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# Australian firms ready with \$4bn for mining

By Francis Kajubi

NINE Australian mining companies expect to invest up to \$4.46trn/- (\$4bn) within two years to start mining operations for global critical minerals, an Australian government official has affirmed.

Scott Morris, the Australian trade commissioner for Africa, told journalists at the weekend on a visit to Dar es Salaam that the investment in critical minerals follow the signing of framework agreements with the government over

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the past two years.

Critical minerals targeted by Australian mining firms include cobalt, graphite, nickel, lithium and a range of other rare earth metals, he said, citing firms like

Black Rock, EcoGraph and Evolution Energy are interested in graphite mining. Peak Rare Earths, another firm, will invest in the rare earth metals while Kabanga Nickel has started working on a nickel project in Biharamulo District, he said.

Strandline Co. seeks to invest in mineral sands while OreCorp and WalkAbout target gold and other minerals found along with gold ore, he stated, noting that critical minerals have been discovered in Kagera, Mwanza and Morogoro regions.

Other firms had already signed framework agreements and granted special mining licences, he said, at a reception he co-hosted with Minerals

minister Doto Biteko for Australian businesses in Tanzania.

The firms included those providing mining equipment, technology and maintenance services, making an observation that the firms had placed \$40bn (Australian dollars) in mining and related activities in Africa.

The firms are providing significant revenue to host countries, he stated, explaining that Australia is working closely with Tanzania to achieve its ambition for the extractive sector to contribute at least 10 percent of the country's GDP by 2025.

The trade commissioner met Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) officials, the World Bank representative and its private sector branch, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) country office.

“Australian firms are optimistic for the future of Tanzania's mining industry,” he said, underlining that the Australian government “is pleased to support their work by bringing global best practice to the sector.”

“I’m pleased to see Australian companies are progressing major critical mineral projects in Tanzania. We intend to further grow our trade and investment relationship as well as in education and vocational training, health and technology, food and agriculture,” he stated.

Anna Rabin, an Australian honorary consul in Dar es Salaam, said that Australia is reinvigorating ties with Africa, pointing at the two countries as globally attractive mining destinations.

In his remarks, the minister was optimistic on the country's role in helping with the global shift to clean alternative energy and electric vehicles use, making the attraction of investments in strategic minerals a sound proposition.

The country's mining sector is growing stronger and stronger with a stretch of Australian mining companies signing contracts for graphite and rare earth metals mining activities.

Australian companies are also good observants of environmental corporate governance rules, he said, inviting the firms to the Tanzania Mining Investment Forum set for October.



Yes, it is yet again World Environment Day today. The Day has been celebrated the world over each June 5 since 1973, chiefly to encourage global awareness and action for the protection of the environment. The theme for this year's WED underlines the need for humankind to refocus attention on solutions to plastic pollution. The argument is simple: plastic suffocates marine life, damages soil, poisons ground water, and can have serious health consequences. One of our readers sent us this photo yesterday afternoon, having captured the scene earlier in the day at a section of Dar es Salaam's Indian Ocean coastline - facing the city's Aga Khan Hospital and the landmark Tanzanite Bridge. How ironical, though, that the area is littered with all manner of garbage - including plastic material - on World Environment Day eve!

## ‘Tanzania not affected by reduced dollar circulation’

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

PROSPECTS of reducing the circulation of the US dollar in global trade will not affect Tanzania, the government has stated.

Treasury minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba said that the country has not experienced noticeable effects, crediting the situation to “robust strategies by the government.”

He made the remarks yesterday at an event to raise money for the construction of two secondary schools in Kiomboi and Kititimo in Kiomboi District, organised by the Singida Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

He referred to steps taken by the US government (in raising interest rates for banks borrowing large volumes of dollars from the Federal Reserve Board), and (BRICS member countries Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, along with some invited countries)

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taking measures to reduce the use of the US dollar for trade facilitation.

He said these measures had created a difficult environment for both developed and developing countries as the dollar is the mainstay of trading goods around the world.

He said Tanzania faces some problems “but if we compare ourselves with other countries, we are still better off,” affirming that the country is still engaged in the war on poverty and a vast lack of employment for the youth.

Owing to these challenges,

the government has set out a policy for elevating productive activities for poverty alleviation and job creation, he said, pointing at raising funds for the Agriculture ministry four times, to increase irrigation infrastructures and higher crop production.

Unpredictable agro-sector activity is shunned by the youth but in developed countries agro-sector activities are equally respected as a source of wealth, he stated.

He said the government supports efforts made by religious institutions in setting up educational institutions and health sectors, while the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Yohana Hilinti, bishop of the diocese, said the first phase of the project needs upwards of 500m/-.

He praised the spirit of co-operation the government shows for religious organisations, pledging prayer vigilance for President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

## EAC states agree on removal of ten NTBs

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

EAST African Community (EAC) member states have agreed to remove ten non-tariff barriers (NTBs) to trade.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the Investment, Industry and Trade minister and her Treasury counterpart Dr Mwigulu Nchemba told reporters here at the weekend that eight other trade barriers are still being worked upon and four new others have been submitted for examination, to improve trade ties among the member states. In addition, the partner states have agreed to impose a rate of \$10 for every 100 kms as road user charges for cargo trucks

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moving from one country to another, removing arbitrary charges imposed by each country.

The agreements were reached at a ministerial council on trade, industry, finance and investment (SCTIFI) on Saturday at the EAC headquarters.

The sectorial council also agreed on beefing up customs services at Kenya-Tanzania border stops to reduce truck congestion and thus help to spur trade.

It similarly agreed to remove visa charges for people who travel from one country to another for various businesses, including trade, in order to boost ties, Dr Kijaji noted.

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# Museveni depllores UPDF nepotism

KAMPALA

In the aftermath of a deadly attack on a Uganda Peoples Defence Force (UPDF) forward operating base in Somalia, President Museveni has accused some army commanders of

deploying their relatives and cooks to fight Al Shabaab militants.

“It seems at some stage, some of the people who organize put names of their bodyguards, personal assistants and cooks. They create some sort of ad

hoc instead of integral units,” Museveni said.

The president was speaking to the NRM Caucus at Kyankwanzi.

A Friday early morning attack targeted a UPDF forward operating base in Bulo Marer, 120 kilometers (75

miles) southwest of the capital Mogadishu.

Al-Shabaab claimed in a statement that it carried out a suicide bomb attacks and killed 137 Ugandan soldiers whereas others were taken as prisoners of war.

Statements by the UPDF and the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia have up to now been tight-lipped about casualties of the attacking.

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## 700 students to study overseas

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE number of Tanzanian students going abroad for studies has been increasing each year and this year alone they expect to send 700 students, an educationist has said.

Abdumalik Mollel, director of Global Education Link (GEL) revealed this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking to students who are expected to go to different countries abroad in this academic year.

Mollel pointed out that one of the reasons is the assurance for the student to get enrolment in a type of course of his choice because in the local universities the competition has been strong and the opportunities have been very limited.

He gave an example that the competition has become great in science studies due to the large number of students who pass to join universities, a situation that causes many to miss out on a chance and decide to look for colleges abroad.

He said many students of medicine, pharmacy, engineering and dentistry have been deciding to go to universities abroad due to the scarcity of those courses in local colleges.

"The main thing that attracts students is the assurance of enrolment because foreign universities open admission very early and although their form six results are not out, they can reserve a chance for students who apply even today because the competition is not very strong like here," he said.

Mollel said the other thing that attracts parents to send their children to foreign universities is the low cost they are given in countries like Cyprus, India, Turkey and Malaysia where they are sure to pay the fees.

"In many countries, even universities in Europe, the fee is often between 2,500 dollars, which is an average of five million shillings here and if you look at many universities abroad, they do not have a problem with teaching materials and even the ratio of teachers in classes is very good," said Mollel.

Mollel asked students who are going to study abroad to refrain from luxury and pleasure behaviors as they may be sent back home due to lack of discipline.

He said that when some students arrive abroad, they have been engaging in comfort and luxurious life and forget the task that brought them to those countries and others fail

to finish their studies and fulfill their dreams.

"Some have not even been attending classes and entertain leisure activities. Universities have their criteria that if a student does not meet them, they refuse to do their exams, if you repeat the exams and fail, they cancel you and then notify the Immigration Department to send you back to your country," said Mollel.

He gave an example that there are some countries that do not allow students to work, but some of them have been working in a cunning way and when they are found out, they are sent back home, thus causing loss to their parents who paid the fees.

He said that students should focus on studies instead of struggling with jobs to earn income because they went to those countries to study and not to work.

Mollel said there are countries that allow students to work, but experience shows that when they are given such an opportunity to work, they spend more time and sometimes neglect their studies and fail to achieve their dreams.

"Not every student who goes to study abroad fulfills his dreams, there are others who end up in the middle due to various reasons including not attending classes, so when you go for studies, you should focus on studies and not the other way around," said Mollel.

In addition, Mollel gave an example of a medical student who was expelled in China when he was a four-year student because he was captured involving himself in entrepreneurship activities in China even though his permit did not allow him to work.

He said the student was doing the work in secret during the outbreak of COVID but when the Immigration people found out, they expelled him and banned him from returning to the country, thus losing his opportunity to study and causing loss to his parents.

"Now if you look at the money he had collected by working and if you look at the loss that his parents have incurred to educate him for all four years, it does not match. Some students go there and start getting involved in the luxury life by going to nightclubs."

"You find that a student from Monday to Friday is at the club and spends all the money and then starts bothering the parents that the money has run out, so parents should also monitor the trend of the children even in terms of spending because sometimes they lie to them," he

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Sounding disappointed in the commanders, President Museveni said people he termed as a new crop are making use of the lucrative allowances from Somalia as a way of earning jobs for their close relatives.

He said these new players in the army without the spirit of patriotism and NRA ideology are

scrambling to maximize allowances from the UN rather than look at the needs of the mission.

"The investigation will go on and you will see. Somalia is a very dangerous place, if you go there without a plan, you end up in a bad situation for yourself, some of these people do not look at the mission but the money," Museveni said.

"It seems one of the



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda addresses members of university councils, senates and governing boards at an event organised by the Tanzania Commission for Universities as he closed a two-day consultative workshop held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Mary Kadoke

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through the 'one customs authority' that came into operation back in April this year, the meeting noted, while endorsing the final draft for East African Standards whereby 65 standards will come into use after the protocol is

formally adopted.

The meeting received a report on initial budget discussions by EAC finance ministries, along with action on decisions of the previous sectoral council meeting convened on the basis of the EAC coordination calendar, chaired by Marie Chantal Nijimbere, the Burundi

can Competition Authority. EAC member states namely Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and Congo DRC attended the sectoral council meeting convened on the basis of the EAC coordination calendar, chaired by Marie Chantal Nijimbere, the Burundi

Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism minister, officials said. Tanzania's delegation comprised officials and experts from the Treasury and Foreign Affairs and EA Cooperation ministry. Dr Natu El-Maamry, the Treasury permanent secretary attended the meet-

ing along with William Erio, the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) CEO. Dr Athumani Ngenya, the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) director general and Charles Itembe, his Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) counterpart also attended.



