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## EAC commends IGAD bid for Sudan ceasefire

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) has expressed fears over the ongoing conflict in Sudan, calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities between the warring parties to avoid further loss of life.

The EAC Secretariat said in a statement issued yesterday that the regional trading bloc strenuously seeks an amicable settlement through conflict resolution mechanisms at the regional, continental and international levels.

"The EAC stands in solidarity with the people of Sudan in the quest for peace," it said, noting that the conflict will intensify insecurity and instability, plus a ripple effect in the region and the continent at large.

"We appreciate efforts that have been made so far by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the African Union and the United Nations to resolve the conflict," it stated.

The main concern was that it is the most vulnerable segments of the Sudanese population - women and children - who will bear the brunt of the worsening conflict, it said, encouraging the two parties to exhaust diplomatic options in an effort to find a lasting solution to the bitterly divisive conflict.

Fighting between the army and a key paramilitary division in Khartoum in particular has killed around 200 people and wounded 1,800 as of late Monday, damaging hospitals and hampering aid

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Abdul Nondo (L, with microphone), National Chairman of the opposition ACT-Wazalendo's Youth Wing, addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday as police moved to bar a demonstration apparently meant to pressure the government into taking action against people named in the Controller and Auditor General's Report for financial year 2021/2022 as being behind cases of embezzlement and misuse of public funds. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# MPs demand axed input dealers stay out for fraud

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

REVOKED licences of 736 fertiliser importers, distributors and sales agents in the southern highlands regions will not be restored, the legislature resolved yesterday.

Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson issued the directive when responding to Iringa Urban MP Jesca Msambatavangu, who requested for guidance on whether the government was planning to restore their licenses.

The MP expressed concern that chances exist that embezzlers of public funds including deceitful subsidized fertiliser sales agents avoid being punished in accordance with the law.

The Agriculture ministry needs to hire other agents to be allocated in regions needing such services, she said, affirming that allocating alternative agents will enable farmers to receive agricultural

inputs on time.

"We cannot let agents temper with subsidized fertiliser because the government has already paid for it. The government injected money in fertilisers with good intentions of relaxing final user prices," she added.

"Legal measures should be taken against them if they were proved to be involved in fraud. Their licenses should be revoked indefinitely for the benefits of farmers. Being deceitful means they are stealing from the government," the legislative chamber leader intoned, commending the ministry for revoking their licenses.

Although the measures may cause some impacts to farmers, it is important that fraudulent importers, distributors and sales are controlled, she emphasised, urging the ministry to seek alternatives to ensure farmers in areas facing

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## Mkono dies in the US

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER Musoma Rural and Butiama legislator and long-serving legal counsel Nimrod Mkono (79) died in the morning yesterday in the United States where he went for treatment in 2018 for a memory loss ailment.

Family sources said that the late top business lawyer was born on August 18, 1943 and rose to business prominence and a measure of altruism which later assisted him in his political designs.

He was MP for Musoma Rural from 2000 to 2015 and then MP for Butiama from 2015.

His most memorable public engagement was his sideline role as TANESCO legal adviser in a long battle with shareholders of Independent Power (T) Ltd, analysts recalled.

## Samia's specialist drive enrolls over 400 medics

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

OVER 400 medics have been enrolled in the wake of a super specialist programme initiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, MPs were told yesterday.

Health minister Umyy Mwalimu made this observation when responding to Emmanuel Mwakasaka (Tabora Urban) who wanted to know government plans to solve the shortage of medical specialists at the Kiteete Referral Hospital in Tabora Region.

Over 400 medics were sent to various training institutions inside and outside the country in a move to reduce the shortage of medical specialists in the country.

She said the government allocated 8bn/- in the outgoing financial year to facilitate

the programme and it intends to put up similar amounts for the training drive in fiscal 2023/24.

Following the recently announced vacancies for teachers and medical personnel, the government expects midyear to dispatch medical specialists at regional referral hospitals, she stated.

Some referral hospitals had extra specialists so the ministry was redistributing them as well as training others, even in foreign countries, to cover the deficit, she said.

Earlier when responding to the Tabora Urban MP, deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel said that the referral hospital had five specialists, thus the government has taken six doctors outside the country for studies to reconcile the disparity.

## Tanzania guns for ICT expertise from Estonia

By Guardian Correspondent, Tallinn, Estonia

A DELEGATION of the Tanzania Information and Communication Technologies Commission (ICTC) visiting Estonia for five days says that the country has a highly developed ICT infrastructure system from which Tanzania can gain heavily.

Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga (pictured), the director general and leader of the 11-man delegation said here yesterday that Estonia has colossal ICT knowledge and an advanced e-infrastructure, of a highly competitive level.

Estonia is a small but rich country, with 45,100 sq. km of land, having made huge strides in ICT with appropriate infrastructure.

Tanzania can equally benefit from this knowledge and infrastructure, he said, explaining how the team will make the most of the study tour.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Tanzania and Estonia signed between Estonian authorities and the delegation enables ICTC to collaborate with Estonia's e-Governance Academy and the Estonian Association of Information Technology and Telecommunications a voluntary organisation, whose primary objective is to unite the Estonian (ITL).

The latter is an information technology and telecommunications companies

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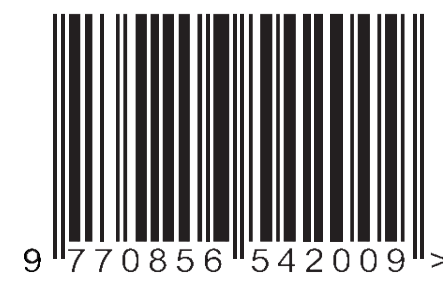
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KCB Tanzania managing director Cosmas Kimario (2nd-L) and head of marketing communications & corporate affairs Christine Manyenye (L) brief Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on sets of tools used to young people through the 'KCB jiajiri' programme in collaboration with German development agency GIZ. Second right is Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Rise in investments in health sector has seen govt offer quality services - official

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government yesterday said that huge investment and improvement in the health sector including human resources enables it to offer quality healthcare services to achieve the intended goals.

Issa Mmbaga, coordinator of the human resources programme in the health sector from the Ministry of Health, said this when presenting a paper on the availability of human resources that was held in Dodoma.

The meeting involved experts from the president's office, Regional Administration and Local

Government (PO-RALG), Ministry of Health, Ministry of finance and planning, President's Office (Public Service Management & Good Governance), Prime Minister's office-Policy, Parliament and coordination.

He said some of the improvements made in the past ten years were construction of new hospitals, medical supplies and renovation of infrastructure in the health facilities.

"Improvement of infrastructure has led to an increase in demand for health personnel, noting that the government plans to come up with

a strategy to ensure there is enough human resources to have a strong health sector and ability to offer quality Healthcare," he said.

Assistant director -Policy and Programme in the Prime Minister's Office Crispin Musiba, said that the recruitment of health practitioners and other experts in the health sector has increased to a large extent that majority of them are out of employment.

"We have today organised a meeting on how we can reduce the number of those who are not deployed, and accommodate them in employment. We have agreed on

eight resolutions to be completed and submitted to the high level meeting within one month," he said.

Dr Ntuli Kapologwe, Director of Health Services, in the President's Offices, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) highlighted the need to have programme to increase community awareness about specializations and super specialization health services and

Dr Kapologwe said also to know different strategic researches that can help to know the number of human resources in the health sector.

"The development in the health sector cannot realized if we cannot conducted community awareness and come with strategic targeting to improve the cadre," he said

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and organisations, working with members on a voluntary basis as an umbrella body for technology and telecommunications companies and organisations.

The ICTC and Estonian agencies are implementing the 'digital for development hub' project linking the European Union with the African Union.

Estonia's e-Governance Agency is a joint initiative of the Estonian government, its Open Society Institute and the United Nations Development Programme., the hosts' statement indicated.

The country's e-Governance Agency assists public sector and civil society organisations in making digital transformations happen/ "We play key roles

in e-government and digital transformation policy planning and implementation, including the formation of lead organisations responsible for developing a nation's interoperability framework and related legal and technical framework development and management," it elaborated.

Others in the study tour ending on Friday are Dr Goodwill Wanga (Tanzania National Business Council), Jasson Ndaguzi and Haji Lunga both of ICTC, Dr Dawson Msongaleli (Tanzania Police), Sostenes Malimi (National Internet Data Centre) Lugano Rwetaka, Peter Mwasalyanda and Nicolaus Mhonyiwa (ICT ministry head offices), Prof George Oreku (Open University of Tanzania) and Donald Juma from the e-Government Authority.

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fertiliser shortage have the relevant deliveries on the spot on time.

The National Assembly needs to deal with all embezzlers of public funds including fertiliser agents, already punished by the ministry, so it should act immediately to ensure farmers obtain the inputs as scheduled, she specified.

Earlier, in her basic question, the MP wanted to know government measures to ensure subsidized fertiliser delivery to farmers following revocation of licenses for upwards of 700 agents.

The MP underlined the need

for the ministry to find alternative suppliers as the region now remains with two agents.

Back in August, President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched a fertiliser subsidy programme for farmers to get fertiliser at close to half the price (70,000/- instead of 120,000/- for a 500 kg bag).

The programme is part of President Samia's Agenda 10/30 launched last April, detailing the Agriculture ministry's work to rally public and private sector entrepreneurs to take up farming and turn around the agriculture value-chain as a whole.

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after three days of street to street combat.

A weeks-long power struggle exploded into deadly violence Saturday between the allied forces obeying the head of the army on the one hand and head of the more intransigent paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) rejecting all meaningful measures leading to a restoration of democracy.

The army seized power anew nearly two years ago as army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan could not obtain sufficient support from the paramilitary division, whose feared field commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, known as Hemedti, wants to keep the status quo.

With the fighting in the capital of the chronically unstable country having airs of being prolonged, analysts doubt the staying power of the paramilitary division despite their sharper inclination to the conflict.

Terrified residents of the capital are spending their last savings and the approaching end of Ramadan risks being submerged by explosions and tank movements in the streets.

The army appeared to get an early upper hand and the paramilitary chief was quoted seeking international community intervention. Analysts believe the standoff will end as in the recent Tigray show of force lasting two years, until surrender.

Residents watch from their windows as tanks roll through the streets, buildings shake and smoke from fires triggered by the fighting hangs in the air, as air strikes, artillery and heavy gunfire punctuate the fighting and inn breaking the fast.

Those compelled to venture out face queues for bread and petrol at outlets that are not shuttered. Residents are also dealing with power outages.

## Govt: No plans to redraft Ugalla River National Park boundaries

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government yesterday stated the commitment to conserve Ugalla River National Park, stating that there are no plans to redraft its boundaries.

Deputy minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Mary Masanja told the National Assembly here that there are no plans to redraft the national park for it is important for national conservation.

She made the statement in response to a question raised by the Urambo MP, Magreth Sitta (CCM), who wanted to know if the government had plans to do so in order to give some pieces of land to area residents.

"When shall the government draw new boundaries at the Ugalla River National Park and give some land to residents who had been using it for beekeeping and livestock keeping?" asked the lawmaker.

In response, the deputy minister noted that the park was established through Conservation Act 282 that upgraded it to Conservation Park as published in the government notice

(GN) number 936 of 2019.

The deputy minister explained that the park is of great importance but before upgrading, it serves as a bee keeping and fishing area.

She noted that the situation brought several challenges including deforestation that interfered with biodiversity and sources of water. "The government has no plans to interfere with the existing boundary of the Ugalla River National Park" said Masanja.

In 2021, Tanzania was floating as one of 'top' countries in terms of the number of national parks after two more were approved by the Parliament.

Kigosi and River Ugalla National Parks were formed after part of their game reserve areas were split to allow them to become what the government described as more productive.

The minister for Natural Resources and Tourism tabled resolutions to upgrade part of two game reserves into national parks, making Tanzania record a total of 24 national parks including two marine parks.



Frederic Couty (standing), a sustainable packaging and continuous improvement expert with the International Trade Centre (ITC), shares insights with beekeeping processors and exporters on the labeling, graphic-designing and bar coding of packaging materials as well as low-cost packaging. This was at a two-day workshop held at the Dar es Salaam campus of the College of Business Education on Monday. It is all part of the Beekeeping Value Chain (BEVAC) support project funded by the European Union and implemented by the ITC in collaboration with Belgian Development Agency Enabel. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Vegetable, fruit transporters in Njombe advise government to improve infrastructure, storage

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

VEGETABLE and fruit transporters in Njombe region have urged the government to improve infrastructure including roads and storage facilities so as to facilitate smooth transportation of the products.

The traders made the call here during the meeting organised by the Tanzania Shipping Corporation (TASAC), intergovernmental standing committee on shipping (ISCOS) and Tanzania Shippers' Council (TSC) to encourage transportation of the produce via air and water transport.

Zekomo Masanje, one of the traders, told this paper on the sidelines of the meeting that they are struggling to meet their goals on the businesses due to poor infrastructure and other various road barriers.

"A great challenge which we are facing here is transport barriers as well as special refrigerated containers to keep the vegetables and avocados, we are forced to take them from Nairobi and the expenses are high, we are calling on the government to work on this and put a good system which will facilitate availability of the containers within the country," he said.

Sallu Johnsons, TSC executive secretary, said most of the harvests have been delayed to reach the port due to transport challenges from the farms.

Earlier, Njombe district commissioner Kissa Kasongwa said that the dry port which is expected to be constructed in Makambako town should also be capacitated with refrigerated containers so as to facilitate easy transportation of the veggies and fruits.

TASAC Ports, Shipping and Maritime Transport control director, Deogratius Mukasa said the major objective of the meeting was to receive challenges and

recommendations from fruit and vegetable transporters so as to take needed measures to support the growth of the business. "We want to enable the transporters in the southern highlands zone who use port services to transport goods abroad to understand well on the best way to carry out their transport duties in a way that they can protect their interests in using transport services," Mukasa said.

Robert Soko, a representative from the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) said the authority has conducted major improvements in its ports so as to attract more traders and stimulate economic growth.



Brig Gen Hassan Mabena (L), Head of Administration in the National Service (JKT), inspects a sunflower farm during a visit to the JKT Makutupora JKT camp at Chenene in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region, yesterday. To his left (foreground) is the camp's acting Commander, Major James Macheta. Photo: Correspondent Renatha Msungu

## Government to execute road projects valued at 830bn/-, says minister

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government will implement road projects worth 830bn/- in the coming financial year, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

The projects will be executed by Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) across the country, said Deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) Deo Ndejemi in response to queries raised by Members of Parliament when contributing to the ministry's budget estimates for the 2023/2024 financial year.

He said "We are all witness that TARURA has done a great job in just one year; the government through the agency will construct more rural roads. Two years before, TARURA was getting a 257b/- budget; thanks to President Samia Suluhu Hassan for increasing the budget for more than 800bn/-."

Ndejemi said that funds for the road projects will be sourced within and outside the country. He ensured the legislators that the government will make sure the roads are constructed at recommended standards as well as ensuring value for money.

In her response, minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), Angela Kairuki said the government is working to empower TARURA with necessary equipment including vehicles.

She said the agency has a total of 282 vehicles, adding the shortage of 177 vehicles will be history in near future as more vehicles will be purchased in the coming year.

"MPs raised concerns over lack of office; we have facilitated TARURA to secure land parcels in district councils. We are now looking for

funds to start constructing the offices in each district," said the minister.

She said the ministry will consult the Treasury to ensure road funds are released on time.

Meanwhile, she said the government will give priority to graduates of 2015 in both education and health sectors. She said teachers and health workers volunteering at secondary schools will also be recruited in accordance with the set criteria.

"Recruitment of public servants in the health and education sectors will now consider their year of graduation. Priority will also be given to those applying to teach science subjects including chemistry, biology, physics, English and literature," said the minister.

She said the government is also preparing a special electronic system that will enable volunteering workers to register. She said the aim is to have a database that will include teachers and health workers volunteering in all districts nationwide.

According to her, lack of a proper registration system for volunteers has sometimes resulted in them being left behind when the government recruits new employees.

"We do not have a proper system to recognize and register them; with the new system we will not only recognize them; it will help other graduates to apply for the posts in their specific districts," said Kairuki.

*"MPs raised concerns over lack of office; we have facilitated TARURA to secure land parcels in district councils. We are now looking for funds to start constructing the offices in each district"*

## Automobile firm to establish Kibaha development project

By Guardian Reporter

TATA International Africa has announced the commencement of a development project in Kibaha district, Coast region, which is set to create new business opportunities and stimulate economic growth in the country.

The project, spread over approximately five hectares of land, will include the construction of a bonded warehouse for commercial vehicles, agricultural and construction equipment, a shop floor for tractor assembly, a facility for commercial vehicle body building, pre-delivery inspection areas, a wash bay for the vehicles and associated facilities.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held yesterday at the Kibaha project site, at Machinjoni Mtaa, Tangini Ward, in TAMCO Industrial Estate of the National Development Corporation.

The event was attended by the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, and Alfred Mapunda, director strategic projects of the National Development Corporation (NDC).

Len Brand, CEO of Tata International Africa said: "The ground breaking ceremony, a much anticipated event, is an example of a long and productive partnership between Tata International Africa and the Tanzanian National Development Corporation in

Kibaha district."

"We are excited to commence with this project and look forward to following its progress to fruition late next year. We stand by our commitment to strengthening our already solid footprint on the African continent, with the development of this site," said Brand.

Shantanu Nagar (head - speciality, voltas and projects), who is overseeing this overall project, together with Rajiv Bhushan (head - Tanzania auto business) presented an overview of the project, noting that it is expected to be completed by the end of October 2024.

According to Shantanu, the project is set to create new business

opportunities and stimulate economic growth in the region.

The Tata group began its relationship with the African continent in 1977 with the establishment of Tata Zambia. In 1994, the Tata group inaugurated Tata Africa Holdings in Johannesburg, South Africa, which now serves as the group's headquarters in the continent. Tata International Africa is present in 12 African countries namely South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It operates in automotive, agricultural equipment, farming and farm equipment, chemicals, and healthcare products.

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## 'Carry out effective ethics standards in government and the civil service'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

CIVIL servants have been called upon to abide by ethics in issues which involve discipline especially when dealing with servants who have gone against public service principles.

