefit from a grand water project, thanks to Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), WaterAid and the Tanzanian government for financing the project.

With the capacity to serve 14,000 people, the Nalgonda water treatment plant is set to deliver safe, clean water to four villages in Basuto, Danga, Viendamudiga, and Dilna in Basuto Ward.

SBL's corporate relations director John Wanyancha said: "This progressive water of life project was undertaken in collaboration with the government of Tanzania and WaterAid Tanzania to improve health, increase economic productivity, empower women, and allow girls to pursue their education because now, they no longer need to trek for hours to look for clean water."

The Water for Life Project is part of similar initiatives that the brewer has undertaken in the Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Tanga, Ruvuma, Dar es Salaam, Coast, and Dodoma regions,

providing over one million beneficiaries with clean and safe water.

Hanang' District Commissioner, Janeth Mayanja commended SBL for being at the forefront in providing timely support to community development projects across critical areas and sectors in the country.

The DC said: "This is a life saving project, with no doubt I believe the villagers will be at the forefront to protect and preserve this project for future generations."

The water supply from Lake Bassotu to the community required urgent treatment after laboratory tests

revealed that the levels of fluoride in the water was above recommended World Health Organisation (WHO) standards. The projects' installed water treatment capacity of 900,000 litres in 12 hours is sufficient to meet and exceed Bassotu ward's current average daily water demand of 700,000 litres.

WaterAid country director Anna Mzinga said: "We'll keep coming up with new ideas to come up with smart, practical solutions that work and can be used on a national and international level." "Between us, we have the commitment, experience,

resourcefulness, and connections to change millions more lives - until everyone everywhere has what so many of us take for granted."

A trained operator from the village will work in collaboration with Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RUWASA) technicians and engineers to ensure a safe and consistent water supply. Water quality assurance will be conducted at a newly constructed laboratory in Manyara.

SBL wants to help the community in four ways: water of life, skills for life, environmental sustainability, and responsible drinking are all im-

portant.

Over the past three years, the bottler's agricultural program has also provided technical and financial assistance that has positively impacted the lives of 400 farmers and their communities.

As a result, Tanzania's leading drink manufacturer has gone from sourcing zero to 18,000 tonnes of locally-grown farm produce directly from the farmer; boosting farmers' incomes and contributing to national economic growth through the consistent remittance of taxes.



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### GA Insurance Tanzania Limited

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### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GA INSURANCE TANZANIA LIMITED FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41(1) OF INSURANCE ACT 2009

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

	2021 Tshs'000	Restated* 2020 Tshs'000
Gross premiums written	8,239,648	7,222,122
Written premiums ceded to reinsurers	(4,720,356)	(4,931,133)
<b>Net premiums written</b>	<b>3,519,292</b>	<b>2,890,989</b>
Change in the gross provision for unearned premiums	(791,495)	176,369
Reinsurers' share of change in the provision for unearned premiums	396,904	(269,631)
<b>Net earned premiums</b>	<b>3,124,701</b>	<b>2,797,727</b>
Fees and commission income	1,181,619	1,541,391
Investment income	669,316	575,552
Other Income/(expense)	134,576	(115,369)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>5,110,212</b>	<b>4,799,301</b>
Claims and benefits incurred	(4,957,364)	(2,171,331)
Reinsurers' share of claims and benefits incurred	4,102,802	1,266,656
<b>Net policyholder claims and benefits incurred</b>	<b>(854,562)</b>	<b>(904,775)</b>
Acquisition costs - commission expense	(1,134,691)	(1,170,527)
Release of provision for doubtful debts	-	35,531
Operating and other expenses	(2,876,818)	(2,380,583)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>244,141</b>	<b>376,947</b>
Income tax	(196,247)	(205,756)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>47,894</b>	<b>173,191</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>47,894</b>	<b>173,191</b>

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

	31 Dec 2021 Tshs'000	Restated* 31 Dec 2020 Tshs'000	Restated* 1 Jan 2020 Tshs'000
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>			
Share capital	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Accumulated losses	(494,797)	(437,112)	(523,573)
Contingency reserves	473,423	367,844	281,114
Shareholders' funds	<b>4,478,626</b>	<b>4,430,732</b>	<b>4,257,541</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Assets			
Property and equipment	150,991	182,685	130,043
Right of use assets	191,602	289,025	-
Intangible assets	897	80,064	159,218
Deferred tax	151,559	159,132	147,742
Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangements	1,141,695	1,548,890	599,100
Receivables arising out of direct insurance arrangements	488,347	713,329	916,086
Reinsurers' share of insurance contract liabilities	6,632,331	3,354,480	3,709,399
Other receivables	421,836	295,294	150,437
Deferred acquisition costs	462,221	372,420	404,949
Government securities	1,342,664	1,736,452	1,428,304
Deposits with financial institutions	6,172,602	5,520,400	2,774,578
Tax recoverable	80,170	81,026	147,321
Cash and cash equivalents	1,622,585	797,326	2,667,904
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>18,859,300</b>	<b>15,130,503</b>	<b>13,235,081</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Insurance contract liabilities	5,875,302	3,066,792	2,928,194
Provision for unearned premium	3,109,948	2,318,453	2,494,822
Payables arising from reinsurance arrangements	1,530,253	1,725,255	903,304
Other payables	3,179,887	2,865,467	2,200,555
Lease liability	250,275	346,719	-
Deferred income	435,809	377,085	450,665
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>14,380,674</b>	<b>10,699,771</b>	<b>8,977,540</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4,478,626</b>	<b>4,430,732</b>	<b>4,257,541</b>

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

	Share capital Tshs'000	Contingency reserve Tshs'000	Accumulated losses Tshs'000	Total Tshs'000
At 1 January 2021	4,500,000	367,844	(437,112)	4,430,732
Profit for the year	-	-	47,894	47,894
Contingency reserve movement	-	105,579	(105,579)	-
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>473,423</b>	<b>(494,797)</b>	<b>4,478,626</b>
At 1 January 2020	4,500,000	281,114	(652,093)	4,129,021
Impact of correction of errors*	-	-	128,520	128,520
<b>Restated balance at 1 Jan 2020</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>281,114</b>	<b>(523,573)</b>	<b>4,257,541</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	173,191	173,191
Contingency reserve movement	-	86,730	(86,730)	-
<b>At 31 December 2020 - restated</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>367,844</b>	<b>(437,112)</b>	<b>4,430,732</b>

#### STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021.

	2021 Tshs'000	2020 Tshs'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before taxation	244,141	480,488
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortization	217,766	224,632
Interest income - government securities	(220,114)	(177,680)
Interest income - deposits with financial institutions	(449,726)	(373,121)
Interest expenses on lease	22,845	23,353
Other payables	(165,088)	177,662
<b>Operating cash flows before working capital changes</b>	<b>(72,458)</b>	<b>223,905</b>
Movement in provisions for outstanding claims	(72,458)	223,905
Movement in unearned premium	394,591	93,262
Movement in deferred acquisition cost	(89,801)	32,529
Movement in deferred income	58,724	(73,580)
Decrease in insurance receivables	224,982	202,757
Decrease/ (increase) in reinsurance and other receivables	280,853	(1,094,647)
(Decrease)/ Increase in reinsurance payables	(195,002)	821,953
Other payables	313,620	534,993
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>730,421</b>	<b>918,854</b>
Tax paid	(137,624)	(112,950)
Withholding tax suffered at source	(50,194)	(37,900)
Interest expense on lease	(22,845)	(23,353)
<b>Net cash generated from (utilized in) operating activities</b>	<b>519,758</b>	<b>744,641</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest received from deposits with financial institutions	287,152	169,199
Interest received from government securities	403,505	335,258
Purchase of property and equipment	(22,510)	(102,988)
Investment in government securities at amortized cost	353,752	(80,006)
Investment in deposits with financial institutions	(619,954)	(602,188)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>401,945</b>	<b>(280,725)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment of lease liability - principal portion	(96,444)	(74,371)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>825,259</b>	<b>389,545</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	797,326	407,781
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at year end</b>	<b>1,622,585</b>	<b>797,326</b>

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# SITT project improves STD VII exam pass marks - study

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

RESEARCH made has found out that school-based in-service teachers training (SITT) implemented in various primary schools countrywide has contributed to the increase of examination passes by 30 per cent while failures rate had been reduced by 10 per cent.

In the circumstances, Tanzania Teachers Union (TTU) has called on the government to provide the training to have diligent innovative teachers in the country.

The remarks were made here at the weekend by Dr Konstantin Buchel, lecturer and researcher from economic and research department at the University of Bern, Switzerland when submitting the results of the research programme sponsored by TTU in collaboration with Helvetas organisation.

He said the Department conduct researches on issue of Education and development in various countries whereby through Helvetas whereby SITT conducted the research.

"We conducted the research in Mbulu, Karatu, Mbulu Mji and Siha districts in collaboration with teachers who appeared pleased

by the project and said were ready to carry it on for the benefit of both teachers and students," he said.

He said from the verification made they discovered that the project is beneficial for both teaching and learning as teachers cooperate, feel free in teaching and provide students adequate opportunities as the basis for knowledge.

"We saw that this cooperation among teachers in schools that had been researched on resulted in better performance by students in Std VI examinations and discovered increases in A and B passes by 30 per cent in the said schools while failure marks dropped by 10 per cent," he added.

For his part, the project manager, Donatian Marusu said the project covered 408 schools and 892 teachers in Dodoma, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro regions.

TTU's head of education and training, Stella Kiyabo said the project teaches teachers simple ways in teaching Maths, English and Science subjects and involved health and environmental issues.

For his part, Helvetas country director, An-

net Witteveen said there is the need to take the project to other regions of Lindi, Geita, Mtwara and Morogoro in order to assure teachers obtained various skills in teaching.

Diana Zakaria, who is among the teachers who benefitted from the project said the project had empowered them to teach many students in one classroom by splitting them into various groups and teach them more than one subject.

She said SITT project makes a teacher to lower himself to the level of his students to enable him understand various problems facing students and this, she added, has increased passes in examinations.

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Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mngandilwa (3rd-L) and CRDB Bank Plc's northern zone manager, Chiku Issa (2nd-L, present foodstuffs to the city's Imani Chumbageni children's centre at the weekend. It was a Ramadan-time goodwill gesture by the bank. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON SUPPLY AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT FOR DIESEL & LUBRICANTS FOR THE BUCKREEF GOLD MINE OPERATIONS

Reference: BGCL/TZ/RFP/2022/01

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd "BGCL", a JV agreement company between State Mining Corporation (Stamico) and Tanzam2000 Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of Tanzanian Gold Corporation (TSX:TNX)(NYSE MKT: TRX). For more information visit: <https://www.tangoldcorp.com/>, the company has operations located in Mnekezi Village, Geita District, Tanzania.

We kindly request you to submit your proposal for Diesel & Lubricant supplies and inventory management to the Buckreef site to facilitate the ongoing Mining operations at our Buckreef site located in Mnekezi Village 18km from the Katoro center, Geita District, Tanzania.

### Details of the proposal should meet below minimum criteria

- The supplier should be able to supply 90,000 liters of diesel and other lubricants which the company wishes to order per month with a minimum of 15-day inventory Management level.
- The supplier should be able to install within the Mining area and operate the Fuel depot reserve tanks for at least 90,000lts to start.
- The proposal shall include the wholesale price rate per liter for April to the Buckreef site.
- The supplier will be able to supply the signed LPO and payment will be settled within 30days of order. Payment will be monthly based on the usage pattern
- Contract period 2-3 years based on performance.
- Experience of the company undertaking a similar project
- Permit and Certification evidence of permit and registration issued by relevant Government Authorities and any other statutory bodies regulating
- Demonstrate compliance with the Local content requirement as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations 2018, as amended by having a Local Content Plan
- BGC will provide Civil works, Electricity, Water, Crane, Internet, and Office
- Encouraged to use local employment
- Fuel Management System should be separated in the proposal
- Fuel Cleanliness level to be achieved at 18:16:13 at the nozzle to equipment
- Inline cleanliness monitoring system to be provided as an option
- Minimum two dispensing area

Please be guided to prepare and submit your Proposal on April 25, 2022, at 1800hrs via email to: [procurement@buckreef.go.tz](mailto:procurement@buckreef.go.tz)

Your proposal must be expressed in English and must be valid for a minimum period of **90 Days**. While preparing your proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by **BGCL** after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation.

Your proposal must be signed and in the .pdf and excel formats and free from any virus or corrupted files. Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP.

The proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Please be advised that **BGCL** is not bound to accept any proposal, award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Provider's preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

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## Procurement reference number ICAP/TZ/10

### Introduction:

ICAP at Columbia University is an international non-profit organization that aims to ensure the wellness of families and communities by strengthening health systems around the world and is registered in Tanzania as MSPH Tanzania LLC since February 2005 with certificate of compliance No.00002080. ICAP has a long history of supporting various public health interventions in programs and research in close collaboration with the government of Tanzania and key stakeholders.

The Tanzania HIV Impact Survey (THIS) is a national population-level HIV impact assessment (PHIA) conducted with support from the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and technical assistance through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ICAP at Columbia University. THIS is being led by the Government of Tanzania (GoT) through the Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) and Zanzibar AIDS Commission (ZAC), and the Ministries of Health (MoH) of Mainland and Zanzibar, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the Office of Chief Government Statistician (OCGS), and the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG). The survey will be implemented by NBS, OCGS, and ICAP in collaboration with local partners, including the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), the Zanzibar Institute of Health Research (ZAHRI), Public Health Laboratories, the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), and the Zanzibar Integrated HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis and Leprosy Program (ZIHHTLP).

### Invitation to quotes for various services:

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites reputable and registered suppliers to submit bids for supply and delivery of various services listed on the below Lots numbers.

LOT #	Description of the Services
Lot 1	Car Hire Services
Lot 2	Supply and delivery of Printings and Promotions Materials
Lot 3	Supply and delivery of Stationery Supplies
Lot 4	Supply and delivery of Medical Equipment & Supplies
Lot 5	Mobile Laboratory trailer carrier services
Lot 6	Maintenance services (Generators, Air Condition, Freezers and Fridge)

### General criteria for submission:

- Please clearly indicate lot number on the subject Line (Example Lot 1\_ Car Hire Services) failure to comply with this requirement will disqualify your application.
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and zoom call link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
- Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address upon request.
- Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- The tender validity period is 14 days.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated and acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- ICAP reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- ICAP reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- ICAP will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per ICAP procurement guidelines.

### How to apply:

- Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at [TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu)
- All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings.

### Attention to:

The Tender Committee,  
MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP,  
Jangid Plaza 7<sup>th</sup> Floor - Chaburuma Road  
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

### Submission:

The deadline for the submission is **10:00am East Africa Time on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. All tenders should be electronically submitted to [TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu) No tender fee is charged for this invitation.

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NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (L) gifts Zanzibar House of Representatives Speaker Zubeir Ali Maulid a prayer mat at Iftar the bank hosted for its customers in Zanzibar at the weekend. Among the guests were ministers, religious leaders and political party executives. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NBC Bank hosts iftar dinner for its customers in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

IN celebrating the Holy month of Ramadan as well as to reaffirm its commitment to its customers, National Bank of Commerce (NBC) hosted Iftar gathering for its customers in the Zanzibar Isles. The event was held at the Hotel Verde over the weekend.

The Iftar gathering event was attended by over 400 invited guests including ministers, religious leaders, and leaders of political parties, customers, agents and staff of the bank.

Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representative, Zubeir Ali Maulid expressed satisfaction with the bank's co-operation with the house of representative and the Revolutionary government of Zanzibar, noting apart from having a consolidated presence in the wholesale and retail banking segments, the bank remains a key contributor towards the economic and social growth of the Isles.

"I would also like to congratulate NBC for highlighting the importance of its customers by reciprocating a portion of their profit in various ways including through engaging

with, and contributing to, the wider community in which the bank operates... we are so grateful," he said.

NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi said: "We consider our customers very much a valued extension of the NBC family; and as we mark the blessed days of this holy month, we wanted to take this opportunity to share the spirit of togetherness with them. The event also provided us with an avenue through which we could show our appreciation to them for their continued patronage; whilst at the same time reaffirms our commitment to understanding their needs and exceeding their expectations."

"We've always been committed towards providing products that are specifically tailored to our customers. Gatherings such as these provide us with a vital opportunity to interact with and understand their requirements better; further strengthening our relationships while also obtaining their valuable feedback on our existing products and services," he added.

Sabi urged those who have not yet joined the bank to open their accounts so that they can enjoy the best and exclusive services offered at all NBC branches in the country.

## Aim for wider markets, Tanzanian innovators urged

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIAN innovators have been urged to aspire for the external needs so that they can acquire huge markets of their products instead of focusing in the country only.

Commission for Science and Technology, (COSTECH)'s head of innovation department, Athumani Mgunia made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the Digital Innovations for Business Resilience competition for East African countries.

The competitions which is funded by German Development Organisations (GIZ) and Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA), was held at New Library Hall at University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), where by top ten teams per country took the stage and present their solutions.

During the competitions, two teams will be selected and move ahead to the East Africa grand finale recently where they will compete and win US\$10,000.

Mgunia said COSTECH has opened up doors to many African countries where

innovators can sell their innovation so it is up to them to take chance and submit their products instead of relying to Tanzanian market only.

"The doors are open for you so when you innovate things make sure you consider external demands where you can get a good number of clients of your products and earn incomes that will enable you to go to another level," he said.

Mgunia said African countries have many problems which need solutions so the innovators should take it as opportunity to create solutions to them by their innovations.

"For example many of our people in African countries lives in rural areas and most of them depend on agriculture as source of their incomes. So it is for you innovators to innovate simple machines that would help them reduce cost of production in their farming chain," he said.

Mgunia commended GIZ and IUCEA for organising such profitable competitions that he said will help to identify different youth talents who eventually will use them to establish their own business-

es and employ themselves and others.