Vodacom Tanzania cluster sales supervisor Iddy Chitanda (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a gas stove to a freelancer with the firm, Mathias Lutumbi, who collected after collecting enough points registering new customers to qualify for the prize. Vodacom rewards freelancers through an ongoing countrywide campaign in which prizes include health insurance cover, motorcycles, televisions, smartphones, mattresses, cash and a fully-paid trip to South Africa in October this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Museveni deplores UPDF nepotism

suspect factors in the incident could be corruption again by some of these new players in the army. In Somalia, the UN gives big allowances, someone told me that you can get Shs38m in a year when deployed there. Now some of these people (we suspect) who are select-

ing people to go to Somalia are not doing the right thing as we were doing before."

He said that previously, deployments were done by picking from combat units but that at some stage, all this was abandoned and the commanders started selecting who

to deploy and that most of these are their relatives and people known to them.

Museveni said they did this on the basis that Al-Shabaab has been 'quiet' for sometime.

"Sending welfare cases on a combat mission is the cause of this problem," he

added.

"This was not Al-Shabaab, it was out internal weaknesses which must be addressed. This business of not listening to the NRA, the mercenary attitude of selfishness, money etc. We are sorry about the death," Museveni added.

In the aftermath of the deadly attack, the president pointed out that that operations in Somalia and other theatres, are combat missions and not welfare missions for people to get UN allowances.

"It is criminal for anybody involved, to send into such a theatre soldiers who are either not suited for that mission or not properly prepared for it," he said on Saturday.

His latest comments about the attack seem to be calculated and a dig aimed at some commanders whose negligence could have partly contributed to the attack.

For example, in his Saturday statement, the president said the UPDF soldiers could have panicked when Al Shabaab militants attacked.

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Barrick Gold Corporation accountant Solomon David pictured in Arusha city at the weekend addressing students of various colleges based in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions at a forum organised by AIESEC Tanzania and sponsored by Barrick. AIESEC is an international youth-run and led non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation that provides young people with leadership development, cross-cultural internships, and global volunteer exchange experiences. It focuses on empowering young people to make a progressive social impact. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TCRA advises mobile phone users to inform MNOs or risk losing sim-card

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has urged mobile phone users to inform their mobile network operators (MNOs) if they plan to retain their sim-cards for over 90 days, as mandated by the law.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, TCRA director general made the call over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking to reporters on the importance of maintaining the sim-cards for mobile phone users.

He stated that mobile phone service users have the right to request the retention of their active SIM cards for a period of 90 days up to one year. Dr Bakari insisted that this right is granted under communication regulations, provided that users inform their MNOs accordingly.

He highlighted several scenarios, such as traveling, illness, or other circumstances, in which users can implement this request, stressing the importance for users to preserve their phone lines, as it facilitates reactivation upon their return.

"Users can easily inform their service providers about their intended non-usage of a specific SIM card for more than 90 days up to one year, by notifying the service provider in advance, users can prevent the sale of their phone line to another customer, if the Sim Card remains inactive for more than 90 days and beyond without notification to service providers," Dr Bakari said.

The TCRA chief emphasized the importance of preserving phone lines and their associated numbers as valuable communi-

cation resources, noting: "in the event of a loss, it is necessary to report the incident to the nearest police station. Once the loss has been reported and appropriate documentation provided by the police, the mobile network operator (MNO) will issue a replacement SIM card to the user."

As part of a comprehensive strategy aimed at enhancing public awareness, TCRA has joined forces with TCRA Communications Consumer Council (TCRACC) and Mobile network Operators to provide education and information to the public regarding responsible management of phone number resources.

The Electronic and Postal Communications (Sim Card Registration) Regulations, 2023, specifically Section 25(1), alongside Section 4(1) and 9(1)(c) of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Electronic Communication Numbering and Addressing) Regulations, outline provisions for transferring ownership of a sim card from its original proprietor in the event of non-usage for ninety consecutive days.

"These regulations not only address sim card ownership but also encompass comprehensive guidelines pertaining to the management and allocation of phone numbers, among other important aspects," added Jabiri.

TCRA also allows users to formally notify their service providers in writing if they plan to refrain from using a specific SIM card continuously for up to twelve months. This notification prompts the service provider to suspend the line accordingly.

"Phone numbers are valuable resources that enable effective communication, and service providers pay licensing fees for each number annually," said the regulatory chief adding that "By deactivating unused numbers and real-locating them to users in need, TCRA ensures optimal utilisation of these resources," he added.

Happy Kavishe, a Dar es Salaam resident, shared her disheartening experience of losing her sim card upon returning from abroad. However, she now finds herself delighted and grateful, thanks to the informative guidance provided by TCRA, she told this writer. Motivated by her own experience, Kavishe feels compelled to educate others about the significance of responsible sim card management and hopes to inspire them to do the same.

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## Minister Mkenda challenges TCU on need of ranking system in evaluating graduates

By Correspondent Mary Kadoko

EDUCATION, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda, has challenged Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) monitoring role; urging on a need of having a similar ranking system that will bridge graduates' quality gaps and thus promote quality education in the country.

The minister gave the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when wrapping up the two-day consultative training workshop engaging members of university councils, senate and the governing board. The workshop was themed: "enhancing quality of education through strengthening internal quality assurance systems, university governance and Leadership."

He said: "It's time the commission waves out the notion that graduates from certain universities are best products compared to others as it has come to the observation that those considered to be the best have poor knowledge input."

"Other parts of the world have elite universities that if you are from a certain university you are considered the best of your kind. I really don't know how tenable this is but I think it is time all universities equalize on the same grading standards towards quality education enhancement,"

he said.

"Lack of standardization opens a room of familiarity; a worthy or prominent parent finds it easy to relocate his or her student to another university hoping to get a grade. A common agreement without compromise is needed in universities to achieve the same input in the market industry," he added.

According to him, the graduate quality gap is much influenced by students' admission tension whereas a lot is needed to ensure that quality is obtained.

Prof Mkenda further noted: "We would love seeing many graduates however the failure aspect should not be compromised with the fund raising management process. The fact that teachers are always questioned over students' failure, it therefore forces them to reduce the set passing average to accommodate all students. A lot is needed to make this successful."

He also gave a hint that its time (TCU) eye on plagiarism cases and agree on taking effective measures on universities found guilty with such cases.

"The endorsed education at university level should be more of a problem based on the need and challenges associated with new technology innovation," he insisted.



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## APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



**Benedict Busunzu**  
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tembo Nickel Corporation Ltd

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Benedict Busunzu as our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited – a company in partnership with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to create a mining and beneficiation champion through the equitable sharing of economic benefits. Benedict's appointment is effective immediately. In this role, Benedict will report directly to the Board of Directors.

Benedict was serving as the Country Manager for Tembo Nickel since he joined the company on 1st August 2021.

Benedict holds over eighteen years of extensive experience managing mining operations, twelve of which were senior roles within the extractives industry. Benedict has multinational work experience and education in Tanzania, South Africa, UK and Australia.

Having held previous Commercial roles as General Manager as well as Commercial Manager, Benedict possesses strategic expertise in multinational team leadership, cultural transformation, asset value creation, vision and strategic planning, board relations, investor relations and high stakes government and community relations.

Prior to joining Tembo Nickel, Benedict was General Manager for Twiga Minerals Corporation (Barrick Gold Corporation's Partnership with the Government

of Tanzania), where he oversaw operations in the Bulyanhulu and Buzwagi Mines.

It is a privilege to welcome Benedict to his new appointment at Tembo Nickel. Together with the Board, we look forward to seeing further success, progress, and continuing accomplishments of the Project.

Mr. Keith Liddell  
Board Chairman  
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Commenting on his own appointment Benedict said, "It is a great honor to be appointed to be part of Tembo Nickel's leadership, a mine-to-metal company which we believe will deliver the first battery-grade nickel in Tanzania ensuring full beneficiation and shared value in the country. I look forward to continuing the journey of building this growing Company and to working with the Company's committed and talented team, some of which have been promoted to the Executive Leadership Committee. Together we can deliver in accordance with national and international standards.

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### COMMUNICATIONS LEAD-KABANGA

#### Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a **Communications Lead** to join Tembo Nickel Project Team. This role is based at **Kabanga site**. The Communications Lead will be responsible for the internal and External Communications. The successful candidate for this role will report to the Communications & Corporate Affairs Manager and Site General Manager. The successful candidate will be on **6/3 Roster**.

#### Principal Accountability

- o Participate in drafting Communication strategy, planning, budgeting, and ensuring its implementation.
- o Support technical teams in matters requiring external community stakeholder communication support including identifying and advising on areas of strategic communications, field communications related campaigns, documentation, and branding.
- o Work closely with the Communications and Corporate Affairs team to ensure implementation of communication plan and adherence of company guidelines and standards.
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- o BA. degree in communications, journalism, public relations, or a related field.
- o Not less than 7 years of working experience in the respective field.
- o Documentation experience: Documentaries production, photography, and videography and strong experience of working with communication agencies.
- o Experience providing communication support to multiple departments/teams.
- o Corporate branding experience.
- o Media relations skills and ability to manage media enquiries.
- o Be of Swahili mother tongue with outstanding communication skills both written and oral in English and Swahili.
- o Swahili to English and English to Swahili translation experience.
- o Experience in managing communication for corporate development projects.
- o Ability to translate complex business information into engaging content.
- o Journalistic and creative writing skills.
- o Multimedia Content writing and production experience.
- o Ability to advise on communication policies, processes, and procedures.

### MEDIA OFFICER-DAR ES SALAAM

#### Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a **Media officer** to join Tembo Nickel Project Team. This role is based at **Dar es salaam office**. The media officer will be responsible for the delivery of Tembo Nickel media engagement strategy. The successful candidate for this role will report to the Communications & Corporate Affairs Manager.

#### Principal Accountability

- o Oversee the Companies External Communications regarding mainstream media (TV, Radio and Newspapers), alternative media (brochures, fliers, posters etc.), and folk media such as the use of traditional songs and theatre and digital media management.
- o Work with the technical teams to identify areas of external communication support and develop an implementation plan.
- o Work closely with the rest of the Communications team and CR team to amplify messages to media stakeholders and through different media channels.
- o Guide and supervise the development of content including creative work by external partners.
- o Participate in strategizing with the Communications team innovative and creative ways of documenting and disseminating knowledge.
- o Work closely with the rest of the communications team to coordinate media trainings to staff.
- o Participate in identifying potential strategic local, national, and global media partners, develop and implement strategies to work with local, national and global media.
- o Oversee the Planning and management of external events and campaigns.
- o Monitoring and Evaluation of External Communication performance and budget evaluation.
- o Work with technical teams to review and edit content for external stakeholders drafted by internal stakeholders and to ensure messaging is consistent with internal strategy and tone.
- o Ensure strategic Company media visibility is achieved, managed, and monitored.