Asumpta Wambura, coordinator of disciplinary matters at the Tanzania Public Service College - Singida Campus made the call on Monday in Morogoro on the training of human resource managers from the Tanzania Rural Roads Agency (TARURA) and employers from Bunda and Tanga municipal councils.

Asumpta said despite the fact

that disciplinary issues involve all stakeholders, there is a need for officers to understand that matters must be addressed in relation to the law.

"Discipline has been an issue, therefore there is a need to ensure that civil servants follow the rules and that all those in public service should know and understand them," she said, noting that the training will continue to be offered aiming at improving public service delivery but also promote discipline.

She said already the office of the President, Good Governance and Public Service Management has prepared harmonised policies and rules to ensure that they are in line with changing times for national

development.

One of the officers from TARURA, Selemani Luhunga said the training they received yesterday will go a long way into expanding their knowledge to address them but also improve public service as a whole.

He added that the training will also help the officials to understand what the rules and guidelines say about discipline in public service whereby through the new Public Service Act, 2019 stipulates changes in various areas.

He said many things were added in the new law including economic sabotage and other issues which were relevant to public service and servants especially at this time of technology and advanced knowledge.



Health minister Umyy Mwalimu (2nd-L) pictured in Dar es Salaam on Monday unveiling six sets of new cold-chain equipment worth over 600m/- Vodacom Tanzania Foundation and Vodacom Group have donated to the ministry for use in boosting safe storage of vaccines - and therefore preventive medical care - in the country. Left is VTF chairperson Harriett Lwakatatare and second right is Vodacom Tanzania finance director Hilda Bujiku. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

- Ensure that financial reporting, including management accounts and financial statements, is produced consistently, on time and to a high standard across all entities. Responsible for the day-to-day finance operation.
- Manage the annual audit process for relevant entities, working closely with auditors to ensure an efficient and timely audit is conducted.
- Ensure appropriate internal controls over accounting, processes and reporting are in place and operating effectively. Ensure that all risks are well understood, and any errors and breaches are reported and actioned.
- Support operational change projects impacting the business, including, but not limited to, changes arising from regulatory developments, internal operational requirements, control improvements and client requirements.
- Coordinate the proper filing of tax returns.
- Be proactive in understanding transactions and any matters which have an accounting impact.
- Ensure there is continual improvement in the relevant underlying processes and work with internal and external stakeholders to implement necessary change.
- Ensure entity governance requirements are met.
- Preparation of reports to the Boards of Directors and to third parties.

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#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Economics or equivalent.
- Qualified CPA(T) holder preferred.
- Minimum 5 years' relevant professional experience in a similar role. Experience in audit firms would be added advantage.
- In-depth understanding of current accounting standards and tax issues.
- Ability to compile, analyze data and prepare complex financial reports and statements.
- Analytical, judgment and attention to details oriented.
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- Ability to meet multiple deadlines.
- Ability to prioritize and schedule work.
- Production of accurate financial reporting.
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- Strong analytical, organizational, and problem-solving skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to build long-term professional relationships at all levels.
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#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Please submit a Cover Letter and Resume outlining your interest in the position to: [jobs@touchfoundation.org](mailto:jobs@touchfoundation.org). Please put "Financial Controller" in the subject line of your e-mailed application.
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## Government tasks regional and district council leaders offer free medical cards to elders, disabled

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has called upon the regional and district council leaders to follow the directives on providing free medical cards to elders and the disabled.

Deputy minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), Festo Dugange made the call in the House yesterday, saying the government is committed to ensure the elderly and disabled get medical services.

The deputy minister was responding to a question raised by the Buyungu MP, Aloyce Kamamba (CCM), who wanted to know when the government would issue the medical cards to all elders in Kakonko.

In response, Dugange said at least 3,440 old people in Kakonko district council are to be issued with free medical services cards in 2023/24.

He told the lawmakers that the elders will get the free medical cards through revenues from the council's own sources.

The deputy minister explained that Kakonko district council is implementing different health interventions including free medical services to the elderly, 60 years and above as well as the disabled.

He explained that this is done in accordance with the National Aging Policy of 2003 and that of 2007 and guidelines on provision of health services to the elderly.

The deputy minister also stated that in 2022/23, the district council identified 11,524 elderly people and

those with disabilities whereby 6,084 elders were given free medical cards, 2,000 were issued Community Health Fund (CHF) cards.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan in 2021 highlighted key measures being taken by the government to improve the welfare of the elderly in the country, including review of the National Ageing Policy of 2003.

The Head of State said that the review of the policy will help among others to address some of the challenges facing the group as the government works to enact a law to safeguard their rights and welfare.

President Samia made the revelation during her meeting with about 900 elders of Dar es Salaam region held at Mlimani City Conference Hall.

## Villagers decry losses after all night rains pound Rubafu ward

By Guardian Correspondent, Kagera

THIRTY two houses including a church and school buildings have been destroyed following heavy windy rains and strong winds at Marehe village in Rubafu Ward in Bukoba district, Kagera region.

The ward got pounded all night by heavy rain on April 16 has also destroyed properties leaving a number of residents homeless.

Residents in the village said it was unfortunate that the rains started during night when people were asleep but when the houses started to fall, they woke up to support rescue operations.

Godian Lurian, one of the

residents, said a total of 32 houses have been destroyed leaving many people homeless. The rains have also destroyed a new Roman Catholic Church building.

"We thank God that many people woke up that night to provide support to rescue people from the houses, especially children and women," said Godliver Rweyemamu, a resident in the village.

He called on the government to support the victims but also speed up the construction of the damaged infrastructure so as to restore economic activities in the areas.

Justine Mchunguzi, a teacher at Rubafu primary school said roofs

of two classrooms were blown off.

Rubafu ward executive officer (WEO) said in the incident, two fishermen are feared to have drowned in Lake Victoria after not being seen since the storm occurred while one was rescued.

Bukoba district commissioner Erasto Siima who visited the victims said efforts are ongoing to get the two lost fishermen and the rescue team is also searching in the village where the one fisherman was found.

He said that the government recognises the situation and it will be providing all the needed support to the victims as well as repairing the infrastructure.

## Z'bar renovates MV Mapinduzi II

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR government is renovating the MV Mapinduzi II ship so as to bring relief to its citizens in Unguja and Pemba, but also promote businesses and economic growth.

Minister for Works, Communications and Transport in Zanzibar, Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed said he tour to inspect the rehabilitation work of the ship at Malindi port.

He said that the government has decided to renovate the ship to address the transportation challenges which have been facing

the citizens for a long time.

"The renovation commenced in February where all two engines were being repaired as well as generators which had technical challenges leading to the total destruction of the ship's cooling system," he said.

The minister said he has been satisfied with the progress of the work where some systems had started working including the ship lights, something which brings big hopes.

He wanted technicians of the ship to ensure that they order all the required equipment that will facilitate completion of the

renovation work enabling the ship to commence operations within the scheduled time frame.

"The renovation contractor also involves training local experts on how to operate the ship, so the contractors will remain in the country for two years to operate the ship while training the locals to master the vehicles once the technicians are gone," he explained.

Diy Kwak from Kookje Engineering of South Korea assured that they are working day and night to ensure that the renovation work is completed by September, this year.



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### Rural roads will take time to come to standard on this funding format

LEGISLATORS were virtually unanimous in seeking higher budget allocations for the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA), arguing that a greater capacity for the agency would enable it build a more modern wider network of rural roads. All areas of the country want good transport networks urgently, and the idea is to increase budget allocations, to permit crop diversification, thus boosting economic growth. The idea is not at fault, but the method is not exactly exciting.

It is not clear whether the frequent appeals about private sector involvement in development projects is limited to setting out procurement notices and obtaining tender bids from private firms. The sums that the government allocates annually for the construction sector and especially for roads are fairly massive, at least for the total size of the budget. And indeed the latest overview of growth projection by the Bank of Tanzania was putting construction at the forefront, at 13 per cent level.

One of the wonders of post-World War II growth experiences was in Europe, and another in South East Asia or the Far East generally a generation later (for Japan a couple of decades after the war). Africa has been independent for 60 years in the least and no such growth experience has been seen, and South Africa or Nigeria, to speak of Zimbabwe, appeared to be on high growth patch earlier and slid off later. Some rectification is being tried like we are doing, to rely on market systems.

Another aspect is that in history there is no single pole of growth that must always provide the 'pole

vault' capacity, but an avoidable element is a competitive market environment. At the fiscal level, a big lesson of fast growth is the use of revolving credit that is repaid, quickly enough for others to be lent, not empowerment funds that are unlikely to be repaid. Infrastructure is another area, where government can set costing formats for all sorts of roads and private firms build and maintain them.

When a country has accepted an individualist rather than collective organisation of economy, an investor will be sure that he will be paid his rent permanently, for building and maintaining the road, and he makes sure it is not damaged. Elected councils, when they are put in charge, ensure that the roads are decrepit, so that they elbow their way via Parliament or other organ to get large amounts of money allocated. They invite tender bids, allocate to friends, overstate costs, and soon the roads are ruined. They will remain that way for new bundles of cash to be paid out.

A Special Seats MP said in the debate that the 800bn/- allocation for TARURA is not enough as most rural roads are in a poor state. Definitely that is true, but if that amount was placed in the central bank and commercial banks issue loans for road construction by private firms, using that sum to back up own assets, it would surely suffice. Builders would be paid principal and interest say across five years, and then continue receiving interest as rent for maintenance. The roads would all be built rapidly and maintained instead of annual allocations and permanent bad roads to get more money disbursed. It is a non-discriminatory approach to participation, guided by considerations of prosperity.

### Child marriage is always a human rights violation

MANY girls are unable to freely choose their partners, some of whom are more than a decade older than them. Girls are often taken out of school to do household work and raise children. Child brides are more likely to report experiencing abuse at the hands of their partners or in-laws. In the worst cases, child brides are sold into sex trafficking by their husbands or abused to the point of death.

Ending child marriage means addressing the issue at governmental, community, and individual levels. Child, early, and forced marriage is a form of gender-based violence which can also harm agricultural productivity. Yet this connection between child marriage and agricultural productivity is not often discussed.

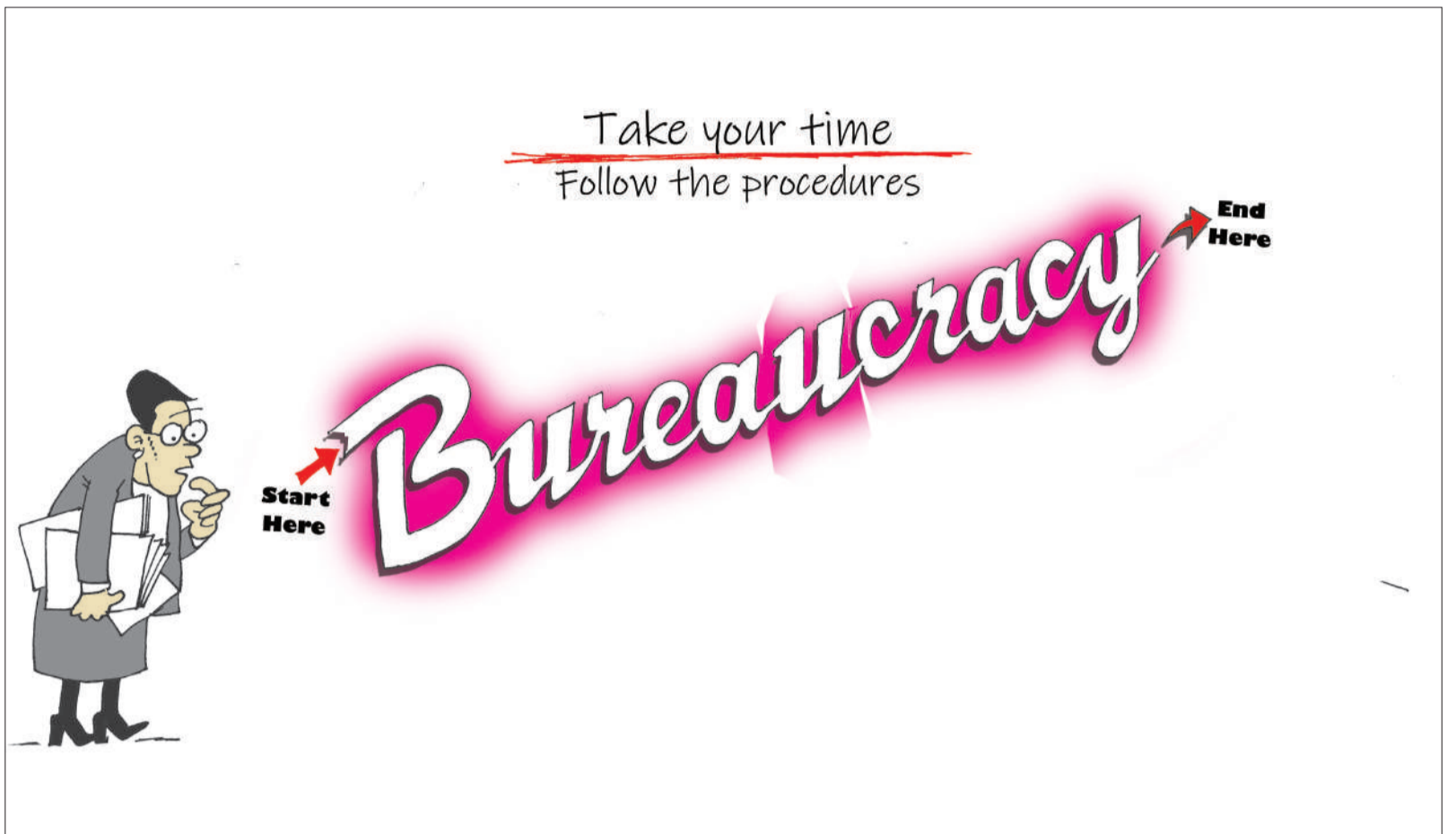
Child marriage is a global challenge that impedes our progress across all sectors of society, including agriculture. Seven hundred and twenty million women alive today were married before their 18th birthday, and each year, 12 million additional girls are married before they turn 18 years old. That's the equivalent of 23 girls every minute or nearly one every two seconds. Furthermore, girls in rural communities tend to marry or enter into union at twice the rate of girls in urban communities.

Child marriage is fueled by many complex and localised factors: poverty, lack of education, tradition, insecurity, and lack of positive coping mechanisms to shocks and stressors. Gender inequality and a devaluation of girls and women underlie all factors that contribute to the practice of child marriage. In some cases, families genuinely

believe they are protecting their daughter by making her marry young. In other cases, girls are treated as a commodity or as a burden. In times of crisis, girls are seen as a drain on a family's scarce resources and best married in return for a dowry in countries where dowry is practiced. In countries facing drought, there have been spikes in the rate of child marriage.

Child brides can face a lifetime of challenges from marrying at such a young age. They are more likely to become pregnant before their bodies are fully developed. Ninety per cent of adolescent births in the developing world are to girls who are married or in a union. This contributes to high fertility rates and places a higher care burden on girls who, because of their age, lack the financial, physical, and informational resources, and the agency to adequately care for their growing family. Pregnancy and childbirth complications are the leading cause of death among 15 to 19-year-old girls globally. Girls who marry before the age of 15 are almost 50 per cent more likely to have experienced physical or sexual violence from a partner than girls who marry after 18. In addition, child marriage typically ends a girl's formal education. Girls' new role as a wife and potentially as a mother often brings expectations that she will stay at home to take care of the home and family, and in rural communities, child brides are expected to leave school to cultivate land and collect natural resources.

While agriculture and specific crops can be highly gendered, in general, women are heavily involved in cultivating, harvesting, and processing food and bringing it to market.



## KDF versus police: Supremacy wars derailing banditry security operation

By Mwangi Muiruri

PRESIDENT William Ruto's determination to end banditry is being frustrated by lack of unity and supremacy wars within the multi-agency security team deployed for the joint operation.

The lack of a unified action plan is being blamed for the circus that has become the fight against banditry in an operation that the government launched in February in Baringo, Samburu, Laikipia, Turkana, West Pokot and Elgeyo Marakwet counties.

The forces deployed include formations in the military and the National Police Service. Bandits, however, continue to strike, steal livestock and kill civilians.

"How do you pick a police officer to be an operation commander where the KDF [Kenya Defence Forces] is actively engaged? It will be an outright flop since the soldiers won't recognise [the police officer]," a military officer told Nation.

"We have been deployed from several units that trained individually and for different tasks. How are we supposed to fight together?"

The soldier said that, besides the military, there are officers from the General Service Unit (GSU), Rapid Deployment Unit (RDU), Special Operations Group (SOG), the Special Recce Team (SRT), Anti Stock Theft Unit (ASTU), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). There are feelings that the operation is overloaded with assets with fragmented command centres and none trusts intelligence gathered outside its formation.

While the military is known for its incompatibility with other security assets, the Administration Police has a structural rivalry with the regular police, igniting a war of egos.

Further, a culture of greed that seeks to monetise all opportunities for personal gain has been claimed to permeate security organs, with some officers cutting deals with bandits.

Nation was told that all these units gather their own intelligence and do not share, while information from the National Intelligence Service (NIS) is treated as unverified as per consumption needs.

Another issue said to be compromising the operation is the payment of allowances, where some formations are paid while others get nothing, breeding resentment.

As the confusion rages, some of the general duties (GD) officers



who are occasionally incorporated in the operation are said: "to be busy selling crucial information to saboteurs allied to political camps that would wish President Ruto's government to fail".

In the face of all this, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki has maintained a straight face, coming out on several occasions to assure the nation that his mission will succeed.

"I will make whatever sacrifices that would require to be made and I will remain focused until this problem is over even if it means moving over to be living in the affected areas," said Prof Kindiki during his vetting by the National Assembly.

"It is in no doubt that President Ruto is dead serious about this menace. It is not lost to us that Prof Kindiki is also doing all he can to help the president make his numerous threats to bandits sound serious and non-compromising," a police officer involved in the operation in West Pokot said.

"The problem is that we as junior officers cannot openly tell him what they are getting wrong," he said.

He added that "words of immense wisdom were uttered by former Rift Valley Regional Commissioner George Ntembeya (now the Trans Nzoia governor) on February 12 this year in front of the President to the effect that all was not well and more needed to be done as groundwork before the real operation commenced".