He also commended them for the training they have equipped to the competitors before the competitions which he said would help them in their future when they will participate in such kind of events inside and outside the country.

GIZ programme coordinator Abdulkarim Bihaki, said the intention of the competitions is to make sure youth get required skills to enable them employ themselves after their studies.

He said the program is run jointly by GIZ and IUCEA in partnership with various universities within the East Africa Community (EAC).

"This is among of the programmes that we are doing. Our intentions are to help young entrepreneurs and innovators among EAC Universities. Last three weeks we had similar event in Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda and Kenya, in this competitions youth come with their ideas on how they can use them to solve different challenges within our communities," he said



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### Project Description

The USAID Landscape Conservation in Western Tanzania (LCWT) project is designed to build upon and magnify nearly 25 years' experience in Tanzania to protect endangered chimpanzee populations and their habitats, while empowering local communities in the Gombe-Masito-Ugalla (GMU) ecosystem. The GMU ecosystem contains over 90% of Tanzania's estimated 2,200 chimpanzees that are facing increasing threats due to habitat loss and fragmentation from illegal logging, settlement expansion, and conversion of habitat for economic/agricultural purposes.

As a subcontractor to the Jane Goodall Institute on LCWT, RTI International is providing support to improve mechanisms at the local government level in place to appropriately cover costs of natural resource management (NRM) monitoring and interventions. A 2019 Political Economy Analysis conducted by RTI identified the lack of allocation of financial resources by Local Government Authorities (LGAs) as a major barrier to the sustainability of NRM management activities promoted by the project.

### Position Description

RTI is seeking a District NRM Financing Advocacy Consultant to provide technical guidance and facilitation support to district-level governments in Kigoma, Uvinza, Nsimbo and Tanganyika DC districts to develop NRM financing guidelines. These guidelines will outline the types of investments that the districts will support with the funds they receive from various sources, including fines and national budgets, and set a minimum earmark of own-sourced funds to be re-invested in NRM activities.

The Consultant will report to the Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) and the RTI/LCWT Project Manager, and the anticipated period of performance is from late April through early July, 2022.

### Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work closely with LCWT staff to design a facilitation process to work with District Economy, Works and Environment (EW) committees to develop district-level guidelines for financing NRM activities.
- Develop plans for sensitizing the district EWE committees and other district officials about the important contributions NRM makes to district own-source funding, and the need for investment to preserve this source of funds for future activities.
- Pilot sensitization activities and facilitation process in Kigoma by engaging appropriate District committees (e.g. Finance and Administration; EWE Committee) and other stakeholders (e.g. Tuungane, TFS, TAWA, TANAPA, village leaders) to develop district NRM financing guidelines.
- Update the facilitation process based on any lessons learned from the Kigoma workshop and roll out the workshops in Uvinza, Nsimbo, and Tanganyika DC.
- As necessary, support the LCWT staff and district officials to move the NRM financing guidelines through the relevant approval process. This may require contact by phone or in person meetings to encourage the process along.
- Produce NRM guideline development workshop notes and drafted NRM strategies for each district.

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree and 10 years of experience, Master's degree and 8 years of experience, PhD and 4 years of experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Demonstrated knowledge of local public sector financing systems in Tanzania.
- Five years substantive experience working with local government counterparts and engaging in district-level advocacy.
- Experience writing facilitation plans and technical reports.
- Demonstrated skill facilitating policy development and dialogue between LGAs and key community leaders and civil society stakeholders.
- Preferred experience in supporting natural resource management policies and initiatives.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Fluency in written and spoken Kiswahili required; proficiency in written and spoken English preferred.

The application deadline is April 25, 2022

No applicant will ever be asked for any payment either to secure a role with RTI International or as a follow-up to having been awarded a position with RTI International. If anyone ever approaches you asking for any such payment, please immediately email [ethics@rti.org](mailto:ethics@rti.org).

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### To Apply:

Submit your CV and cover letter to [nmcclure@rti.org](mailto:nmcclure@rti.org). RTI is an equal opportunity employer. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.



### EXCITING CONSULTANCY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

Baseline Study and Programme Design for a new market systems oriented programme to support private provision of ECD/E Daycare in low income high density areas of Dar es Salaam



Children in Crossfire is an Irish-based international NGO whose purpose is to respond to the rights and needs of young children caught in the crossfire of global poverty and injustice. Children in Crossfire Tanzania focuses on increasing access to quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) supporting children's developmental needs and giving them a chance to reach their fullest potential. For more information go to: [www.childrenincrossfire.org](http://www.childrenincrossfire.org)

Children in Crossfire Tanzania currently implements ECD programmes with a particular focus on early learning. We are piloting a new programme to support improved quality and equitable access to ECD/E daycare in high-density low income areas of Dar es Salaam City (Dar). The private market for ECD/E daycare in Dar is thriving especially in the informal economy. Children in Crossfire is looking to develop the outline of a potential social franchise model that supports these ECD/E daycare centres to improve the quality of early learning provision, support more sustainable profitable business models, and meet minimum regulatory requirements.

We are looking for a consultant team that brings together experience and expertise for a joint consultancy to design and conduct a **baseline assessment** as part of a repeated cross sectional study to analyse changes to target populations over time, and to facilitate the **programme**

**design** using a market systems development approach to support quality and equitable access to private ECD/E daycare provision in low income Dar.

A detailed **Terms of Reference** can be downloaded from: <https://www.childrenincrossfire.org/stay-connected/join-our-team> The Terms of Reference sets out the scope of work, deliverables and timelines; as well as the required experience and qualifications of the consultants, and tendering procedures and selection criteria.

A proposal should be submitted by email to Children in Crossfire at: [jobstz@childrenincrossfire.org](mailto:jobstz@childrenincrossfire.org) with the subject line: "Proposal - Dar Urban ECD Programme". A short cover letter should indicate the candidate's availability to undertake the assignment within the proposed timescale. Only those candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

The closing time for receipts of applications is midnight **Tuesday 19 April 2022, local time in Tanzania.**





Bank of Africa board chairman Nehemiah Mchechu (L) receives working documents from the bank's managing director and CEO, Adam Mihayo, in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Mchechu recently bounced back as National Housing Corporation director general through appointment by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Crucial bridge washed away after flash floods hit Songea

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

KEY bridge that link residents of Matarawe and Mjimwema wards in Songea Municipality, Ruvuma Region has been washed away as communities in the area deal with the impact of flash floods over the weekend.

Downpour hit the area for almost eight hours in different parts of the municipality causing Mwembechai River levels rose and finally the bridge swept off causing inconveniences to pedestrians, and motorists.

Mjimwema Ward Councilor Silvesta Mhagama confirmed to the incident, saying that bridge destruction was a challenge taking it's being used by many people including those using Zimanimoto-Mjimwema, Ruwawasi na Mjimwema

roads. "It's an important bridge. It's being used by people who go to Mjimwema Health Center and those who go to the Songea town centre for various activities," he said.

According to him, people are forced to use other routes, which are far such as Msamala, Bombambili, Ruhuwiko to the Songea town centre.

The councilor asked the government to chip in and refurbish the destroyed bridge to relieve communities with unnecessary inconveniences, describing the incident as the third one as it happened last year and in February this year.

"All these times, Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) are responsible," he said.

Ruvuma Ward Councilor Issa Telera also said the on-

going rains made some roads like Majengo-Ruvuma, Liwena-Mpitimbi impassable.

He said road infrastructure in his ward Majengo-Ruvuma, Liwena-Mpitimbi and Ruvuma-Kipera roads are overcrowded with potholes

He also asked the government through TARURA to see the need to make repairs as soon as possible.

Some residents of Matarawe and Mjimwema areas have asked TARURA to take immediate action to rehabilitate a bridge that collapsed during heavy rains from night to summer.

TARURA regional manager Eng. Wahabu Nyamzungu said immediate steps have been taken to ensure that construction of the bridge is completed as soon as possible and a contractor has already been found.

# Helvetas provides Mbarali pepper farmers with dryer

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

PEPPER farmers in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region have been provided with a modern drier for their crop that uses solar energy to minimise crop loss.

The drier was provided by Helvetas organisation through its project to empower women and youth in vegetable farming dubbed KIBOWAVI.

The assistance is part of the project in strengthening of the value chain for coffee, tea and horticultural crops - AGRI-CONNECT under EU sponsorship and Tanzania government of which Helvetas are among the investors.

In the AGRI-CONNECT project, EU contributes 90 per cent of the funding while Tanzania contributes 10 per cent.

Speaking at the unveiling of the pepper drier, the KIBOWAVI representative, Tunsume Mwandupe said in the past they could no dry the crop properly hence a lot of the harvest was being lost.

He said in a very short time after receiving the drier they were able to dry their crop within a short time without any loss.

"We have already entered into agreement with the buyer of our crop who comes to buy it from here after drying," he said.

For his part, Mbarali District Administrative Secretary Michael Semindu praised Helvetas for assisting farmers in the district saying they are now well mobilised in farming only that they have been lacking proper equipment.

He said as for now, his office will make sure KIBOWAVI gets registered as a group to be given priority in loans provided by the local council and other benefits.

He said apart from the drier, Helvetas has also built a modern warehouse for storing onions of farmers from the Igomelo irrigation scheme.

"I am pleased that officials from the Agriculture ministry as well as TARURA are here and you have seen for yourselves the conditions of our roads, we appeal to you to improve them to enable farmers transport their farm crop to markets with ease," he added.

For his part, Helvetas director, Daniel Kalimbya said his organisation has also assisted other groups with similar pepper driers in various areas of the southern highlands regions including Songwe and Katavi.

Pepper produced in the country is claimed to be in high demand in foreign countries including Germany which needs more than 30 tonnes a year, UK between five and seven tonnes a year as well as South Africa.

# ZAECA working on unpaid dues for hotel employees and suppliers

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Authority (ZAECA) has started working on allegation that PiliPili Company is allegedly failed to pay more than 800 employees and 80 food suppliers in 17 hotels run by the investor. One of the hotels is Uhuru Beach.

ZAECA director general Makarani Ahmed Makarani told reporters here that he had received complaints from the investor that he had not paid staff salaries, as well as suppliers who were providing food services at the hotels.

"We're currently working on ensuring that the workers were paid their dues along with the suppliers as the authorities continued to investigate other criminal offenses such as non-payment of taxes to the Zanzibar Revenue Board (ZRB) and staff contributions to the Social Security Fund (ZSSF)," he said.

Uhuru Beach hotel owner, Anne Patricia Down, said she had decided to break the hotel's operating agreement with Polish investor Wojciech Zabinski after failing to honor contract terms.

Anne said that the staff at the hotel had not been paid their salaries for two months and that their contributions had not been submitted to the ZSSF and that they did not pay taxes

to the Zanzibar revenue board.

"I have rented my hotel for 10 years and now it is two years. The problems have grown a lot, as more employees demand money for the food they have supplied," Anne said, noting that she had already written a letter of complaint, to the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism to intervene and secure the acquisition of his existing hotel in Jambiani area of Unguja South Region.

Unguja South District Commissioner Rashid Makame Shamsi also admitted to have received the complaints from employees and food suppliers. "I am preparing a report that will be submitted to the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism (ZCT) and other government agencies. What I am asking the demandant staff and suppliers to be patient while the government continues to work on the issue," he said.

The DC said there were some hotel owners among the hotels rented by the investor complaining of non-payment of their rental fees and decided to start the process of claiming the return of their hotels.

Some employees of the Uhuru Beach hotel said that some were claiming salaries between three months and two others as well as money they were deducting from their salaries but were not submitted to ZSSF.



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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS'000	2020 TZS'000
Gross written premium	27,081,083	22,224,831
Premium ceded to re-insurers	(15,313,163)	(12,672,443)
<b>Net written premium</b>	<b>11,767,920</b>	<b>9,552,388</b>
Change in gross unearned premium provision	(3,701,725)	590,875
Re-insurers' share of technical provisions and reserves (change in unearned premium)	1,953,693	(24,747)
<b>Net unearned premium</b>	<b>(1,748,032)</b>	<b>566,128</b>
<b>Net insurance premium</b>	<b>10,019,888</b>	<b>10,118,516</b>
Commission income	4,085,811	3,660,225
Investment income	1,277,098	1,344,453
Other income	31,267	36,402
<b>Net income</b>	<b>15,414,064</b>	<b>15,159,596</b>
Gross insurance claims	(6,519,330)	(1,018,258)
Re-insurers' share of claims and benefits incurred	2,139,135	(2,303,556)
<b>Net insurance claims</b>	<b>(4,380,195)</b>	<b>(3,321,814)</b>
Acquisition costs	(3,887,556)	(3,740,987)
Administrative expenses	(4,381,467)	(6,382,464)
Provision for impairment	(109,709)	-
	<b>(8,378,732)</b>	<b>(10,123,451)</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>2,655,137</b>	<b>1,714,331</b>
Income tax expense	(696,813)	(1,265,434)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>1,958,324</b>	<b>448,897</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,958,324</b>	<b>448,897</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS'000	2020 TZS'000
<b>Assets</b>		
Property and equipment	427,857	636,569
Intangible assets	80,057	287,856
Investment in government securities	4,909,764	4,518,914
Deferred tax	369,699	128,749
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions and reserves	10,527,127	16,690,695
Insurance receivables	622,874	695,267
Reinsurance receivables	4,323,622	2,866,481
Deferred acquisition cost	2,208,820	1,622,617
Other receivables	69,650	65,090
Deposit with financial institution	12,306,514	11,876,807
Income tax receivable	267,153	225,116
Cash and bank balances	1,434,044	1,203,250
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>37,547,181</b>	<b>40,817,411</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Insurance contract liabilities	22,120,826	25,220,257
Payables arising from reinsurance arrangements	4,253,378	3,337,149
Other payables	1,789,064	4,385,406
Bank overdraft	-	449,010
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>28,163,268</b>	<b>33,391,822</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>9,383,913</b>	<b>7,425,589</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>		
Share capital	4,000,000	4,000,000
Retained earnings	2,346,343	1,200,451
Capital and contingency reserves	3,037,570	2,225,138
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>9,383,913</b>	<b>7,425,589</b>

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### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 TZS'000	2020 TZS'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before tax	2,655,137	1,714,331
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
- Provision charge for bad debts	109,709	-
- Depreciation of property and equipment	113,399	113,809
- Amortisation of computer software	215,427	139,863
- Amortisation of Right of use assets	141,294	141,294
- Gain on disposal of property and equipment	-	1,646
- Interest on lease liability	27,737	35,294
- Unrealised exchange loss/(gain) on cash and cash equivalent	1,154	(2,987)
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	<b>3,263,857</b>	<b>2,143,250</b>
<b>Changes in:</b>		
- Insurance contract liabilities	(3,099,431)	(9,166,364)
- Receivables arising out of direct insurance arrangements	(37,316)	1,465,824
- Receivables arising out of reinsurance arrangements	(1,457,141)	(392,342)
- Reinsurer's share of technical provision and reserves	6,163,568	8,810,328
- Other receivables	(4,560)	(3,494)
- Payables arising out of reinsurance arrangements	916,229	(1,234,053)
- Other payables (excluding lease liability)	(2,447,118)	1,160,994
- Deferred acquisition cost	(586,203)	18,491
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>2,711,885</b>	<b>2,802,634</b>
Payment of lease liability interest	(27,737)	(35,294)
Income tax paid	(979,800)	(1,338,580)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>1,704,348</b>	<b>1,428,760</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	-	650
Acquisition of items of property and equipment	(45,981)	(78,198)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(7,628)	-
Investment in government securities	(390,850)	(560,074)
Investment in deposits with financial institutions	(11,258,665)	(11,408,291)
Proceeds from deposits with financial institutions	10,114,977	12,210,672
<b>Net cash (used)/ generated from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,588,147)</b>	<b>164,759</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Payment of lease liability principal	(149,224)	(52,501)
Dividend paid	-	(500,002)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(149,224)</b>	<b>(552,503)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(33,023)</b>	<b>1,041,016</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents during the year is as follows:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	2,427,864	1,383,861
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held	(1,154)	2,987
<b>Cash and Cash equivalent as at 31 December</b>	<b>2,393,687</b>	<b>2,427,864</b>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Share capital TZS'000	Contingency reserves TZS'000	Retained earnings TZS'000	Total TZS'000
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2021</b>	4,000,000	2,225,138	1,200,451	7,425,589
Profit for the year	-	-	1,958,324	1,958,324
Transfer to contingency reserves *	-	812,432	(812,432)	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>3,037,570</b>	<b>2,346,343</b>	<b>9,383,913</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2020</b>	4,000,000	1,938,566	1,538,128	7,476,694
Profit for the year	-	-	448,897	448,897
Dividend paid	-	-	(500,002)	(500,002)
Transfer to contingency reserves *	-	286,572	(286,572)	-
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>2,225,138</b>	<b>1,200,451</b>	<b>7,425,589</b>

The above extracts are from financial statements of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2021 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements were audited by KPMG, Certified Public Accounts and received Unqualified Audit Report. The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by Board of Directors in the Board Meeting held on 23 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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## Safe Motherhood Day concerns the world community as a whole

CHRONICLERS describe the International Safe Motherhood Day marked on April 11 as essentially a national event that has been adopted by many countries.

There is a lot of commentary on what this or that country is going to do on that day, and without there being an equally distinctive day devoted to safe motherhood at the United Nations level, then we ought to have a chain of national safe motherhood days around the world.

It can't possibly be doubted that this is an issue that merits a deep moment of reflection.

The critical issue about this day like other international days is the need to adopt common standards on issues, so that when there is an outbreak or event somewhere that is disturbing, it raises nearly the same kind - and level - of concern in different places or countries.

It isn't an easy goal to reach, and nowhere is this in clear illustration as with safe motherhood as everyone, or most countries if one limits comparison to authoritative positions, ardently wish for mothers to be safe when in the act of delivery. It is among the most trying moments in a woman's life, and many lose their lives during such moments in poor countries.