#### Key Competencies and Required Skills

- o BA. degree in communications, journalism, public relations, or a related field.
- o Not less than 6 years of working experience in the respective field.
- o Outstanding journalistic and creative writing skills
- o Leadership skills
- o Ability to translate complex business information into engaging content.
- o Requires advanced writing skills; ability to write, edit and proofread documents into clear and concise knowledge communication materials in English and Swahili languages.
- o Skills in multimedia production.
- o Experience providing communication support to multiple departments/teams.
- o Be of Swahili mother tongue with outstanding communication skills both written and oral in English and Swahili.
- o Swahili to English and English to Swahili translation experience

### DIGITAL MEDIA OFFICER-DAR ES SALAAM

#### Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a **Digital Media officer** to join Tembo Nickel Project Team. This role is based at **Dar es salaam office**. The digital media officer will be responsible for the delivery of Tembo Nickel digital media strategy. The successful candidate for this role will report to the Communications & Corporate Affairs Manager.

- o Advise on the Digital media strategy, develop an implementation plan and execute the implementation.
- o Improving company visibility and managing public knowledge using digital media channels and digital news channels.
- o Oversee Digital Media Management and media monitoring.
- o Oversee the establishment and Management of digital Media platforms including website.
- o Developing concepts of digital media communications and campaigns and implementation.
- o Scheduling placement of content on digital media platforms.
- o Creating content and oversee the creation of content for digital media platforms according to platform guidelines.
- o Advise on digital media guidelines.
- o Manage search engine optimization and media monitoring queries.
- o Ensuring brand consistency across all digital media channels.
- o Developing, Drafting, and editing digital communications copy and materials.
- o Advise on new digital media trends applicable to corporate entities.
- o Monitor the performance of service providers.
- o Establish and maintain a strong effective network and working relationships with digital news media platforms.
- o Managing website content publication and updates.

#### Qualifications/Experience required.

- o BA. degree in public relations, mass communication or related studies.
- o Not less than 4 years' experience in communications field.
- o Good track record of experience in the field of digital media communication and knowledge management.
- o Experience in strategic Communication for projects of similar nature.
- o Capable of working independently with strong prioritizing.
- o Knowledge of website design management, website content management and social media management.
- o Experience with web analytic tools.
- o Experience providing communication support to multiple departments/teams.
- o Be of Swahili mother tongue with outstanding communication skills both written and oral in English and Swahili.
- o Swahili to English and English to Swahili translation experience.

Tembo Nickel offers a competitive remuneration package and **ONLY** shortlisted candidates will be contacted.  
How to Apply

Applicants are invited to send their resumes indicating the role title in the subject via email [jobs@tembonickel.com](mailto:jobs@tembonickel.com)

#### Application closing date is 09<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**Note:** We are committed to provide equal employment opportunities based on merits and we do not charge candidates any fees in the whole recruitment process.

**Women are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**For and on behalf of Tembo Nickel Corporation: Kabanga Nickel Project.**





## POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

### RESEARCH ASSOCIATE - 2 IITA-TZ-2023 - IRRI-010 -NRS- DAKAWA

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) invites applications for the position of **Assistant Scientist**.

**Background:** The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a nonprofit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural research (CGIAR) Consortium.

The research Associate will facilitate the planning, designing and implementation of the routine trials, data analysis and other research activities of projects about Rice production improvement in Tanzania focusing on the development and up-scaling of improved rice production and post-harvest technologies and on training farmers, technicians and extension officers. Constantly communicate with internal and external project partners and collaborators to exchange conceptual ideas and to effectively gather feedback and research-related requirements for the advancement of technologies. Consolidate, evaluate and analyze research data gathered from trials.

**Duty Station:** The position will be based in - Dakawa - Morogoro.

#### Qualifications and experience

- Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture with minimum 5 years work experience from which at least 3 years in rice research/development
- Master of Science degree in Agriculture with minimum 1-year relevant work experience in rice research/development

#### Skills and knowledge

##### Mandatory

- Has proven technical proficiency in conducting research experiments and field trials
- Has strong experience in field management (layout, irrigation, fertilization, pest and disease monitoring)
- Has proven technical proficiency in conducting Farmer-Field Schools
- Has experience in statistical analysis and report preparation
- Has strong oral and written and communication skills
- Has strong analytical skills
- Has proven technical proficiency in conducting research experiments and field trials

##### Preferred

- Has strong technical experience in guiding farmers, technicians and extension officers

#### Responsibilities

##### 1.1. Purpose

- Facilitate the planning, designing and implementation on the routine trials, data analysis and other research activities of projects about Rice production improvement in Tanzania focusing on the development of improved rice production and post-harvest technologies and on training farmers, technicians and extension officers.
  - Contribute to the development of the research projects including selection of adequate research tools and equipment, verification of suggested methodologies and establishment of parameters related to rice production intensification.
  - Verification and up scaling of technologies that enhance improved rice yields in farmers' fields.
- Oversee maintenance of the research areas, research fields and technical equipment

##### 1.2. Engagement

- Constantly communicate with internal and external project partners and collaborators to exchange conceptual ideas and to effectively gather feedback and research-related requirements for the advancement of the projects
  - Provide assistance and guidelines to internal and external stakeholders considering efficient implementation of the projects
  - Constantly monitor, evaluate and provide recommendations to improve research and training activities/tasks performed by Research Technicians and contract workers in order to maintain smooth conduct of field and greenhouse trials as well as to foster a productive working environment
- Coordinate with required IRRI services and supplies to ensure smooth implantation of experiments/surveys

##### 1.3. Delivery

- Consolidate, evaluate and analyze research data gathered from the project trials
- Evaluate, validate and contribute to the interpretation of results, contribute to the writing of manuscripts for reports/publications as well as presentations/posters for national and international conferences
- Prepare and submit updated research outputs to the Scientist in a timely manner
- Supervise and lead the maintenance of accurate data recording and updating of database for efficient storage and retrieval of information

#### Work Condition and environment

- Requires work in field/screenhouse/greenhouse/laboratory
- May require occasional travel to other countries

#### General information:

The duration of contract for the position is two years. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

**Applications:** Applications including curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge - Coca-Cola Road, Mikochoeni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to [IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org](mailto:IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org)

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### Assistant Scientist IITA-TZ-2023 - IRRI-008 -NRS- UYOLE

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**Background:** The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a nonprofit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural research (CGIAR) Consortium.

Under the minimal supervision of the Scientist the Assistant Scientist will assist in the design of experiment(s), survey(s) and other research studies according to Organizational Unit specific project goals and research objectives. Manage the implementation of defined research activities. Evaluate and validate experimental data and contribute to reports and manuscript for peer-reviewed publications as well as presentations/posters for national and international conferences. Supervise, coach and guide scholars, on the job trainees, researchers and research technicians. Coordinate and prepare training sessions for a variety of stakeholders. Support the Seed Systems Lead in strengthening seed systems and extension research, promoting rural innovations, partnerships and liaising.

**Duty Station:** The position will be based in Uyolet - Mbeya .

#### Qualifications and experience

- Bachelor degree in Agriculture with minimum 4 years of relevant work experience around Agronomy, agriculture extension
- Master's degree in Agriculture with minimum 2 years of relevant work experience around Agronomy and agriculture extension.

#### Skills and knowledge

##### Mandatory

- Has proven technical proficiency in conducting research experiments.
- Has strong oral and written communication skills
- Has strong analytical skills
- Has some experience with Quality assurance
- Has some experience with Research management
- Has good presentation skills
- Has experience in data analysis and relevant statistical tools

##### Preferred

- Working experience in stakeholder management

#### Responsibilities

Assist in designing experiments/surveys based on the research outline provided

- Design, manage and monitor research activities including necessary protocols, research tools, data collection, analysis and interpretation.
- Monitor and manage the strategic collaborations around breeding, seed systems and extension research.
- Exchange conceptual ideas with collaborating partners (national/international) and seek feedback.
- Coordinate with collaborating partners on their research requirements
- Verify suggested methodologies and establish parameters.
- Assist in the identification of support staff and assign tasks/responsibilities.
- Ensure availability of services and supplies necessary to deliver research objectives.

#### Manage the implementation of experiments/surveys and other research studies related to breeding and seed systems.

- Provide assistance and guidelines/information to scholars and collaborators considering the implementation of experiment(s) including the logistics.
- Assign, monitor and evaluate research activities/tasks performed by Researchers, Research Technicians and contract workers, providing guidance, when necessary, for strengthening outreach programs, monitoring, evaluation, action research and experiments
- Maintain smooth conduct of experiment(s) by troubleshooting and fostering a productive teamwork environment.
- Develop standard operating procedures (SOPs)

#### Consolidate, evaluate and analyze research data

- Summarize and validate data using appropriate advanced statistical tools independently.
- Assist in the interpretation of results.
- Assist in drafting conclusions to enable necessary actions or decisions.
- Assure maintenance of accurate data recording and update database for efficient storage and retrieval of information

#### Contribute to the preparation of reports, publications, and presentations.

- Help draft project reports, prepare posters and papers for presentation at local and international conferences.
- Contribute to the development of concept notes and projects for funding or technical collaborations for research and development jointly with relevant IRRI staff
- Develop and contribute towards documentary outputs like knowledge products and research document/ publications/scientific writing/policy briefs, summarizing research findings and draft manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals

#### Coordinate and prepare trainings

- Draft training materials using readily available published information (i.e. protocols, methodology) and also in collaboration with the partners
- Prepare necessary supply; identify resource persons; make sure that the logistics are appropriate for defined purpose
- Responsible for the professional development of Research Technicians
- Act as resource person for training courses and visitors

#### People Management

- Supervise the work of Researchers and/or Research Technicians
- Carry out performance appraisals of Research Technicians
- Responsible for the professional development of Research Technicians
- Supervise or assist students and trainees

#### Work Condition and environment

Requires field visits at project implementation sites within Kenya

#### General information:

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## Govt advises Dairy Board to identify youth strategics on milk production

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINISTER for Livestock and Fishery Minister Ulega has directed the Tanzania Dairy Board to identify youth strategic areas to enable them to participate in milk production in order to contribute to the country's revenues.

Ulega made the directives at the climax of the Milk Drinking Week that was held in Tabora region over the weekend and involved stakeholders from the government, private sectors and the community.

He said the head of state launched the Building a "Better Tomorrow Youth Initiative in Agri-business (BBT-YIA)", similar plan is also planned to be implemented in the livestock sector.

Ulega said that the directives aimed at empowering young people financially in areas that already have potential to contribute to the nation's income through the milk -subsector.

"Our future plan is to have "BBT" in the livestock sector where more youths empowered financially participate in the milk production to enable the subsector to contribute to the nation's income," he said.

According to him, the TDB in collaboration with responsible authorities must allocate the unutilized land to the youths to start investing in dairy cattle to reduce the cost the country used to incur to import milk.

The minister also tasked the TDB to collaborate with other stakeholders including large producers of milk such as ASAS and Shafer to share the experiences in order to eliminate challenges in the sector.

"Dairy is a strategic product, therefore, we must formalise it in order to contribute to the nation's revenue," he said.

He further directed the TDB registrar to allocate places for small traders to sell their milk instead of chasing them saying it will enable the government to get revenues.

ASAS Dairy Limited coordinator Ally Mativila said that the reason contributed to their success was production of quality milk in the country since its inception and built trust from its customers.

Currently, the demand for packaged milk is significantly higher than supply. The combined milk supply of the country's processing plants is less than 150,000 litres per day.

Compared to neighbouring Kenya, where 40 per cent of milk is sold processed and packaged, Tanzania's formal dairy market is small, with only 5 per cent sold packages.