Kandara police boss Michael Mwaura, who has served in Turkana, said "there are certain [elements of] intelligence that banditry reports lack and that is where the war is being lost".

"While I was there, I learnt that

the raids are coated with a lot of propaganda and falsehoods," Mwaura told Nation, a ding that there are people who would wish the country to believe that there are security officers involved in the banditry menace.

"But even the number of herds stolen is usually exaggerated," he said, for propaganda purposes. "The highest real figure I came across was that of 300 goats stolen."

About guns used in the raids, Mwaura said "in some communities, guns are like farm implements where even the kids know how to use them".

Security officers now believe the advice that Ntembeya gave in good faith was ignored.

"You tell these teams that the bandits are holed up here and give the exact coordinates only for them to bomb the opposite direction because bandits already know of the strategies," Ntembeya said.

His words were corroborated by our sources, who intimated that the only way out is for security formations to work together.

"Let them share out these problematic counties—including those affected by terrorism—among the different formations. That will give clarity of command and accountability," said one of the senior officers.

"Give Pokot to GSU, Baringo to RDU, Turkana to BPU and so on. This will breed competition to emerge the best unit," he said.

"Let them compete in addressing cattle rustlers, terrorism, highway bandits, crop thefts, cyber crimes, name it. That is when the country will know real reprieve".

These revelations come in the wake of a March 2, 2023 report by the Armed Conflict Location

and Event Data that says the country faced instability owing to heightened activities of pastoralist militia in 2022.

"The Kerio Valley region – which includes West Pokot, Baringo, and Elgeyo Marakwet, plus neighbouring Turkana and Laikipia counties – and the northeastern counties of Isiolo, Samburu, and Marsabit, among other arid and semi-arid lands, are the areas worst affected," it reads in part.

The report says the regions have suffered from increasing inter-communal violence involving pastoralist militias in the past year and continue to experience sustained tensions.

"Besides drought that breeds competition over access to limited pasture and water, we have the proliferation of small arms smuggled from neighbouring countries such as Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Somalia as the drivers of violence," it says.

The report says it recorded 170 incidents involving pastoralist militias in 2022 alone, representing a 139 per cent increase compared to the previous year.

"At least 193 reported fatalities were recorded, with civilian deaths constituting the majority of overall reported cases. Baringo had the highest number of civilian fatalities in 2022 at 27, followed by Elgeyo Marakwet and Isiolo, each with 23," the report said.

It added that Pokot ethnic militias alone were involved in almost 60 per cent of the banditry incidents where 70 per cent of the violence was meted out on civilians and the remaining to clashes with security agencies.



# Let's resolve wars and conflicts peacefully to ease global food crisis

THE phrase 'food is life' is popular as it expresses a point of view that food is necessary to maintain our bodies both physically and mentally. Without adequate and nutritious food, our bodies cannot function properly.

People who get food easily never respect its value and mostly go on wasting the same. But the underprivileged who struggle to get one bite of food per day actually know the value of food. Just imagine yourself in the midst of a desert or somewhere isolated without any food or water for many hours or even days!

The on-going war between Ukraine and Russia and its resultant refugee crisis as well as many other conflicts around the world plus natural and man-made disasters like drought, earthquakes, floods and landslides confound the already bad food situation.

People starve, struggle, migrate and some die while trying to escape. Those caught in raging wars and conflicts depend on hand-outs from charities to put food on the table. Imagine transition from eating your home-cooked favourite meal to a packet of snacks from a charity.

Yes, the food crisis is a global pressing issue. Studies show that millions of children are facing the worst hunger crisis in decades. According to various estimates, 40 million people are close to starvation as they face famine or droughts, with children and women hit the hardest.

We are in the midst of a devastating global food crisis. The reasons are now well known. The COVID -19 pandemic, climate change, con-



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licts and soaring food prices have led to a steep rise in hunger in countries across the world.

The conflict in Ukraine-Russia conflict has sent global food prices skyrocketing. As we know, these two countries supply wheat, sunflower oil, barley, maize and fertilizers. But on-going conflict means very little will be available.

So, conflict is still the biggest driver of hunger, with 70 per cent of the world's hungry people living in areas afflicted by war and violence, according to the UN World Food Programme. Not only Ukraine and Russia conflict, but also Mali, eastern DRC, Syria, Yemen, Mozam-

bique and other conflict-hit countries.

Conflicts destroy livelihoods and force families to flee their homes, leaving countless others facing hunger. Studies estimate that over 14 million people in the central Sahel countries of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Also, studies show that climate change has contributed to the food crisis by changing weather patterns such as rainfall, increased climatic shocks such as floods, droughts, cyclones and hurricanes which all have an impact on harvests.

Drought is nothing new but

due to global warming nowadays, less rainfall and quite uncertain rainfalls create different kinds of droughts including the prolonged ones. Droughts which affect agriculture and food security have become more frequent and more severe in recent years in different countries.

COVID -19 also caused a sharp rise in poverty and inequality globally as lockdowns devastated family livelihoods. In many countries, pandemic restrictions also meant disruption to food supplies and steep rises in food prices which created immense strain on household budgets with the poorest families hardest hit.

Economic instability has impacted access to food for many people. Even if the food is available, for many people it is too expensive to buy hence reducing people's access to it. During the pandemic, many people lost their income hence inability to purchase food.

Various studies name South Sudan as the country most affected by hunger where at least 7.2 million people—approximately 60 per cent of the population—are in a food crisis. South Sudan also faces multiple humanitarian crises with the country affected by years of tribal conflicts and a vicious cycle of drought and flooding.

Experts say that in the Horn of Africa, countries like Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya struggle for food and clean water. The Horn of Africa has failed 4 consecutive rainy seasons which means the region is facing the worst drought in 40 years. Niger and Mali are also facing the worst humanitarian crisis in over a decade.

Yet, over a third of all food produced (2.5 billion tonnes) is lost or wasted each year. One third of this occurs in the food production stage, studies show.

So, think twice before throwing food away. Also, we have to cook and consume food according to our needs, namely the right quantity. If by chance you make extra, don't throw away your leftovers. Instead, plan to use the leftovers.

We can't afford to wait until more countries reach emergency levels of food insecurity. There shouldn't be any delay; it's time to act now. Governments and donors should contribute to supply funding for food and nutrition as well as other livelihood support.

But most importantly, let's resolve wars and conflicts peacefully to ease the global food crisis. If we choose to reverse this dire situation, we can do it. Can't we?

# 'I Am The State': Transition from fear to open criticism of excesses

By Mark Mapambano

LAST Friday, a momentous happening took place in Dar es Salaam which will undoubtedly secure a permanent place in the history of post-independence Tanzania. For the first time, a book which vividly recounts excesses of a president was launched, albeit posthumously.

'I AM THE STATE: A President's Whisper from Chato' is a joint effort by seasoned Tanzanian journalists Ansbert Ngurumo, Jesse Kwayu, Neville Meena and Absalom Kibanda. It opens the lid on how President John Magufuli threw the country into darkness by muzzling the media, thereafter embarking on mismanagement of state resources at will.

With the watchdog rendered toothless and voiceless, favouritism, cronyism, nepotism, regionalism and patronage took centre stage. Additionally, propaganda-induced nationalist sentiments ruled, falsely portraying the president as a man of the people on one hand and running the government a one-man-show affair on the other.

Consequently, public procurement procedures became useless, contractors were single sourced, expert opinion was cooked, political candidates were hand-picked, Parliament became prac-

tically one party and the president became the law. Trillions of shillings were mismanaged and no one could raise a finger to question.

Authors of this tell-it-all book about Magufuli presidency settled for an interesting title, borrowed from the one and only Louis-Dieudonné. Known simply as Louis XIV or Louis le Grand (Louis the Great), it was this King of France from 1643 until his death in 1715 who famously said L'État, c'est moi (I am the state) in 1655.

Louis XIV presided over 'Un roi, une loi, une foi' mentality, meaning 'One king, One law, One faith' style of leadership. When these four senior scribes thought of a leader whose style resembles Magufuli's, they settled for this Frenchman.

"He wanted his people to fear him to prevent uprisings or conflicts. In order to deliver the notion that he was truly the 'one' king in the land, he named himself the 'Sun' king. This was because the people can see the sun every day, bestowing its beauty and happy glitter across the world," reads the king's biography on Wikiversity.

Bishop Dr Benson Bagonza of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania Karagwe Diocese was the guest of honour at the book launch. He said that one of the key

lessons picked from the book is having a constitution that gives powers to institutions and citizens to hold their leaders to account.

He asserted that the book will trigger public debate on the misuse of public funds, the true definition of a patriot and patriotism and separation of powers between the executive, the judiciary and the legislature.

"I would like to urge the present government to invest in the line of good governance so that leaders' deeds are challenged or praised when they are in office rather than gagging opponents. Neither the leaders nor the government will last forever. Governments are supposed to rule in the interest of their people," he said.

Sheikh Ponda Issa Ponda, a Muslim cleric and a human rights defender, said that the book should be an eye-opener in stimulating the struggle for a new constitution that forbids impunity, favouritism and regionalism in leadership.

"We had reached a stage where the country was paralyzed at the president's wish. His words became the land's laws and were fully enforced no matter the implications. We need to set mechanisms that compel leaders to govern according to the laws," he said.

"The book reveals how public funds were misused during Magufuli's regime. He used to allocate public funds elsewhere even without the parliament's approval; as a result, the misuse of such funds was nobody's business. This may lead to a situation where taxpayers question why they should pay taxes," said Chadema national chairman Freeman Mbowe.

Lest we forget that anybody, including constitutional office holders, who challenged Magufuli's excesses was never left alone. One example is that of Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Prof Mussa Assad who he unceremoniously removed from office in 2019 for simply doing his job diligently.

In December last year, the High Court ruled that the removal was unconstitutional, granting an application filed in 2019 by opposition politician Zitto Kabwe. The court held that the removal offended Articles 26 (1) and 144 (1) of the constitution.

Fast forward to March 2023 and Assad's predecessor CAG Charles Kichere unveils the 2021/22 government audit report which shows massive flaws, with huge sums of money meant for development projects misused by public office holders.

However, Magufuli's successor, President Samia Suluhu Hassan, acted differently. Instead of

condemning the CAG or scheming to remove him, she turns to weak areas in management of public finances. The president directed major reforms in the collection and management of public funds, as well as classification and operations of some state-owned entities to prevent the loss of taxpayers' money.

President Samia did not only talk, she acted and heads rolled. Yes, she dissolved the board of directors of loss-making Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) and sacked the Director General of Tanzania Government Flights Agency (TGFA) John Nzule.

And come April 2023, journalist, religious leaders, political analysts and activists converge at a hotel in Dar es Salaam for the launch of a book which dwells on excesses of a former president.


Let's give credit when credit is due. President Samia allowed the book to be launched and dis-

cussed freely. She deserves kudos for that, doesn't she? As a nation, we have moved from fear under Magufuli to open criticism of excesses under Samia.

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Bishop Dr Benson Bagonza (2nd L) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Karagwe Diocese, (in Kagera Region) and senior journalists (from L) Absalom Kibanda, Jesse Kwayu and Neville Meena hold copies of a book entitled 'I AM THE STATE: A President's Whisper from Chato' shortly after its launch in Dar es Salaam last Friday. File Photo



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# El Salvador still lacks policies to bolster food security

By Edgardo Ayala

SITTING under the shade of a tree, Salvadoran farmer Martín Pineda looked desperate, and perhaps angry, as he said that governments of different stripes have come and gone in El Salvador while agriculture remains in the dumps.

"I think this shows contempt for farmers," Pineda told IPS, frowning.

Pineda is in charge of a four-hectare community farm worked by 12 families near San José Villanueva, in the department of La Libertad in the south of El Salvador.

Pineda's hopelessness turned into concern when he commented on the risks that the agricultural sector faces from climatic phenomena that hit crops almost every year.

This risk increases when considering reports that the El Niño Southern Oscillation (Enso) climate phenomenon is expected to appear in 2023, which would mean new droughts and loss of crops.

"Last year we lost a good part of the bean crop," said Pineda, 70. He explained that of the four hectares they plant they lost 2.7 hectares, and the same thing happened with the corn.

In October 2022, Tropical Storm Julia devastated 8,000 hectares of corn and bean crops in the country, leading to losses of around 17 million dollars.

The backdrop is the rise in the cost of inputs for production, due to international factors, such as Russia's war with Ukraine. In addition, in El Salvador there have been unjustified price increases because just three companies monopolize the import market for the inputs required by farmers, adding to their difficulties.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned in a report published in 2023 that in 2020, factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climatic phenomena, and structural aspects like poverty and violence, exposed the Salvadoran population to even greater risks.

The FAO report said that since 36 percent of vulnerable Salvadorans depend on agriculture for

a living, "it is essential to provide affected households with the necessary means to rehabilitate their productive assets and resume production activities."

However, this course is not being followed in the agricultural sector.

According to official figures, in this small Central American country of 6.7 million people, 22.8 percent of households are living in poverty, a proportion that rises to 24.8 percent in rural areas, of which 5.2 percent are in extreme poverty and 19.6 percent in relative poverty.

## Agriculture is not recovering

El Salvador has failed to jumpstart its agricultural sector for at least three decades. It is one of the most deficient nations in several categories of food, such as vegetables.

It is estimated that the production of vegetables in El Salvador barely covers 10 percent of domestic demand, while the remaining 90 percent are imported from neighboring countries, such as Guatemala.

But what is most worrying is that the country is also deficient in Central American staples such as corn and beans, although the shortfall occurs especially when climatic events hit hard, whether excess or lack of rain.

When that happens, El Salvador must import beans from neighboring countries, such as Nicaragua, although if those nations face drops in production, this country must look for them elsewhere and at higher prices.

For example, in 2015 El Salvador had to import around 1.5 million kg of beans from Ethiopia.

"It is sad that we have to import beans, when we have the capacity to produce them, if we just had government support," Pineda complained.

He said that over the last 30 years, neither left-wing nor right-wing governments have had the political will to provide agriculture with decisive support, and that it appears that the focus is on promoting imports.

"There is no well-defined government policy," said Pineda. "For example, we have the land, but we do not have the inputs,



Martín Pineda (R) is in charge of a four-hectare community farm on the outskirts of San José Villanueva, in southern El Salvador. He says no government has focused on food sovereignty in the past 30 years. He and other farmers, like his co-worker Miguel Ángel García (L), complain that they lack technical support to produce food efficiently. CREDIT: Edgardo Ayala/IPS

or ongoing technical advice."

He was talking about the lack of a clear policy in the last 30 years, including the four governments, between 1989 and 2009, of the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA), the two administrations of the ex-guerrilla Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN), from 2009 to 2019, and the almost four years of the administration of Nayib Bukele, in office since June 2019.

"This government has followed the same pattern, of not showing strong support," he argued.

To illustrate, the farmer pointed to the need for an irrigation system on the San José Villanueva farm, which would not be difficult to achieve, since there is a river nearby with suffi-

cient flow.

But when the farm has requested technical support for an irrigation system, it has consistently received the same negative response from governments.

"We have no machinery here, no irrigation system, although we have a river nearby," said Pineda. "We have two wells, but at this time of year they dry up, and we have to buy water."

"How can we produce food efficiently in these conditions?" he asked.

## Bukele follows the same blueprint

Academics agree that the collapse of the agricultural sector was influenced by the 1980-1992 civil war, which left some 75,000 dead and 8,000 disap-

peared.

## But that doesn't explain everything.

Neighboring countries, such as Guatemala and Nicaragua, also suffered civil wars, and are more self-sufficient in food production.

When the ARENA neoliberal party took power in El Salvador in 1989, the agriculture sector was abandoned by policy-makers.

This was accentuated in the second ARENA administration (1994-1999), when the growth of the textile maquilas or export assembly plants was bolstered as a source of employment, and the government focused even less on development in the countryside.

Decades later, the country still hasn't found a clear direction for getting

agriculture on track, Luis Treminio, president of the Salvadoran Chamber of Small and Medium Agricultural Producers, told IPS.

The chamber is made up of 15 agricultural organizations and in total brings together some 15,000 farmers. An estimated 400,000 people in the country are dedicated to agriculture.

Treminio said that a plan promoted by the Bukele government to reactivate the agricultural sector, announced with great fanfare in June 2021, did not come to fruition because the 1.2 billion dollars in funding needed was not found in the international financial market.

This due to a lack of confidence on the part of the multilateral lenders, he added.

Treminio said the government lacks vision and priorities, since national income is allocated to unfeasible projects, such as the millions of dollars spent to buy bitcoins, which have been legal tender in El Salvador since September 2021.

"The problem is that the government does not prioritize food sovereignty," he said, but instead focuses on food security - that is, providing food regardless of whether the country produces it or not, and much of which is actually imported.

One illustration of the government's chaotic agricultural policy is the fact

that there have already been four ministers of agriculture, in less than four years of government.

Treminio said El Salvador's farmers are not opposed to imports, but argued that they must complement what the country does not produce.

"We are not against imports, but they have to be regulated," he added.

He said that what often happens is that, under the justification of shortages of grains or other products, more is imported than what is actually needed to cover national demand, driving prices way down for local farmers.

"For example, in dairy there is a 40 percent deficit in consumption, and 120 percent imports are authorized," he said.

## Growing food in the city

Given the scarcity and high costs of food, small initiatives have begun to emerge to promote gardens, even in urban areas, taking advantage of all available spaces.

One of these efforts, which are new in the country, is fostered by Micelio Suburbano, a group made up of a dozen young people and adolescents who are trying to show that part of the food consumption can be met by growing vegetables and fruit in open spaces in urban areas.

"It's kind of a utopia to think that in our homes we can grow our own crops of aromatic herbs, tomatoes, etc.," Nuria Mejía, an architect by profession with a passion for spreading the idea of urban agriculture, told IPS.

The group set up its first garden in 2022 in a working-class area of apartment buildings known as Zacamil, on the north side of San Salvador.

In small spaces that were once green areas in the apartment complex, they have planted three gardens, where they grow on a small scale tomatoes, radishes, eggplant and various kinds of aromatic herbs.

The aim is for people to see what can be achieved and to get involved.

"People see the radishes we are growing and ask us for seeds," Mejía said.