One chronicler says that the National Safe Motherhood Day was an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance (WRA), a non-profit organisation, working to ensure that pregnancy and childbirth are safe for all women and newborns.

This started slightly over 20 years ago so countries started lining up to observe the day, meanwhile as the issues involved are too divisive to seek

a common definition for countries around the world. In the United States issues related to safe motherhood make a major focus of party alliance and affinities, in the drawn out battle between 'pro-life' and 'pro-choice' groups, on abortion.

We in Tanzania haven't engaged in the debate, outside some discussions in academic or NGO groups, but no policy disputes ever come up on those issues.

The reason is that we have a common ground for the defence of life and refusal of abortion, in which case safe motherhood here means safe pregnancy and delivery, not debating on when life starts in the womb, or at what point abortion can be criminalized. One can't say we shall never arrive there, but conscience needs that fetuses are tolerated and born, just that.

Safe motherhood at the level of pregnancy is an issue of health factors like nutrition and prevention of arduous labour on the part of the woman during this time, and this is where the key failing is noticed.

Few answers can rapidly be given but some communality between women has traditionally been the answer, as women in a household or compound, not quite village, will assist when a woman faces difficulties. But as situations differ, such help isn't always assured or to the right level, so poverty imposes heavy labour alongside pains of pregnancy.

NGO or local government assistance for unemployed expectant women, or those lactating, can boost health assurance, if partner assistance is unreliable for instance, averting danger.

## We ought not to forget annual memorial for Edward Sokoine

OUTSIDE commemorations of the days when our founder leaders departed, no departed political leader elicited as much passion as Edward Moringe Sokoine, who died in a car accident in the Dakawa area of Morogoro Region, on April 12, 1984.

It was an exceptional accident taking away such a high level state dignitary ever occurring, removing a sitting prime minister who did not have much of a security detail in the drive from his Dodoma offices to Dar es Salaam.

A rough terrain military vehicle of a nearby training camp for freedom fighters fatally intruded into the highway, changing the course of Tanzania's history.

There has always been some sort of comparison between the late premier and the Zanzibar founder president, a trait also shared by the late fifth phase president John Magufuli, of action minded leaders who wanted almost instant results, not standing officialdom and lethargy.

Their legacies are points of varying levels of appreciation and affinity, at times carried to near paroxysm for the intensity of sentiments they elicit. They were leaders who attracted polarized feelings of profound affections and pained disaffection.

Premier Sokoine served at two different periods both characterized by the growing crisis of socialism and shortages, first of foreign exchange after briefly being relieved by high coffee prices in 1976 (following frost in Brazil).

Sokoine came into office as President Nyerere wished to intensify observance of rules and procedures while taking effective action to sort out bureaucratic negligence as it so often happens.

At that time trade union branch offices and the ruling party were dominant in running offices, optimizing laxity.

Remembering the work of premier Sokoine reminds one of the leadership style of Col. (rt'd) Abdulrahman Kinana when he was party secretary general, not able to issue executive directives like the prime minister, but moaning loudly about ineffective ministers.

The accident leading to Sokoine's death touched off a spate of speculation, since President Nyerere had undertaken at the time of the 1980 general election not to seek the post again. Sokoine may have appeared as the front runner; his exit changed history as no one seemed strongly positioned already, thus the party had ample leg room in nominating a successor.

As in the respective exits of the other leaders comparable in forthrightness and implacable will, Sokoine's exit opened the door to reform as leadership had to be sought across the Zanzibar Channel for succession, with a person familiar with and loyal to the Union government. It was precisely what happened when JPM left the scene early last year, with a new inclination in policy while retaining basic parameters like privileging development projects in budgetary design, not pile up cash for recurrent expenditure.

Flagship projects are being executed on schedule or nearly so; by contrast, decades of stagnation followed Karume's departure. When stern leaders depart, laxity trusts it has won under hands down - which isn't always the case - but as in all other instances of wisdom, gravity is something that can't be held back.

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## Investing in women entrepreneurship capacity building: What's working, what's not working?

By Graça Machel

IN the face of rising unemployment in Africa, governments, development sectors, and businesses have a lot of effort to boost entrepreneurship through capacity building. At the heart of this are women entrepreneurs. There is a good rationale for investing in women to become wealth-generating entrepreneurs since women invest more in the economic and social welfare of the families and communities, and the return on investment can be great, including for the realisation of the Africa Agenda 2063 and global Sustainable Development Goals.

A few weeks ago, I was interviewed by an associate of a global development organisation on the topic: 'what is working and not working', about women's entrepreneurship development capacity building. As the Project Lead for the Graça Machel Trust Women Creating Wealth (WCW) initiative, this topic is particularly close to my heart. WCW is 'a pan African movement that inspires, equips and empowers female entrepreneurs to transform their businesses from income to wealth-generating enterprises'. The programme was launched in 2016 and now has 430 alumni from Malawi, Zambia, Tanzania and South Africa.

Having also run my own business for 15 years and been in the entrepreneurship development sector for 20 years working on various initiatives, including the Goldman Sachs 10 000 Women, I have a first-hand understanding of some of the challenges women in business face. Key among them is that women do not think big enough when they start businesses more often than not.

As part of our research into women entrepreneurship development, including the Graça Machel Trust Women Creating Wealth Publication, we looked at the case studies of 60 women entrepreneurs across the continent, and we confirmed three significant constraints faced by African women entrepreneurs, including:

A lack of confidence and a lack of financial and business management skills;

Limited ability to tap into support services, including business networks, coaching, and mentoring;

Poor information about and inadequate preparation to access markets and finance.

"We recognise that structural barriers such as access to finance are generally beyond individuals' control. But, well-designed capacity-building interventions, including coaching, mentoring; and technical, network and peer support, can substantially build women entrepreneurs' resilience and confidence to go out and access what they need to succeed" - Korkor Cudjoe

Several reasons why 'What's Working and Not Working' came by? Firstly, there is a lot to offer. It is expected that we should have cracked the challenge of growing businesses after all the efforts being driven in the sector. Secondly, we have observed that entrepreneurs move from one support initiative to the other, so we need to examine what can be done to serve them to better use the knowledge they acquired and to grow steadily in-

stead of 'programme hopping'.

Thirdly, the question arises of a reasonable percentage rate of success for any cohort that can be nurtured into sustained growth? Finally, we need to determine what lasting change looks like when entrepreneurs show remarkable post-intervention results? Small Business Administration (SMA) research statistics show that 21.5% of start-ups fail in the first year, 30% in the second year, 50% in the fifth year, and 70% in their 10th year. It is important to note that the lessons learnt from a failed business can be converted into classes for new businesses and that all is not lost.

### Addressing Capacity Gaps

We know capacity-building matters and can make a big difference in moving micro and small businesses forward. There is evidence of remarkable changes in the before and after impact analysis and testimonies. We also confirmed changes in behaviour and attitudes of witnesses around the entrepreneur, including their employees, partners and loved ones.

Evidently, skills gaps are fundamental, and a demand-driven and well-designed capacity building programme can significantly strengthen competencies. For young entrepreneurs, it is worth taking the initiative to thoroughly diagnose their stage of business and related knowledge gaps to help them plan their capacity development needs accordingly.

There is also the challenge of discipline in applying the knowledge gained and recognising that entrepreneurs will be tested on: resilience in the face of managing the big, open, and competitive markets; managing and balancing cash flow; leading and managing customers and employees; the challenges of raising finance; and, in particular for female entrepreneurs, all the while taking care of domestic demands. Due to this, we need peer support, a space to let off steam during difficulties, and a regular dose of inspiration to stay afloat. Thriving entrepreneurs, who work as collectives or communities, form strong bonds over shared information, resources, linkages, and mentorship.

### Sustaining Growth for those Significantly Impacted

What happens a year or so after a significant recorded impact for high achieving entrepreneurs from a capacity building programme? Sustaining growth depends on several factors: identifi-

cation process and assessment of needs; stage of business; experience and commitment of entrepreneur to apply learnings. The design, quality of delivery, and duration of support matter too.

Well-structured programmes can impact at least 80% of the cohorts, and notable change can be seen in the top 20% - the high achievers. In this 20% lies the golden opportunity to intensify support in the immediate term to accelerate impact through rewarding the efforts and connecting them to additional resources such as coaching, technical advisory, and support, including hand holding to facilitate access to finance. The current industry record of successful funding applications is only 5%.

Thus, there appears to be more money available than entrepreneurs who can match what investors are looking for. This is where the partnership with investors and financial institutions is critical to quickly pick up the identified 20% of growth-oriented entrepreneurs and work closely with them to address their immediate gaps and challenges and better prepare them for funding. We must recognise this type of enabling partnership and take lessons to scale the successes of the partnerships into successful financing.

It is also essential to explore some unintended consequences of our development initiatives. For example, are we creating a dependency in the market with the 'free' or heavily subsidised training initiatives? Given the precarious nature and uncertainty of markets, entrepreneurs can also look to get 'lucky' and sometimes apply for intervention hoping to find that silver bullet.

However, depending on the organisation, the expectation can significantly escalate, including the hope that many doors will be opened automatically, especially to funding. While this is all possible, the entrepreneur's effort to run the course is critical, as luck comes with preparation and resilience.

We also need to factor in that life happens, especially in the life of women entrepreneurs, who often carry additional responsibilities such as parenting and domestic burdens. Domestic events can set entrepreneurs back from time to time, and the recovery process can be complex, resulting in self-doubt and imposter syndrome. As such, we need to move from short, eventful programmes to more sustained interventions that

accommodate the trials accompanying these responsibilities.

This is where building a value-generating and supportive business community is critical and can allow women to better navigate the challenging entrepreneurship journey. The business community becomes a home of like-minded people who share common challenges and aspirations and creates a nurturing platform where entrepreneurs commune to encourage and inspire good practice to recover quickly from setbacks. What seems clear is that once the entrepreneur gets a handle on succeeding, there is no holding them back, especially if they identify similarly motivated peers and role models from whom they continue to gain inspiration.

So that when they come across hurdles, they don't lose faith for too long and instead look for and find what they need to move forward. Therefore, the business community can become an empowering platform for ongoing live masterclasses, as repetition is key in learning circles where entrepreneurs come to look for inspiration and, better still, look for accountability partners to drive action.

So, when it comes to what is working and not working, there is no easy answer. Instead, it is better to look at the holistic nature of the programme to help identify growth-oriented businesses. Additionally, a value-generation business community will help incremental growth for the majority.

Furthermore, a well-connected ecosystem, where we see entrepreneurship capacity building as a relay with investors and financial institutions, is necessary, especially for women entrepreneurs to level the playing field through gender lens investing. This is a key partner in building relationships with investors who have the knack for making money and can be great mentors to emerging entrepreneurs.

"While entrepreneurs can be dreamers and hope that there will be a miraculous breakthrough around the corner, many successful entrepreneurs will agree that there is great pay-off in taking time to build a big vision. Set goals, put measurable plans in place, review progress regularly, network, and connect with those who support you. Like in all challenging endeavours, we need to find daily inspiration to energise, stay optimistic, and build resilience to sustain growth and impact."

# Legal consequences of giving in to trying times in marriage

By Telesphor Magobe

**W**E live in a world in which the powerful look and think they have more rights than the weak and vulnerable. Many people think and see it that way too. It is an injustice, isn't it?

Take the example of marriage. The husband thinks he has more rights than his wife. In some exceptional cases, the wife too may think she has more rights than her husband.

A few years ago, I came across this sad incident. A man married his wife while they were renting a house in village X after which they decided to buy a plot and built a house in village Y.

They both lived happily and were blessed with four children. Then, a trying time for them came and they gave in to the temptation of separation (and eventual divorce).

Each had vowed the stage they had reached was irreparable and didn't want to be reconciled by anybody. Close friends and neighbours tried their best to reconcile them, but in vain. Finally, their matrimonial dispute landed to a marriage reconciliation board.

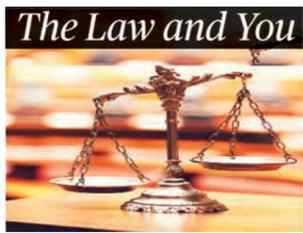
It was the wife who petitioned for the division of their matrimonial house because the husband had even decided that she leaves home and so she was renting a house in a neighbouring village. The reconciliation board told the husband to bring with him at the following hearing a title deed of the house the wife had claimed was a result of their joint efforts.

I had heard before when the husband confided it to me that it was his wife who even advised that they build a grocery store they had on the disputed plot. But the title deed of the plot brought to the marriage reconciliation board bore the name of the husband's elder brother. The husband told the marriage reconciliation board that the plot belonged solely to his elder brother as the title deed showed.

When asked if she had any comment on that, the wife simply said "If the house was not a result of our joint efforts, then I have nothing to claim." So, she said she would like to proceed with divorce so that each of them becomes free to do their own things.

As their dispute was advancing, the reconciliation board advised both of them that if they were not ready for reconciliation, their dispute could be referred to court because the wife was pressing for divorce. But after some time things changed before the end came. The husband decided to forgive everything and call back his wife and even he said he was sorry because he had cheated on the ownership of the plot because the house was built as a result of their joint efforts.

I have used this example because



there are many cases similar to this one, which have ended up in divorce. We can learn from this and improve our own situation and the best way to go about our own situation is first to know what the law says about it.

Sometimes it happens that even if a matrimonial house has been built as a result of the spouses' joint efforts, some men are not honest. For instance, the husband may secretly process a title deed in his sole name to deprive his wife the right to co-ownership.

Women are particularly the victims of this phenomenon. The wife could just believe that their house is co-owned, but often when the husband dies it is when she discovers she has been excluded from coownership of their joint property.

So, what does the law say about this? Well, Section 2(1) of the Law of Marriage Act, 1971 (as amended 2019) and Section 112(2) of the Land Act, 1999 (as amended 2019) define a matrimonial home as a building or part of it in which the spouses ordinarily reside together.

The Law of Marriage Act recognises separate property of the spouses. Section 58 states that "a marriage does not operate to change the ownership of any property to which either [spouse may have] or prevent either [spouse] from acquiring, holding and disposing of any property".

If before marriage a spouse owned a house or any other property, it will still be owned by him or her even during the subsistence of marriage unless he or she decides in writing that such a house or property from now onwards is jointly owned by both husband and wife (or wives).

Section 60 provides for presumptions as to property acquired during marriage. It states: "Where during the subsistence of a marriage, any property is acquired - (a) in the name of the husband or of the wife, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the property belongs absolutely to that person, to the exclusion of his or her spouse, or (b) in the names of the husband and wife jointly, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that their beneficial interests therein are equal."

Section 61 further states that "Where, during the subsistence of a marriage, either spouse gives any property to the other, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the property thereafter

belongs absolutely to the donee."

The law also recognises family assets co-owned by husband and wife. Section 114(1) of the Law of Marriage Act states that "The court shall have power, when granting or subsequent to the grant of a decree of separation or divorce, to order the division between the parties of any assets acquired by them during the marriage by their joint efforts or to order the sale of any such asset and the division between the parties of the proceeds of sale."

In *Bi Hawa Mohamed v Ally Sefu*, the Court of Appeal (of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam) [1983] referred to the above section and directed itself to establish what matrimonial (family) assets are. The court used the definition of Lord Hailsham Hasbury's Laws of England (4th Edition) paragraph 1064 on page 491 that matrimonial house or assets refer to "those things acquired by one or other or both of the parties, with the intention that there should be continuing provision for them and their children during their joint lives, and used for the benefit of the family as a whole."

The Court continued saying that "family assets can be divided into two parties: (1) those which are of a capital nature, such as the matrimonial home and the furniture in it, and (2) those which are of a revenue-producing nature such as the earning power of husband and wife".

Then, the Court explained what joint efforts meant by stating that "...husband and wife, in performing their domestic duties, are to be treated as working not only for their current needs, but also for their future needs. In the present case, the [wife], in looking after the matrimonial home, must be regarded as working not only for her current needs, but also for her future needs and such future has to be provided from the matrimonial or family assets jointly acquired during the marriage in keeping with the extent of her contribution."

So, it doesn't matter that the husband is employed in town and his wife stays home cooking, looking after children (which is her duty, of course), washing her husband's clothes, cleaning the house and compound and taking care of the house and the husband works in peace knowing that the house and family are in the safe hands of his wife.

If husband and wife decide to divorce, then each should know that what they have accumulated together by their joint efforts each is entitled to equal share. In the circumstances, none should think has more rights than the other.

Today's proverb: "If you cannot make a person think as you do, make that person do as you think."

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# China endeavours to ensure Internet celebrity economy brings consumers much better products and experience

By Zou Xiang

**F**ROM Internet-famous bread and bookstores to popular towns and coffee shops that won fame online, products and services that have caused an online sensation are springing up everywhere, which also indicates that Internet celebrity economy moves onto the fast lane of development in China.

The business model of this particular kind of economy is not complicated. It's mainly about gathering fame and popularity on the Internet and social media platforms and translating them into purchasing behavior, thus realizing the value of notability.

The continuous development of Internet celebrity economy in China reflects the vitality and potential of the Chinese economy. Statistics showed that the number of people engaging in online marketing in China has exceeded 10 million while the number of relevant organizations has risen rapidly and the annual output value of the country's Internet celebrity industry has reached 100 billion yuan (\$15.69 billion).

Internet celebrity economy has become a highlight of China's social and economic development. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Internet celebrity economy featuring livestreaming marketing and other new business forms has

not only brought convenience to consumers, but created a huge number of jobs and incubated new professions, such as livestreaming salesperson and online marketer.

While developing rapidly in China, Internet celebrity economy also faces some troubles. Internet celebrities' words and deeds have a strong demonstration effect on their followers, and their influence and appeal greatly affect the consumer behavior of Internet users.

However, some livestreamers have infringed on the legitimate rights and interests of consumers by exaggerating the benefits of products, excessively marketing products, selling products of poor quality, and failing to guarantee due after-sales service.