When tabling the 2023/2024 budget in the Parliament last week, the minister in docket Abdala Ulega said despite being second in the continent for the number of livestock, Tanzania is facing a deficit of nine billion litres in order to become milk self-sufficient.

Ulega said the population of milk producing livestock keeps increasing but the milk gap is still wide.

The number of cattle has increased from 35.3 million to 36.6 million in the 2022/23 financial year, while that of goats has increased from 25.6 million to 26.6 million.

## Zanzibar due to begin reactive drug administration campaign

By Correspondent James Kandoya

ZANZIBAR government is set to start a reactive drug administering campaign to vulnerable groups to prevent the reintroduction of tropical deadly malaria disease.

Interviewed by the Guardian newspaper on the sideline of the Malaria Forum held in Dar es Salaam recently, the Zanzibar malaria elimination programme, deputy manager Sophia Mohamed Ally said that the target is to reach all vulnerable groups in the archipelago.

She said the drug administering approach was part of the implementation of the Malaria Strategic Plan V - 2023/24 to 2027/28 came after the previous strategy reached an end in the middle of this year.

She named the groups at risk as those involved with seasonal farming such as peasant's farmers and masonry moving across from the Tanzania mainland to Zanzibar in search for jobs.

"Unlike the previous strategy, in the new strategy there will be no door to door campaign and instead our health experts will administer drug to families found with malaria patients," she said.

"During farming season, farmers migrate to the farms, and therefore one of the targets is to administer drugs to this particular group and come to seek jobs in our island seeking a job," she added.

According to her, the strategy approach provides increased access to appropriate and timely malaria diagnosis and treatment.

"Our target is to prevent the reintroduction of malaria disease by 2028 noting that a social behavior change was needed," she said.

Public health officer at the Ministry of Health in Zanzibar Joseph Shija said that the Indian Ocean archipelago has successfully eradicated the malaria parasites.

In his presentation entitled "overview of Malaria in Zanzibar", the prevalence rate of malaria is currently below one percent-the lowest in Tanzania and in Eastern and Central Africa.

Shija said communication campaigns can help to debunk community misconception mosquito nets cause low sex drive in men.

Opening a one day malaria forum, the chief medical officer Dr Tumaini Nagu said over the past two decades, Zanzibar has made dramatic progress in reducing malaria transmission from 20 percent in 2002 to consistently less than Iper cent in the last decade.

He said the last two malaria indicators surveys (MIS) of 2017 and 2022 Tanzania Demographic Health Survey ((TDHS) reported zero prevalence in the sampled children.





Shaking hands in Tanga city at the weekend are China Harbour Engineering Co. Ltd representative Biang Liang (R) and Tanzania Port engineering service director Erick Madinda. The occasion: the inspection and handing over of the second phase of the port's development project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## CCBRT, partners mark World Clubfoot Day big time in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) and other partners has marked the World Clubfoot Day by doing several activities, including social and traditional media campaigns to create awareness and fundraise for free or low-cost clubfoot treatment at CCBRT hospital.

June 3rd, each year is officially World Clubfoot Day, an initiative of the Ponseti International Association to commemorate the birthday of Ignacio Ponseti, the pioneer of the Ponseti technique for clubfoot treatment.

A statement issued over the weekend said: "To commemorate the day this year, CCBRT, Catholic Relief Services, children who were treated and those undergoing clubfoot treatment, their parents and guardians have gathered at CCBRT hospital in Dar es Salaam, having different activities."

"This day is a significant step in raising global awareness that clubfoot is a curable condition. By declaring June 3 as World Clubfoot Day, we honour Dr Ponseti's life and accomplishments while advancing his viewpoint that every child

born with clubfoot has a right to treatment." Brenda Msangi, CEO of CCBRT hospital in Dar es Salaam expressed her profound gratitude to all partners who continue supporting CCBRT in treating clubfoot to children.

She encouraged parents and guardians to seek early treatment for any child born with clubfoot. "Clubfoot treatment is provided at a subsidized rate at CCBRT for children below the age of five years. This has been made possible with the support of various partners in transforming the lives of hundreds of children born with clubfoot and in turn avoiding permanent disability. We thank our partners not only for supporting clubfoot treatment, but also contributing to reducing the percentage of persons who will live with permanent disability in Tanzania," said Brenda.

CCBRT is committed to providing equitable access to affordable, quality medical care, as well as preventing disability as well as promoting disability inclusion in Tanzania. The positive outcome of this day will impact not only children with clubfoot, but communities across the country, as partners and CCBRT continue to work together to build a more in-

clusive society.

CCBRT's Orthopaedic surgeon Dr Prosper Alute, explains that clubfoot is the most common musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting nearly 200,000 newborn children each year worldwide, 80 per cent in developing countries. Thousands of children and young adults live with this debilitating condition worldwide.

"Ponseti Method is 100 per cent effective when properly applied by a trained healthcare provider and is considered the gold standard treatment, leading to an everyday, productive life. CCBRT is the largest clubfoot care and treatment provider in Tanzania as we enroll over 360 new cases annually, while up to 400 children attend our clubfoot clinic for monthly follow-ups," says Dr Alute.

It is uncertain about the real cause of clubfoot. However it's thought that it is caused by a genetic and environmental factors. Children born in the in families with a history of clubfoot are at higher risk, however clubfoot treatment can be initiated as early as two weeks after birth. The earlier the initiation of treatment the better the outcome of the treatment.

## Tanzania and Unesco go for 5-year cooperation strategy

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have signed a new five-year cooperation strategy (2022-2027) in five strategic priorities including media viability and independence.

Speaking at the signing ceremony held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, the Minister for Information, Communication and Information Technology Nnauye, said the case to invest in Information, Communication and Information Technology is embedded in the five overall priorities in advancing media for sustainable development.

He said the country cooperation strategy (CCS) affirmed the cooperation between Tanzania and UNESCO within the UN cooperation framework related to building knowledge societies and advancing information as public good in Tanzania.

Nnauye named the five priorities as media viability and independence, human capital development, the legal and policy environment for the media including working conditions, safety and security of journalists, media and information literacy, and digital citizenship.

"I'm pleased that the ministry has made a key contribution in our collaboration with the United Nations in Tanzania in advancing information as public good in the country. This cooperation strategy is the first we sign with UNESCO. I hope it is the first of many others that we will sign, to strengthen the mobilization of resources and partnerships for the free and

independent media, and the promotion of critical thinking and informed societies," he said.

"Our work together will continue to increase to accelerate commitments for effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. This also aims to empower citizens to address issues of local concern but also make informed decisions about their daily lives is core to leaving no one behind," he added.

UNESCO Country Representative Michel Toto said that the CCS focuses on five strategic priorities areas identified in consultation with key stakeholders addressed by the strategy.

He said CCS aims to support Tanzania in addressing the challenges, improving monitoring and reporting, and accelerating actions towards the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) targets related to communication and information specified by enhancing the protection and promotion of the diversity of heritage and cultural expressions.

Others are promoting freedom of expression and the right to information; fostering knowledge sharing and skills development in the digital age; and developing ethical standards, norms and frameworks for action to meet the challenges of innovative technologies and digital transformation.

"This country cooperation strategy will guide UNESCO's works in the communication and information programme, with a long-term vision for UNESCO's technical cooperation to respond most effectively to Tanzania's expressed development needs, priorities and aspirations in this important area.

## Hisani Orphanage Centre in Kigamboni calls for support

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

HISANI Orphanage Centre in Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam, has appealed to the well-wishers and community in general to help the centre that take care of 71 children with various needs.

The call was made over the weekend by the Founder of the centre, Idaya Mutalemwa, when she was receiving various food items from the College of Business Education (CBE).

She said their biggest need is food to take care of large number of children being raised at the centre, many of whom were taken after their parents died and there were no people to take care of them.

"Our biggest need is food because if you look at the number of children, it is very large, the mattresses are also not enough and also the house rent we pay 3.6 million every six months but sometimes we fail to pay it," said Idaya.

"We are asking for someone who will volunteer to give us a permanent residence so that we can avoid wandering. Today we are in Mbagala, tomorrow we are in Kigamboni so that we can raise these children in a good environment. We thank CBE College for coming to hold our hands, the children are very relieved by this food items," she said.

The Minister of Women and Gender of CBE, Elizabeth Oba-

dia, said they decided to go and provide the aid due to the fact that the center has great needs, especially for food and clothing.

"We are a public college, we have every reason to contribute to institutions like these that raise children with needs like these who we have actually found in a difficult environment and we ask the community to remember to go to centers like this," she said.

She called on Tanzanians to build a culture of helping those in need like children who are brought up in those centers so that they can feel that they are part of society and live a good life.

One of the children being raised at the center, Rahma Mshamu, said that she has completed the form four studies and hopes to go to advanced level soon but she does not have the money to buy various needs.

"I got a division two, so I'm asking for help so that I can fulfill my dreams because our guardian here can't fulfill all our requirements. She has is supposed to pay for rent, there is water and electricity bill and sometimes she cannot pay for all the needs," she said Rahma, who completed form four last year at Nzasa government secondary school, said both her parents died when she was still young and that's when she was brought to the orphanage.



### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

#### RESEARCH TECHNICIAN II

#### IITA-TZ-2023 - IRRI-009 -NRS- UYOLE

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) invites applications for the position of **Research Technician II**.

**Background:** The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a nonprofit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural research (CGIAR) Consortium.

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is the world's premier research organization dedicated to reducing poverty and hunger through rice science; improving the health and welfare of rice farmers and consumers; and protecting the rice-growing environment for future generations.

This position will provide support to the Seed System and Product Management activities specifically in the up-scaling of improved rice cultivation technologies such as Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technology and the deployment of quality seed of improved, climate-resilient, market-preferred and nutritious rice varieties to ensure high rate of genetic gain to farmers while ensuring equitable access for women and other disadvantaged groups.

**Duty Station:** The position will be based in Uyole - Mbeya.

#### Qualifications and experience

- Diploma course in Agriculture with 2 years of relevant work experience

#### Skills and knowledge

##### Mandatory

- Basic knowledge of MS office programs such as Word and Excel or related software

##### Preferred

- Experience in rice production
- Know how to drive a motorcycle in the field and have a valid driver's license for this category or be willing to learn it.

#### Responsibilities

##### 1.1. Purpose

- Assist in research activities related to Seed System and Product Management, including coordinating with national research partners (e.g. NARES, NGOs, women groups, and universities) in setting up trails, organizing field days, data collection, and conducting interviews based on the planned research activities and SOPs.
- Support the deployment and demonstration of various technologies both at the research station and in farmers' fields with the aim of creating awareness and demand of those technologies among stakeholders.
- Execute routine protocols to ensure proper positioning of technologies that are ready for up-scaling and provide feedback on farmer and other stakeholder responses and learnings to the technical team.
- Support researchers and scientists in implementing surveys.

##### 1.2. Engagement

Provide timely, consistent and accurate information to direct supervisor to ensure smooth flow of research activities, such as farmers' preferences, unexpected factors that may result to unexpected outcomes of field demo and trials, conflict and other issues, to ensure that research objectives and SOPs are followed.