Given the difficulties in growing crops under the current conditions, the 12 families who collectively work a farm in the surroundings of San José Villanueva, in southern El Salvador, have turned to the production of chickens and eggs. They presently have 1,400 laying hens. CREDIT: Edgardo Ayala/IPS

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By Paul Virgo

# Livelihoods of almost half the world's population depend on agrifood systems

NEW research by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has revealed that almost half the world's population of around eight billion people belong to households whose livelihoods depend to some degree on agrifood systems (AFS).

The findings are important as farming and the food system as a whole is central to the multiple challenges humankind faces to feed a global population forecast to rise to 10 billion by 2050, while meeting the Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, hunger and malnutrition, combat the climate crisis and preserve natural resources for future generations.

So the research offers precious information for decision makers, and FAO is aiming for it to be the start of an ongoing statistical data series.

The report said that around 1.23 billion people worked in agrifood systems in 2019, including 857 million in primary agricultural production (agriculture, livestock, forestry, fishing, aquaculture, hunting) and 375 million in the off-farm segments of agrifood systems.

The 1.23 billion people working in agrifood systems belong to households made up of an estimated 3.83 billion people.

FAO says there is evidence of a high degree of exploitation of labour in agrifood systems, including harmful conditions, precarious



The 1.23 billion people working in agrifood systems belong to households made up of an estimated 3.83 billion people. Credit: Kristin Palitza/IPS

job security, low wages, disproportionate burdens on women, and coercive use of child labour.

So statistics on the number of people employed in AFS can be useful to monitor for violations of human rights and to develop and target policies to regulate working conditions in the sector.

Agrifood systems also present opportunities though, as they can offer many new jobs, a factor that is especially important in lower-

income countries with lots of young who need employment.

So the data can help to shape policies to develop these opportunities.

For example, better understanding of the existing workforce could reveal entry points for programmes to increase skills and entrepreneurship.

"Identifying and quantifying the number of agrifood-system workers is essential for several reasons,



The three challenges facing agrifood systems - feeding a growing population, providing a livelihood for farmers, and protecting the environment - must be tackled together because, given the many interconnections, taking a single-issue perspective on any objective can lead to unintended impacts on others. Market in Rome. Credit: Paul Virgo / IPS

particularly for low- and middle-income countries of the Global South," Ben Davis, the Director of FAO's Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division, told IPS.

"In low-income countries, the largest number of workers are employed in agrifood systems, and agrifood systems are a key economic motor of growth and poverty reduction," added Davis, the lead author of the study, which is entitled Estimating Global and Country Level Employment in Agrifood Systems.

"Agrifood-system transformation offers the promise of new jobs in both agriculture and the off-farm

segments of agrifood systems, particularly in low income countries with large, young populations. "Deliberate policies, however, are needed to ensure the quantity and quality of these jobs.

"Statistics on the number of people employed in agrifood systems would also help regulate working conditions and develop and target appropriate policies and programmes to support livelihoods".

The new report said that the continent with the largest number of people employed in agrifood systems is Asia with 793 million, followed by Africa with almost 290 million

It said the majority of the economically active population in low-income countries, particularly in Africa, had at least one job or activity in agrifood systems.

It said that 62% employment in Africa is in AFS, when relevant trade and transportation activities are included, compared to 40% in Asia and 23% in the Americas.

The study said that, of the 3.83 billion people belonging to households reliant on agrifood systems for their livelihoods, 2.36 billion live in Asia and 940 million are in Africa.

The study is the first to give a systematic, documented global estimate of the number of people involved in AFS. It said the number of people engaged in the sector has been undercounted in the past due to three factors.

The first is that many people, especially those living in poverty, work several jobs and lots are involved in AFS, even if

this is not their primary activity.

The second is that many AFS jobs are seasonal or intermittent and so easily missed by surveys.

Finally, many people are engaged in household farming for their own consumption on top of their primary occupation.

The report gives the example of a full-time schoolteacher who grows produce for sale on their land.

Agrifood systems produce some 11 billion tonnes of food worldwide each year, the FAO says.

But they also have a big environmental footprint.

The IPCC's recent Synthesis Report, which completed its Sixth Assessment cycle, said that 22% of global greenhouse gas emissions currently stem from agriculture, forestry, and land use.

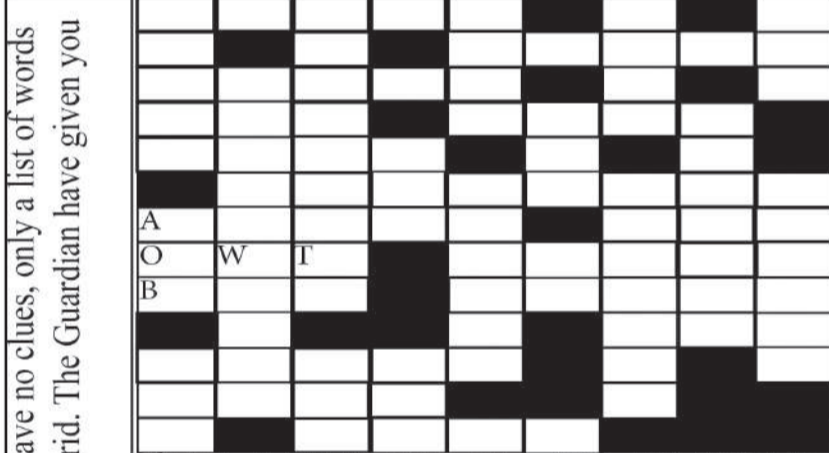
Without radical change, the world is set for a future of persistent food insecurity and the destruction and degradation of natural resources.

Building sustainable, resilient agrifood systems, on the other hand, can help tackle the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and food insecurity.

FAO has presented a Strategy on Climate Change, which argues that a holistic approach is needed.

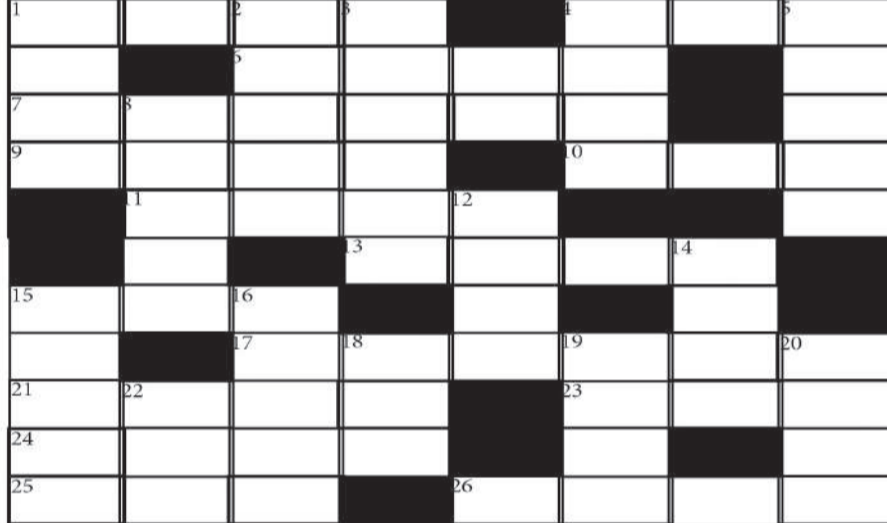
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  - a pale-blind eel-like salamander
  - a remarkable person
  - a rapid surprise attack on an enemy by troops
  - companion animal
  - expressing sorrow or regret
  - a large wading bird with a long downcurved bill, long neck, and long legs
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  - a small freshwater fish related to the carp, typically living in running water
  - an aircraftman of the lowest rank in the Royal Air Force
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  - the bulb onion
  - last-mentioned
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  - None
  - violent uncontrollable anger
  - substance used to treat
  - consciousness of one's own dignity
  - cunningly deceive
  - employ
  - the money paid for a journey on public transport
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## JKT ventures into cultivation of oil palms, sunflower

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE National Service (JKT) has embarked on oil palm and sunflower farming in Dodoma region to bridge the gap of cooking oil shortages.

It has so far cultivated a total of 700 acres of sunflower oil seeds in Kongwa district as well as in Chenene village in Chamwino district, Dodoma region.

The National Service (JKT) Head of Administration, Brigadier General Hassan Mabena, who doubles as the JKT chairperson of strategic committee on agriculture, livestock and fisheries development, said they have decided to venture into the vital project so as to supplement several efforts being executed by the government to overcome shortage of cooking oil.

Speaking yesterday during a special tour of the JKT's Chenene seed farm, Bri Gen Mabena observed that the country's edible oil demand was standing at 650,000 metric tons (MT) in a year while the country's current production capacity was only at 200,000 MT.

"We, JKT support others efforts implemented by the government, through diverse agricultural institutions to assure the country produces enough sunflower oil seeds as well as oil palm, the vital crops for the production of edible oil," he expressed.

He informed that JKT was very determined and would stand at forefront to work round the clock in co-operation with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) to produce improved seeds varieties for sunflower and oil palm in order to enable the farmers in the relevant sector to improve production and productivity.

Brigadier Gen Mabena expressed that JKT has planted at least 800 acres of oil palm its Bu-

rombora Camp in Kigoma region.

On his side, the Director of strategic committee on agriculture, livestock and fisheries development at JKT, Colonel Peter Rushika, unveiled that after being certified by the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI), the seeds that are being produced will be marketed to the farmers at affordable prices.

"As a pilot project, we have successfully managed to produce the seeds at acreage of 700, but we envision keeping on expanding production for both sunflower and oil palm," he detailed.

Speaking earlier, Acting Commandant 834 Makutupora JKT Camp, Major James Macheta said they have cultivated a total of 590 acres of sunflower oil seeds at the areas, out of the 1000 acres earmarked for the production of the vital oil-producing crop at the camp.

"We started to implement this project in October, last year by clearing a total of 500 acres, the work which was done by our volunteer youths and we're looking forward to cultivating the crop at the whole 1000 acres in the next growing season," he informed.

Records show that Tanzania spends over 470bn/- to import cooking oil annually.



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## Tanzanians in Diaspora launch online platform for promoting e-commerce

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

UZASALE, an online e-commerce platform, with an international experiences, has launched its services in Tanzania, that enables buyers and sellers of goods and services to meet, transact and online.

Clement Marriott, C.E.O and Founder, says the UzaSale platform creates a new way of selling and buying for the Tanzania community that goes along with the new technology and time.

With twenty years of experience in the USA market, the online platform was launched yesterday in Dar es Salaam as part of supporting President Samia Suluhu Hassan call to encourage Tanzanians living abroad to invest in Tanzania.

Marriott says the company is fully dedicated to the Tanzania market, with big plans to serve not only the major cities, but also rural areas.

"Just stay tuned as we are just getting started. Remember, we are disrupting the landscape and changing the way of doing business by creating efficiency and supporting the com-

mon man, at low cost. UzaSale is putting your business in your palm," says Mr. Marriott.

Mr. Marriot asserted that: "We want to create jobs by providing a platform that helps those who could not afford renting a store at the mall, by providing them with a mall on their palm at a very low cost. UzaSale charges a very small and affordable monthly fee of Sh.10,000 for our entry package and for our premium package of Sh.20,000 per month."

"Our driving motivation is to create jobs for anyone who has a business and struggling to find a market or can't afford higher store rental prices. UzaSale is a platform that brings your goods to the cus-

tomers and the customers to you. We remove the barrier of location as your business will be viewed by millions across the country," he said.

According to Mr. Marriott, Tanzania is one of the countries that started using a mobile phone as a bank long before USA.

"I lived in USA for thirty years and the first time I saw people using mobile money was in Tanzania. Tanzanians are used to doing business transactions on the phone. UzaSale.com will not be a far stretch but just an extension of where the world is going and where Tanzania has led when it comes to mobile financial transactions. Countries like

USA have been using technologies similar to UzaSale for years even though they started way behind Tanzania on handling mobile money transactions," he said.

He says anybody with established businesses whether it be electronics or cars, or real estate and they are looking to sell, or rent is the company's targeted clients.

"Any individual who is looking to make quick money and has a used phone, a used TV, a used handbag, used furniture if they are upgrading, is also our potential client. Basically, UzaSale creates a bridge and connects our clients with customers. UzaSale.com is the marketplace," he



UzaSale founder and CEO Clement Marriott (C) stresses a point at the press briefing held yesterday during the launch of the company. Others are officials of the company. Photo by Mary Kadoke

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The company is offering a service for classified online advertising through bringing customers closer to people who are publishing their businesses on the portal.

He further notes: "Our motto is 'biashara kiganjani'. We are also bringing to normal Tanzanians a way to shop and get their everyday needs from the palm of their hands. This means a person can, from the comfort of their homes, search and buy whatever they need right from our portal. They will be able to see the items that they are looking for, contact the seller, negotiate the price, agree on where to meet to exchange goods, and pay only after they have seen the items and verified it is what they are looking for."

"Our company has partnered with Airtel Money, Vodacom M-Pesa and Tigo Pesa as our payment gateway partners for our customers."

"Our commitment is to our brand, to be the leading brand in Tanzania that provides cutting-edge technology at a very affordable price," he concluded.

## KCB Bank, GIZ co-operate to empower youths' businesses

By Guardian Reporter

KCB Bank Tanzania through KCB Foundation and the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) have partnered to support an increase of the employability and income generation of 960 Tanzanian youth in the construction sector.

The EUR 846,000 partnership from October 2021 until October 2023 will provide youth with technical and vocational skills training.

The funds will also support the provision of construction toolkits to youth, to enable them to start up business enterprises in the construction sector.

This 50/50 partnership is implemented under the Employment and Skills for Development in Africa (E4D) programme executed by Deutsche Gesellschaft Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Tanzania together with KCB Foundation through KCB Bank Tanzania under 2Jiajiri Programme.

The partnership was launched by the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania Majaliwa Kassim

The event was also attended by different dignitaries including the Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities) Prof. Joyce Ndalichako, KCB Group CEO, Paul Russo, KCB Tanzania Board Chairman, GIZ Country Director Dr. Mike Falke and Acting

Director General VETA, Anthony Msore.

The Prime Minister commended the move by the two parts arguing that it will help the country to achieve national development plans including the Vision 2025 that seeks to build competitive and Industrial Economy for Human Development.

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa speaks during the launch of the 2.2bn/- partnership between KCB Bank through KCB Foundation and Deutsche Gesellschaft Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to support 960 youths in the construction sector. Seated are KCB Group CEO, Paul Russo (R), KCB Bank Tanzania Board Chairman John Ulanga (C) and the Acting Regional Businesses Director-KCB Group and KCB Tanzania Managing Director Cosmas Kimario (L). The partnership will boost youth employability and enterprise development towards achieving the country's sustainable development goals. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

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"This initiative is a sign of your willingness to improve youth employability through skills development that will help them to be employed and develop enterprises. I commend this partnership between KCB Foundation and GIZ for sup-

porting 960 youth and the government is fully supporting this noble cause," he marked.

KCB Bank through its Foundation has put in place several initiatives to ensure it empower communities inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), youth being one of the areas of focus.

"KCB Bank, through our Foundation is pleased to join hands with GIZ to make a lasting and meaningful contribution to the economic development of Tanzania through the youth in the construction sector. This is because we are cognizant of the role of the youth in the transformation of an economy and how important the construction sector is in driving the growth of Tanzania through its multiplier effects on

other industries," said the KCB Group CEO, Paul Russo.

On his side, the Country Director for GIZ, Dr. Mike Falke said "We are very happy with the quality and results of this cooperation which is aligned to the priorities of the government in addressing skill gap and promoting employment including National Skills Development Strategy and the Five-Year Development Plan 2021/22-2025/26," he said.

The Board Chairman for KCB Bank Tanzania, John Ulanga said the program is in line with the Bank's strategy to ensure sustainable communities by providing solutions to problems facing Tanzanians and ensure they deliver long lasting impact.

"We are confident that this partnership is for the

greater good of youths in Tanzania and will create a long-lasting impact through increased employment, innovation, entrepreneurship growth thus creating a sustainable future," said John Ulanga.

The Acting Group Regional Businesses Director and Managing Director KCB Bank Tanzania, Cosmas Kimario said the Bank is planning to enroll more youth this year to widen the opportunity to many Tanzanians.

"We are happy to announce that; this year KCB Foundation will enroll another 5,000 youths in Tanzania and this is the largest enrollment we have ever done. We believe that this initiative will create more opportunities and ultimately ensure a greater impact to many Tanzanians," he said.

## DSE indices start the week with high notes

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) share indices started the week with high notes, following the appreciations of three local companies share prices.

The market report shows the DSE all shares index closed at 4,122.60 points on Monday, an increase of 10.17 points, compared with the end of last week.

The Tanzania Share Index (TSI) which measures the performance of locally listed companies also gained slightly by 1.33 point to 1,874.17 points on Monday's close.

Top gainers during the opening of the week, according to the market re-



**Top mover during the week's opening was CRDB Bank, which transacted 85,477 shares valued 44.3mn/- traded in 36 deals at a price ranging between 510/- and 520/- per share, followed by TCCIA Investment Company which transacted 80,00 shares traded in three deals at a price of 150/- per share**

port were DCB Bank, which its share price closed at 170/- on Monday, compared with an opening price of 165/- followed by CRDB Bank which its share price went up to 520/- compared with 510/- respectively.

However, the market report shows the East African Breweries Limited (EABL) share price slowed by 0.68 percent to 2,900/- on Monday, compared with 2,920/- respectively.

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The market report shows DCB Bank was the third top mover, after recording the transaction of 49,041 shares traded in four deals at a price of 170/- per share, followed by Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL) which transacted 48,940 shares valued 48.9mn/- traded in five deals at a price of 1,000/- per share.

The report shows the DSE total turnover of 151.3mn/- was recorded on Monday, following the transaction of 319,585 shares traded in 83 deals of which local shares dominated by recording 100 percent of both buying and selling activities.

# Marine economy to benefit Tanga youths, women

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

The Swiss philanthropic Fondation Botnar through "Tanga Yetu" Initiative in collaboration with Tanga City council is training youths to explore Ocean resources, specifically fishing, seaweeds and sea cucumbers cultivation.

Tanga Yetu is part of the OurCity initiative enabled by Fondation Botnar that works in partnership with youths, Tanga City Council, private sectors and non-government organizations to improve the wellbeing of young people in the region.

Fondation Botnar, through OurCity Initiative, targets to support cities around the world to implement coordinated programs to leverage digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to transform them into places, where young people's voices and needs are recognized and prioritized.