On the other hand, dishonest behavior and malpractices in the livestreaming e-commerce industry, including faking business data, reviews and viewership data, have undermined consumers' confidence and trust in shopping via livestreaming platforms and contaminated the ecology and environment of the industry.

Only by paying great attention to and solving these problems can the country continuously enrich and improve the conditions for the healthy growth of Internet celebrity economy.

China has never stopped making efforts to promote the sound and orderly development of Internet celebrity economy.

The country has released a lot of policies to regulate the industry. It has cracked down on fraudulent online activities including faking sales data and reviews, stipulated the minimum age of livestreaming marketing practitioners and red lines for livestreaming marketing activities, regulated the activities of Internet celebrities through education and training, put main participants in livestreaming marketing activities, including platforms, suppliers of products and livestreamers, under supervision, and taken effective measures to ensure that entertainers who have engaged in illegal or unethical behavior are not given any opportunity to publicly appear on screen.

While helping steer Internet celebrity economy onto a track of development based on the rule of law, relevant policies launched by the country have also reminded every practitioner of the industry that as they gain public attention, they must shoulder their social responsibility and set examples of promoting and spreading positive energy.

As an important feature of the times, Internet celebrity economy enjoys broad prospects. It can realize long-term development and generate greater economic and social benefits only by adhering to mainstream values, improving professionalism, strengthening industry self-discipline, and committing to bringing better products and experience to consumers.

*People's Daily*



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# Port of Dar es Salaam makes history, brighter future in sight

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE Port of Dar es Salaam has just made history after receiving the biggest ever cargo ship which docked seamlessly on Friday last week, ushering in hope of brighter future.

The MV Frontier Ace which originated from Japan came directly to the port of Dar, docking with record 4,041 vehicles, the fete never seen before.

“This was a result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan’s well-meant drive to open the country. Whenever she travels abroad, she mentions the Port of Dar es Salaam and appeals to traders in neighbouring countries to use this port,” said Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) Director General Eric Hamissi at the welcoming event.

Added the DG: “The coming of this ship is just the beginning; it signals a



**Works and Transport Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (in white shirt) walks towards the MV Frontier Ace which docked at the Port of Dar es Salaam on Friday last week and made history as the biggest vessel to have come to Tanzania. Photo/Jumanne Juma**

brighter future where TPA will be the port of choice in East and Central Africa.”

Recent reports that TPA’s muscles are becoming

stronger are cemented by the fact that even most of the cargo brought by the mammoth ship was destined to neighbouring countries as

74 per cent was on transit.

“We believe and hope that more big vessels will dock at the Port of Dar es Salaam in the near future because

of the massive investment to not only expand but to modernize the port. So far we have spent 1trn/- on renovation and expansion,” said Hamissi.

The DG said the investment into the port has not gone to waste, expounding that as of February this year, TPA collected 704bn/- in revenues compared to 509bn/- collected in the same period last year.

“We have started implementing the directive by President Samia that all vehicles coming to Tanzania be inspected in the country of origin to bring about efficiency,” said Hamissi.

TPA operates a system of ports serving the Tanzania hinterland and the landlocked countries of Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda.



**History was made on Friday last week when this mammoth ship Frontier Ace docked at the Port of Dar es Salaam with 4,041 vehicles. Photo/Jumanne Juma**

## Minister: Spices project is helping Z'bar govt to attain economic gains

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

SHAMATA Shame Khamis, Zanzibar Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock says the implementation of the spices, vegetables and fruits project in Zanzibar is assisting the government to attain its aims in improving the economic wellbeing of the people.

The minister made the remarks during his inspection visit farmers in their fields who are benefitting from the project sponsored by the EU.

He said the government's intention through the ministry is to identify all stakeholders who assist it in attaining its goals through various development projects.

Speaking to farmers at Ole shehia (ward) in Chakechake District, Pemba South Region, Shamata praised farmers for steps they have taken in the spices project to enable the government realise its goals.

He also said he will ask the ministry to send a team of soil researchers in regard to tomato farmers in the shehia to find out why their crop is attacked by destructive pests.

Meanwhile, the minister stressed to the project's implementers to prepare a special plan to mobilise the community on the importance of eating fruits in large quantities in a way of providing the market for the commodity.

For his part, Malik Hamad Khamis, a fruit farmer and beneficiary of the spices project at Ole said the project has opened up investment opportunities in fruit farming.



Zanzibar's Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock, Shamata Shame Khamis, inspecting one of the tomatoes farm in Nyange village, Chakechake District in Pemba Island. The farm is part of Spices' project in the area.

He said: "when the project came we were hugely mobilised to grab modern farming practices through demonstration farms. We were also provided with quality seeds and fertiliser for starting. Thereafter I decided to sell my cow so that I inject more money to my investment and my farm has not less than 300 pawpaw trees and it goes on quite well."

Earlier the spices project Operation Manager for Pemba Zone, Sharif Maalim Hamad told the minister that the project involves leading farmers in the shehia in order to make sure the education provided reach farmers in a short time.

During the visit, the minister visited various farmers in their farms including those for fruits, spices and vegetables in Pemba's both South and North regions during which he also had the opportunity to see how farmers use the modern farming technology that abides by the effect of climate change.

# Curb challenges related to standards, say SMEs

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SMALL and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) have called upon the government to work on all challenges which are facing them in standards related matters so as to increase their number and help to improve their products so as to compete for local and international markets.

They made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during the ceremony to grant licence to manufacturers which was organised by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS)

A total of 211 certificates and licences were issued to the

qualified manufacturers who applied for it between January to March 2022, whereas 115 (or 55 per cent) of them were SMEs and 96 were manufacturers.

The certificates and licenses provided were mattresses, food, and cosmetics products, construction materials, hand sanitizers, electrical appliances, water and packaging materials.

Speaking, an entrepreneur identified as Hassan Magati from Tanga thanked the management of standards watchdog for providing them with the certificate.

He said there is a need for the

TBS and the government chemist laboratory authority (GCLA) to sit together and see how they can help SMEs to avoid some unhidden costs.

Citing he said, he attended training which is provided by SIDO for a few weeks and then qualified to be supported by TBS to get the licence free of charge.

"I paid some expenses for such training, then due to the nature of my business the government chemist wanted me to pay another money for a certificate, which is too much of a burden for us, I think TBS and the GCLA should work on that for the benefit of SMEs," he

said.

Another entrepreneur identified as John Kessy proposed the quality licenses to be provided after the applicant had started production.

"It might take a year for the one to acquire all necessary licenses before production, and a licence is expired within a year so we are compelled to make more payment for another new application," he said.

He also asked the management of the bureau to improve education awareness campaigns on its services, particularly online registration.

"Many ordinary people are not aware of the online registra-

tion, more efforts are needed to make them become aware of the service, so they can apply without any problem," he said.

Johnston Kabyemela from Mtwara Salt factory congratulated the management of TBS for establishing zonal offices which had brought services close to the manufacturers.

He said he took the decision to apply for a quality license after knowing that there is already an office in the Mtwara region.

He asked manufacturers where there are TBS offices to make visits and apply for quality licenses which would help them to access the market of

their products.

TBS director of human resources and administration, Viola Masako, congratulated SMEs who have certified their products, lauding the government for financing SMEs in inspection and testing their products which shows that it has enough confidence with the organization.

She said TBS has continued to set aside a budget to support SMEs to establish industries and get quality licences without paying anything.

"During the financial year 2021/2022, the organisation has set aside a total of 256m/- to support the small and me-

dium entrepreneurs meet their goals countrywide," she said.

She urged SMEs to take advantage of the support from the government by establishing their industries and stimulating the growth of the economy.

According to her, once established the industries would raise employment opportunities for locals and the government will collect taxes to enable it to provide various services to the public.

Masako said that the bureau has started to work on all challenges facing SMEs in order to make them conduct their business and contribute to the state coffers.



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### NOTICE OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PLC (NICOL)

Notice is hereby given that an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the National Investments PLC (NICOL) will be held virtually and physically at Julius Nyerere International Conference Centre (JNICC), Block 10 Shaaban Robert Street, Dar es Salaam on **Saturday 30th April, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.** Registration of Shareholders to start at 08:00 a.m.

**The Agenda of the Meeting will be Exclusively to Appoint Board Directors of the National Investments PLC (NICOL)**

#### Notes:

- Members wishing to attend the meeting must come with one of the following: a copy of his/her depository receipt, passport, voters ID card, or National ID.
- Any member entitled to attend and vote, if unable to attend for any reason, is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak, and, on a poll, vote in his/her stead and such a proxy need not also be a member of the Company.
- Proxy forms will be available in NICOL's office or by visiting NICOL's website [www.nicol.co.tz](http://www.nicol.co.tz). Proxy forms should be forwarded to reach the registered office of the Company or the office of the Company Secretary at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or can be emailed to [invest@nicol.co.tz](mailto:invest@nicol.co.tz), or **WhatsApp 0682 720 679**.
- Participants wishing to attend the meeting online are advised to sign up well before time. The details and instruction to log in the platform will be sent to your mobile phone.
- The Register Closing date for determining Shareholders entitled to participate the meeting will be Wednesday **27th April, 2022**.

#### Share Registry

We wish to inform the shareholders of National Investments PLC (NICOL) who have share transmission issues, or want to change their details or with dividend issues to contact CSD & Registry Company Limited (CSDR) through **+255746 160516 / +255 677 070414**, Email: [registrar@csdr.co.tz](mailto:registrar@csdr.co.tz) or visiting CSDR office located at Kambarage House, 2nd Floor, Ufukoni Street, Dar es Salaam.

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Adv. Benjamin Mwakagamba  
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5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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UNICEF Tanzania

## Request for Proposals Communication Services

UNICEF promotes the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything we do. Together with our partners, we work in 190 countries and territories to translate that commitment into practical action, focusing special effort on reaching the most vulnerable and excluded children, to the benefit of all children, everywhere.

UNICEF Tanzania is seeking the services of a qualified communications and media production company to help the office meet its growing need for production of quality communication materials about four of its programmes:

- U-Report
- GRREAT and R Labs partnership
- OKY Menstrual Health and Hygiene android application
- Youth 4 Children Innovation hub

The successful entity will provide visual documentation in digital original format, specifically video, photography and graphic design.

The purpose of this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is to invite Tanzanian based companies to submit proposals for the development of the required digital communication products (e.g. photography, video and design products) as fully detailed in the Terms of Reference/Statement of Work.

Complete information and details available at:  
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Deadline for submission: **18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

# We had better start restoring Mother Nature now or face the consequences

By Chaitra Chatterjee

**W**E humans have become the biggest threat to the health of our planet. We are in the beginning of self-inflicted mass extinction. We are using planet's resources faster than they can regenerate. In short, we are destroying our own home, the only home we have, for that matter. We must recognize this and make a quick U-turn before it is too late.

We are in the paradise of nature full of gifts such as food, medicine, shelter, air, water and many more. Our whole nature is a big family. Every small creature here is genetically connected. Real destruction is not the global warming, it's the environmental destruction. All are the bi-products of our greed. Nature produces enough to satisfy our needs but not enough to satisfy our greed.

All things that surround us have their home: the stars have the night sky; the wind has the fleeting hug of the leaves; thousands of little creatures are hidden in the meadows and the birds are nestled in the groves.

When their melodious singing meets the disturbing noise of the crowding cars, a small heart trembles in fear, scared of the ruin of their nests while we live on unbothered. The world is usually perceived through the senses. In its presence, we are stimulated to contemplate behind most of our artistic creations. Inspiration surfaces from nature, a man's denoted muse and a sincere friend.

People have craved simple life for centuries. In the past, people loved and respected nature. But overtime, we lost our way and began to focus too much on money and the pursuit of luxuries. We are suffocating between the concrete walls and foggy streets. From this time, the destruction of our paradise nature started.

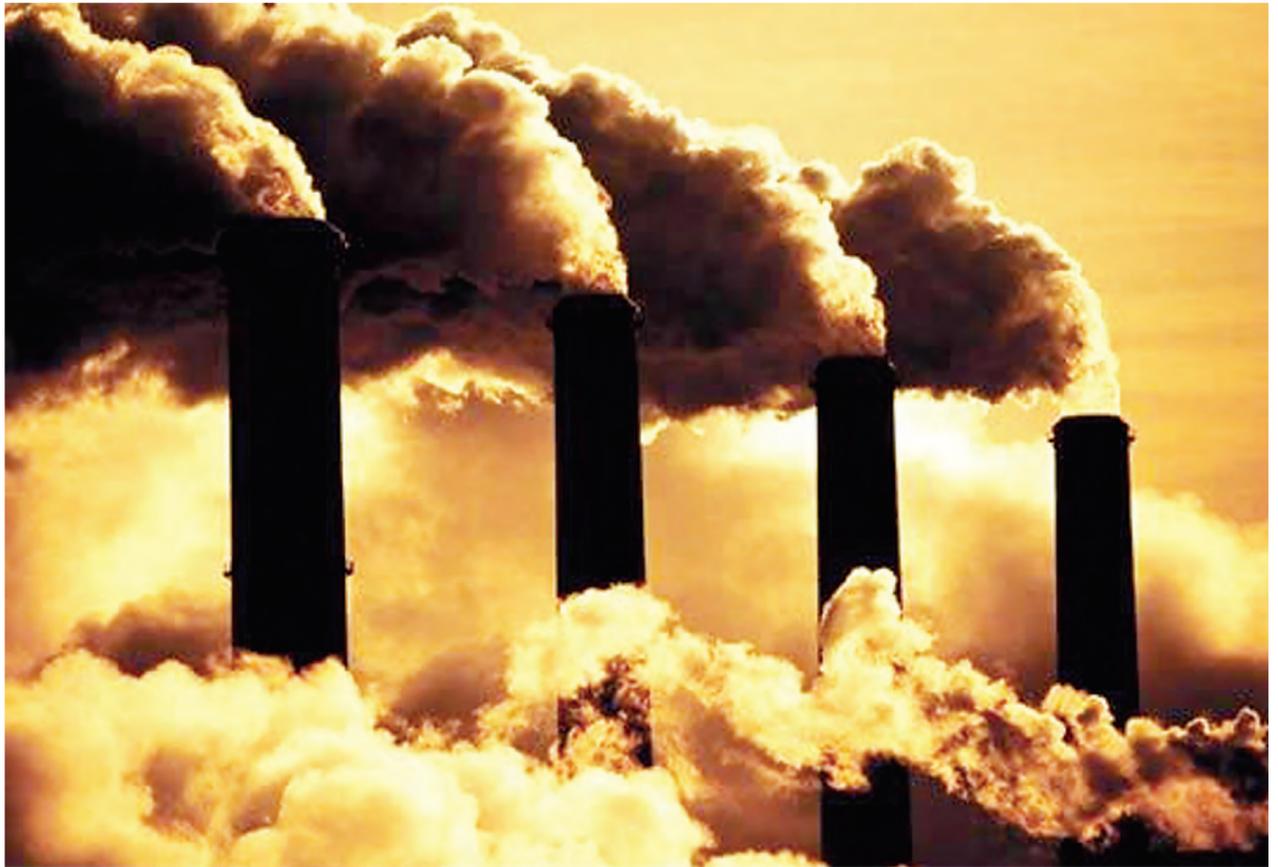
Can the Mother Nature be saved? The answer is yes because no ironman will appear to save our nature. We cannot save the world in its entirety but we can create a new paradise nature. If we don't act, we are headed to a world where we will go out of our houses with only a photograph of a garden!

By destroying nature, we destroy ourselves. Restoring our nature is our responsibility. We have to save the fading beauty of our nature. We need to reset our relationship with nature by valuing it as the indispensable resource.

Let's not bring that topic of where to get resources. We can start with our home gardens then we proceed to restoration of forests and wetlands in our countryside to help regulate water supply and protect communities and wildlife that depend on nature.

We need to actively reverse the damage we have done to nature. The cost of inaction is simply too high. But never underestimate the power of Mother Nature when she gets annoyed. Many seafarers fully appreciate it but the rest of us tend to take things for granted.

It is a scientific fact that every action



Humanity has a responsibility to reverse increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere due to greenhouse gases from increased levels of carbon dioxide. Photo courtesy of the internet

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**CLUES: Across**

1 citations  
5 said at the end of a prayer  
7 God in Kiswahili  
8 consumed  
10 no longer young  
11 a strong request  
13 a handle in the shape of a round lump  
15 a thing that takes place  
17 afflicted  
19 a mountain or hill in South Africa  
20 Opposition female Mp from Mara

**Down:**

1 absolute  
2 Independent  
3 identify class of people, places  
4 to flow over and enclose  
6 a fool  
7 Interfere  
9 adolescent  
12 an inlet  
14 Former president of Malawi  
16 a North America woodland thrush with a brown back and speckled breast  
17 Syrian cloth  
18 a spherical object

has its opposite and equal reaction. When nature screams we turn ourselves deaf. Result? Extreme weather patterns: prolonged drought; floods of apocalyptic proportion; strong storms; wildfires; hurricanes and so on.

There is still time to act instead of fake promises. The planet needs more individuals, more communities, more politicians, more businessmen and businesswomen to act now. To stop earth's system from collapsing, we need to restore and protect it. Nature is crucial to mitigating the impact of climate change. The solution is in our hand. We can increase the protected areas; reduce carbon dioxide emissions and practice sustainable farming. We now need the will to be part of a movement to safeguard our world.

There is a magic 'machine' that sucks carbon out of the nature and creates oxygen automatically. It costs almost nothing. Its name is tree. Tree is a natural solution to repair broken climate.

Forests cover 30 per cent of the planet and the ecosystems they create play an essential role in the life on earth. Deforestation is the biggest problem now. Trees play a critical role in absorbing the greenhouse gas that fuel global warming. Forests also provide habitats for over 80 per cent of animals and birds. Substantial number of human beings also rely on forests for shelter, food and medicine.