##### 1.3. Delivery

- Carry out regular monitoring and maintenance of research facilities and equipment.
- Lead data collection in the field across identified study areas including those being implemented in collaborations with partners.
- Assist in advising stakeholders on tested and validated beneficial technologies (e.g. new varieties, climate mitigation practices, practices that enhance water use efficiency etc.) to key stakeholders.
- Contribute to the deployment of digital tools such as seed cast to enhance efficient monitoring of the rate and extent of adoption of new technologies by farmers and other stakeholders.
- Contribute to writing reports on findings of Seed System and Product Management activities as well as other research results.
- Support in the planning and organizing of technical workshops or trainings as part of capacity building for stakeholder on Seed System and Product Management related activities.

#### Work Condition and environment

Requires work in field conditions, open to operate from project sites whenever required (physically or virtual assistance in implementation of SOPs and data management)

#### General information:

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## Yes, property tax by power tokens unreasonable, unfair

AFTER nearly a year of application of collection of property tax through the purchase of electricity the practice is now being reviewed. The government has admitted that the method has overcharging loopholes, after various MPs said it burdens people who are not the right persons to pay the bills. One could as well ask why those who thought up the method didn't see this clear anomaly.

The only reason is that most of those holding positions of decision making in the government or in parastatals like the power firm or the tax agency are likely to have the same interests in the matter. They see no reason to bring up a tracking method, which is little more than the national identification and tax numbers, too lay the bills to the proper individuals. They bring up an indirect collection method as if the one staying in the house is the owner; peep over it.

The Treasury now admits that this way of collecting property tax is wrong and it is redesigning the modality of payments, an exercise now underway as the billing is not expected to be there by the start of the new financial year, July 1.

This way of collecting property tax is an illustration of the potential for misusing electronic methods in revenue collection, by attaching a levy on key items of public consumption like electricity. The reason was to let perennial skippers of property tax go scot free, by levying it forcibly on hapless tenants.

Revisiting this method of collecting property tax is similar to revisiting the money transfer levy, which the minister had initially stated would be

500/- per 10,000/- but when implemented, it came to 1,500/- for no clear reason, thus one obtained 8,000/- when 10,000/- was sent. It is positive that the government admits the tenants aren't the right individuals to be levied the bill, and the idea that the government can't trace house owners is untenable. Why not bill them?

What is surprising is that this wasn't just a regulatory decision by the Treasury in association with TANESCO or the Ministry of Energy. It arose from an amendment on the Local Government Authority Tax Act (Chapter 289) adopted by the legislature back in 2021. During the review and enactment period literally no one saw that anomaly, until perhaps a civic body demanded from their MP why that was the case. The answer was realistic, if somewhat late.

This sort of law amendment and putting up an easy way to collect the tax means that TRA and the Treasury via TANESCO were not collecting property tax but rented space tax, which can definitely be billed on tenants as beneficiaries. Just how such confusion of the object of taxation can come about is a matter of conjecture but it is likely that the 'task force' habit was in the background. It involves stacking the cards heavily in favour of the tax collector; no questions.

It was designed not just to collect tax easily (whichever it is) as well as hopefully collecting multiples of that tax. About 1000/- was attached to the power token monthly for each power buyer in a house and 5,000/- monthly for storeyed buildings. That added up to considerably higher collection, by design.

## Destruction of the environment: Unfolding tragedy for humanity

THE natural environment encompasses all living and non-living things occurring naturally, meaning in this case not artificial. The term is most often applied to the Earth or some parts of Earth. This environment encompasses the interaction of all living species, climate, weather and natural resources that affect human survival and economic activity.

In contrast to the natural environment is the built environment. In such areas where man has fundamentally transformed landscapes such as urban settings and agricultural land conversion, the natural environment is greatly modified into a simplified human environment. Even acts which seem less extreme, such as building a mud hut or a photovoltaic system in the desert, the modified environment becomes an artificial one. Though many animals build things to provide a better environment for themselves, they are not human, hence beaver dams, and the works of mound-building termites, are thought of as natural.

People seldom find absolutely natural environments on Earth, and naturalness usually varies in a continuum, from 100 per cent natural in one extreme to 0 per cent natural in the other. More precisely, we can consider the different aspects or components of an environment, and see that their degree of naturalness is not uniform. If, for instance, in an agricultural field, the mineralogical composition and the structure of its soil are similar to those of an undisturbed forest soil, but the structure is quite different.

Natural environment is often used as a synonym for habitat. For instance, when we say that the natural environment of giraffes is the savanna.

Late last year the World Wide Fund for Nature released their Living Planet Report for 2018. WWF's estimates were stark: populations of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians have, on average, declined by 60 per

cent between 1970 and 2014.

The Earth is estimated to have lost about half of its shallow water corals in the past 30 years. A fifth of the Amazon has disappeared in just 50 years, and 2018 marked the worst level of deforestation in history.

This is a tragedy for nature. And an unfolding tragedy for humanity: the destruction of the environment is threatening the planet's life support systems that we all rely on every day for our air, water and food.

The impact on people's lives is already apparent with 3.6 billion people facing water scarcity at least one month a year, and 3.1 billion people drinking water with a risk of contamination. The 2019 Global Risks Report from the World Economic Forum identified "Major biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse (terrestrial or marine)" as both one of the most likely and most serious global risks with "irreversible consequences for the environment, resulting in severely depleted resources for humankind as well as industries."

Fortunately, there is already a good deal of work underway to develop "nature-based solutions" that harness the power of nature to tackle social and economic challenges.

UNDP has been working around the world with partners to trial these ideas and many have significant implications for human development work. Environmental concerns often hit the poorest the hardest.

Not only are poor communities most vulnerable to crop failure or flooding, because of climate change for example, but they are also less resilient - or unable to recover from - such natural disasters.

Moreover, protecting nature is of critical concern to those who care about equity between generations, and it is clear from the data that the challenges faced by the current generation dwarf in comparison to those that the next generation will face if most environmental indicators continue their current trajectory.

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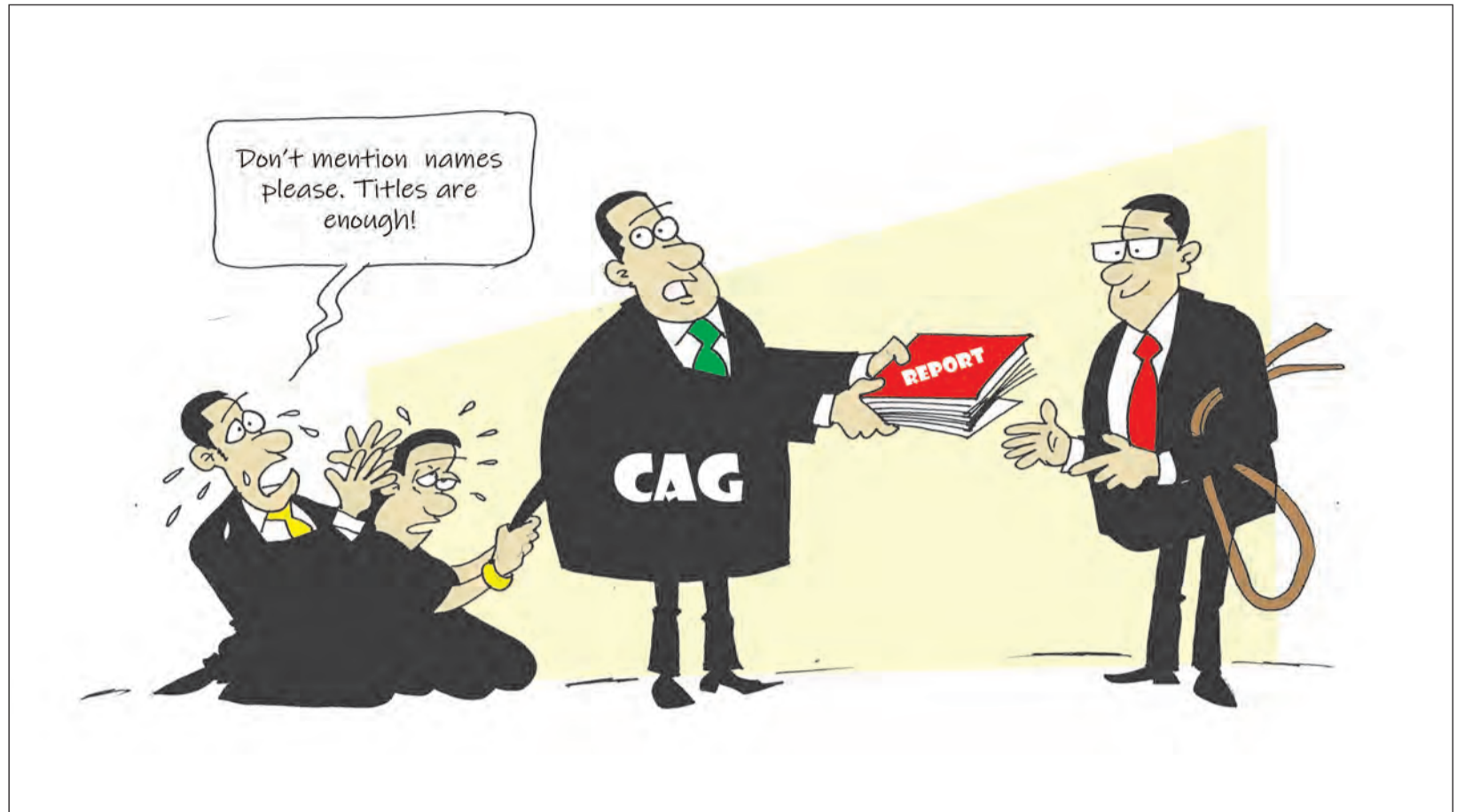
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## 'Scrap taxes on sanitary pads to make them affordable'

By Special Correspondent

A total of 48 non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations (CSOs) in Ghana have called on the government to scrap the 20 per cent luxury tax and the 15 per cent Value Added Tax on Sanitary Pads to make them affordable.

The removal of the taxes would lead to the elimination of period poverty in Ghana.

The call was contained in a petition to the government by the National Coordinator, Platform on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Levllyn Asiedu Konadu.

"The government of Ghana, under the Harmonised System Code 9619001000, classifies sanitary pads as Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles which attract a myriad of taxes including a 20 per cent import duty, a 15 per cent Import VAT and other import levies," she explained.

In light of that, she stated that under the current tax regime, taxes were imposed on a biological necessity over which women had no control; thereby making sanitary pads unaffordable and inaccessible, especially to low-income households.

She said that many adolescent girls and women in Ghana experienced significant lack of access to clean and affordable menstrual products as well as information and knowledge about basic menstrual hygiene practices.

"It is worth noting that successive

governments have recognised the scathing implications of the high cost of sanitary pads on the health and dignity of women and made several promises towards making sanitary pads more affordable and accessible however, these commitments have not been translated into concrete actions," she said.

She appealed to the Vice President, Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, to fulfil the government's promise made during the manifesto launch in Cape Coast ahead of the 2020 election.

She noted that if the tax on sanitary pads were scrapped, it would allow the country to achieve some of its SGS such as "Goal 3, Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages and Goal 5, Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."

"We, the organisations, take the view that any policy that discriminates against a section of its population and pushes them into further poverty has no place in an inclusive and democratic environment," she added.