Tanga city council director Sipora Liana in her opening speech said



Botnar Fondation Tanga representative Philotheus Mbogoro (R) speaks at a one-day training for youths on marine economy held in Tanga City. Photo by Correspondent Cheji Bakari

that among the presented topic during the workshop training was how to explore economic opportunities through marine resources as well as improving the value chain in the

blue economy.

She advised them to form groups of youths and ask for 10 percent of the council's loans purposely to get capital of doing their economic ac-

tivities.

"After focusing on the fishing sector, youths can be able to explore opportunities and benefiting economically through creatures avail-

able in the ocean. We as Tanga city council in collaboration with Fondation Botnar jointly organized our ideas and came up with this initiative whereby you will be getting free of charge training and offered capital," she stated.

She further explained that women are also included as the initiative beneficiaries of the programme, because when empowered, they can fully participate in aquaculture activities like growing seaweeds or taking harvested fishes to add value and expanding wider marketplaces scope.

For the side of agriculture production, she noted as Tanga City council allocated about 200 acres for youths who previously got training offered by Fondation Botnar to embark on such agricultural activities.

For his side Tanga city mayor, Abdulrahman Shillow asked the selected youths in the training to take the training as their starting point towards their economic achievements.

"Take your little time to think, you are being offered free training and given money free of charge; it is up to you! whether to delay or hurrying up to growing economically.

On his side, Tanga Yetu Initiative projects coordinator Omari Ally Mohamed explained the objective of the training is to bring together youths, women and giving them awareness on how to generate their daily incomes and being able to get loans from various financial institutions to develop their capitals.

Earlier, Botnar Fondation Tanga region representative, Philotheus Mbogoro stated that youth population in Tanzania is growing rapidly and make up the largest portion of workforce, so Botnar Fondation through Tanga Yetu Initiative embarked on helping youths economically to enable them sustain their lives.

"We need by 2030, this large portion of youths in Tanga to benefit economically through opportunities available in Tanga, specifically marine resources," he stated.



Tobacco stakeholders attend the meeting held in Iringa on Monday. Photo by Correspondent Friday Simbaya

## Buyers urged to procure tobacco at market prices

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

Iringa Regional Commissioner, Halima Omari Dendego, has asked tobacco buyers to procure the leaves at the international markets price, to ensure reasonable income for farmers.

She said this following the reports that there are tobacco buyers who are exploiting farmers by buying the crop at the prices that do not match with those of the market.

Dendego said this on Monday during the tobacco stakeholders meeting convened to discuss the challenges and future tobacco grading held in Iringa region. Such last meeting was held 12

years ago.

She said that buyers who procure tobacco at good prices will motivate farmers to continue producing the crop, which contributes to foreign exchange earnings.

"If the prices are low and exploitative, this will discourage farmers and many will stop producing; at the end of the day, there will be no tobacco processing factories and there will also be no jobs..." emphasized Dendego.

She said in order to have a sustainable production of tobacco; the value chain of the crop must be given a new impetus and by seeing the importance of every partner.

The Regional Commissioner also

asked farmers in Iringa region to increase the production of the crops like other regions, since the region least producer of crop, compared with regions, specifically Ruvuma.

She also asked the experts, agricultural cooperative officers in the region to ensure that the tobacco crop gets a new impetus to stimulate the regional economy. On his part, the Director General of the Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB), Stanley Nelson Mnozya asked companies buying tobacco from farmers to procure through cooperatives.

He called for farmers to not sell tobacco to companies which are not licensed. "Farmers should not sell tobacco to companies that do not have a license

from the board..." said Mnozya.

Mnozya explained that the tobacco is a strategic crop that brings in a lot of foreign currency and contributes to the nation's income.

Mnozya has therefore requested the government to ensure timely availability of inputs to increase the crop productivity.

TTB has also asked farmers and various tobacco stakeholders to continue planting trees to conserve the environment, as tobacco currying uses a lot of trees.

The government is targeting to increase the crop production to 200 million kilos by 2025, according to the CCM Election manifesto (2020-2025).

## Association to arm students with self-employment skills

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Pan African Investors Association (TAPAIA) is hosting a special forum targeting to impart the student at high learning Institutions in the country to create their own formal employment while still at colleges.

Slated to take place on 3rd June this year, the seminar is expected to convene at the Safari Resort Conference Hall in Kimara-Korogwe, Dar es Salaam by attracting students who are still doing Masters, Bachelor Degrees, PhD, Diplomas and Certificate studies at diverse university and other higher learning Institutions, colleges and vocational institutes.

Under the main theme of 'How to use stock exchange for equity investments and create your own formal employment opportunity while you are still a student' the one-day seminar will be facilitated by high profile facilitators from the Capital Market and Securities Authority (CMSA) and the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) who will present diverse relevant topics.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian, Founder and the National Chairman of TAPAIA, Dr. Sebastian Kingu expressed that Association has decided to organise the gathering with a patriotic spirit and mission to help increase the formal employment to the Tanzania youth by finding solution to the numerous problems that appears to crowd them out from initiating their sustainable own income generating projects.

And he added that, the envisaged forum is part to cement a series of concerted efforts to help attain the Association's key initiative, dubbed 'TAPAIA Youth Investors in Agricultural Industries' the vital program which seeks to unlock and create formal employment opportunities towards the youth.

"Among others, the vision behind the program is to organize and facilitate the establishment of large scale industries owned by the youth themselves in order to industrially process all of the available raw agricultural crops, at the same time creating many formal employment opportunities by the youth themselves," Dr. Kingu stated.

He observed that the youth across the country are facing a number of problems when it comes to penetrating the labour market, as well as to employ themselves, and insisted that the Association was working to capacity them to address such challenges.

"Statistics shows that about one million Tanzanian youth joins the labour market each year but only about fifty thousand, equivalent to five percent are being employed in the formal public sector or formal private sector,"

"The rest which is about 950,000, equivalent to 95 percent joins the unemployed youth group, ending up doing small informal activities just to survive, commonly known as the machinga group in the informal private sector, the situation which is not acceptable, and far not good for the youth as well as for the entire development of the nation," he expressed.

He moreover unveiled that it was disconcerting that currently a lot of Tanzania agricultural crops are exported raw into the world markets, including cashew nuts, cotton, coffee as well as tea, added: "Exporting such crops as raw means denying key opportunity for the locals to engage in processing plants, the poor situation which also fuels the spate of unemployment among the youth," he said.

Dr. Kingu expounded that the TAPAIA Youth Investment model was to help to achieve the vision of the national economic empowerment policy of 2004, and the envisaged 2025 economic vision.

## Chicken feed producers advised on contract farming

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINISTRY of Livestock and Fisheries has encouraged large producers of chicken feeds to embark on contract farming to ensure adequate supply of maize, the common raw materials.

Asimwe Rwiguza, the Director for Grazing - Land and Animal Feed Resources at the Ministry said that a rise in price of chicken feed has left most farmers in a dilemma following the huge losses they are making.

Rwiguza said contract farming was the only solution to end inadequate supply of maize led skyrocketing of prices of chicken feeds

She said that contract farming will assure the producers the supply of the

raw materials especially maize.

"Currently, there is a rise in the prices of maize which is an important raw material for making chicken feeds as well as staple food for people. We encourage them to enter into contracts with farmers in order to be assured of maize supply," she said.

The director said that inadequate supply of maize has contributed to the rise in the demand for chicken feed and human food, hence doubling the production cost.

She said as a result there is a skyrocketing of prices of bags of chicken feeds reaching up to 95,000/- per bag from 50,000/-.

According to him, if large producers practice contract farming, the price

for maize will drop and there will be scarcity.

Some poultry farmers in Dar es Salaam said that the price of broiler feeds has increased to 77,000/- from 70,000/- for a 50 kilogramme bag while the same 50 kilogramme bag of layers feeds is traded at 61,000/- from 48,000/-.

They sell chickens and eggs at low wholesale and retail prices which subjects them to huge losses especially when the costs of production is high.

As a result they have abandoned chicken keeping following losses they have been making recently.

Statistics from the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries show that the number of chickens increased to 87.7

million from 83.28 million in 2020/2021 out of which 40.36 million are indigenous while 47.34 million broilers.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega said the rise in feed prices is depending ministr advocates on the agriculture season.

He said for example, maize is used for human consumption and at the same time for animals.

"So, if the demand is high it means that the price must rise," he noted.

"All I can say is that the rise in prices is due to the season. Buyers of animal feeds often incur high costs of mixing the feed with other ingredients to give the chickens the necessary vitamins..." he said.

# China's consumer-driven growth boosts global economy

BEIJING

China's economy grew at the fastest pace in a year in the first quarter, putting Beijing on track to meet its growth goal for the year without adding major stimulus, while also helping to cushion the global economy against a downturn.

Gross domestic product expanded 4.5 percent last quarter from a year earlier, official data showed Tuesday, beating economists' expectations. In March, retail sales soared 10.6 percent from a year earlier, the biggest monthly gain since June 2021.

The upbeat data provide a foundation for China's government to meet or exceed its GDP growth target of about 5% for the year. That would make China, alongside India, the largest contributors to global growth in 2023, accounting for about half of the expansion, according to the International Monetary Fund.

The strong GDP report prompted Citigroup Inc. and Societe Generale SA to upgrade their full-year growth forecasts for China to 6.1% and 6% respectively. S&P Global Ratings also said there's upside risk to its current projection of 5.5%.

"That recovery of consumption

should provide some comfort to policymakers and will probably nudge them a little further in the direction of not wanting to apply a significant amount of macro economic stimulus and starting to think about toning down the generosity of monetary policy," said Louis Kuijs, S&P's chief economist for Asia Pacific. "I think the growth momentum will be maintained."

Still, the March data showed China's recovery from 2022 – when Covid lockdowns and a property slump dragged GDP growth down to the second-weakest pace since the 1970s – will be gradual rather than "V-shaped."

Growth in industrial output remains below pre-pandemic rates, while property investment continued to contract, even though housing sales have started to expand again. Weak real estate construction was to some extent offset by a surge in infrastructure investment led by state-owned companies.

The jobs market and wage growth also haven't returned to normal. Incomes of urban residents grew just 2.7% in inflation-adjusted terms during the first quarter from a year earlier, well below growth rates above 5% in pre-pandemic years. The youth unemployment rate climbed



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close to a record, while the nationwide urban jobless rate remained elevated.

Fu Linghui, a spokesman for the NBS, said Tuesday the economy's rebound is "not yet solid."

Financial markets were relatively muted after the GDP report. The benchmark CSI 300 Index of equities ended 0.3% higher for the day, while the offshore yuan rose 0.1%. China's 10-year government bond yield slipped 1 basis

point to 2.83%.

China remains crucial to the global economy this year as the US and Europe struggle due to factors such as high energy costs and consumer inflation running ahead of wage growth, which limits consumer spending. China will be the top contributor to global growth over the next five years, with its share set to be double that of the US, according to Bloomberg calculations based on IMF data.

March industrial output was buoyed by commodities production, with growth in cement output the strongest in two years, underlining higher demand from the construction sector. Vehicle production also climbed as car exports surged. The production of micro computer equipment fell 22% and integrated circuit output also slumped, adding to evidence of a broader slowdown in the electronic supply chain in East

Asia that has hit South Korea's exports. The strong growth in retail sales suggest "there is no immediate need for fiscal stimulus to support consumers," Iris Pang, chief Greater China economist at ING Group NV, said in a note. March's growth of clothing sales, Pang's favored measure of household consumption appetite, was the highest in nearly two years.

Other indicators released this month have provided conflicting signals about the recovery: credit and exports surged in March, but inflation remained weak. While the latter is generally a sign of muted domestic demand in the economy, economists at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. argue the weak inflation figures may indicate growth in demand is being outpaced by a recovery in supply.

"The brisk pickup in China's GDP growth in the first quarter matched our expectations. The pleasant surprise was the strength of retail sales in March – showing that a long-sought re-orientation toward consumption was a big driver of the recovery from the Covid slump."

"Less encouraging was an unexpected slowdown in fixed-asset investment. That's somewhat concerning given that slower global growth is damping the rebound in industrial production."

## Gold price above \$2 000, focus on US Fed outlook

LONDON

Gold continued to hold above the key \$2 000 level on week's opening, undeterred by the previous session's correction, while investors assess the US Federal Reserve's interest rate hike trajectory.

Spot gold was up 0.2 percent to \$2 007.17 per ounce at 1055 GMT, while US gold futures GC1V were 0.3 percent higher at \$2 021.10.

Friday's price correction hasn't affected the positive trend for gold, said Carlo Alberto De Casa, external analyst at Kinesis Money, adding that despite the profit-taking, the \$1 980/oz to \$2 000 zone was promising support for the metal.

Gold dropped 2 percent on Friday after the dollar bounced and Fed officials flagged the need for another interest rate hike.

Fed Governor Christopher Waller and Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic suggested the Fed could hike another 25 basis points (bp) next month.

The CME FedWatch tool shows

markets are pricing in a 86 percent chance of a 25 bp hike in May.

The US producer price index (PPI) fell by the most in nearly three years last month, coming a day after inflation data pointed to moderation in consumer prices.

Rising interest rates reduce the appeal of non-yielding bullion.

Limiting gold's upward momentum, the dollar index =USD was 0.1 percent higher, making bullion more expensive for overseas buyers, and benchmark Treasury yields were at their highest in two weeks.

"Gold also maintains a strong correlation with real yields, and price action continues to be sensitive to US inflation and employment data," Standard Chartered analyst Suki Cooper said in a note.

Commentary from European Central Bank (ECB) officials including President Christine Lagarde will be on investors' radar this week, along with speeches by New York Fed President John Williams and Cleveland Fed President Loretta Mester.

## Oil slides lower amid supply cut

NEW YORK

Oil fell for a second day as bullish impetus from OPEC+ production cuts faded against a weaker-than-expected demand picture.

West Texas Intermediate dropped below \$80.50 per barrel after weakening 2% on Monday, the biggest daily fall in four weeks.

US shale production is seen higher in May, while there are signals that demand for diesel is slowing. Data on Tuesday showed Chinese factory output lagged forecasts in the first quarter, despite better than expected overall growth.

"The market is extremely torn, the short covering rally is behind us and a lot of action we're seeing is down to positioning," said Ole Hansen, head of commodities strategy at Saxo Bank A/S. "We're a bit more than a buck above key support so it would take additional negative news or price action for those levels to start being threatened."

Near-term spreads, recently inverted, have returned to a very

small contango, an indication that market tightness has eased. In addition, crack spreads for diesel are at their lowest levels in a year, underscoring a weaker demand outlook.

Still, many market watchers are betting China's rebound from Covid-19 restrictions will lead to price gains over the rest of the year, helped by OPEC+ supply cuts set to start in May.

In the meantime, Russia's crude exports bounced back above 3 million barrels a day last week, despite Moscow saying it had lowered output. One of the top consumers of the nation's crude – India – said it would continue seeking imports, with Delhi and Moscow discussing joint re-insurance for shipments, Tass reported.

Investors are also watching for an economic survey from the Federal Reserve and further comments from officials this week, which will provide insight on the health on the US economy and the likely path of monetary policy.

WEDNESDAY 19 April		SATURDAY 22 April		SUNDAY 23 April	
5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo	12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	23:30 Soap: Uzalo rpt	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	08:00 Aljazeera
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	12:55 Habari za saa	6:00 HABARI	02:05 Al Jazeera	6:00 KUMEKUCHA	09:00 Rev rpt
6:00 HABARI	13:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: BOT	6:40 KUMEKUCHA	02:00 DWTV	6:40 Habari	09:30 Jagina rpt
6:40 KUMEKUCHA	13:30 Kipindi maalum: Brela	7:00 Habari		7:00 Habari	10:00 Culinary delight rpt
7:30 HABARI	13:45 Shamsam za pwani rpt	8:00 Al Jazeera		8:00 Al Jazeera	10:30 Innovation rpt
8:00 KUMEKUCHA Michezo	13:55 Habari za saa	9:00 Watoto wetu		9:00 Watoto wetu	11:00 Out n'about rpt
8:55 Habari za saa	14:00 Shamsam za pwani rpt	10:00 Kipindi maalum: FAO		10:00 Kipindi maalum: FAO	11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
9:00 KUMEKUCHA Kishindo	14:55 Habari za saa	10:05 Shika Bamba 5		10:05 Shika Bamba 5	12:00 Shamba Lulu rpt
9:30 Soap: In Love with Ramon	15:00 Meza huru	10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt		10:35 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt	12:30 Our Earth rpt
9:55 Habari za saa	16:30 Watoto wetu	11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt		11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt	13:00 Business edition rpt
10:00 Watoto wetu	17:00 The Base	12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo		12:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo	13:30 Aljazeera
10:25 Kipindi maalum: TMDA rpt	18:00 Jiji Letu	13:00 Usafiri wako		13:00 Usafiri wako	14:30 Telenovela rpt The Three Sides of Ana
10:55 Habari za saa	18:15 Mapishi	13:30 Jagina		13:30 Jagina	17:15 Eco@Africa
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12:30 Bundesligga na DW rpt	20:00 Habari	17:00 Shamsam za Pwani		17:00 Shamsam za Pwani	19:30 The Decor
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13:00 Dakika 45 rpt	23:00 Habari	18:15 ITV Top 10 rpt		18:15 ITV Top 10 rpt	20:30 Tomorrow Today
13:55 Habari za saa	23:30 Music: The Base	19:00 Jungu Kuu		19:00 Jungu Kuu	21:00 Out n'About
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## WORLD

## Merkel awarded with highest German honour

BERLIN

GERMANY'S former chancellor Angela Merkel was awarded the country's highest possible honor on Monday amid reflection on her 16-year tenure at the helm of Europe's biggest economy.

The first female leader of Germany, who stepped down in December 2021, was decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit for special achievement by President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at a ceremony in Schloss Bellevue, Berlin.

At the event, attended by current chancellor Olaf Scholz, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen

and former national football coach Juergen Klinsmann, Merkel spoke of "many good experiences" in what others had described to her as the "snakepit of politics".

Only two former chancellors of Germany have received the honor previously - Konrad Adenauer, the first leader of post-war Germany, and Helmut Kohl, lauded as a key architect of German reunification.