Have you ever heard of the word ecocide? This is severe widespread or long-term damage to any element of the environment. In the name of human progress, for examples housing developments and transport infrastructure, some ecological damage is acceptable. But these developments shouldn't be done at the expense of crucial species and ecosystems. The definition of ecocide should recognize the acts which do not destroy biological diversity and lead to species extinction, threaten the very nature and communities that depend on it.

Food sources are at risk too with more than 75 per cent of global food crop types including fruits, vegetable, coffee and cocoa reliant on animal pollination and therefore at risk from plum-

meting insect populations.

We are chopping down our forests, overfishing our seas and lakes, melting the artic and driving the other life we share this planet with to extinction at all unprecedented rate.

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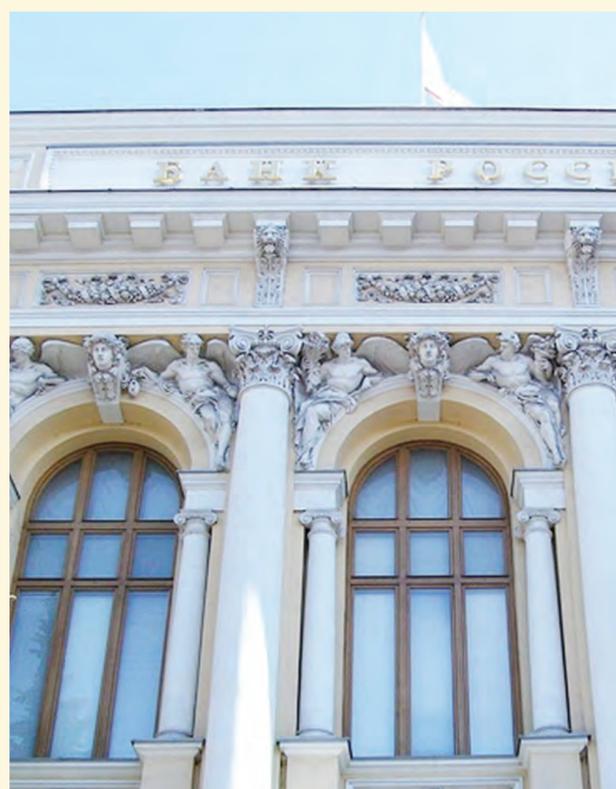
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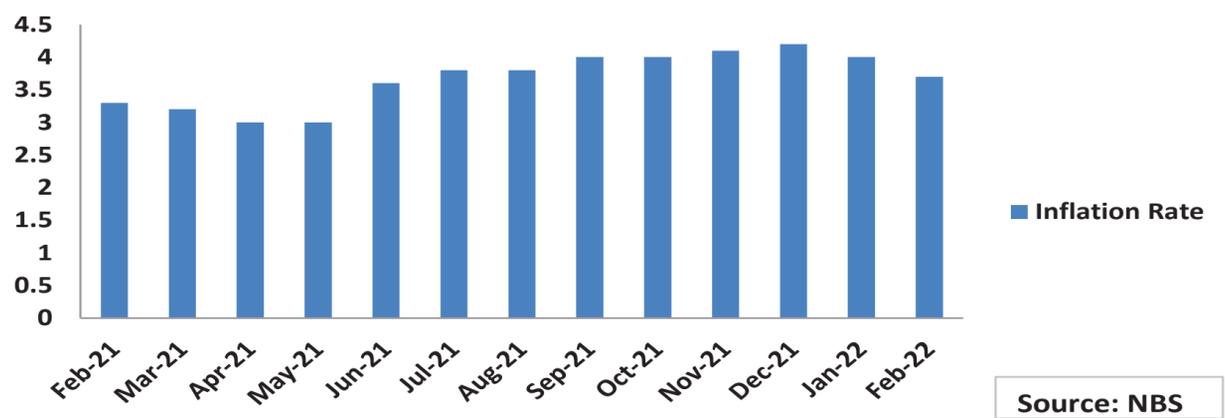
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ABIDJAN

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"China is still importing Russian oil, but would likely increase its purchases if it can pay in yuan and at discounts.

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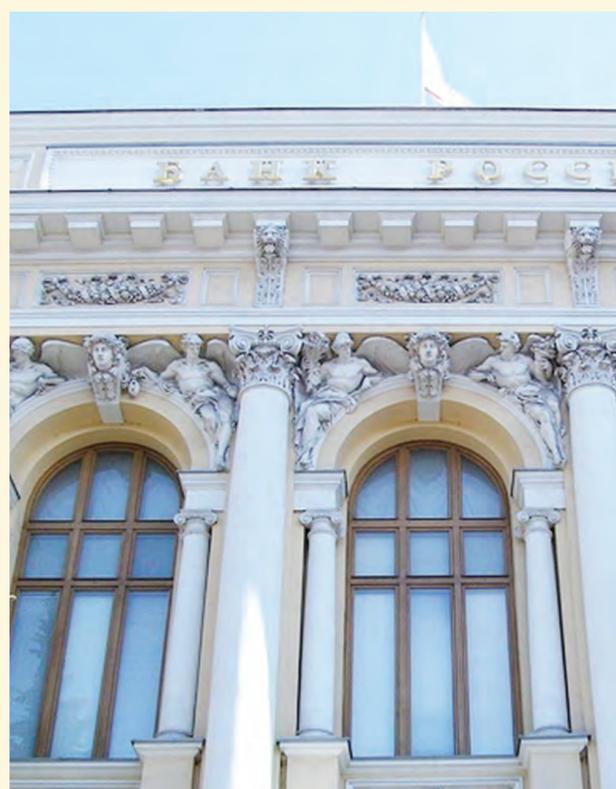
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cent, fresh fish by 3.5 percent, cooking oil by 1.8 percent and round potatoes by 3.1 percent.

On annual basis, report says headline inflation rate for the month of February, decreased to 3.7 percent from 4.0 percent recorded in January, 2022.

The decrease of headline inflation explains that, speed of price change for commodities for year ended February, 2022 has decreased compared to the speed recorded for year ended January, 2022.

The overall index went up from 102.44 recorded in February, 2021 to 106.20 in February, 2022.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for February, 2022 has decreased to 6.1

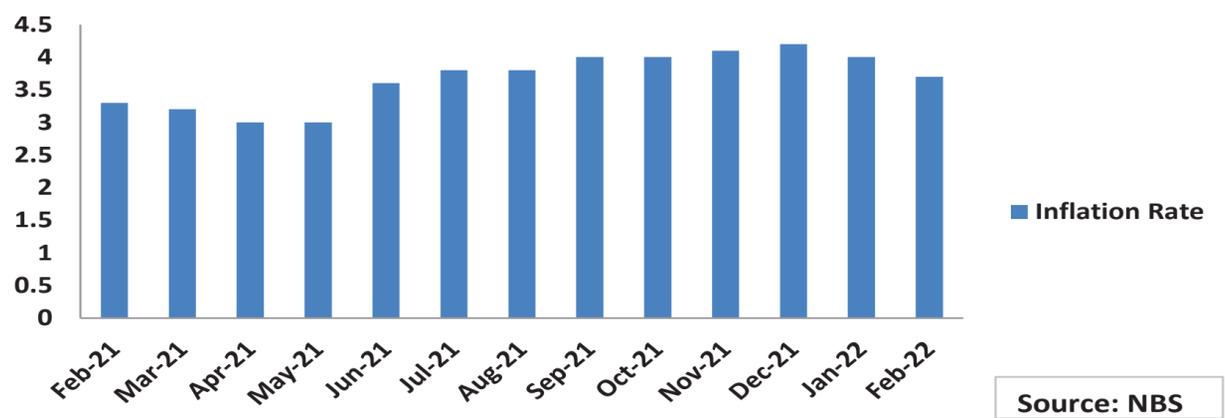
percent from 6.3 percent recorded in January, 2022.

On the other hand, annual Inflation rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for February, 2022 has also decreased to 2.7 percent from 3.1 percent recorded in January, 2022.

The inflation rate for core index in February, 2022 decreased to 3.0 percent from 3.3 percent recorded in January, 2022.

Core Index excludes items with volatile prices, including unprocessed food; energy and utilities. It covers 297 items and the share of weight to total NCPI weight is 73.9 percent.

## Monthly Annual Headline Inflation Rate (Feb 2021- Feb 2022 (in percent)



## Russian oil continues to flow to India and China

ABIDJAN

IT has been exactly six weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, with no end in sight to one of humanity's biggest existential crises in modern times.

In response to Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war, the United States and the West have hit the rogue nation with a plethora of sanctions, with the latest announced just days ago mostly targeting Russia's financial sector.

But so far, Russia's pivotal energy sector has largely been spared.

With the exception of Lithuania and Poland as well as self-sanctioning by refiners and bankers, no country has yet to announce a ban on Russia's energy products.

So far, Russian oil and gas exports to the EU remain largely unchanged since only the Baltic States have announced a 100 percent ban on Russian energy imports.

The EU currently gets about 40 percent of its natural gas from Russia, which powers everything from household heating to factory production, and makes up around 25 percent of the bloc's total energy consumption.

Unfortunately, a ban on Russian oil and gas by the US and the EU might not be as damaging to Russia as the west hopes, with the presence of heavily discounted Urals proving too irresistible for some.

India has never been a big buyer of Russian crude despite needing to import 80 percent of its needs.

In a typical year, India imports just 2-5 percent of its crude from Russia, roughly the same proportion as the United States did before it announced a 100 percent ban on Russian energy commodities.

Indeed, India imported only 12 million barrels of Russian crude in 2021, with the majority of its oil coming from

Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Nigeria.

In the other side, China is already Russia's biggest oil customer, importing an average of 1.72 mb/d in 2021.

However, Reuters has reported that China's crude imports from Russia in the first two months of the year actually declined 9.1 percent to 1.57 mb/d.

"China is still importing Russian oil, but would likely increase its purchases if it can pay in yuan and at discounts.

Basically, Russia is pressured because it is having difficulty selling its oil. China really would prefer much cheaper oil ... prices are way too high even in the \$90 range that's too high for China," she added. If they can buy Russian oil at a discount, and some of these discounts are pretty significant—\$30 off the benchmark, then I really don't see what would be stopping China from purchasing a lot of Russian oil," Wald has told CNBC in an email.

# Richest agriculture family's fortunes jump as food prices surge



WASHINGTON

**R**ISING food prices and turbulent global commodities markets are fueling a surge in wealth for the billionaire family behind America's largest closely held company.

Three more members of the Cargill family – siblings James Cargill, Austen Cargill and Marianne Liebmann – have joined the ranks of the world's 500 richest people thanks to their stakes in Minnesota-based food processor Cargill Inc.

Each has a net worth of \$5.3 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, up 20 percent this year.

Family members already among the Top 500 include Pauline Keinath, a great-granddaughter of founder William Wallace Cargill, and Gwendolyn Sontheim Meyer with fortunes of \$7.8 billion each.

More than 20 members of the extended Cargill and MacMillan families control 87 percent of the closely held company, which was founded in 1865 with a sin-

gle grain warehouse in Conover, Iowa.

The Cargills ranked 11th on Bloomberg's September list of the world's wealthiest families with a collective fortune of \$51 billion at the time.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sent shudders through global food and commodity markets that were already struggling with supply chain disruptions and low output due to drought and other weather conditions. The UN World Food Price Index for March reached a record high, with few signs of easing.

Big food companies have been beneficiaries of the shortages and volatility. Agricultural trading house Louis Dreyfus Co. said in March that profit surged 82 percent last year on grain price fluctuations and strong margins in oilseeds.

The valuations of some of the largest publicly traded food companies are rising fast, with Illinois-based Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. up more than 25 percent since Russia invaded in late February.

Cargill has periodically faced pressure to go public, but has re-

sisted. Doing so would dilute the family's stake and reduce its share of the company's annual payouts.

Family members collect an estimated 17 percent of net profits each year as a dividend, though not all their shares are equal. Now in its seventh generation, the Cargill-MacMillan extended family has grown to about 125 people.

In August, Cargill reported the biggest profit in its history, with almost \$5 billion in net income during fiscal 2021 on revenue of \$134.4 billion.

A spokesperson for the Cargills' family office, Waycross, didn't respond to a request for comment.

Gregory Broussard, Cargill's global head of financial trading at its risk-management unit, told Bloomberg this week that the move to ostracize Russia economically is likely to persist and will force markets to find new sources of everything from grain to fertilizer and fuel.

"We will exit this war from the supply side tighter than we entered it," he said. "When people start throwing sanctions around, they don't just dissipate overnight."

# EU now agrees to freeze the assets of Sberbank boss, Putin's daughters

BRUSSELS

THE European Union has agreed to freeze the assets in the EU of the boss of Russia's top lender Sberbank, Vladimir Putin's two daughters and more oligarchs, according to a document published in the EU's official journal on Friday.

Since the start of war in Ukraine, the EU has blacklisted around 700 people linked to the Kremlin or accused of supporting the invasion, which Moscow calls a "special operation". That has not always, however, led to a quick freezing of assets, amid legal hurdles and sometimes lack of political will.

The new measures will hit over 200 additional individuals, mostly from the separatist regions of Luhansk and Donetsk, and also top businessmen, politicians and military staff close to the Kremlin.

Another 18 entities have also been hit by asset freezes, including four banks, such as VTB, and military firms, nearly doubling the number of companies hit by sanctions since the start of the war.

Herman Gref, the head of Sberbank, has been added to the EU blacklist, according to the document, in a move that is important symbolically. The EU has so far refrained

from sanctioning the bank, which plays a key role in energy payments.

Putin's daughters Ekaterina Tikhonova and Maria Vorontsova have also now been sanctioned from benefiting from the Russian government, the document said.

Putin had already been sanctioned in an early round of restrictive measures, although it is unclear how many assets, if any, he and his family hold in the EU.

Wealthy oligarchs usually use front men or anonymous shell companies and trusts to shield their assets, making it very hard if not impossible for investigators to identify them, especially in jurisdictions with lax rules on companies' beneficial owners.

Oil company Surgutneftegas' executive Vladimir Bogdanov, the founder of aluminium giant Rusal, Oleg Deripaska, billionaire Boris Rotenberg, major shareholder in Russia's top gold miner Polys Said Kerimov, and the chief of Russian e-commerce platform Ozon Alexander Shulgin have also been sanctioned.

The new listings are part of the EU's fifth package of sanctions against Russia, which include a ban on coal imports and restrictions for entry into the EU for Russian vessels and lorries.



# China EV maker Nio suspends production after disruptions

SHANGHAI

CHINESE electric vehicle (EV) maker Nio said on Saturday it has suspended production after the country's measures to contain the recent surge of COVID-19 cases disrupted operations at its suppliers.

"Since March, due to reasons to do with the epidemic, the company's supplier partners in several places including Jilin, Shanghai and Jiangsu suspended production one after the other and have yet to recover," the company said on its mobile app.

"Due to the impact of this Nio has had to halt car production."

The company will postpone deliveries of the EVs to users and will work together with the suppliers to strive for resumption while

meeting the government's COVID curbs, it added.

China has been taking strict lockdown measures to contain the spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant in several places including Jilin province and Shanghai where plants of major auto part makers and automakers are located.

Tesla has also suspended production at its Shanghai plant since March 28, Reuters reported, after the city started a two-staged lockdown which was later expanded city-wide.

Volkswagen's joint venture plant with FAW Group in Changchun, the provincial capital of Jilin, has been shut since mid-March, while its plant in Shanghai with SAIC Motor has been closed since April 1.



ITV

SATURDAY 9 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt
- 11:10 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 12:50 Korean: Jumong rpt
- 13:30 Soap: Love to Death rpt
- 15:45 Igizo: Mizengwe
- 16:15 Igizo: Rebeca
- 17:00 Shamsham za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean: Jumong
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Igizo: Rebeca
- 21:30 Art and Lifestyle
- 22:00 ITV TOP 10
- 22:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 23:45 Soap: Uzalo rpt
- 01:15 DWTV

SUNDAY 10 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Soap: Uzalo rpt
- 11:35 Bongo Movie rpt
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:30 Mwangaza
- 16:30 ITV Top 10
- 17:20 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Rebeca
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipindi maalum: Biko
- 21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Reflexology
- 21:15 Mizengwe
- 21:30 Mjuzi Zaidi
- 22:15 Bongo Movie:
- 00:00 Soap: Love to Death rpt
- 02:05 Al Jazeera

MONDAY 11 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa

TUESDAY 12 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:25 Jagina rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt:
- 13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Soap: Love to Death
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Yu wapi
- 18:15 Kipindi Maalum: Bundesliga na DW rpt

WEDNESDAY 13 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:25 Jagina rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
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- 12:00 Al Jazeera
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- 12:55 Habari za saa
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- 13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
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- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Ijuzi Sheria
- 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
- 19:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Aibu Yako
- 21:10 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesoco
- 21:40 Ripoti Maalum
- 22:15 Soap: Love to Death
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 02:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 14 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 DWTV Journal
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Shamba lulu
- 11:00 The Base
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijuzi sheria rpt
- 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: TMDA
- 13:30 Igizo: Rebeca
- 14:00 Soap: Love to Death
- 15:00 Bongo Movie:
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 20:00 Habari

FRIDAY 15 April

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Soap: Uzalo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:25 Uchumi wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45 rpt
- 13:45 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Kipindi Maalum: NSSF
- 14:15 Soap: Love to Death
- 14:55 Habari za saa
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- 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni Chetu rpt
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CAPITAL

Sat 09 April

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Rev rpt
- 09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 10:00 Culinary delight rpt
- 10:30 Innovation rpt
- 11:00 Out n' about rpt
- 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
- 12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
- 12:30 Our Earth rpt
- 13:00 Business edition rpt
- 13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Sling Shot
- 14:30 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love
- 17:15 EcoAfrica
- 17:45 Bundesliga kick off
- 18:15 Capchat rpt
- 19:15 Mizengwe
- 19:30 The Decor
- 20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot
- 21:00 Out n' About
- 21:30 Music : Club 101 rpt
- 23:00 Series rpt: Beats of Love
- 01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 10 April

- 08:00 Aljazeera
- 09:00 In good shape
- 10:00 Capchat rpt
- 11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
- 11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slave hunter
- 12:00 Jagina rpt
- 12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
- 13:00 In good shape rpt
- 13:30 Series rpt: Beats of Love
- 15:15 Aibu yako
- 15:30 Rev rpt
- 16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
- 16:45 Mizengwe rpt
- 17:00 The Decor rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
- 20:00 Korean Drama: The Sling Shot
- 21:00 Dv News Africa
- 21:30 Capchat live
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 00:00

## WORLD

# Dozens of Ukrainians found in grave near Kyiv as battle looms in East

## KYIV

A grave with dozens of Ukrainians civilians has been found in Buzova village near Kyiv, an official said, the latest reported mass grave to be discovered as Russian forces retreat from their offensive on the capital and focus their assault on the east.