The petitioners include the Centre for Democratic Development, ABAK Foundation Ghana, Adolescents Youth and Health International (AYHI), African Institute for Population and Development, Alliance for Reproductive Health Rights, CARE International Ghana, CareLove Charity Foundation, Celdar Foundation, CENSODEV, and Centre for Com-

munity Studies Action and Development.

Tanzania in 2019 reconsidered its decision to scrap Value Added Tax (VAT) on sanitary pads and think of another option.

Tabling the financial year 2018/19 national budget proposal, the then minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Philip Mpango, proposed for exemption of VAT on the product.

The tax exemption, which took effect on July 1, 2018 was meant to enable women, especially school girls, access the sanitary towels at affordable prices.

However, speaking during the question and answer session the then Finance and Planning deputy minister Ashatu Kijaji said they have established that the exemption of VAT was only benefiting traders and not women.

She was reacting to a supplementary question by Special Seats Member of Parliament Swale Semesi who sought to know the government's plan to ensure sanitary pads were sold at a low price.

"Sanitary towels are still highly priced despite the tax relief granted on such products in the current financial year. What is the government's position over the matter?" Dr Semesi asked.

Dr Kijaji said the government was looking for the best option, which would see a relief to women and have positive impact to the government.

She said the government was borrowing a leaf from South Africa, Botswana and Kenya, who took the same measures (VAT exemption).

The deputy minister added that the steps did not yield positive results to the above mentioned countries.

"I admit that there are reported complaints that women still feel the pinch of the item's high price. We are thinking of the best measures that will have positive impact to both women and government," said Dr Kijaji.

In her principal question, Special Seats lawmaker Upendo Peneza (Chadema) sought to know the revenue collection in VAT on sanitary towels during the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.

Responding, Dr Kijaji said some Sh2.5 billion was collected in 2017/18 compared to Sh3 billion in the previous year.



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## The Abuja CCTV camera scandal

By Special Correspondent

LAST week judgement by a Federal High Court compelling the federal government to "publish the total amount of money paid to Chinese and local companies and contractors and specific details of the names of the companies and contractors and status of the implementation of the project" has once again brought to the fore issues surrounding the bungled \$460m Abuja Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) project. We must commend the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) for its persistence.

The close-circuit cameras were part of the National Public Security Communications System (NPSCS) contract awarded in 2010 to a Chinese company, ZTE Corporation, at \$470 million. The Chinese Exim Bank provided \$399.5million loan while the federal government paid the balance of 15 per cent, amounting to \$70.5 million in counter-part-funding. Some 1000 units of the CCTV cameras were supposed to be installed in Lagos and Abuja. The purpose of the CCTV contract "was to facilitate real time online communication between security agencies to enhance their capacities in fighting crime." But it has become another monument to waste.

The project was to generate voice, video and data, using the code division multiple access (CDMA) technology to tackle terrorism, armed robbery, kidnapping and other violent crimes that in-

creasingly undermine our security. But years later, the installed cameras have become mere objects of decoration. Out of the 1000 cameras in Abuja, only 40 are "online" while the rest 960, in the words of one of the police officers manning the centre, "are down" and others vandalised. An angry Tony Nwulu, a member of the House of Representatives committee which once probed the project said it was "planned to fail from the beginning because from all indications, all the components didn't do the right thing."

That the project designed to enhance national security was meant to fail is indeed worrying. The contract for the CCTV installation was awarded without due process and Mr. Emeka Eze, the former Director General of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) confirmed this much. The contract ought to have been accompanied by the certificate of no objection issued by the BPP, which it never did. But the Nigerian Communications Satellite, better known as NigComSat, which acted as consultant of the project, blamed its eventual abandonment on the government's inability to fund the project.

The former Director General of NigComSat, Mr Ahmed Rufai, who served as a member of the project management set up by the government blamed the failure to provide the required "operational funds" to run the system after it was completed in 2012 for the problem. The required monthly operational budget for the security project as of 2012 was

about N11 billion. The figure was reviewed downwards to about N5 billion after Rufai had left but still, funding was not forth coming. "The situation with the project is like buying a new car and refusing to provide money to buy fuel", said Rufai, "how will the car function?" On his part, the Managing Director of ZTE, Mr Hao Fuqiang, said the project was shut down around 2013 due to "non-operational" fund. Yet the country was expected to start paying the principal sum in the CCTV failed contract as from 2018. Meanwhile, debt servicing alone is already more than \$60 million.

The CCTV scandal is yet another clear evidence of how corruption and mismanagement are standing on the way of Nigeria's efforts to upgrade its infrastructure and other vital services. This is even more painful because it is coming at a great cost to the nation. The pertinent question: Just how long shall we allow this country to bleed uncontrollably?



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# Tourist number upsurge: We have what it takes to surpass the five million target

By Mark Mapambano

**E**FFORTS aimed at increasing the number of tourists visiting Tanzania's renowned hot-spots have gain momentum in recent years but with limited success. In the past five years for instance, the number of foreign visitors were as follows: 2017 (1.3m), 2018 (1.5m), 2019 (1.5m), 2020 (600,000) and 2021 (900,000).

Last week, we received numbers for 2022 with significant increase in both international and domestic tourists. Statistics released by Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, show that international visitors increased from 922,692 in 2021 to 1,454,920 in 2022, equal to a 57.7 percent increase while domestic tourists increased from 788,933 in 2021 to 2,363,260 last year, roughly double the previous year.

Initiatives taken by the government and stakeholders, especially with the launch of 'Tanzania: The Royal Tour' documentary starring President Samia Suluhu Hassan had boosted tourist visitations, he said.

It should be remembered that in April 2022 President Samia unveiled the documentary while promoting foreign direct investments during her official visit to the US. Filmed at Tanzania's main attractions in the Mainland and Zanzibar in 2021, the documentary features Emmy Award-winning journalist Peter Greenberg travelling with the President who is the ultimate guide for a week, exhibiting Tanzania's history, culture, environment, food, and music, as well as telling the stories of Tanzania's hidden jewels.

As a result, in 2022, the United States of America where it first premiered recorded the highest number of arrivals from the rest of the world at 100,600 followed by France (100,371), Germany (67,718), the United Kingdom (60,116) and Poland (46,431). Meanwhile, arrivals from Africa were from Kenya (166,324) Burundi (100,851), Zambia (46,787), Malawi (44,438) and Rwanda (44,288).

Tanzania has set a target of achieving five million international tourist arrivals by 2025. Damasi Mfugale, the newly appointed managing director of the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) who recently led the Board to participate in this year's Meetings Africa in Johannesburg told reporter there that hitting that target is his Key Performance Indicator (KPI).

"You might be aware that the President has announced that we are supposed to reach 5 million tourists by 2025. So, you could see the pressure behind it; so, that is my initial KPI," he said.

I like his way of thinking and hope he delivers. Why not? Our country's incredibly rich natural tourism offer earned it the title of 'Africa's Leading Destination' in 2021. Furthermore, destination Tanzania boasts wildlife and beach attractions, the advantage that some countries that are ahead of us in the sector don't



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses a gathering in Moshi municipality on her way to Marangu gate in Kilimanjaro Region to record 'Tanzania: The Royal Tour' documentary in September 2021. File photo

have.

Our wildlife resources are among the finest in the world. Tanzania is the only country, which has allocated more than 25 per cent of its total area to wildlife, namely national parks and protected areas.

A whopping 22 national parks, many of which form the core of a much larger protected ecosystem, have been set aside to preserve the country's rich natural heritage and to provide secure breeding grounds where its fauna and flora can thrive, safe from the conflicting interests of a

growing human population.

Tanzania boasts many of Africa's most renowned destinations such as the magical Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and the mother of them all—Mount Kilimanjaro which is known globally as the roof of Africa, in the northern circuit and in the south Mikumi, Ruaha and Nyerere national parks among many other hotspots.

A survey conducted by SafariBookings.com, found that Serengeti National Park was voted Africa's best safari destination for 2020, followed by Mana Pools (Zimbabwe), Mala Mala (South Africa), Okavango Delta (Botswana), and Lower Zambezi (Zambia).

Minister Mchengerwa told the National Assembly in Dodoma last

week that the government is implementing various strategies including improving infrastructures in national parks and game reserves, designing new tourist attractions to attract visitors from across the globe.

Local and international tourists who visited national parks and museums increased from 1,711,625 in 2021 to 3,818,180 tourists in 2022, a surge of 123 percent, he elaborated.

Tourism remains pivotal to economic growth of our country with a high foreign exchange contribution and high ranking in the gross domestic product.

To protect it and stimulate growth in the sector, the government is pursuing strategies to market the various tourist attractions in more parts of the world target-

ing the five million foreign tourist arrivals and revenues of \$6bn by 2025. In the wake of 'Tanzania: The Royal Tour' documentary, awareness has increased not only abroad but also among locals as many are now turning out to visit tourist attractions, the minister said.

Priority development projects to be implemented next financial year include the resilient natural resources management for tourism and growth (REGROW) and support for combating poaching and illegal wildlife trade. Private forest plantations and value chain, capacity building in forestry and beekeeping, support to beekeeping value chain are other vital projects, he said.

The Tourism Development Project and Food Systems, Land

Use and Restoration in Tanzania's Landscapes (FOLUR) will also be taken up, according to Mchengerwa.

Given the fame that our attractions enjoy internationally, we can surpass the five million arrivals annually target. But that won't come easy; we have to work hard to convince tourists out there that Tanzania is the destination to book.

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## Achieving zero waste to landfill in 2030 is staying ahead of time by SBL

By Guardian Reporter

Imagine a planet free from plastic waste, the global population would be saved from consuming more than 50,000 plastic particles every year – only if they are not inhaled – will then interdict harm on human health, biodiversity and ecosystems, according to the Geneva Environment Network.

Again, over 430 million plastic tons produced every year globally will be slashed at least to double digits, and make the planet a safe place to live as the UN Agenda 2030 projects.

This year's World Environment Day (WED) theme: 'Solution to Plastic Pollution' provides the ground to a collective approach towards the scourge but only the global stakeholders' scaled up and speedy solitary actions could stop us from imagining solutions.

As Tanzania is also not spared from the pressing challenge, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) – emerging filled with aplomb – takes on the matter as one of the biggest champions and advocates of environmental conservation on the back of a number of responsive programs it currently runs across its entire operations.

SBL Safety and Environment Manager, Saimon Peter says that the brewer is envisioning to attain zero waste in its direct operations and zero waste to landfill throughout its supply chain by 2030.

"Our number one goal is to ensure that we are not becoming the basis to the landfill and overload to the present recycling facilities and that's hunting for a zero-waste record even if it would incur us costs."

Furthermore, the brewer is also targeting to have 100 percent of its packaging be



widely recyclable with 60 percent of it made from recycled material.

"Through solid waste management programs at our plants, we have been able to classify all waste produced from the plant into different types; including plastics, cullet, carton box, wood, spent grains, by-products, ETP sludge and hazardous waste and identifying each reuse or recycling potential.

For cullet, we dispatch its assortment to the glass factory for recycling. Carton boxes and plastics are sorted out quite differently, the latter are collected to be recycled at Silafrica Plastics Ltd and carton boxes are highly needed by many factories that make egg trays, envelopes and similar resources out of them.