Merkel is known for steering Germany through the global financial crisis, the eurozone debt crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, but has faced criticism for her stance towards Russia.

In November last year, Merkel said



German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier (left) presents the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in a special design to former Chancellor Angela Merkel (right) during a reception at Bellevue Palace in Berlin, Germany, on Monday. AP

she had aimed to convene European talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin the year before the conflict in Ukraine but ultimately did not see any possibility of influencing Putin at the end of her term.

As a veteran leader in the European Union, other aspects of her policies have also come under fire. These include her decisions to open Germany's borders to refugees in 2015, and to phase out nuclear power.

The deputy head of her conservative CDU party, Carsten Linnemann, accused her of "glaring mistakes", telling broadcaster ntv that the exit from

nuclear power "was a mistake in the way it was done at the time, without saying how we were going to supply ourselves with energy in a reasonably self-sufficient way".

In October, Merkel said she had no regrets about the course her government took regarding energy policy while in power.

Former allies came to Merkel's defense, with her previous chief of staff Peter Altmaier telling broadcaster RTL that her achievements had been "recognized by many millions of citizens and worldwide".

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## 'US should look squarely at crux of Korean peninsula issue'

UNITED NATIONS

THE United States should "look squarely at" the crux of the Korean Peninsula issue and take meaningful, practical and tangible actions to create conditions for peace talks, a Chinese envoy said here on Monday.

Tension persists on the Korean Peninsula with confrontations escalating, which China finds deeply concerning, Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations, told a Security Council meeting.

Zhang pointed out that the Korean Peninsula issue, as a legacy of the Cold War that has cast a decades-long shadow, is in essence a security issue.

Recently, the United States has been conducting frequent military exercises in the periphery of the peninsula, deploying strategic weapons such as nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and B-52 bomb-

ers, which has greatly heightened the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) sense of insecurity, he added.

"This is the main trigger for the current tensions on the peninsula," Zhang said.

The Korean Peninsula issue had reached an inflection point several times in the past. However, because of the flip-flop in the US policy, its failure to respond on the principle of action for action, and its reversion to the old practice of sanctions and pressurization, the opportunities to solve the Korean Peninsula issue were missed time and again, he said.

"The parties should deeply reflect on the lessons from the past, and come to realize that a show of goodwill is vital to building mutual trust and creating the conditions necessary for peace talks," said Zhang. "The United States, in particular, should look squarely at the crux of the matter, adopt a responsible attitude, and take



Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the UN, speaks at UN headquarters in New York, Sept 12, 2019. File photo

meaningful, practical and tangible actions."

All parties concerned should put themselves in each other's shoes, acknowledge each other's legitimate concerns, reduce provocations, confrontations and pressurization, and create enabling conditions whereby meaningful dialogue can resume, he said.

China is a long-standing

advocate of the dual-track approach and the principle of moving forward in phases with synchronized steps, and has stressed that denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula and establishing a peace mechanism on the peninsula are both indispensable, said the envoy.

"These proposals played an important role in turning around the situation on the

peninsula in the past, and will continue to guide any effort to settle the issue once and for all. All parties concerned should continue to work in this direction," said Zhang.

He also underscored the need for the Security Council to play a proper role.

Any action taken by the Security Council should be geared first and foremost towards easing the situation on the peninsula, and promoting long-term stability and security, he said.

The Security Council should not discard its evenhanded approach, or become an instrument for imposing sanctions and pressure to the exclusion of other options or in the service of some countries' geopolitical strategies, Zhang said.

He emphasized that the Security Council resolutions cover not just sanctions, but also texts on resuming dialogue and resolving the issue politically. **Xinhua**

## With 185 killed, deadly military conflict in Sudan rages on

KHARTOUM

CLASHES between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan have killed 185 people and wounded another 1,800 as of Monday, while showing no sign of abating.

Volker Perthes, head of the UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan, briefed the Security Council in a closed-door session on the latest situation of the conflict.

"It's a very fluid situation, so it's very difficult to say where the balance is shifting to," Perthes told reporters after the meeting. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called on leaders of the Sudanese Armed Forces and the RSF to immediately cease hostilities and begin a dialogue to resolve the crisis.

But the UN envoy to Sudan said the two sides showed no signs of being willing to negotiate.

The Sudanese Army said on Monday that they had limited clashes with the RSF around the perimeter of the army's General Command and the center of Khartoum.

"The armed forces are in complete control of all their headquarters, and what is being circulated about the enemy's seizure of the general command, the guesthouse, or the Republican palace is untrue," the army said in a statement. The army added that the Sudanese Air Force on Monday launched strikes against a number of hostile targets with the aim of ending pockets of the RSF in the capital.

Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, commander of the RSF, on Monday urged the international community to inter-

vene to stop what he termed as "crimes of Sudanese army commander."

"The international community must take action now and intervene against the crimes of Sudanese General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, a radical Islamist who is bombing civilians from the air," Dagalo said on his Twitter account on Monday.

"The army is waging a brutal campaign against the innocent, bombing them with missiles," he added. He also denied that his forces initiated the fighting with the Sudanese army. "We did not attack anyone. Our actions are merely a response to the siege and assault against our force," he said.

The fighting is triggering a deteriorating humanitarian crisis across the country. "The clashes are preventing people, especially in cities, from accessing food, water, education, fuel and other critical services for their families," UN Emergen-

cy Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths said on Monday.

"Health services, already precarious, could be further pushed to the brink." "Reports that hospitals and water and electrical infrastructure have come under attack are extremely alarming," Griffiths said. Israel on Monday said it was "following with concern" the fighting.

"Israel wants stability and security for Sudan," Israeli Foreign Ministry Spokesman Lior Haiat wrote on Twitter. In response to the raging conflict, Kenya announced plans to evacuate 3,000 of its nationals in Sudan. "We are assembling all the logistics required to evacuate our citizens once Sudan's airspace is open and there is the ability to move people safely," Roseline Njogu, principal secretary for State Department for Diaspora Affairs, told media. **Xinhua**

THE United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) recently concluded its 52nd session in Geneva, Switzerland.

During the session, the Chinese delegation comprehensively promoted China's human rights philosophy and approaches, and called for joint efforts to advance healthy development of global human rights, which was broadly welcomed and supported by representatives attending the session.

China champions international cooperation on human rights, opposes politicizing human rights issues, and steers global human rights governance toward greater fairness, justice, equity and inclusiveness with concrete actions. The country has made important contributions to the development of global human

## To promote healthy development of global human rights cause

rights.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 30th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. The values, purposes and principles of the two documents, which hold all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, are a common aspiration of mankind.

Speaking on behalf of over 70 countries at the 52nd session of the UNHRC, China made important proposals on further implementing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On behalf of nearly 80 countries, it called for strengthening international cooperation and revitalizing the spirit of the Declaration

and promoting high-quality development.

The speech is of positive significance for global efforts to better promote and protect human rights, enhance and improve global human rights governance. It reflects the strong aspiration of the international community, especially the vast developing world.

China pursues a people-centered vision on human rights. Putting emphasis on the people is the distinguishing feature of the Chinese path of human rights protection.

China has brought about a historic resolution to the problem of absolute poverty, built a moderately prosperous society in all respects and is pursuing modernization of common

prosperity for all.

For the Chinese government, the biggest human right is the happiness of the 1.4 billion Chinese people. Meeting their immediate interests is what all its endeavors are about. The 1.4 billion people have been deeply involved in the development of human rights, and have benefited the most in this process. They now have a growing sense of fulfillment, happiness and security.

Under the constitutional principle that "The state shall respect and protect human rights", China has constantly developed the whole-process people's democracy, advanced law-based governance and enhanced legal protection of human rights, to uphold social fairness and justice.

The Chinese people now enjoy fuller and more extensive and comprehensive democratic rights.

Rui Lourido, Chairman of Portuguese think tank Observatory for China, believes that China has truly made human rights a part of the Chinese people's life.

The historic achievements of China in human rights protection fully prove that respecting and safeguarding human rights must be based on recognizing the universality of human rights and the commitment to a path of human rights development that suits the realities of each country.

Countries vary from one another in historical background, cultural heritage, national conditions and

needs of the people. There is no one-size-fits-all model in the protection of human rights. Blindly copying the model of others would be ill-fitted for one's own conditions, and imposing one's model upon others would entail endless troubles. The right of all countries to independently choose one's own path of human rights development should be respected.

Tom Zwart, director of the Cross-cultural Human Rights Center, Utrecht University, noted that the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind proposed by China respects cultural diversity and promotes mutual learning among civilizations, which is conducive to placing human rights issues in a new and sustainable international context.

People's Daily

## Russian envoy blames US for destroying almost all arms control agreements

WASHINGTON

THE United States has destroyed almost all arms control agreements and derailed strategic dialogue with Moscow, Russian Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov said, commenting on the US Department of State's annual Compliance Report.

"The same message is repeated year after year: the United States is the only country that is implementing all arms control and nonproliferation agreements in an exemplary manner, with Russia and other US rivals being vicious violators.

Any expert with some slightest understanding of the matter would find such reasoning schizophrenic," Antonov pointed out.

"The administration has almost entirely destroyed the arms control and nonproliferation architecture. It has withdrawn from the ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile - TASS), INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces - TASS) and Open Skies Treaties.

It has derailed the strategic dialogue between the two major nuclear powers. And now it is finishing off the New START Treaty (New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty - TASS) with its hostile actions toward our country," the Russian envoy added.

Report turns into 'pure profanation'

According to Antonov, the US Department of State "is stamping - like a broken record - the same allegations, accusing its adversaries of all sins."

"Such an approach lost all its content and meaning a long time ago. Well, we are being blamed, for instance, for the 'lack of transparency' with regard to the moratorium on nuclear testing.

Yet Washington is not only preventing the CTBT (Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty - TASS) from coming into force, but is fixing the infrastructure at the Nevada Test Site. What for?" he said.

"Another example is the US' accusations against us in the context of bio research. How can we seriously talk about this, given that the Russian Armed Forces did catch the Pentagon illegally implementing its military-biological program in Ukraine, right in the act?"

Just recently our Parliamentary Commission published a very detailed report on the US activities in violation of the BWC (Biological Weapons Convention - TASS)," the Russian ambassador emphasized.

"In a word, the State Department's report turned into pure profanation long ago, with even local experts having stopped paying attention to it. Has anyone ever seen at least one meaningful commentary on the current edition of the document?"

What is the purpose of continuing to replicate this useless work every single year? Is anyone reading it? Perhaps, only those bored congressmen, for whom such opuses are prepared," Antonov concluded. **Agencies**

## South Africa grants restraint order against 10 people in 2010 World Cup-related corruption

JOHANNESBURG

THE National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) of South Africa said Monday that a provisional restraint order of 165 million rands (about 9 million U.S. dollars) has been granted against 10 people, who were implicated in a corruption case related to the 2010 World Cup tender.

The NPA said the court granted the provisional restraint order against former provincial commissioner Mmamonye Ngobeni, businessman Thoshan Panday and his ex-wife, as well as seven others.

"The curator has frozen the bank accounts of all the parties cited, and the execution of the order has taken place today," said NPA spokesperson Sindisiwe Seboka.

The alleged criminal syndicate is accused of acting in common purpose to deprive the police of an amount of more than 47.3 million rands through acts of fraud, corruption, forgery, bribery, and money laundering before and during the 2010 World Cup, according to the spokesperson.

Seboka said three police officials did not follow the regulations in securing accommodation for the 2010 World Cup and awarded Panday, who charged inflated rates, the tender to provide accommodation.

The other defendants whose assets have been restrained include a former section head at the office of Ngobeni, a former policeman, four of Panday's family members and his professional assistant. The suspects will appear before the court on Aug. 25. **Xinhua**



# Putin visited Kherson Region, LPR

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin visited the Kherson Region and the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR) on Monday. Allegations that the trip took place at a different time are erroneous, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

"It was yesterday. Indeed, the president said, when gifting the icon, that we have Easter. The fact is that our Easter lasts 40 days, we continue celebrating it, now we have Easter week. That's why it is erroneous to pay attention to that phrase and make hypotheses about something that was never real. The trip took place yesterday," the Kremlin spokesman said.

He was also asked to comment on why Putin's visit to Russia's new regions took place at this particular time. "Now the president visits the new regions more frequently, naturally, he inspects headquarters, receives operational information on the spot about the progress of the special military operation. This is vital for the commander-in-chief, this is how he works," Peskov said.

Reporters asked the Kremlin spokesman about the Russian president's assessment of the troops status and the servicemen's morale, including in view of Ukraine's potential counterattack.

"As for the assessments of the troops status and so on - this is the prerogative of the Defense Ministry. We have no right to give any information there," Peskov said. Commenting on the trip in general, he added that it was "the routine work of the commander-in-chief."

On Monday, Putin visited the headquarters of the Dnestr battlegroup on the Kherson front and the headquarters of the National Guard East battlegroup in the LPR. During his visits, the head of state heard reports from military commanders on the situation in the Kherson, Zaporozhye and Lugansk directions.



Vladimir Putin with Col Gen Mikhail Teplinsky (left) and Col Gen Oleg Makarevich (right)

# Report: Japan PM attack suspect had sued govt on election

TOKYO

THE suspect who threw a smoke bomb toward Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had a record of seeking damages from the government, claiming he was unfairly barred from running for the Upper House election, the Yomiuri newspaper reported yesterday.

Ryuji Kimura filed the lawsuit in the Kobe district court last June, claiming he could not run for election held on July 10 due to his age and inability to prepare a 3 million yen (\$22,339) deposit, the report said, citing the case record.

According to the record, Kimura claimed the election law violates the Constitution, which stipulates equality under the law among other provisions.

The court dismissed the claim, in which the 24-year-old suspect sought 100,000 yen in damages for the mental anguish he had suffered, said the Yomiuri report.

Kimura appealed to the Osaka High Court against this ruling, and a decision was scheduled for May this year, it said.

Japanese authorities searched Kimura's home on Sunday in Kawanishi city in Hyogo after he was arrested on the scene after allegedly attempting to attack Kishida with an explosive object during his election speech in Wakayama City. He has not yet been charged.



A man (right), whom local media have named as 24-year-old Ryuji Kimura, who is believed to have thrown an explosive toward Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, leaves Wakayama Nishi Police Station in Wakayama on April 17, 2023. AFP

# Medvedev calls G7 mendacious liars for calls that Russia affirm opposition to nuclear war

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev has accused the foreign ministers of the G7 countries of lying and mendacity over their calls for Russia to affirm that it stands against nuclear war.



"What lying bastards! They themselves dropped nuclear bombs but show no remorse. They're forever speaking with a forked tongue, telling bald-faced lies to their own people as well as to outsiders, and then they claim that it's our country that is spreading 'false information' about Ukraine."

"They're now demanding that Russia provide them with some sort of guarantees with regards to nuclear weapons, but in reality they're hinting at a future nuclear conflict between our country and NATO," Medvedev wrote on Telegram yesterday.

He pointed out that the G7 foreign ministers' meeting was taking place in Japan. "It's where hundreds of thousands of people died from atomic bombs. It's a country whose leaders are, in effect, spitting on the graves of their fellow citizens who died at the hands of the Americans," he noted, adding: "What a disgrace!"

The G7 foreign ministers earlier adopted a joint statement calling on Moscow to prove - "in word and in deed" - that there could be no winners in a nuclear war and thus such a war must never be fought.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on the sidelines of the event that "Hiroshima together with Nagasaki offers the most powerful reminder of the unprecedented devastation and immense human suffering that the people of Japan experienced as a result of the atomic bombings in 1945." However, he failed to specify that it was the US that had carried out the atomic bombings of Japan.

The US conducted the atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki towards the end of World War II, with the initial goal of accelerating Japan's surrender.

The US bombings are to date the only examples of the wartime use of nuclear weapons in human history. The first US atomic bomb instantly killed 70,000 to 100,000 people in Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, with many survivors dying later of radiation sickness and other consequences.

According to the latest estimates, the Hiroshima bombing ultimately claimed over 308,000 lives. Nagasaki came under a US atomic bomb attack two days later, on August 8, 1945. About 70,000 people were killed on the spot and the city was wiped off the face of the Earth. The number of victims of the second attack exceeded 175,000.

# Sudan crisis: Burhan and Hemedti - the two generals at the heart of the conflict

KHARTOUM

A SOUNDTRACK of explosions, a skyline dominated by bitter, black smoke, a daily existence of fear and uncertainty as bullets, rockets and rumours fly.

Life in Sudan's capital, Khartoum, and in many other parts of the country, has taken a sudden, very dramatic turn for the worse.

At the heart of it are two generals: Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the leader of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, better known as Hemedti, the head of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

The two worked together, and carried out a coup together - now their battle for supremacy is tearing Sudan apart.

The relationship between the two goes back a long way.

Both played key roles in the counter-insurgency against Darfuri rebels, in the civil war in Sudan's western region that began in 2003.

Gen Burhan rose to control the Sudanese army in Darfur.

Hemedti was the commander of one of the many Arab militias, collectively known as the Janjaweed, which the government employed to brutally put down the largely non-Arab Darfuri rebel groups.

Darfur conflict: A bloody stalemate Majak D'Agout was the deputy director of the National Intelligence and Security Services at the time - before becoming deputy defence minister in South Sudan when it seceded in 2011. He met Gen Burhan and Hemedti in Darfur, and said they worked well together. But he told the BBC he saw little sign that either would rise to the top of the state.

Hemedti was simply a militia leader "playing a counter-insurgency role, helping the military", while Gen Burhan was a career soldier, though "with all the ambitions of the Sudanese officer corps, anything was possible". The military has been running Sudan for most of its post-independence history.



Gen Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (L) and Gen Abdel Fattah al-Burhan (R) both lead powerful forces

The government's tactics in Darfur, once described by Sudan expert Alex de Waal as "counter-insurgency on the cheap", used regular troops, ethnic militias and air power to fight off the rebels - with little to no regard for civilian casualties. Darfur has been described as the first genocide of the 21st Century, with the Janjaweed accused of ethnic cleansing and using mass rape as a weapon of war.

Hemedti eventually became the commander of what could be described as an offshoot of the Janjaweed, his RSF.

Hemedti's power grew massively once he began supplying troops to fight for the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen.

Sudan's then-military ruler, Omar al-Bashir, came to rely on Hemedti and the RSF as a counterweight to the regular armed forces, in the hope that it would be too difficult for any single armed group to depose him.