Taras Didych, head of the Dmytrivka community that includes Buzova, told Ukrainian television that the bodies were found in a ditch near a petrol station. The number of dead had yet to be confirmed.

"Now we are returning to life but during the occupation we had our 'hotspots', many civilians died," Didych said on Saturday.

Reuters was not immediately able to confirm the report.

Mounting civilian casualties have triggered a new wave of international condemnation, in particular over hundreds of deaths in the town of Bucha, to the northwest of Kyiv that until last week was occupied by Russian forces.

Ukraine and the West have accused Russian forces of war crimes in Bucha.

Russia has denied targeting civilians in what it calls a "special operation" to demilitarize and "denazify" its southern neighbour. Ukraine and Western nations have dismissed this as a baseless

pretext for war.

Russia has failed to take one major city since the start of the invasion on Feb. 24 but Ukraine says Russia is gathering its forces in the east for a major assault and has urged people to flee.

Britain's defence ministry said Russia was seeking to establish a land corridor from Crimea, which it annexed in 2014, and the eastern Donbas region, which is partly held by Moscow-backed separatists.

Some cities there are under heavy shelling with tens of thousands of people unable to evacuate.

"This will be a hard battle, we believe in this fight and our victory. We are ready to simultaneously fight and look for diplomatic ways to put an end to this war," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an address late on Saturday.

Zelenskyy said Russia's use of force was "a catastrophe that will inevitably hit everyone".

"Russian aggression was not intended to be limited to Ukraine alone ... the whole European project is a target for Russia," he said.

"Russia can still afford to live in illusions and bring new military forces and new equipment to our land. And that means we need even more sanctions and even more weapons for our state," Zelenskyy called on the West to impose a com-



Natalia Titova, 62, reacts as she shows her house, which was destroyed by Russian shelling, amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine in Chernihiv, Ukraine on Saturday. Natalia and her family were staying in the basement. "When the rocket hit our house, we ran into the street, it was very scary" she said. REUTERS

plete embargo on Russian energy products and to supply Ukraine with more weapons.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson met Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Saturday and pledged armoured vehicles and anti-ship missile systems, along with additional support for World Bank loans.

Britain will also ratchet up its sanctions on Russia and move away from using Russian hydrocarbons.

Johnson, speaking to reporters with Zelenskyy, said support for Ukraine was intended to ensure it "can never be bullied again, never will be blackmailed again, never will be threatened in the same way again".

Johnson was the latest foreign leader to visit Kyiv after Russian forces pulled back from the area.

The visits are a sign that Kyiv is returning to some degree of normality.

Some residents are coming back and cafes and restaurants are reopening. Italy said it planned to re-open its embassy this month.

## NINE TRAINS

But in the east, calls by Ukrainian officials for civilians to flee have been given a greater sense of urgency by a missile attack on Friday on a train sta-

tion in the city of Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region, crowded with women, children and the elderly trying to get out.

Ukrainian officials said more than 50 people were killed.

Russia has denied responsibility, saying the missiles used in the attack were only used by Ukraine's military. The United States says it believes Russian forces were responsible.

Reuters was unable to verify the details of attack.

Kramatorsk Mayor Oleksander Honcharenko said he expected just 50,000 to 60,000 of the city's population of 220,000 to remain as people flee.

Residents of the besieged region of Luhansk would have nine trains on Sunday to get out on, the region's governor, Serhiy Gaidai, wrote on the Telegram message service.

British military intelligence said that Russia's retreat from the capital region revealed "disproportionate" targeting of civilians.

Russia's invasion has forced about a quarter of Ukraine's 44 million people from their homes, turned cities into rubble and killed or injured thousands.

Agencies

## Success of Beijing Winter Olympics, Paralympics injects energy to global unity, cooperation

## BEIJING

After seven years of efforts, China successfully held the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in February and March, sending out a message of unity, cooperation and hope to the world during challenging times.

Successful hosting of Beijing Olympic, Paralympic Winter Games brought confidence and hope to a world overshadowed by instability, said Chinese President Xi Jinping, on Friday, after conferring awards on representatives of those who have made outstanding contributions to the Games.

148 units and 148 individuals, including one awarded posthumously, were honored for their outstanding contributions to the Games.

## Global unity and cooperation shine at the Games

Chinese people, along with people from other countries, have once again presented Olympic Games that will go down in history and

shared the glory of Olympics, said Xi at the beginning of his speech.

"The Games promotes civilization exchange, drives global unity and cooperation, brings confidence and hope in a turbulent world," he said.

Noting that China honored its promise to the international community by presenting the world with a streamlined, safe and splendid Games, he highlighted several aspects, such as development of winter sports, efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fruitful legacy of the Games.

A total of 346 million Chinese have participated in winter sports activities and a series of varied mass ice and snow events have been held since the preparations of the Games started, according to Xi.

"With a COVID-19 positive rate of only 0.45 percent in Winter Games' closed-loop, China provided beneficial experience for pandemic response and hosting of international events," Xi said when hailing China's targeted and effective COVID-19 pre-



Chinese President Xi Jinping

vention and control efforts. "The motherland and the people are proud of the hard work and

achievements of all participants in the Games," he added.

## Spirit of the Games will continue

Summarizing the Beijing Winter Olympic and Paralympic spirit, Xi stressed bearing in mind the big picture, being confident and open, rising to the challenges, pursuing excellence and creating a better future together.

The Games are major landmark events held at a critical time when the whole Party and the people of all ethnic groups in China are moving toward the second centenary goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects, he said, calling for continued efforts in well managing and utilizing the legacy of the Games.

Successful hosting of the Games drives development in all areas and brings profound effects to socio-economic development, he said.

Xi also called for promotion of Olympic spirit and said China will contribute more wisdom and strength to the progress of human civilization. CGTN

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## Ethiopia mulls improved domestic production to mitigate impact of supply chain disruption

## ADDIS ABABA

The Ethiopian government on Saturday emphasized the urgent need to boost the country's domestic production as the ongoing Ukraine crisis disrupted the supply chain, further exacerbating the already soaring cost of living.

The statement was made by Ethiopia's Minister of Trade and Regional Integration, Gebremeskel Chala, as he emphasized the need

to augment domestic production of basic consumer goods as a viable solution to contain the rising cost of living and inflation in the East African country, state-affiliated Fana Broadcasting Corporate (FBC) quoted Chala as saying on Saturday.

Chala, acknowledging the sharp increase in the price of consumer goods nationwide, said the ongoing Ukraine crisis is further exacerbating the situation as it disrupted the overall supply

chain, which leads to a shortage of basic consumer products.

The minister emphasized that phenomenon, in particular, led to the shortage of edible oil supply, a commodity that went relatively scarce in the Ethiopian market during the past months. A liter of edible oil, which used to be sold for less than 100 birr (1.95 U.S. dollars), is recently being sold in excess of 200 birr. Amid scarce edible oil supply to the market and

the eventual soaring demand, the Ethiopian government had previously dropped taxes and tariffs on imports of all edible oil products, a move being said to address challenges related to the cost of living. The situation nevertheless persists.

According to Chala, despite the Ethiopian government's strong monitoring and control measures to prevent the rising inflation, supply-side shortages are adversely

contributing to the crisis. Chala also blamed illegal traders for further contributing to the situation, as he called on the public to work with authorities toward strengthening the control measures. Noting the successful import substitution of wheat with the help of domestic production, he emphasized the need to urgently replicate the success achieved by promoting domestic production of edible oil. Xinhua

Xinhua

## China's Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft accomplishes mission and reenters Earth's atmosphere

CHINA'S Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft was deorbited and re-entered the Earth's atmosphere under ground control according to plan on March 31, Beijing time, after completing all of its scheduled tasks involving key technology verification and extended application tests in orbit for the construction of China's space station.

Most of the spacecraft burned up during the re-entry process, while a small amount of the debris fell into the intended area of safe water in the South Pacific.

The re-entry of Tianzhou-2 into the Earth's atmosphere means that Chinese astronauts sent into space onboard the country's Shenzhou-13

spaceship will also return to the Earth soon. The Tianzhou-2 is the first cargo spacecraft sent into orbit in the key technology verification phase of the China Space Station, carrying 6.8 tonnes of supplies to the space station.

The regular duration for Chinese astronauts to work and live in China's space station during its operations is six months, which means that crew rotation and cargo replenishment are carried out every six months. Before crew members leave the space station, the cargo spacecraft normally leaves first to take away most of the waste produced during their space life.

After Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft's recent separation from the space sta-

tion, China's Shenzhou-13 crew members are preparing for their return to the Earth in mid-April.

Deorbiting and destroying cargo spacecraft that has accomplished its tasks represents another vivid practice of peaceful utilization of space resources, and demonstrates China's sense of responsibility as a major player in space, according to Li Zhihui, deputy commander-in-chief of the Tianzhou-2 cargo spaceship with the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST).

Generally speaking, it is extremely dangerous for an in-orbit spacecraft to hit space junk larger than 10 centimeters. Space junk often makes spacecraft have to change orbit to avoid collisions

and ensure its own safety, and sometimes severely affects spacecraft's orbital flight missions.

The treatment of space debris faces huge difficulties. It takes years or even decades for space debris in low-Earth orbit at an altitude of 400 kilometers to gradually drift out of the orbit and disappear.

For China, deorbiting its spacecraft that has completed tasks is an inevitable choice.

At the end of their life, low-Earth orbit satellites or other spacecraft descend to lower altitudes with the aerodynamic forces intensifying under the action of atmospheric drag or control system; at this point, the

spacecraft can be considered to have re-entered the Earth's atmosphere, said a designer of Tianzhou-2 with the CAST.

During the re-entry, low-Earth orbit spacecraft travels at a speed of eight kilometers per second. Under the action of aerodynamic heating and forces, the spacecraft gradually disintegrates, and then again, finally burns up, the designer added.

To reduce the risk to ground personnel, the common practice for deorbiting large near-Earth spacecraft is to carry out a controlled re-entry. In this way, it is able to fall out of orbit and into a safe area, which are generally the uninhabited areas in the

South Pacific.

China already accomplished the controlled reentry missions of its Tianzhou-1 cargo spacecraft and Tiangong-2 space laboratory in 2017 and 2019, respectively.

The deorbiting of Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft according to international practices this time can not only reduce the amount of space debris to avoid hazards to in-orbit spacecraft and the ground and create a safe and clean space environment for other spacecraft, but play an important role in global space environment governance and avoid occupying orbital resources.

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## Sanchez renews Spanish support for Morocco's autonomy plan

## RABAT

SPANISH Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez (pictured) has renewed his country's endorsement of Morocco's Autonomy Plan during a meeting with King Mohamed VI.



Sanchez's visit to Morocco came in response to King Mohammed VI's invitation to the Spanish PM during a phone conversation on March 31.

Spanish Foreign Affairs Minister Jose Manuel Albares and his Moroccan counterpart attended the royal audience at the Royal Palace in Rabat.

The visit to Morocco is part of a new phase of partnership Morocco and Spain seek to open to end almost a year of an unprecedented crisis.

In March, Spain voiced its official endorsement of Morocco's Autonomy Plan as the most serious and credible approach toward finding a lasting and mutually acceptable political solution to end the dispute over Western Sahara.

Sanchez made the announcement in a letter he addressed to the King of Morocco.

The letter served as an opportunity for the Spanish government to announce a new phase in the bilateral ties between the two kingdoms, based on transparency and mutual respect.

"This new dynamic is an echo of the call of his majesty the King during the speech of August 20, 2021," the royal cabinet said on Thursday.

During this speech the monarch expressed that there is hope to see bilateral ties between the two countries improving the audience, King Mohammed VI and Sanchez reiterated Rabat and Madrid's desire to open a new phase in relations between the two countries, based on mutual respect, mutual trust, permanent consultation and frank and loyalty.

The King of Morocco and Sanchez agreed to "implement concrete actions within the framework of a roadmap covering all areas of the partnership, integrating all issues of common interest."

Both countries agreed to review the various aspects of common interest in their political, economic, security and cultural cooperation.

In addition to Bourita, King's advisor Fouad Ali El Himma, and Moroccan ambassador to Spain Karima Benyaish also attended the meeting.

The Spanish ambassador in Rabat, Ricardo Diez-Hochleitner, also took part in the royal audience.

In March, Spain voiced its official endorsement of Morocco's Autonomy Plan as the most serious and credible approach toward finding a lasting and mutually acceptable political solution to end the dispute over Western Sahara. Agencies

## 'Russia-Ukraine conflict to affect 25% of global grain market'

## KIEV

THE conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the world's major exporters of foodstuffs such as wheat, will impact 25 percent of the global grain market, a Ukrainian official said.

The conflict will lead to a reduction in grain supplies, an increase in food prices, and worse access to food, especially wheat, in importing countries, said Taras K

Ukrainian seaports, the main routes for grain exports, have been blocked, Kachka added.

In 2021, Ukraine harvested a record crop of grain, legumes and oilseeds totaling more than 106 million tonnes, according to the state-run Ukrinform news agency. In the first half of the current marketing year, which lasts from July 2021 to June 2022, Ukraine exported some \$10 billion worth of crops and oilseeds, up 56 percent on an annual basis.

The ongoing conflict, which came at a time when economies worldwide are still grappling with COVID-19, posed a new challenge to global food security, said Boubaker Ben-Belhassen, director of the trade and markets division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

"Many countries rely on supplies from Ukraine and Russia for their food import needs, including numerous least developed countries and low-income food-deficit countries," Ben-Belhassen told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Russia and Ukraine are major agricultural producers and exporters, he said, adding that Russia stood as the world's top exporter of nitrogen fertilizers, the second largest supplier of potassium fertilizers and the third largest exporter of phosphorous fertilizers in 2021.

# Saudi Arabia expands Haj to 1m pilgrims, easing COVID curbs

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SAUDI Arabia will let up to 1 million people join the Haj pilgrimage this year, greatly expanding the key event to participants from outside the kingdom after two years of tight COVID restrictions, state media said on Saturday.

Pilgrims to Mecca this year must be under age 65 and fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, the ministry of Hajj and Umrah said in a statement carried by the SPA news agency.

Participants from abroad will be allowed this year but must present a recent negative COVID PCR test, and health precautions will be observed, it said.

Last year, the kingdom limited the annual Haj, one of Islam's five main pillars, to 60,000 domestic participants, compared to the pre-pandemic 2.5 million.

Visits to the holiest sites of Islam in Mecca and Medina for the week-long haj, and the lesser, year-round umrah pilgrimage, previously earned the kingdom about \$12 billion a year, according to official data.

## Australia

Australia's medical regulator has provisionally approved COVID-19 booster vaccines for adolescents as young as 12.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration on Friday announced provisional approval for Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine as a booster for Australians aged 12-15, recommending that people in that age group get a booster six months after their second vaccine dose.

This decision follows the provisional approval granted to Pfizer for the use of COVID-19 vaccine as a booster in individuals 18 years and older on Oct 26 last year and in individuals 16 and 17 years old on Jan 27, said TGA.

It is the first vaccine approved for the age cohort but must also receive approval from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation before it can be rolled out.

According to the data from the Department of Health, so far about 68.6 percent of the eligible population had received booster vaccines. There had been 6,526 total COVID-19 deaths and approximately 4.78 million confirmed cases in Australia as of Friday afternoon.

The rollout of a second booster dose for elderly and vulnerable Australians began on Monday ahead of an expected winter spike in COVID-19 infections.

On Saturday, Australia reported more than 50,000 new COVID-19 cases and 24 deaths, including 10 in New South Wales, the country's most populous state.

## India

India will offer booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine to all adults from Sunday, although free third doses will be limited to frontline workers and those older than 60 who get them at government centers.

Those older than 18 who received a second dose nine months ago will be eligible for the "precaution" dose, India's health ministry said, using the government's term for boosters.

The country has given 1.85 billion vaccine doses among its population of 1.35 billion. Of these, 82 percent are the AstraZeneca dose made domestically and called Covishield.

Those older than 18 who received a second dose nine months ago will be eligible for the "precaution" dose, the health ministry said, using the government's term for boosters.

"Adding an extra layer of safety," Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in a Twitter post flagging the decision.

The booster program started in January, limited to frontline workers and the elderly, administering a total of 24 million doses.

When the program is extended on Sunday, those outside these two priority categories will have to pay for the shots at privately run facilities, with no mixing and matching of vaccines allowed.

Other vaccines used in India are the domestically developed Covaxin and Corbevax, and Russia's Sputnik V.

## Malaysia

Malaysia reported 14,944 new COVID-19 infections as of midnight Friday, bringing the national total to 4,307,529, according to the health ministry.

Of the new infections, there are 104 imported cases and the rest 14,840 are local transmissions, data released on the ministry's website showed.

A further 31 deaths have been reported, taking the country's COVID-19 death toll to 35,259.

The country reported 34,904 vaccine doses administered on Friday alone and 84.4 percent of the population have received at least one dose, 79.3 percent are fully vaccinated and 48.7 percent have received boosters.