We sell spent grains to poultry farmers as fodders, effluent which are rich in organic content that are used as fertilizers are supplied to the surrounding gardeners. For spent labels, the category that accounts

largest percent to our non-recyclable waste, are supplied to the Recycler Tanzania, a local recycling firm that incinerates same to ashes which are essential ingredients for the making of the insect-driven protein for animal fodders. The remnants are converted to the useful energy to be applied by their contracted cement kilns operator," he clarifies further.

In efforts to mitigate climate change which is a global crisis, since 2019, SBL has been championing a tree planting initiative across the country whereas over 5,000 trees have been planted. In addition to that, the brewer has halved its carbon emission in its operations and is striving to reach zero carbon emission in all its operations by switching from the use of direct energy to renewable energy by 2030.

"One of those initiatives was to transform our fuel-powered forklifts to gas-fired ones. In our Moshi plant, we have planned to add another biomass energy sub-plant that is eco-friendly and efficient compared

to the high-priced fuel-powered plants we are currently using," he furthered again.

The brewer also has put in place water and energy conservation programs at the plants. Other than the above-named mega initiatives, according to Mr Peter, SBL is deeply concerned on sanitation and hygiene as it has forged efforts to make sure it doesn't involve anyhow in the discharge of untreated wastewater in the environs.

"To substantiate our action, we have an effluent treatment plant (ETP) that treats water discharged from our sources at a required set of standards before hitting the streets.

And the icing on the cake is the fact even the pre-treated discharged water from our end is connected with the Dawasa's – water utility firm – wastewater treatment systems, for retreatment process," explains Mr Peter, adding that they do everything possible to make sure that

water discharged from SBL goes to the appropriate channels and for specific use.

Going beyond its efforts, he says that the brewer has sifted out the rainwater from the production water to avoid overloading Dawasa's wastewater treatment infrastructure.

"We are trying to get away from causing water scarcity with our ongoing plans. If you look at us now, we boast a reduced water use rate going from 5 liters a few years ago to 3.5 liters per production of a liter of a single product bottle and we still think of going lower than that.

Prior to the celebration of the WED, the company's ESH Manager takes his time to urge all of their stakeholders including customers to also play part in pushing forward the environment agenda by collecting and submitting them to the suggested points or bureaus or reporting the presence of used plastic bottles and other related waste.



# Course counsellors can help curb GBV in higher learning institutions

By Gaudensia Mngumi

**T**HE right of every woman to live peacefully without abuses is stipulated in the 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Furthermore, the 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and of late, the Sustainable Development Goal 5.2 which emphasizes total eradication of all forms of violence against women and girls by 2030.

Despite such instruments and global guarantees, Gender Based Violence (GBV) is deeply rooted in our society and elsewhere. Although some men also fall victim of GBV, it's mostly women and girls who endure the vice just because of their female gender identity.

In our country, institutions of higher and tertiary education are adversely mentioned as places where GBV is prevalent. Some girls who have suffered abuse have reported being harassed sexually and emotionally while others have been physically abused by boyfriends.

Interviews with some female universities students in Dar es Salaam recently indicate that victims experience various forms of violence from not only lecturers but their male colleagues with the common being negative comments on one's body structure or looks in general.

This is unexpected to happen at universities but female students say it is common to see male students touch girls' buttocks only to hide behind a joke and unfortunately most of these cases go unreported.

During the climax of last year's 16 days of gender activism to curb GBV, the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) deputy principal responsible for planning, finance and administration, Prof Method Samuel spoke publicly on the matter, urging GBV victims in higher learning institutions to speak out and report such cases instead of suffering in silence.

Despite the fact that male students and academic staff members have been in many cases mentioned in sexual violence cases at universities and colleges, one student who sought anonymity said some victims are responsible for their own assaults.

"Some female students do not put effort in learning. Instead, they expose themselves to lecturers or hard working male students to help them what is widely known on campus as sexually transmitted grades."

"I know lazy girls who seduce lecturers by sending them their nude photos or videos but without exposing their faces. Some fall into trap but others resist the temptation."

Meshack Kapange, a retired teacher and investor in education sector in Mbeya region, said in an interview that GBV in learning institutions is perpetrated by



academic staff members who lack moral standing.

"I think that this has something to do with the training of college tutors. The process needs to be improved to make them instructors with certain values," he said.

"Apart from good grades, educators should be vetted to see if they are people of good standing and character. Short of that, we will continue having student predators in our classrooms and

lecture halls."

Kapange also alluded to the fact that there are some bad girls who have the audacity to seduce teachers even those old enough to be their parents. As a teacher, he knows all the tricks used by students to lure teachers.

"Some bold ones write love letters and give it to you in person but others insert the letters in their exercise books for you to see when marking," he said.

He said it takes a teacher who has been well-trained on how to behave given the role of an educa-

tor in society to resist such temptations. For, the half-backed educator recruited on the basis of nothing but good grades is highly likely to fall into the trap.

Suzan Lyimo, former MP and shadow minister for education who taught for years at Jangwani Secondary School in Dar es Salaam before retiring and joining politics, said GBV is a big problem at higher learning institutions but noted that victims should not be blamed even if they initiated it because there is option of rejecting the advances.

"We need to have intervention

programmes to protect girls from GBV in higher learning institution because some of them go on campus while still young and some teenagers can misbehave especially when there is no family around to counsel them," she said.

"Mind you, most of these young girls live on their own for the first time and some can squander that new-found freedom to all manner of bad things."

She proposes the need for higher learning institutions to introduce course counsellors to guide students all the time to help them

smoothly manage their studies and emotions and hence protect them from GBV.

"Course counsellors can play a pivotal role in guiding students because see new things for the first time including culture shock and strange environment yet they do not have experience on how to manage time tables, assignments deadlines, peer pressure and predators," the retired teacher said.



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## Case for Tanzania Forest Fund to support initiatives by CBFM

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

IN one of the workshops on conservation and protection of forests attended by civil society organisations and forest experts, Dr Lawrence Mbwambo, current conservation manager at WWF Tanzania Country Office challenged participants to provide answers to the growing deterioration of forests and the rising scale of deforestation in the country.

Efforts by various individuals and institutions including government, district councils, NGOs and CBOs that have been directed at protecting forests seem to have little impact as chunks of forests have disappeared from Tanzania's forest map. Today the Southern Highlands region in its entirety boasts of 207,000 hectares of forest out of Tanzania 48.1m hectares of forests.

According to the World Bank Tanzania's forest area as percentage of total land area has been getting smaller from 56.38% in 210 down to 51.64% in 2020. Behind this shrinking area is the rising rate of deforestation which now stands at about 469,000 hectares annually. Bearing in mind that the country lost 2.86m hectares from 2001 to 2021, and that efforts to address the problem fall far behind the rate of deforestation, the current rate presents a grim reality.

"What excuse do we have now? We cannot claim that there is lack of knowledge among forest custodians and the general public, neither can we raise the lack of expertise in forest management as an excuse because you are the experts and most of the NGOs and CBCs here work with communities that live adjacent to forests; so why have we failed to address problems facing our forests," asked Dr. Mbwambo.

During discussions participants cited various reasons for the continued degradation of the country's forests including illegal timber trade which entails illegal harvesting of forests and selling forest products without due concern to existing laws and regulations. There is also cross-border illegal timber trade that involves criminal gangs in Tanzania and neighbouring countries as well as countries in the Far East. There were also concerns about weak law enforcement which was to a great extent attributed to meagre financial resources.

"But I think lack of funding in itself is not a problem, rather we should look at how funds are being spent, whether they are directed to conservation and protection of forests or used for less important activities. For I know that besides government funding, NGOs and CBO get substantial funding from international NGOs. Where have we directed these funds to? Can we attribute any positive changes to these funds?" queried the participant.

Perhaps the participant was inadvertently shedding some light on the Tanzania Forest Fund (TaFF), the expenditure of which has raised questions from the CAG in his latest report. According to the report 1.9bn/- which is 80% of the Fund's accumulated financial resources has been spent on beekeeping



Beehives placed in a forest

leaving only 20 per cent for direct forest interventions relating to conservation and protection. While beekeeping is an important income generating activity for Tanzanians, we must acknowledge that healthy forests may lead to increased beekeeping activities and subsequent rise of income for those engaged in the activities. More funds should thus be invested directly on management, conservation and protection of forests and beekeeping activities should be complementary.

Indeed, the establishment of TaFF, a Public Conservation Trust Fund under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism was meant to be a sustainable funding mechanism for supporting forest protection, conservation, management and development. It is also meant to promote and assist in the development of community forestry directed towards the conservation and protection of the forest resources through the making of grants and providing advice.

Under the circumstances it would be

expected that the TaFF would provide financial support to villages which own and manage forest through the CBFM approach. Such villages have a direct responsibility to conserve and protect forests. Besides funding, in part, for their social services from sale of forest products, the villages sustain local and international trade in forest goods. They also have responsibility to ensure sustainable harvesting of their forests so that benefits arising therefrom may be passed over to future generations.

Management, conservation and protection of forest with the view to sustainability of benefits requires funding and this is where TaFF could come in. Once villages can properly manage their forests, conserve and protect them, beekeeping activities can be undertaken as an additional/alternative income generating activity with the view to supporting poverty alleviation efforts. Conservation must raise the quality of lives of custodians of forests as well as ensure a healthy natural environment. It must

provide opportunities for alternative sources of livelihoods. Sustainable conservation of natural resources require funding, among other things, and this is more evident in the case of forests.

Hussein Kigwa, a member of Matuli Village Natural Resources Committee in Morogoro District says that the village conducts patrols to stave off illegal harvesting and invasion once every two weeks. "This is not enough given the fact that the wave of illegal harvesting is high and there are other invaders like pastoralists who take large herds of livestock to graze in the forest. We would like to conduct at least two patrols a week but we don't have enough money for that," he says.

According to Kigwa those who take part in the fortnightly patrols are paid 5,000/-. "Such a small amount of money does not encourage people to do the job as a result of which they do not turn up regularly. We need more funding to protect the village forest," he adds. Matuli village owns and manages a forest and

through sale of forest products the village government built two classrooms and a teacher's house in 2022.

Lulungwe village in Morogoro District owns and manages a village forest that covers 2,682 hectares. According to records, income from sale of forest products dropped from 25 m/- in 2020 to 11m/- in 2022 thus affecting efforts to protect the forest and subsequently pave the way for deforestation and forest degradation. "We have lost income by about 50 per cent in two years. There are various reasons behind the situation but with reduced income, we cannot adequately protect the forest," says Hamis Rajabu Kobelo, a member of the village government.

In some cases patrols to protect forests have to be voluntary, with members not being paid any allowances as the village natural resources committees don't have any money. "It is not about ignorance or lack of awareness, villagers know the importance of conserving and protecting forests. But when there are no funds to give them even token amounts then it becomes difficult to conduct patrols and the few who might turn up do it halfheartedly. The impact of such patrols is insignificant," explains Pearson Lyatuu Peter, Village Executive Officer for Ulaya Mbuyuni Village in Kilosa District.