In the end - after months of popular protests - the generals clubbed together to overthrow Bashir, in April 2019.

Later that year, they signed an agreement with the protesters to form a civilian-led government overseen by the Sovereign Council, a joint civilian-military body, with Gen Burhan at its head, and Hemedti as his deputy.

It lasted two years - until October 2021 - when the military struck, taking power for themselves, with Gen Burhan again at the head of the state and Hemedti again his deputy.

Siddiq Tower Kafi was a civilian member of the Sovereign Council, and so regularly met the two generals.

He said he saw no sign of any disagreements until after the 2021 coup.

Then "Gen Burhan started to restore the Islamists and the former regime members to their old positions", he told the BBC. "It was becoming clear that the plan of Gen Burhan was to restore the old regime of Omar al-Bashir to power."

Mr Siddiq says that this is when Hemedti began to have doubts, as he felt Bashir's cronies had never fully trusted him. Sudanese politics has always been dominated by an elite largely drawn from the ethnic groups based around Khartoum and the River Nile.

Hemedti comes from Darfur, and the Sudanese elite often

talk about him and his soldiers in pejorative terms, as "country bumpkins" unfit to rule the state.

Over the last two or three years, he has tried to position himself as a national figure, and even as a representative of the marginalised peripheries - trying to forge alliances with rebel groups in Darfur and South Kordofan that he had previously been tasked with destroying.

He has also spoken regularly of a need for democracy despite his forces having brutally put down civilian protests in the past. Tensions between the army and the RSF grew as a deadline for forming a civilian government approached, focused on the thorny issue of how the RSF should be re-integrated into the regular armed forces.

And then the fighting began, pitting the RSF against the SAF, Hemedti against Gen Burhan, for control of the Sudanese state.

In one way, at least, Hemedti has followed in the footsteps of the SAF top brass, who he is now fighting - over the last few years, he has built a vast business empire, including interests in gold mines and many other sectors.

Gen Burhan and Hemedti have both faced calls from civilian leaders and victims of the conflict in Darfur and elsewhere to face trial for alleged abuses.

The stakes are extremely high, and there are plenty of reasons for these former-allies-turned-bitter-enemies to not back down.

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# China's Chongqing municipality gears up for green transition

IT'S hard to imagine that a factory has a "farm" on its rooftop, but this is happening in the plant of Mexin Messon Doors Industry Co., Ltd, a manufacturer of windows and doors based in southwest China's Chongqing municipality.

The rooftop "farm" covers over 20,000 square meters, where employees of the factory can grow vegetables, fruits, cereals and flowers in their off time. When the rain stops, there is a mixed fragrance of plants. The window and door manufacturer was recognized as a national-level green factory in 2019.

A green factory, according to an evaluation guideline implemented by China in 2018, features intensive land use, adopts hazard-free raw materials, practices clean production, recycles waste and employs low-carbon energy.

As a major manufacturing hub, Chongqing has vigorously promoted green transition among its enterprises. According to a plan of the municipality, Chongqing will be home to over 30 green industrial parks and 300 green factories at municipal level and above by 2025, and it will strive to lower the energy consumption per unit of value added of enterprises above designated size by 14.5 percent from 2020.

Manufacturers in Chongqing have been "gardenizing" their factories over the recent years. In the general assembly base of China State Shipbuilding Corporation Haizhuang Windpower Co., Ltd. in Chongqing's Liangjiang New Area, trees and flowers can be seen everywhere, and there are even ponds. The vegetation cover helps the base maintain a sound ecology, always keeps it



Photo shows a "farm" on the rooftop of a plant building of Mexin Messon, a manufacturer of windows and doors based in southwest China's Chongqing municipality. (Photo credit to Workers' Daily)

in appropriate temperature, and reduces the noise diffusion.

Industrial enterprises in the municipality have spared no effort to cut energy consumption and promote green development. They have managed to make full use of sunlight to reduce electricity consumption, greened their plant buildings to consume less energy, and adopted shock absorption and noise insulation techniques to make production quieter.

How could green transition measures be implemented while production remains non-stop? Chongqing's answer is to lower energy consumption and improve efficiency.

"Clinker calcination is a key part of cement production," said Han Wei, assistant manager of a cement producer in Bishan district of Chongqing. Coal is the major fuel for calcination, if traditional equipment, techniques and materials were employed during the process, it would consume high energy and lead to pollution, Han noted.

Over the recent years, Han's company has managed to replace part

of the limestone needed in the production with calcium carbonate and calcium oxide, which reduces the emission of carbon dioxide generated in the secondary combustion of limestone. This procedure alone lowers the company's cost by over 8 million yuan (\$1.16 million) each year.

Relying on big data and intelligent technologies, green enterprises in Chongqing have gradually realized targeted management of energy.

Chongqing Sokon Powertrain Co., Ltd. has a national-level green factory in Changshou Economic and Technological Development Area. "We adopt engine cold test technologies which allow us to obtain over 1,000 parameters of an engine without starting it. This cuts annual carbon dioxide emissions by more than 600 tons," said Li Ping with the company.

To make innovations of green products through efficient utilization of energy resources remains another important approach to energy conservation and efficiency improvement.

A workshop of Chinese home ap-

pliance giant Gree in Jiulongpo district has worked to tackle technological bottlenecks and lowered its annual energy consumption by 20 percent. "Fuyao," the first deep-sea floating wind power equipment of China rolled off the production line last year. With a single-unit capacity of 6,250 kW, the equipment is able to supply 30,000 households with clean electricity.

Many enterprises in Chongqing have started greening themselves and building green factories to further improve their performance and profit. Circular production of enterprises, circular combination of industries and circular upgrading of industrial parks are advancing vigorously in the city.

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Germany-based The Ngoma Afrika Band's leader, Ebrahim Makunja nicknamed 'Kamanda Ras Makunja', is pictured during one of the troupe's recent shows in the country.

## The Ngoma Afrika troupe set for 30th Anniversary celebration

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

GERMANY-based dance music troupe, The Ngoma Afrika, is expected to perform during the celebration of the troupe's 30th anniversary in Dar es Salaam.

The band's leader, Ebrahim Makunja alias 'Commander Ras Makunja', who is also its founder, said The Ngoma Afrika, formed in 1993, was out to promote Tanzania's music abroad.

"This band was founded on August 13 1993 to promote Tanzania's and East Africa's dance music," Makunja noted.

"Since its inception, it has been the only African band that has lasted for many years in Europe and has successfully wowed thousands of dance music fans," the artist said.

Makunja said the band is the best ambassador for the Swahili language on the national platforms due to having composed many songs in the language including the song titled 'Mwe-

nye Kukaanga Mbuyu'. "When we talk about culture, the arts, and music broadly, it is a profession that represents the society and the nation in the world, and here is the focus of this industry and the artists in general," he said.

He said The Ngoma Afrika Band has had a significant contribution to Tanzania and continues to do so due to the troupe's contribution nationally and internationally.

The leader said the band has had many nicknames, including 'FFU Ughaibuni' and 'Viumbe wa Ajabu', adding that it has turned into an institution that produces talented musicians that hold sway on international platforms.

"Let's join The Ngoma Afrika Band in preparation for its 30th Anniversary celebration and also become good ambassadors of our culture and music on international platforms abroad," he said.

## Salim wins praise for putting stellar performance in Dar derby

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC third-choice goalkeeper Ally Salim has said despite lack of game time, intense preparations in the training ground have enabled him to do well in his side's 2022/23 NBC Premier League match against Yanga, which ended with the former winning 2-0.

In what is regarded as the biggest soccer match in the country, which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, Salim set a record for getting a clean sheet on his debut in the 'Dar derby' while second-choice goalkeeper Beno Kakolanya sat on the bench.

Simba SC's decision to start Salim came after the side's first-choice goalkeeper Aishi Manula returned to training whilst not being physically fit.

With Kakolanya having been said to be on his way to join Singida Big Stars after finalizing a deal with the team, it was therefore a chance for Salim, who played in the previous league match against Ihefu SC, to get more game time.

The 22-year-old, who in the process recorded his second clean sheet of the season said: "I had no pressure coming into this match, I knew Manula and Kakolanya are human beings and one day they will be missing and I will be required to step up."

"I have been training intensively for games like this because they allow me to be seen and help the team as well, getting a clean sheet in derby games adds more value and trust to the team and myself," the shot-stopper, who as well features for the national U-23 team, noted.

The shot-stopper added: "I have been playing various local and international friendly games this season and they



Simba SC keeper Ally Salim.

have added maturity and experience in me... I look forward to performing at the highest level whenever I get a chance to play games." Locals fan particularly those rooting for Simba SC will eagerly wait to learn if Salim will stand between the sticks when the squad faces Morocco's Wydad Casablanca in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinals slated for April 22 in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC assistant coach Juma Mgunda poured praise on the youthful goalkeeper for his calmness and bravery but called for more improvement to develop his career.

Mgunda noted: "He got a

chance in two consecutive games and kept a clean sheet including the tie against Yanga, he shouldn't relax at all, he has to keep training hard and learn from experienced shot-stoppers to improve his career."

First-half goals netted by Henock Inonga and Kibu Denis meant this was the first time in two years that Simba SC defeated Yanga, with the Msimbazi Street outfit having played second fiddle in most outings at the time.

The win has taken Simba SC to 63 points whereas Yanga remains on top of the log with 68 points having played 26 games apiece.

This was the 110th game between these teams in the Premier League since 1965, of which Yanga has won 38 while Msimbazi Street outfit has won 32 and 40 matches have ended in a draw.

Both teams will now switch their focus to this season's CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals slated for this weekend.

Simba SC will welcome Wydad Casablanca in the first leg of the CAF Champions League quarterfinals while Yanga is expected to jet off to Nigeria to face Rivers United in CAF Confederation Cup last eight's first leg duel.

## Dar Basketball League all set to begin in May

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Basketball League has been slated to begin on May 6 instead of April 1 this year as was previously stated.

Basketball Dar es Salaam's Director of Planning, Development, and Marketing Commission Terence Mhumbira noted preparation for the league is in top gear and everything is in place for the showdown to start early next month.

He said that this year's league will see an increase of the women's teams to 12, while 16 teams will participate in the men's league's top honour.

Mhumbira said from this year, the league earlier known as Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League, will be known as Basketball Dar es Salaam League (BDL).

"We want to take this opportunity to announce the new brand name of our league which will now be known as BDL," Mhumbira pointed out.

Explaining further, Mhumbira revealed it was a wise decision to change the league's brand name since the association's name has also been changed in recent years.

The regional hoops association was earlier referred to as Regional Basketball Association and the brand name was changed to Basketball Dar es Salaam.

Men's teams taking part in this year's league include the defending champi-

ons Pazi, ABC, Oilers, Chui, Dar City, Polisi, Don Bosco Oysterbay, and Savio.

Others are JKT, UDSM Outsiders, Jogo, Ukonga Kings, Mchenga, Ukonga Warriors, Mgulani JKT, and Vijana 'City Bulls'.

The women's teams listed for the showdown are Don Bosco Lionesses, JKT Stars, Jeshi Stars, Kurasini Divas, Mchenga Queens, Pazi Queens, Ukonga Queens, City Queens, UDSM Queens, Police Stars, Vijana Queens, and Oilers Princesses.

According to BD, the 2023 BDL will be played in two rounds, with the clubs locking horns on a home and away basis.

The official revealed that after the end of the first round, there will be a one-week period of the mini registration period for teams that did not rope in the required number of players.

After the second round, the top eight teams will qualify for the quarterfinal stage (playoff stage).

The quarterfinal stage will be played in the best-of-three-matches format and the semi-final stage will be played in the best-of-five match format according to the organizers.

In the third-place tie, the battle will be a one-off game while the final will see the teams battle it out in a best-of-seven match format.

The three-bottom-placed teams in the men's showdown will be relegated and play in Division One League in 2024.

## Simba SC gets momentous boost ahead of 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinals

By Guardian Correspondent

SIMBA SC players have started residential camp ahead of the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinal, which will take place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The Msimbazi Street club's build-up has secured a timely boost, given the outfit's main sponsor M-Bet Tanzania has donated 100m/- bonuses.

The Tanzanian outfit will host Morocco's Wydad Athletic Club, also the premier continental showdown's defending champions, in the fixture.

Simba SC players were on a short holiday after taking part in a tough NBC Premier League assignment against their bitter rivals Young Africans (Yanga) and won 2-0.

After the tough tie, the Msimbazi Street giants will play host to Wydad Athletic Club at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium from 4 pm.

M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Director Allen Mushi yesterday handed a dummy cheque to Simba SC's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Imani Kajula at a press conference held at the Serena Hotel.



Simba SC Chief Executive Officer Imani Kajura (L) receives a dummy cheque of 100m/- from M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Director, Allen Mushi, as a bonus for every progress made by the club in this season's CAF Champions League, starting from the Group Stage. The dummy cheque was presented to the club during the press meeting for the upcoming match against Morocco's Wydad Casablanca that will take place at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on April 22. PHOTO: CARLOS BANDA

Mushi said that they are proud of the club's success and believe the outfit will continue to shine in the competition.

He explained that the money is part of their sponsorship obligation, and the firm will continue to give Simba SC bonuses as the squad keeps on performing well.

"We are very proud of the club's success in the continental club championships. They did well

in the past edition of the CAF Confederation Cup and, this time, they have proved their worth in the CAF Champions League," Mushi pointed out.

Simba SC's CEO Imani Kajula said they are ready to face the continental competition's defending champions and called on football fans to attend the encounter.

Kajula said the M-Bet Tanzania donation is a

morale booster ahead of the encounter, and players promised they would not let the financiers down.

"We are an esteemed club, and we are continuing to make the club turn into one of the best and most prominent on the continent," Kajula revealed.

In another development, Simba SC players have started preparations ahead of the Satur-

day encounter.

Simba SC Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said that two players, defensive midfielder Sadio Kanoute and first choice goalkeeper Aishi Manula, are among the players who joined the team after being out due to injury.

Ally said the duo will be examined by the club's physicians before further action.

## Power-packed Liver showcase their potent ammunition

BY MIKE MCGRATH

Jurgen Klopp may have ruled out signing a Ferrari this summer but here was a reminder of the high-powered engines he already has in his garage. His Liverpool team motored to a first victory in more than a month to even offer a glimmer of hope they could qualify for Europe.

Last week Klopp compared wanting Jude Bellingham to a child asking for a sports car as a Christmas present, given his price. After five games without a victory it may not have been what supporters wanted to hear, given the gap to the top of the Premier League. In his Telegraph Sport column, Jamie Carragher pointed out how important it was to get recruitment right this summer.

But performances like this and the second half against Arsenal, clawing back a point against the Premier League leaders, is what Klopp's team is capable of. The seven goals against Manchester United and six at Elland Road are the markers for his players, the standards they need to maintain.

Without Bellingham, his team can still have speed and are pleasant on the eye. In red, they can be a fleet of Ferraris. Look at how they seized on Leeds' mistakes - and generous refereeing for their opening goal - to lead through Cody Gakpo and Mohamed Salah, with Trent Alexander-Arnold orchestrating play from central midfield.

When Leeds pulled one back, they sped away through a couple more goals from Diogo Jota, another from Salah and Darwin Nunez also finding the net. The most impressive moment for Klopp? It was when his players swarmed around Leeds players in stoppage-time, hunting the ball. He considered it their best counter-pressing game of the season.

It could take them into the European places, which would be a remarkable achievement from where they have been this season. In the 2020/21 campaign they made a late run from eighth to third place in the final months. This time around there is more traffic between them and their rivals, yet Klopp believes these are important games for next season.

The foundations are being set to return to where Klopp feels they belong, should they replicate performances like this.

"I have no clue where we can end up this season. I just don't know because it depends massively on the teams around us," Klopp said. "But it is super important what is happening from now because it will go on after that, there will be a next season."

"What is important is what we showed in the second half against Arsenal because in this season this game could have gone either way. Tonight, it is super important we understand what we got here. We played a really bad season but some things are not really easy to explain, some things are not acceptable."

"When we put in good performances we can understand what is possible. That's really, really important for me. That's why I don't think where we can push to or whatever. I just want us to play top football, win games and then we will see where we end up."

"I think the problem between this season and that (2020/21) season was that we are a bit further away. But we will go on and we need all the performances now to create something new, so the games are super important."

"If we cannot get something this season then we have to build on good performance from this part of the season. I am thinking about that more than where we end up. I would like to see us with the same desire and passion that we did tonight."

Klopp talked about creating something new. This team plus their summer additions to go again and challenge the best. It will probably include Alexander-Arnold moving into midfield mid-match from full-back. He created the opening goal for Gakpo and also Nunez's strike with a lofted through ball.

"It's Trent, it's both full-back and midfield," said Klopp. "I think the goal for Darwin is an exceptional pass. He can be both but in general we need to be better protected as well because we concede too many counter-attacks."

"He won the ball back for the first goal as well, stepping really out. Really impressive, the highlight was the last pass but he had a few more. Wherever Trent is he can be decisive in his passes. This was a good game, you can see he enjoyed it."

After shipping five against Crystal Palace in their last match, this defeat was another worrying performance as owner Andrea Radrizzani watched on from the directors' box, his club's top-flight status under severe threat.

Javi Gracia was brought in to save their season but they are in a worse position than a year ago after 31 games, when they eventually needed a win on the final day of the campaign to survive.

"I suppose the supporters need to see the team playing like we have done in the previous games and try to improve our level," said Gracia, whose team scored through Luis Sinisterra. "We have to improve for the seven finals."

"I don't have an explanation. The players always tried and always worked hard during the week. In this game and the last game in the second half we didn't compete at our level and we need to improve that as we have seven games left and have to show our best face. I prefer to be critical at myself and try to find solutions for the future."

THE TELEGRAPH

# On-fire Haaland shows Bayern what they are missing

LONDON

WHEN Erling Haaland takes

the field for Manchester City today in Munich, the Norwegian will face the club who tried to sell the farm to buy him but failed.

Bayern's late first-leg capitulation in Manchester means the six-time winners need to overcome a 3-0 deficit to make it through to the semis.

Not only must Bayern do so against Europe's form team, but they need to somehow find the goals that the toothless front-line have lacked in 2023.