# Russia hopes to end operation in Ukraine 'in foreseeable future'

MOSCOW/KYIV

RUSSIA hopes that its special military operation in Ukraine will end "in the foreseeable future," a Kremlin spokesman said on Friday.

The operation is continuing and Russia's goals are being achieved, while substantive work is being carried out both in the military sphere and at the negotiation table, Dmitry Peskov said at a daily briefing.

In an interview with the Sky News on Thursday, Peskov said, "Our military are doing their best to bring an end to that operation."

"And we do hope that in coming days, in the foreseeable future, this operation will reach its goals or will finish ... by the negotiations between Russian and Ukrainian delegations."

Moscow and Kyiv have conducted several rounds of peace talks to seek a political settlement to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, which has intensified over the past month.

The outcomes of these talks, as delegations from both sides have indicated, are expected to lay an important foundation for the de-escalation of tensions between Russia and Ukraine, but key divergences have yet to be resolved.

Russia denies missile strike in Kramatorsk

Russia on Friday said it did not launch any "rocket attack" on a railway station in the city of Kramatorsk, which local authorities said had killed at least 39 people.

Allegations by the Ukrainian side that Russia carried out the attack are "provocation and absolutely untrue," the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

At least 39 people were killed in the Friday attack, which targeted a railway



Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

station in Kramatorsk, said Ukrainian officials "On April 8, the Russian armed forces did not have any firing missions in the city of Kramatorsk," it said.

The Russian Defense Ministry's statement said that the Tochka-U tactical missile system is not operational in "the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics" or in Russia but is actively used by the Ukrainian military.

At least 39 people, including four children, were killed Friday in the attack, which targeted a railway station in Kramatorsk town in Donetsk, spokesman for Ukraine's Security Service Artem Dekhtyarenko said earlier Friday.

Meanwhile, head of the Donetsk military-civilian administration Pavlo Kyrylenko said at least 87 people were injured in the attack.

## Central bank lowers key rate

The Bank of Russia on Friday decided to cut the key rate by 300 basis points to 17 percent per annum from April 11.

"External conditions for the Russian economy are still challenging, considerably constraining economic activity. Financial stability risks are still present, but have ceased to increase for the time being, including owing to the adopted capital control measures," the bank said in a statement.

According to the statement, the bank holds open the prospect of further key rate reduction at its up-

coming meetings, and the next rate review meeting will be held on April 29.

Russia drastically raised the key rate from 9.5 percent to 20 percent on Feb 28 to support financial and price stability and protect the savings of citizens from depreciation, days after it launched a special military operation in Ukraine.

The central bank decided to keep the key rate at 20 percent at the rate review meeting on March 18. *Xinhua*

# China, EU make contributions to progress of world peace

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met via video link with President Charles Michel of the European Council and President Ursula von der Leyen of the European Commission in Beijing on the evening of April 1.

Providing guidance and charting a course for the healthy and sustained relationship between China and Europe, President Xi stressed that China and the EU should act as two major forces upholding world peace, two big markets promoting shared development, and two great civilizations promoting human progress. He also shared his views on how to settle the Ukraine crisis under the current circumstances.

When President Xi paid a historic visit to the EU headquarters in March 2014, he suggested that China and Europe work together to foster a China-EU partnership for peace, growth, reform and civilization, which has endowed the China-Europe comprehensive strategic partnership with new connotations.

This vision remains unchanged today and is of practical significance under the current circumstances. As the world has entered a period of new turbulence and transformation, China and the EU should offset uncertainties in the international landscape with the stability of China-EU relations, deepen economic globalization through open cooperation, and meet global challenges through solidarity and collaboration.

China and the EU are two major independent forces that share broad strategic consensus and common interests. Dialogue and cooperation remain the mainstream of China-EU relations, and mutual benefit is the keynote of China-EU cooperation. It's a consensus between the two sides that they need peace, multilateralism and dialogue, instead of war, unilateralism, and confrontation.

China and the EU should perceive their relations from broader strategic and more profound historical perspectives. Xi said they should take the lead in defending

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Video Meeting between President Xi Jinping and European Council President Michel and European Commission President von der Leyen



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen via video link in Beijing, capital of China, April 1, 2022. File photo

the international system with the UN at its core, the international order underpinned by international law, and the basic norms governing international relations based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and jointly reject the resurrection of rival-bloc mentality and oppose attempts at a new Cold War, with a view to maintaining world peace and stability.

Xi called on the EU to form its own perception of China, adopt an independent China policy, and work with China to promote the steady and sustained growth of China-EU relations and to add stabilizing factors to a turbulent world.

China and the EU are important trading partners of each other. They carry out cooperation in a wide range of fields and their interests are interwoven.

China has remained the largest trading partner of the EU for two consecutive years, and the trade volume between the two sides reached a record high of more than \$800 billion last year. The trade structure between them is constantly optimized,

with prominent growth observed in aerospace, biology, optoelectronics, and electronics.

China's solid efforts to deepen reform and expand opening up have created important opportunities for European business investment. The China-EU agreement on geographical indications has further facilitated bilateral trade, and the China-Europe freight trains are also contributing to the stability of the international industrial and supply chains.

As two major economies, China and the EU enjoy strong resilience and huge potential in economic and trade cooperation. The cooperation between them is conducive to not only their own development, but also the economic recovery of the world.

Facing increasing global challenges, China and the EU need to follow true multilateralism and advocate a vision of global governance featuring the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits.

From jointly making important contributions to the

reaching of the Paris Agreement to leading cooperation on biodiversity, and from offering mutual assistance in the fight against COVID-19 to further enhancing anti-pandemic cooperation for narrowing the global immunity gap, China and the EU enjoy a solid foundation in strengthening cooperation.

China welcomes the EU's support for and participation in the Global Development Initiative. The two sides' efforts to promote world peace, economic growth and common prosperity will contribute wisdom and strength to improving global governance.

Concerning regional and global peace and stability, the situation in Ukraine is receiving high attention from the international society. During the meeting with President Michel and President von der Leyen, President Xi called on the global community to encourage peace talks, prevent a humanitarian crisis on a bigger scale, foster lasting peace in Europe and the Eurasian continent, and prevent the regional conflict from magnifying. His proposals fully

demonstrated China's major responsibility to always stand on the right side of history and play a constructive role in safeguarding world peace and the common interests of mankind.

Promoting peace talks, keeping the situation under control, preventing large-scale humanitarian crisis and spillover of the Ukraine crisis are a consensus reached between China and the EU. Both of the two sides are unwilling to see the world divided, and oppose a new Cold War in any form.

There is no conflict of fundamental interests between China and the EU. Cooperation far outweighs competition, and consensus far outweighs disagreement. The two sides should maintain their mutual understanding, and adhere to mutual trust, dialogues and cooperation for win-win results, so as to make constant progress of China-EU relations, and make their contributions to world peace and development as two major forces, big markets and great civilizations.

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# Pakistani PM loses no-confidence vote

ISLAMABAD

THE no-confidence motion filed by an opposition alliance against Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan succeeded early Sunday morning after a majority of members of the National Assembly voted against him, said an official.

Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, member of the National Assembly, announced that 174 members voted against the prime minister in the 342-member house.

Sadiq chaired the session to conduct the vote for the no-confidence motion after Speaker of the National Assembly Asad Qaiser resigned from his post.

Members of the parliament from the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party walked out of the house and did not participate in the voting process.

On March 28, an alliance of opposition

parties presented the no-confidence motion against Imran Khan in the National Assembly.

Later on April 3, the deputy speaker of the National Assembly rejected the no-confidence motion over the alleged involvement of foreign hands in the conspiracy to topple the Pakistani government.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday declared the deputy speaker's action as a violation of the constitution of the country. The apex court ordered the National Assembly to summon a session of the house on Saturday and conduct voting on the no-confidence motion.

According to the procedure and rules, the house will send the result of the no-confidence motion to the country's president for approval and permission to start the process to elect a new prime minister.



Pakistan's then newly-appointed prime minister Imran Khan (centre) addresses lawmakers after being elected by the National Assembly in Islamabad. Khan was dismissed on April 10, 2022 as Pakistan's prime minister after losing a no-confidence vote in parliament following weeks of political turmoil. AFP



Popular Tanzanian actress Godliver Godian, popularly known as 'Anna', one of the casts in a series titled 'Jua Kali', speaks during the launch of a new DStv campaign known as 'Ewaah!' held at the MultiChoice Tanzania headquarters, Kinondoni in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Swimming foundation aims at improving water safety

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AGNES Swimming Foundation (ASF) has disclosed it is geared to offer water safety and awareness to the society, an official of the foundation disclosed.

The foundation's founder, Agnes Kimimba, noted in an interview the ASF was formed in 2020 after noting that water calamities are a major cause of death in Africa, especially in East Africa.

She said the World Health Organization (WHO) puts water calamities as the 10th main cause of death in the world.

Agnes said to reach out to many people in the country her foundation will work with stakeholders who include the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports, and others.

She said ASF has qualified and professional trainers recognized by national and international organizations and its mission includes building the ability to rescue and survive in any danger.

Finding, nurturing, and developing the hidden swimming skills and talents of the children specifically in the primary schools, secondary schools, and among marginalized children is as well the ASF mission.

The founder noted: "We want many people to know how to swim, rescue and other water activities, we are out to reach out to many people in the country."

"We will start with schools, where we will be forming swimming clubs, our vision is to become a foundation for excellence in water sports activities for individuals, groups, and the entire community for the benefit of the nation."

The ASF founder mentioned some of the objectives of the foundation as to provide highly professional swimming skills and build water awareness in society.

The foundation further seeks to control and eradicate unnecessary watery deaths, promote employment in swimming, and life-saving, and lifeguard to young Tanzanians.

The institution is concentrating on reducing dependents and marginalized children in society and creating awareness of environmental conservation to ensure the sustainability of water bodies.

She said to achieve its goal of training many people safely during water calamities and other related water activities, her foundation needs support from the private and public sectors.

## Chama to miss Simba SC fixtures in CAF Confederation Cup last eight

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba SC will have to battle it out in CAF Confederation Cup's last eight duels against South Africa's Orlando Pirates without dependable midfielder, Zambian Clatous Chama.

The tournament's rules, as presented by the Confederation of African Football, prevent Chama from playing for the squad in the showpiece given the midfielder had already represented Morocco's RS Berkane in the competition.

The regulations make Simba SC unable to use the midfielder this season because the Zambian performer spent 102 minutes featuring for the Moroccan squad.

The minutes were the ones that Chama played for RS Berkane in the tournament before making his way back to Simba SC in the mini registration period in January.

The footballer was turning out for Simba SC before moving to RS Berkane after the culmination of the previous season.

According to the fourth section of this season's CAF Confederation Cup regulations, a player who is either starting in the first team or coming off the bench in any match of the tournament, will not be allowed to play for another club in the competition.

If Simba SC advances to the next stages of the tournament the midfielder will not be allowed to play for the side this season.

The CAF rules add: "Within a year, a player will be eligible to play for the same club in the CAF club tournament."

However, a player who is registered on the club list who is not scheduled for any continental club tournament match will be allowed to play for another club participating in the continental club competition within one year as long as it meets the requirements of the code.

"The scheduled player is one of 11 starters in the match or who has competed against one of the first-team players."

The code reveals: "The reserve player on the list who does not participate as described above, will not be counted as planned."

Records show that Chama played for RS Berkane in two matches making a total of 102 minutes.

The footballer was in RS Berkane that confronted Ben Guardane of Tunisia and he moreover took part in his squad's home fixture against APR of Rwanda.

If he had ended up sitting on the bench, Simba SC would have used him in the tournament.

## Radios not to blame for decline of dance music, 'Bongo Flava' win

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

SEVERAL pundits, still bereaved with the nearly total eclipse of traditional dance music save in remembrance programs often late in the night when most people are fast asleep, are not ready to abandon their convictions.

They stand with the truism that dance music is a culturally respectable sort of entertainment, capable of being performed before adults and families, unlike most of what occurs when there is a stage performance or radio play of a 'Bongo Flava' recording. One has to look aside, from family.

The pundit in question ventured to affirm that what finished off traditional dance music was mass media habit, as it started airing Bongo Flava music in preference to traditional music.

At first, it was seen as an aberration, and adult (rather than most) listeners didn't take it seriously, but as the habit continued, the music started becoming the norm rather than an exception.

He could also have said that adults habitually ignored 'Bongo Flava' numbers but were at any rate curious, while youths who were more receptive to those numbers eventually grew up, becoming the proper commercial mainstay of entertainment generally.

Based on at least that assumption, that of a generational shift in entertainment market tastes, it is clear that radios made a difference not in excessively featuring 'Bongo Flava' songs but actually in gauging the demand.

It means that after 'Bongo Flava' music became regular over radio waves, most newcomers to the industry tended to fall under the same inclination - those becoming youths (as children aren't relevant to commercial gauging of music popularity) were picking 'Flava' over 'dance'.

There was increasingly less room for dance music as events tended to focus on new numbers, new youths, etc.

Those who are above 50 can remember that at some point in the past (the mid-



Waluguru Original Music Band's Director Deogratius David, alias 'Killer Man', in action during the troupe's show, which took place in Morogoro recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT SABATO KASIKA

1990s for instance) there was a healthy mix of dance music and 'Flava,' where it was, for instance, difficult to say which group fell, say Judith Wambura 'Lady Jay Dee'.

The songbird is helpful for an illustration as the pundit was lining up a few names of dance music and Jay Dee was among his list, as well as rapper Ali Choki, who does not fit in the dance music mould.

Rapping is a 'Flava' sort of profession as it doesn't involve a song, or song with instruments, as any hazy combination of talkativeness or repetitive lyric like 'Achimenengule' may adequately serve the purpose.

Perhaps the pundit's ultimate error was the mistake about what determines items being aired on radios, as it is a more powerful vehicle for songs and public convergence about music or entertainment sentiments than television, or private blogs for that matter.

The pundit essentially focused on a prevalent state of bias in favour of 'Bongo Flava' in comparison with dance music, which can easily be said to originate from the youthfulness of those being employed on the new radio stations (as Radio Tanzania, later TBC) would surely not have indulged in that sort of preference). Youths favoured fellow youths, and the die was cast.

What is missing in this assessment is that it is not just bias that is at work but 'natural selection,' which evolution guru Charles Darwin taught the world in 1859 that it favours the fittest, and nobody has ever come up with an alternative model on why certain species (music types) survive and others collapse.

The key to survival is an adaptation to a certain environment, and just as it was in the United States motherland of rap music, there is a strain among youth

(and finally society generally) that the rappers represent.

They put into action what any young man can imagine, so when they are on stage, everything just flows nicely.

Disaffection with rap music was deep everywhere, as it appeared to represent a mass-market version of what was earlier rejected as 'punk' music, confused young men 'returning to nature' because they detest capitalism, etc.

Here we didn't quite have as much as that but traditional dance icons like Ramadhani Mtoro Ongala prepared the path for most of what later became rap with his abundant show of tradition on his legs.

He also started talking so freely that he was putting the music industry to a semblance of shame.

So, as they say, the rest is history - in the sense that rap music wasn't a result of new radio stations that preferred their fellow youths but instead arose from incipient revolts stemming from the rapid expansion of detribalization in major urban areas, especially in Dar es Salaam.

Migrant youths who were increasingly bereft of acute parental guidance unlike the earlier generation which was rooted in family and community values were becoming something of a norm, and the multiplicity of radios meant that even the radios had their audiences, not the elderly urban population.

Innovation was freed, spreading rapidly and later looked like a wildfire, burning all the old traditional trees and soft dances to the wayside.

## Kibaha intensifies preparations for 2022 UMISSETA and UMITAMSHUTA Games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

KIBAHA Town Council says it is geared to perform well at this year's edition of inter-primary schools games (UMITASHUMTA) and inter-secondary schools games (UMITESA) games which are slated for the end of July to early August in Tabora.

Burwan Tilusubya, Kibaha Town Council Sports and Culture Officer, said in an interview they have put in place various programs which are aimed at seeing

the districts perform well starting from regional to national level.

He said his office is working closely with all schools to produce the best athletes who will on top of doing well at the UMITASHUMTA and UMITESA games, represent the country at local and international games.

The official stated "We aim to produce the best athletes who will do well at the Regional level and then represent the region at the UMITASHUMTA and UMISSETA finals which will be

held from July 29 to August 16 in Tabora."

"We have set aside centers which will specialize in different sporting codes, the centers have qualified teachers for that particular sports event," he said.

Tilusubya said the Town Council has Mwendapole, Jitegeme, and Kongoe primary schools, as well as Visiga and Simbani secondary schools for netball.

Volleyball is played at Tumbi and Lulanzi primary schools while handball is played at Mkunza and Lu-

lanzi primary schools.

The Town Council is using a qualified volleyball coach at Tumbi Primary School to train the sport at Tumbi and Mwabisi secondary schools.

He said netball, athletics, and football are played at Filbert Bayi Schools and they also use Zogowale Secondary School for all sporting disciplines.

"We thank Filbert Bayi Schools for the modern facilities and they also have qualified teachers for athletics, netball and the

school has many talented footballers."

"To achieve our goal, we are engaging Zogowale Secondary School which has sports and physical education as subject, the school has a full physical and sports department," he said.

He further said the Town Council is encouraging Bwawa Primary School to put much emphasis on athletics as the physique and height of many pupils from the area show they are good in the sports.



Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Mohamed Mchengerwa (L), presents an award to Shameeza Mukhi, the winner of the women's category of a 21km race aimed at donating and bringing hope to children with special needs, after the culmination of the race in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Standing (2nd L) is Lukiza Autism Foundation's Managing Director, Hilda Nkabe, and National Sports Council (NSC) Secretary-General, Neema Msitha (R). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MIRAJI MSALA

## Ukrainian soccer club Shakhtar starts peace-themed tour

ATHENS, Greece

WEARING the names of heavily bombed cities on its jerseys, Ukrainian soccer club Shakhtar Donetsk opened a series of charity games on a government-backed "Global Tour for Peace" with a 1-0 loss at Greek league leader Olympiakos on Saturday.

The tour aims to raise money for Ukraine's military in the war against Russia, and also help Ukrainian refugees displaced by the war.

Shakhtar is also set to play Fenerbahce, Hajduk Split and Lechia Gdansk, with other opponents still to be confirmed. Soccer clubs around Europe have been offering to play games against Ukrainian clubs and host youth players after soccer in the country was shut down when Russia invaded in February.

Shakhtar was already displaced from its original home of Donetsk in 2014.

At Karaiskaki stadium in Piraeus on Saturday, Shakhtar players replaced their names on the back of their jerseys with those of cities bombed by Russian forces, including Mariupol.

"The names of those cities, where so many people died, will remain forever in our hearts. The guys were crying in the locker room after the game," Shakhtar captain Taras Stepanenko said. "We thank Olympiakos for giving us the opportunity to play the game ... We hope we passed our message against war and for peace."

Olympiakos coach Pedro Martins said he hoped Ukrainian teams "will soon return to European competitions and Ukrainians (will return) to normality."

Shakhtar's Italian coach, Roberto De Zerbi, did not attend because he felt unwell a couple of hours before the game and doctors recommended that he stay at the hotel. He hopes to coach in the next game, against Polish team Lechia Gdansk, on Thursday.

Shakhtar, which had been playing in Lviv and Kharkiv before the war, had not played a game since December, and Stepanenko said his team did well given the lack of preparation. Players trained in Turkey before flying to Greece. All the team's foreign players have been released and replaced by players from the youth academy, Stepanenko said.

Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias and the Ukrainian ambassador to Greece, Sergii Shutenko, attended the game.

The 32,000-seat stadium appeared to be not more than a quarter full. A lively contingent of Ukrainians occupied one end of the stadium. The opposite end, where Olympiakos hardcore fans normally sit, was empty. Their official fan club, called Gate 7, boycotted the game.

In a statement, Gate 7 said it "refused to take sides" and "play political games."

A small section of seats was filled with 176 teddy bears and other children's toys in memory of the 176 children who, Ukraine said Saturday, have died in the war since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion.

After a minute's silence for the victims of war, the match began and the warm camaraderie lasted about five minutes before home fans started to treat it as a normal game of soccer and jeered their opponents.

Brazilian forward Tiquinho got the only goal with a header in the 22nd minute in a game where the score never really mattered.

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## Ronaldo apologises for fan incident in United loss

LONDON

MANCHESTER United forward Cristiano Ronaldo has apologised after he appeared to knock a mobile phone out of a supporter's hand following his side's 1-0 Premier League defeat to Everton on Saturday.

Footage emerged on social media of Ronaldo appearing to swipe his hand towards the ground as he walked off the pitch and headed for the tunnel at Goodison Park. Eyewitnesses said the 37-year-old had knocked a fan's phone out of their hand and it smashed to the ground.

Ronaldo took to Instagram to apologise for the incident.

"It's never easy to deal with emotions in difficult moments such as the one we are facing," Ronaldo said. "Nevertheless, we always have to be respectful, patient and set the example for all the youngsters who love the beautiful game."

"I would like to apologise for my outburst and, if possible, I would like to invite this supporter to watch a game at Old Trafford as a sign of fair-play and sportsmanship."

United told ESPN they are investigating the incident. Ronaldo, United's top scorer this season, returned to the United team after missing last weekend's 1-1 draw with Leicester City due to illness.

However, he was unable to inspire the team to victory against relegation-threatened Everton.

The defeat left United seventh in the Premier League standings and they face the prospect of missing out on qualification for next season's Champions League as they are six points adrift of fourth-placed Tottenham Hotspur.

(Agencies)

# Latest humiliation suggests Man U aren't good enough for top four

LIVERPOOL, England

MANCHESTER United have had some chastening days at Goodison Park since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013, and now there's another to add to the list.

Ralf Rangnick's team were beaten 1-0 by Everton to follow on from a 2-0 defeat under David Moyes in 2014, a 3-0 defeat under Louis van Gaal in 2015 and a 4-0 thumping under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in 2019. Each one of those results should have been a low point never to be repeated, but the fact that it's still happening nearly a decade since Ferguson left shows how big a job it is for the next manager to turn the club around.

Ajax manager and presumed Old Trafford coach-elect Erik ten Hag might want to add another zero onto his asking price, particularly if there's an April trip to Everton on next season's fixture list.

In the short term, Anthony Gordon's deflected first-half goal means United have given themselves an even bigger

mountain to climb if they want to play Champions League football next season.

It says everything about the state of Rangnick's team that even after Arsenal slipped up at Crystal Palace in midweek, they couldn't lift themselves enough to beat an Everton side who had lost 17 of their previous 22 league games and started the day just a point above the relegation places. United still have seven games left, but playing like this, they don't belong in Europe's top club competition.

"The players should be eager to play Champions League football, but as long as we play like today they don't deserve it," Rangnick said afterwards. "If you don't score in 95 minutes against a team who conceded three goals against Burnley, it is difficult to explain. For us as a coaching staff it is difficult to understand why we didn't create more chances."

Everton, fresh off the back of a 3-2 defeat at Burnley in midweek, were there for the taking.

United started poorly, but Everton were so bad



Manchester United's manager Ralf Rangnick gestures during the Premier League soccer match between Everton and Manchester United at Goodison Park, in Liverpool, England, Saturday, April 9, 2022. (AP Photo)

that Marcus Rashford still managed to force Jordan Pickford into two good saves. The second came from a header after 12 minutes, but between then and a long-distance shot from Paul Pogba nine minutes from time, United created nothing. Cristiano Ronaldo's frustration boiled over towards the end, with him smashing the ball into the benches in protest at Everton's time wasting, but most of the damage was self-inflicted.

A nervous Everton crowd were beginning to turn when Gordon's shot flicked off Harry Maguire and past David De Gea in the 27th minute, and from them on, the home supporters wildly celebrated every pass and tackle. "We had our moments and could have scored in the first 25 minutes, but I would have wished us to be more penetrating," Rangnick added. "You could literally feel they were crumbling after that result against Burnley and we didn't take advantage."

# Arteta failure vs. Brighton deals blow to Arsenal's top-four hopes

LONDON

THE double injury blow of losing Kieran Tierney and Thomas Partey was always going to ask some difficult questions of Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, but he has to come up with a better answer than this.

Brighton -- a clever but out-of-form team with one goal in seven games, six of which they lost -- deserved their 2-1 win here at Emirates Stadium on Saturday as goals from Leandro Trossard and Enock Mwepu dealt a huge blow to the Gunners' hopes of securing a Premier League top four finish.

Arsenal have surrendered the initiative in the race for Champions League qualification with two defeats in six days -- and Arteta compounded the absence of two key players with a team selection Saturday that only contributed to a disjointed display.

Deploying midfielder Granit Xhaka at left-back to replace Tierney was a mistake. Xhaka has deputised in that position before but with Partey already absent, losing the Switzerland international's range of passing in midfield only served to heighten the disconnect throughout the team.

Albert Sambi Lokonga, in his first start since Jan. 23, was asked to anchor a three-man midfield, providing defensive cover while enabling Arsenal to play out from the back. The difficulty of that task was exacerbated by Xhaka's absence from the same area of the pitch, something Arteta sought to rectify in the second half by encouraging Xhaka to drift into midfield when the home side were



Arsenal's manager Mikel Arteta reacts during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Brighton and Hove Albion at Emirates stadium in London, Saturday, April 9, 2022. (AP Photo)

in possession.

Although there was a late rally from Arsenal, triggered by Martin Odegaard's deflected long-range strike halving the deficit with 89 minutes played, this performance was a bit of a mess, far from the structure and rhythm they have played with at their best under Arteta.

They did have their moments. Gabriel hit the side-netting with a close-range header before Trossard's opener and Gabriel Martinelli had an equaliser disallowed on the stroke of halftime for offside. After Mwepu doubled the visitors lead with a superb goal featuring lovely link-up play between Trossard and Moises Caicedo, Odegaard hit the crossbar with a free-kick and substitute Eddie Nketiah achieved the same with the rebound.

But there was a lack of cohesion and balance to Arsenal, which only underlines the difficulty they now face with such a small squad in offsetting the ab-

and their first shot on goal, a deflected shot, changed the game and changed the atmosphere. Second half they just defended and we were not able to break down that wall."

It shows the muddled thinking at United that when Rangnick needed a substitute to change the game in the second half, he turned to Juan Mata -- without a single appearance in the Premier League this season up until that point.

Ronaldo had one final shot in stoppage time that Pickford did well to save, but an equaliser would have served only to mask another appalling United performance. Alex Telles was poor, Bruno Fernandes gave the ball away again and again, and Ronaldo was almost anonymous, but the list of players who underperformed went beyond those three.

Everton's goal was the 42nd they have conceded in the league this season, the worst record of any of the top eight and the same number as Burnley in 18th. It was ironic that, on Wednesday, Sean Dyche said he told his Burnley players that Everton didn't

look like a team who knew how to win a game, and Frank Lampard could have easily aimed the same accusation at United, although he chose not to.

"You can't talk about a team with Ronaldo and Fernandes and [Jadon] Sancho and Rashford and say they don't know how to win a game, because they do," Lampard said. "They are maybe not in their best moment at the moment. Today we dug in and got the result we needed."

If Ten Hag takes on the United job, he will need new players in the summer, but the issues do not begin and end with the squad. Of the dark days at Everton under Moyes, Van Gaal, Solskjaer and now Rangnick, only De Gea has started each time, suggesting the players are only part of the problem.

Rangnick says he has already told the board what needs to change in the summer, but United's fans heard the same after each of those desperate results in this part of Liverpool. Only time will tell whether Ten Hag is the man to stop the rot or just next in line to get stuck with the Toffees. **ESPN**

but surely he will be called upon at some stage as his inclusion would allow Xhaka to return to his natural midfield role.

Cedric Soares could also be deployed at left-back once Takehiro Tomiyasu is fit again but the Japan international will not return to full training following a calf problem until after next weekend's game at Southampton. Finding a way of returning Xhaka to the heart of the team feels imperative after Saturday's display. The cushion Arsenal had in the top four race has gone and Arteta did not hide from the difficult moment they now find themselves in.

"What happens [now] is criticise ourselves a lot," he said. "Get slapped again because we deserve it, because we were really poor again the first half, and lift ourselves up because we know that this road is taking us nowhere -- especially where we want to be."

"We have everything to play for in the last eight games. We have to have that level of energy and visualise the challenge

-- the beautiful challenge we have ahead and don't sit back and see what happens."

Alexandre Lacazette was a peripheral figure once again, now without a goal from open play since December 11. He touched the ball just 21 times -- the fewest of any starter -- and attempted just eight passes. His individual xG was 0.00. The only other Arsenal outfield player with the same blank was Ben White, who found himself the subject of much derision from the away fans having left Brighton in a £50 million move last summer.

Nketiah and Nicolas Pepe tried to make an impact off the bench as they have done previously, but the lack of options Arteta has at his disposal after streamlining the squad in January comes into sharper focus on days like this.

Arsenal have shown they can overcome adversity this season. But the dual loss of Tierney and Partey feels one of their biggest hurdles yet.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## OBFT eyes international trial bouts for 2022 Commonwealth Games- bound pugilists

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Open Boxing Federation of Tanzania (OBFT) says it plans to stage international trial bouts in May to prepare local athletes ahead of the 2022 Commonwealth Games which are slated for Birmingham, England.

Lukelo Wililo, OBFT secretary-general, said they plan to coordinate domestic pugilists' trials with boxers from either Uganda or Zambia.

He said five local boxers have been in camp since February 25 at Navy in Kigamboni under coach Timothy Kindu.

The OBFT official mentioned the five local boxers who are in camp as Elias Damson, Alex Isendi, Yusuf Chagalawe, Kassim Mbuntwike, and Mhina Moriss.

Wililo said the trial bouts will help the coach gauge his boxers' skills before the Commonwealth Games.

The official noted: "We want to have trials with foreign boxers, we have written to boxing associations of Uganda and Zambia inviting them for the trials in May."

"We are just waiting for a response from them, we have five boxers in camp shaping up for the Commonwealth Games."

"The country will be represented by three boxers, the other two are in camp as sparring partners," he said.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games, officially known as the XXII Commonwealth Games and commonly known as Birmingham 2022, will see 5 054 athletes from 72 Commonwealth nations participating in 283 events from 20 sports disciplines under the theme 'Games for All' in Birmingham.

Birmingham was announced as host on 21 December 2017, marking England's third time hosting the Games behind Manchester 2002 and London 1934.

The Games were originally awarded to Durban, South Africa, which withdrew in 2017 due to financial issues.

Two cities initially launched bids for the games, Durban, South Africa, and Edmonton, Canada.

Edmonton withdrew its bid in February 2015, leaving Durban as the only bid to go forward to Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) General Assembly in September 2015.

Durban initially secured the right to host the games, as they were the sole bidder for the event.

The city previously considered bidding for either the 2020 or 2024 Summer Olympics, but later dropped the idea as it wanted to focus on the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It would have marked the first time the games were held in Africa and the second time a Commonwealth republic would have hosted, following Delhi, India in 2010.

The Games were set to open on 18 July 2022, coinciding with the birthday of the late South African President, Nelson Mandela.

It was reported in February 2017 that Durban might be unable to host the games due to financial constraints.

This was confirmed one month later on 13 March 2017 when the CGF stripped Durban of its rights to host the Games.

# Coastal Union, Kagera Sugar battle for Federation Cup semi-final ticket



Kagera Sugar FC players celebrate after one of the squad's footballers netted a goal in a recent NBC Premier League tie against Mbeya City FC that took place in Mbeya. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KAGERA SUGAR FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

COASTAL Union will host Kagera Sugar in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) quarterfinal clash at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga today afternoon.

Unlike the Premier League top teams of Azam FC, Yanga, and Simba SC, these two sides are not competing for any other trophies, meaning their chances should not be overlooked as they can afford to throw all their resources into cup glory.

Hosts Coastal Union comes into this game on the back of a narrow 2-1 defeat to Simba SC in the NBC Premier League last Thursday.

They produced a good performance to keep Simba SC in check until the additional minutes when Meddie Kagere broke the home side's hearts to deny them shared points.

However, Coastal Union has failed to find consistency to win matches this season which led to the club parting ways with tactician Melis Medo and replacing him with Juma

Mgunda.

They have struggled in front of goals this season, with Taifa Stars' striker Abdulhamis Suleiman and Haji Ugando managing only six goals between them in the league.

There are doubts over the availability of Suleiman who missed the Simba SC game.

To reach the quarterfinal stage, Coastal Union has beaten Mtwara Sugar 2-0, Top Boys 8-1, and Fountain Gate FC 2-0.

Kagera Sugar, on the other hand, beat Medo's Coastal Union 2-1 in the league.

Goals from either half of the game goal from youngster Eric Mwijage secured the win for coach Francis Baraza's Kagera Sugar after Vincent Aboubakar had equalized for Coastal Union.

Kagera Sugar got past Namungo FC 1-0 and also beat African Lyon 4-0 and TRA FC 3-0 to now face Coastal Union.

After a tough start, the Kagera squad has now lost only one game since the beginning of the year, which means they are the form side in this encounter.

In the attack, Kagera Sugar's Hassan Mwaterema and Eric Mwijage are the danger.

Mwijage is a tricky wide attacker who can carry the ball and is a real handful on the counter, while Mwaterema likes to play off the shoulder and makes runs in behind.

The winner of the tie will face either Azam FC or Polisi Tanzania in the semi-finals.

The winner of the competition earns a ticket to represent Tanzania in CAF Confederation Cup next season.

## Coastal Union out to bundle Kagera Sugar out of ASFC 2021/22 quarterfinal

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga



Coastal Union's players attend training in Tanga recently to shape up for this season's NBC Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COASTAL UNION

COASTAL Union will today confront Kagera Sugar in the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) quarterfinal match at Mkwakwani Stadium.

The duel hosts had three days back locked horns with Simba SC in the 19th round of this season's NBC Premier League at the same stadium in a fixture that was tough and competitive.

Simba SC notched a 2-1 victory over Coastal Union, the results which pushed the Tanga-based club to 12th position, one position down in the league standing.

After the clash's last minute, Coastal Union's tactician Juma Mgunda was quoted as saying he conceded the defeat.

Mgunda noted that lack of concentration by the squad defenders had cost it and pledged to work on all shortcomings observed.

The head coach was adamant that all efforts are concentrated on the coming matches including the Federation Cup last-eight

clash against Kagera Sugar.

Coastal Union is facing another sensitive and essential match with either outfit vying for victory to qualify for the semi-finals of the Federation Cup.

The Tanga-based team ought to fight hard to make sure it wins the game aiming to avoid repeating the mistakes that will have the squad losing the third match at the home stadium.

Coastal Union lost two consecutive fixtures at its home stadium, succumbing to a 3-1 defeat to Ruvu Shooting and the last week's loss in the duel against Premier League defending champions Simba.

Kagera Sugar had garnered a 2-1 victory over Coastal Union on the 14th round of NBC Premier League at Kaitaba Stadium on February 5.

This time Coastal Union is at its home stadium, it will be under pressure to prevent Kagera Sugar's strikers from notching goals.

Speaking exclusively to The Guardian, Coastal Union's spokesperson Miraji Wandji said the team's head coach Mgunda has already worked on all mistakes that caused the outfit to lose three points in the match against Simba SC.

Wandji added: "Tactician Mgunda had already addressed all mistakes observed in the match against Simba SC and all of our efforts are gearing on taking on Kagera Sugar in the Azam Sports Federation Cup at Mkwakwani Stadium here in Tanga."

If either Coastal Union or Kagera Sugar comes out victorious in the game, there would be a possibility for the winners to lock horns with either Azam FC or Polisi Tanzania in the semi-final.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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