Midway through the second half at the Etihad, Bayern, 1-0 down after a Rodri wonder goal, were dominating possession and had carved out several chances, but failed to put any away.

Then, in a six-minute period, the brutally efficient Haaland showed what Bayern were missing up front, setting up a goal and then scoring another to put City on course for the semi-finals.

While Haaland's flurry likely sunk Bayern's League hopes then and there, the seeds for their struggles were planted late last season, when the German champions tried and failed to sign the Norwegian.

- 'How good is Haaland?'



Erling Haaland

land? -

Bayern sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic was not alone in his desire to sign Haaland, but his open courting of the Norwegian put noses out of joint, particularly that of star striker Robert Lewandowski.

In 2021, a clip emerged of Salihamidzic on the sidelines of a Bayern-Dortmund clash, speaking with an assistant coach after Haaland scored twice in seven minutes.

"How good is Haaland?"

He's a machine. I'll call his agent tomorrow."

In that match, Haaland had given Dortmund a 2-0 lead, Bayern fought back to win 4-2 -- thanks to a Lewandowski hat-trick.

Bayern were willing to tear up their carefully constructed salary structure to sign the Norwegian in the summer of 2022.

Lewandowski's camp said the striker felt slighted by the German club's failure to offer him a longer-term deal, with Bayern seemingly

distracted by their pursuit of Haaland.

Lewandowski had scored more than 40 goals for Bayern in seven straight seasons, scoring a remarkable 344 goals in 375 appearances.

Ultimately, Bayern's wandering eye cost them both Haaland and Lewandowski.

Haaland -- who later said he "felt sorry" for Lewandowski, calling Bayern's treatment "disrespectful" -- left the Bundesliga altogether.

After Lewandowski's signed with Barcelona,

then Bayern manager Julian Nagelsmann sought to spread the Poland striker's goals across a dynamic front line.

While the approach had immediate effect -- Bayern scored 26 goals in their first six competitive matches in 2022-23 -- the goals dried up.

Nagelsmann reverted to backup central striker Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting, who again gave Bayern a focal point as the 'Stoke City reject' produced the best form of his career to score 17 in 28 matches.

Choupo-Moting however looks set to miss Wednesday's encounter with back problems.

- 14 goals in six games - Despite a history of scoring against Bayern -- Haaland has six goals and two assists in eight games against the Bavarians -- Tuesday's 3-0 victory was the striker's first win against the German champions. He lost seven from seven with Dortmund.

Since moving to City, Haaland has been spectacular, smashing records on the way to scoring 47 goals in 40 appearances.

Coming into Wednesday's clash, the Norwegian has somehow managed to up his form, with a scarcely believable 14 goals in his past six games.

Bayern have eight across the same period, four of which came in one match against a wilted Dortmund.

Big-name signing Sadio Mane has not scored since October and is returning from a one-match suspension for hitting Leroy Sane in the face after the first-leg loss to City.

Instead, Serge Gnabry will likely lead the line, the same Gnabry who said in November he did not consider himself a striker "but it's better than sitting on the bench"

AFP

## How do Arsenal stop the choke? Trust the psychological beliefs of Mikel Arteta

BY SAM DEAN

STEVE Round, one of Mikel Arteta's assistants at Arsenal, has been coaching footballers for longer than Bukayo Saka has been alive. Over more than three decades in the professional game, the 52-year-old has learned to read a room and to judge the mood of an individual, and this time last year he decided to put a supportive arm around Saka's shoulder.

Arsenal were training at the Emirates Stadium on a Friday afternoon, the day before a meeting with Manchester United, and Round and Saka decided to work together on penalties. The young winger had scored from the spot a few days earlier, at Stamford Bridge, but the scars of the previous summer's Euros - when he missed in the shootout in the final against Italy - were still fresh.

And so, at the end of that day's session, Saka and Round strolled down to one end of the ground and picked a spot. Between them, they agreed which way Saka would shoot if Arsenal were to win a penalty the following afternoon. Saka then took that exact shot, firing into the same corner again and again, as part of his preparation.

A day later, after 30 minutes of action, Saka was fouled in United's penalty box. He grabbed the ball, puffed out his cheeks, and slammed his effort into the same corner of the net that he and Round had discussed 24 hours earlier. Practice, in

this case, made perfect.

Almost exactly a year later, on Sunday, Saka had another penalty for Arsenal, against West Ham. He shot in the same direction but, this time, fired wide. Within 142 seconds of his miss, West Ham had equalised, and two points had been lost. "Apologies Gunners," Saka said afterwards. "I'll do everything I can to make it right."

The story of Round and Saka's one-to-one session is especially relevant now because it provides an indication of how Arteta and his coaching staff will handle the next few days. After back-to-back draws, in which Arsenal have twice surrendered two-goal leads, there are now serious questions being asked about the team's mental strength.

This is only a blip, but many supporters fear it could quickly become a collapse similar to the end of last season, when Arsenal missed out on a place in the top four as a result of losses to Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United.

How will they try to prevent that from happening again? Arteta will take the lead this week, as he has done all season, and coaches such as Round, Albert Stuivenberg and Carlos Cuesta will also be there to speak to players one-on-one. Success is a collective pursuit but, as Round and Saka demonstrated last season, it also requires a personal touch.

Arsenal do not have an official club psy-



Steve Round

chologist, with Arteta and his coaching staff instead leading the messaging and the mental management of the first-team stars. They do use various consultants, however, which are turned to by the players on an individual basis, as and when required.

Arteta likes to read in his spare time, but only non-fiction books and only things that help him

become a better manager. He is interested in leadership techniques and methods of management, and he regularly speaks to coaches in other sports, including rugby union's Eddie Jones.

With a match against Southampton looming on Friday before the all-important meeting with Manchester City next week, Arteta will need to deploy the most effec-

tive of these techniques if he is to steady the ship. The title is still within Arsenal's control but they cannot afford to stumble again, and they certainly cannot afford to keep blowing two-goal leads.

"Simply play football"

Professor Andy Lane, a sports psychologist at the Centre for Health and Human Performance and the University of Wolverhampton, says the key for Arsenal's players is to live in the moment. The more liberated they feel, and the less concerned they are about the bigger picture, the better they will play.

"If they are thinking they are close to the end of the season, it brings anxiety," he says. "They need to do as much as possible to simply play football. Focus on the quality of the movement, the enjoyment of playing. They could watch back successful performances, trying to recapture what it was like when they were win-

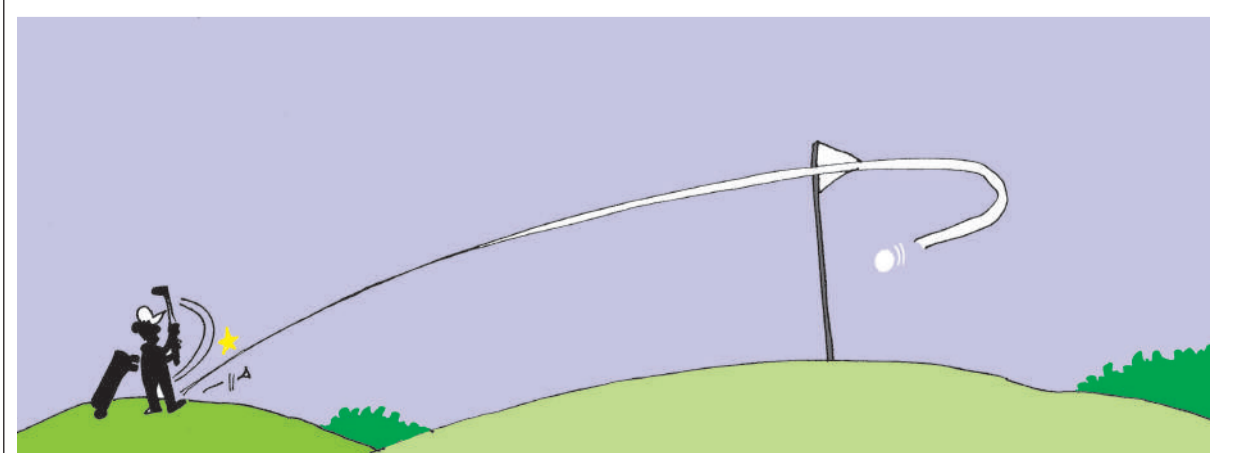
ning. "It is about being the best in that moment. Tennis players are a good example of this, because they can't be thinking about anything else but the next point. One serve after another serve. It is easy to say, but very hard to do."

What is certainly true is that Arsenal have shown a much-improved level of resilience this season. They have secured big victories against some of their biggest rivals, and have consistently struck late winners. With Gabriel Jesus and Oleksandr Zinchenko in their team, they also have two players who know what it takes to win the title.

This season, they have appeared to be the most mentally robust Arsenal team for many years. As the title race reaches its climax, and the pressure grows to almost unbearable levels, they cannot now allow their minds and bodies to soften.

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## Gwiji by David Chikoko



# SPORT

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Tanzanian athlete Gabriel Geay (R) runs alongside Kenyan Evans Chebet on the course of the 127th Boston Marathon that took place in Brookline, USA on Monday. Chebet went on to win the race followed by Geay in second place. AGENCIES

## AT challenges Tz athletes to emulate Geay and Simbu

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has challenged the country's athletes to emulate the success garnered by compatriots Gabriel Geay and Alphonse Simbu, stressing that others should be visionary, hardworking, and disciplined.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT acting secretary-general, made the call on Tuesday after the two athletes made international headlines for performing well in high-profile showdowns in the United States of America (USA) and China.

Geay shined in this season's Boston International Marathon in the USA and Simbu put a scintillating display in Yangzhou Jiazhen International Half Marathon in China.

The Tanzanian athlete on Monday came second in the Boston International Marathon by clocking 2:06.04 and Simbu had, on Sunday, ended third in Yangzhou Jiazhen International Half Marathon after clocking 1:01:00.

Ndaweka said the two athletes' performance in the two events has put Tanzania on the international map.

"Currently there is no sporting activity which is bringing honour in our country than athletics but the performance of the two is a combination of vision, hard work, dedication, and discipline," he said.

He said the performance of the two at international events should be opening keys for other local athletes.

Ndaweka noted that since the country moved from amateur athletics to professional athletics, the two have been outstanding.

The official revealed: "The two are some of our athletes who took the sport as their source of income, they took athletics as a serious professional and they live and behave like professional athletes, our athletes must learn from them."

"The two invest their resources on the sport which is bringing bread and butter on their tables, they take the advice of their coaches and leaders," the official pointed out.

"The good thing is that we have many talented athletes in our country and they know that they can earn their living through athletics but they don't invest in the sport, they end up complaining and making unnecessary excuses," he said.

The AT official said the federation believes that the performance of the two is a springboard for winning medals in the Paris 2024 Olympics.

"AT wishes them all the best and we are looking forward to good future performance, especially in the Paris 2024 Olympics," the official pointed out.

"We want medals in the Olympics but, for that to be realized, we need the government and corporate world to fully support us," he said.

The duo's exploits are not new and they are on top of the world as the newly introduced global ranking system by World Athletics has ranked them.

He scored 1375 and moved to seventh place in the World Men's marathon, as well as occupying the 80th spot in men's overall ranking while Simbu who scored 1241 points is placed third.

## Simba SC duo doubtful for 2022/23 CAF CL quarterfinal against Wydad AC



Tanzania's Simba SC left fullback, Gadiel Michael (L), dribbles past Morocco's Raja Club Athletic midfielder, Zakaria Habti, as the two outfits took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Champions League Group C encounter at Mohammed V Stadium in Morocco on March 31. Raja Club Athletic walloped Simba SC 3-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Simba SC could have a big injury concern ahead of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League quarterfinal tie against Moroccan giants, Wydad Athletic Club, slated for Saturday in Dar es Salaam.

Simba SC will host the CAF Champions League's defending champions in the first leg of their last-eight clashes at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium on Saturday afternoon bidding to reach the semi-final for only the second time in their history.

The Tanzanian representatives are heading into

the clash on the back of an impressive victory in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League encounter with Yanga that took place at the weekend.

Simba SC, also known as 'Msimbazi Reds', collected important three points in the 'Dar derby' with a 2-0 victory over Yanga as the

top-flight title race head into the final rounds.

The victory came despite Simba SC missing the services of goalkeeper Aishi Manula and midfielder Sadio Kanoute. The duo remains the main concern for Simba SC heading into the Wydad Athletic Club game.

Simba SC Information

and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally confirmed Manula and Kanoute remain doubtful after recent injuries but will be assessed as the team resumed training on Tuesday.

The official noted: "Regarding the team update, Kanoute is suffering from hip pain and today he will arrive at the camp to meet the doctors."

"If he is fine, he will start training. Similarly, Aishi Manula will meet with the doctors to check his condition," Ally said.

Kanoute has now missed the last four games though it was earlier communicated that he was merely rested as one of the most used players in this campaign.

Though much now depends on how he fares in and reacts to training between Tuesday and Friday, there is a strong possibility he might miss the first leg.

The situation echoes the CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal played one year ago, in which Simba SC locked horns with a South African side, Orlando Pirates, when he was suspended for yellow card accumulation.

On the other hand, Manu-

la picked up a knock in this season's Federation Cup quarterfinal win over Ihefu SC forcing Simba SC head coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' to use third-choice goalkeeper Ally Salim in the two subsequent games including the derby against Yanga.

Though it has not been confirmed officially, it is understood that second-choice goalkeeper, Beno Kakolanya, has been overlooked for what is alleged to have signed a pre-contract with another NBC Premier League club.

This will be the third time Simba SC takes on a Moroccan opponent in the premier continental showcase this year, as they faced off with Wydad Athletic Club's arch-rivals Raja CA in the Group Stage, losing home and away.

The last meeting between Simba SC and Wydad Athletic Club was in the 2011 season in a special play-off match that was ordered by CAF following a successful appeal by Simba SC over DR Congo club, TP Mazembe, fielding an ineligible player. Wydad Athletic Club won 3-0 in Cairo.

## Tanzania women's cricket team tipped to excel in 2023 Victoria Series

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Cricket Association (TCA) has expressed confidence over senior national women's team chances to hold sway in the 2023 Victoria Women's Twenty20 International Series which got underway in Uganda on Tuesday.

The association's information officer, Atif Salim, disclosed in Dar es Salaam yesterday the cricketers had intensive training to shape up for the showdown.

The official noted: "We have high hopes for our girls as they trained hard last month and had a good Bilateral Series in which they played competitive cricket."

Tanga hosted the TCA-organized National Women's Bilateral Series at Annadil Burhani ground and Usagara ground recently, with Morogoro women's squad ending as the champion.

Salim revealed: "The last tournament we took part in, which was the Quadrangular Women's T20 Series in Kenya in December last year was a disappointing one as we could not even make it to the final."

Cricket Kenya (CK) organized the tournament which took place in Nairobi and was won by Uganda, beating Kenya in the final.

The TCA information officer noted: "That was a good wake-up call for the national team that was fresh from winning the Kwibuka Women's



Tanzania's senior women's cricket team skipper, Fatuma Omary, poses for a picture with a trophy during the launch of this year's Victoria Women's Twenty20 International Series in Uganda on Monday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

T20 International tournament held in Kigali a few months earlier."

Tanzania women's cricket team beat the rest of the participants to lift the 2022 Kwibuka Women's T20 International Tournament, garnering victory in seven matches it played.

Brazil, Botswana, Germany, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and hosts Rwanda are the other

squads that battled it out in the showdown.

According to Salim, the Tanzania women's cricketers have learned from their mistakes and cannot get complacent as they have seen improvement shown by East African neighbours, including Rwanda, whose U-19 girls' team played in the 2023 ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup that took place in South Af-

rica. Salim insisted: "We have a new opponent to face in the UAE who poses a different challenge altogether and it is going to be a very highly competitive tournament this time around."

The 2023 Victoria Women's Twenty20 International Series was launched on Monday, with all participating teams' skippers taking part in the opening occasion.

The Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)-organized showdown has brought together women's national squads from the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and hosts Uganda seeking to raise the standard of the women's sport.

The opening day had Kenya coming up against the United Arab Emirates in the first tie, and Rwanda was later expected to play against hosts, Uganda.

Players making Tanzania's senior women's cricket team are Sonia Chachala, Sophia Frank, Huda Mrisho, Aisha Mohamed, Mwanaidi Ammy, Perice Zakayo, and Mwapwani Mohamed.

Neema Justine, Shufaa Mohamed, Monica Paschal, Josephine Shirima, Agnes Qwele, Saum Godfrey, and skipper Fatuma Omary are the other players in the squad.

The senior national women's cricket squad is set to begin its pursuit of silverware in the tournament this morning, coming up against the United Arab Emirates.

Cricketers forming Uganda women's squad 'Victoria Pearls' are Concy Aweko (C), Janet Mbabazi (VC), Sarah Akiteng, Prosscovia Alako, Irene Alumo, Evelyn Anyipo, Kevin Awino (WK), Esther Iloku (WK), Phiona Kulumbe, Patricia Malemikia, Rita Musamali, Immaculate Nakisuuyi, Stephani Nampiina, and Gloria Obukor.

Rwanda Women's cricket team has Marie Bimbenyimana (C), Sifa Ingabire, Alice Ikuzwe, Rosine Irera, Gisele Ishimwe, Henriette Ishimwe, Immaculee Muhawenimana, Belise Murekatete, Josiane Nyirankundineza, Clarisse Uwase, Geovanis Uwase (WK), Merveille Uwase (WK), Sarah Uwera (WK), and Margueritte Vumiliya.

United Arab Emirates women's cricket team consists of Chaya Mughal (C), Jia Bhatia, Kavisha Egodage, Al Maseera Jahangir, Geethika Jyothis, Lavanya Keny, Suraksha Kotte, Vaishnav Mahesh, Indhuja Nandakumar, Esha Oza, Avanee Patil, Theertha Satish (WK), Khushi Sharma, Sanchin Singh, Archara Supriya, and Ishitha Zehra.

Kenya women's cricket team consists of Sharon Juma (C, WK), Queenor Abel, Veronica Abuga, Ruth Achando (WK), Lavendah Idambo, Sylvia Kinyua, Mary Mwangi (WK), Teresia Mwangi, Monicah Ndhambi, Margaret Ngoche, Daisy Njoroge, Mercyline Ochieng, Venasa Ooko, and Esther Wachira.

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