Villages that own forest and sell forest products make some statutory payments to district council and other authorities but don't contribute to the TaFF. "The Tanzania Forest Fund does not support villages financially. Perhaps it would be advisable to set up a system that would enable the villages to benefit from the Forest Fund in order to support conservation and protection of forests. When forests thrive, they open up alternative income generating activities for communities such as beekeeping, mushroom farming and production of non-wood items," says Cassian Sianga, Senior Forest Researcher.

Of course not all forests are owned by village governments and neither are they under CBFM programmes. Whatever the case, the bottom line is that TaFF should direct the bulk of its funding towards forest management, conservation and protection and not otherwise.

## Foundation donates classrooms and desks to Funguni Primary School in Pangani District

By Guardian Correspondent, Pangani

DAR ES SALAAM-based HERI Foundation has donated two renovated classrooms and desks to Funguni primary school in Pangani District, Tanga Region to compliment government's efforts to boost teaching and learning environment in schools.

Receiving the donation, Pangani District Commissioner, Zainab Abdallah hailed the HERI Foundation's efforts to boost education in the district, highlighting the importance of education and praised the organisation's commitment to assisting underprivileged communities.

"I commend the HERI Foundation for their support in its efforts to boost education in Pangani District. I urge them to continue their efforts and become guardians of Funguni primary school. We are immensely grateful for their generosity," said DC Zainab.

Susan Ngole, the executive director of the HERI Foundation, explained the organization's mission and expressed her delight at being able to contribute to the development of Funguni primary school.

"The HERI Foundation aims to improve the educational environment for teaching and learning. We are thrilled to have provided these classrooms and desks, as they were previously in poor condition and unusable. It brings us great comfort to see that students can

now continue their studies without hindrance," said Ngole.

The event marks a significant milestone in Funguni primary school's journey towards creating an optimal learning environment for its students.

The donation of two fully furnished classrooms and desks will enrich the educational experience and empower the students of Pangani.

Flora Mayaka, school headmistress expressed her satisfaction with the much-needed classrooms and desks, saying: "Today is a special day for Funguni primary school. These classrooms and desks will not only provide our students with an excellent learning environment but also inspire them to dream big and realize their full potential. We are extremely grateful to the HERI Foundation for their generosity."

Akida Boramimi, the Pangani East Ward Councillor, emphasised the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and society in improving education.

"This contribution is the result of combined efforts by the government and organizations like the HERI Foundation. It is encouraging to witness such collaborations working towards a common goal - enhancing the quality of education in Pangani. Let's continue to work together for the betterment of our children," said Boramimi.



Rajabu K. Rajabu, the village chairman, expressed gratitude on behalf of parents and community members.

"We are delighted with the HERI Foundation's contribution to Funguni primary school. Our children deserve a quality education, and with these classrooms and desks, we can guarantee them a bright future. We sincerely appreciate this contribution," explained Rajabu.

The event concluded with a brief evaluation session of the Classrooms and Desks renovation project between

Funguni School Executives and HERI Foundation Staff, aimed at improving performance for future projects. Established in 1976, Funguni primary school currently has 668 students and 18 teachers.

The school also provides a special education class for children with intellectual impairments. The school faces several challenges, including deteriorating infrastructure such as classrooms, desks, toilets, and kitchens, as well as the absence of a designated area for student meals.

Furthermore, there is a

severe shortage of teachers' housing, with existing accommodations in urgent need of repair, lacking water and electricity, and suffering from leaks.

However, HERI Foundation is a non-governmental organisation that advocates for equitable access to quality health care and education for all.

The organization seeks to ensure increased access to quality healthcare and education for all regardless of geographical location, ethnic group, gender, age or any

form of disability; by providing healthcare and educational facilities, capacity development to healthcare workers, community engagement activities, etc. HERI Foundation is committed to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly to the attainment of Goal 3 - Good Health and well-being and Goal 4 - Quality Education.

To HERI Foundation, good health and well-being as well as quality education for all, form a foundation for healthier livelihoods and well-educated communities that

are capable of transforming economies, politics, technology, environment and culture; for the benefit of all.

The Foundations' key objectives including advocate for equitable access to quality and affordable education and health services, Promoting community engagement in quality healthcare behaviours and education for all as well as enhancing community empowerment for the improvement of health and education for social wellbeing.







## AfDB in \$20m investment in private equity fund in Africa

By Special Correspondent

THE Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group has approved an equity investment of \$20 million in the Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund in support of its target to mobilize private capital for infrastructure across the continent.

The Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I is a pan-African infrastructure private equity fund that is mobilizing up to \$500 million for investment and value creation in strategic infrastructure sectors. These include power, energy, digital and social infrastructure, transportation, logistics, and water and sanitation.

The fund is sponsored by Africa50, an infrastructure investment platform established by governments and the AfDB. Africa50 brings infrastructure project development and financing under one umbrella. Africa50 has a strong track record of investments in the private sector and of projects undertaken under a Public Private-Partnership (PPP) framework.

The mobilization of private capital is critical to closing the infrastructure financing gap in Africa, especially given the limited fiscal space of African governments which currently provide the largest source of infrastructure funding on the continent.

The Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I was established as a vehicle to help execute Africa50's mandate of mobilizing private capital and accelerating further investment flows into African infrastructure by targeting private and institutional investors.

African Development Bank Director for the Industrial and Trade Development Department, Abdu Mukhtar said the Bank's investment in the Fund underlined its strategic nature and the fact that the Bank prioritizes investing in strategic infrastructure sectors that contribute to closing Africa's infrastructure financing gap (estimated at \$68-108 billion annually).

"The Bank's investment will support

Africa50 to crowd-in private capital into African infrastructure through a private equity fund vehicle that private investors better understand and are more comfortable investing in," Mukhtar said.

Commenting on the approval, Wale Shonibare, African Development Bank's Director for Energy Financial Solutions, Policy and Regulations said the Bank's support for the Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I aligned with its High Five objectives. "It also strengthens the Bank's already existing partnerships with the Africa50 Group on initiatives such as the African Sovereign Investors Forum and the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa," Shonibare added.

Alain Ebobissé, CEO of the Africa50 Group, said: "We are highly appreciative of the African Development Bank's support for the Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the African Development Bank and other investors to make a meaningful contribution to improving the infrastructure landscape on the continent."

By leveraging private capital for infrastructure investment, The Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I can help create jobs, strengthen health-care access, improve education access through digital technologies, enhance access to financial services and financial inclusion through fintech investments, and reduce the impact of climate change. The fund is projected to create 3,278 full-time equivalent jobs over the period 2023-2035, including 1,676 jobs for women. In addition, the fund is expected to contribute to fostering regional integration through improvements in transport and logistics infrastructure that can lead to increased inter and intra-regional trade.

The African Development Bank and partners in the new fund will continue to provide growth capital and infrastructure equity to support the urgent need to accelerate private sector funding toward bridging the infrastructure financing gap in Africa.

## StanChart takes action against beach plastic pollution in Dar City

By Francis Kajubi

IN celebrating the World Environment Day, which is marked globally today under the theme: 'Beat Plastic Pollution', Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania has organized its first beach clean-up event of the year at Kibo beach in Dar es Salaam.

Held at the weekend, the event involved more than 120 StanChart staff and customers who participated in the three-hour exercise to pick plastic waste for further recycling processes along the beach.

The financial institution dedicated to sustainability and corporate social responsibility organized the event that targets at reducing the amount of plastic waste dumped into the ocean and serves as an important prelude to the bank's ongoing efforts to support and promote environmental sustainability.

Addressing the bank's staff and customers who gathered for the exercise, Herman Kasekende, StanChart chief executive officer said the bank recognizes the global significance of World Environment Day and is determined to foster a culture of environmental stewardship within its organization and the wider community.

"The beach clean-up initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to the environment and sustainability," said "At Standard Chartered Bank, we have always been driven by a sense of responsibility towards sustainable business practices," said Kasekende adding: "We acknowledge that our success is

intricately linked to the well-being of the communities in which we operate. As a financial institution, we have a unique opportunity to make a positive impact by investing in sustainable solutions and supporting initiatives that address environmental challenges."

According to him, the bank consistently integrates sustainable practices into its operations and encourages its employees to be agents of change. By engaging in meaningful activities like beach clean-ups, the bank aims to mitigate the effects of environmental degradation and promote sustainable living.

He asserted that throughout the years, the bank has implemented several environmental initiatives, including a significant investment in digital banking to minimize its carbon footprint, resulting in 90 percent of transactions being conducted digitally and eliminating queues in branches.

The bank has also improved waste management, leading to a 360 percent increase in recycled waste and a 40 percent reduction in overall waste generated year on year (1.1 tons in 2022). Additionally, the bank has planted over 3,000 trees to date.

"Standard Chartered Bank will continue to explore innovative ways to integrate sustainability into our business operations. We will strive to develop financial products and services that support renewable energy, foster green investments, and drive sustainable development. We will work hand in hand with our clients and stakeholders," he added.

## Tanzania to become leading meat exporter

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is set to transform traditional livestock keeping into modern livestock keeping by staging a feed lot and Livestock Traceability System (TANLITS) that will foster red meat in the export market.

Angello Mwilawa, director of research, training and extension in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries said in an interview that the ministry had set up various research and training centres to groom young graduates to adopt the system of a feed lot that goes hand in hand with government efforts in introducing TANLITS.

"The government wants to revolutionise this sector of livestock to become more competitive and attract more young graduates to utilise existing opportunities in the global market because there is demand for red meat," he said.

He explained that the ministry had so far eight training and research centres of incubators - three in Tanga, three in Mwanza, Misungwi and two in Karangwe and had a total number of 240 young graduates from Livestock Training Agents and Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).

Mwilawa stressed that taking into consideration the position of the country the livestock feed lot system was going to be a game changer for the growth of the sector in terms of GDP.

"In fact, the government has financed these young graduates to develop their skills by feeding cattle and looking for the market in fish processing industries in the country. This programme will eventually shine in the global market if stakeholders in the sector agree to utilise TANLITS," he noted.

In an exclusive interview in Dar es Salaam last week, S and J Ani-



mal Tech Company senior official Shanel Ngowi said this move did not only modernise the sector, but would also place the country in the world class meat market.

"Look here, we want to bring the value of red meat to the world market by implementing this system that will revamp, restructure and foster the livestock sector to have international standards," he said. He added that they were eyeing to sell more quality red meat in the export market if stakeholders in the country would government efforts in implementing effectively a two-strategy system," he emphasised.

He further said that the new method of identification of livestock in the country would strengthen the availability of statistics and put to an end cattle theft and introduce the country to the world meat market.

Mr Ngowi said this system would enhance the improvement of cattle keeping, food safety and regulate the movement of livestock, while promoting acceptable international standards that would be adhered to by livestock keepers across the country.

"I can assure that if stakehold-

ers in the sector support this system the nation will eventually rise to the top of red meat market in the international market because we are blessed with enough land and a large number of livestock."

He added that ear tag technology was a rare opportunity for Tanzania to advertise itself to the international market and open its doors for investment in red meat processing industries.

Mr Ngowi explained that this programme would improve data collection and would pave the way for the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to create a database that would be available to anyone who wanted to have livestock information.

"My brother, this is basically the new system used by other countries across the world. For example, in Namibia, they have been very successful through this system of putting earrings on cattle and sell their meat as far as to New York. It is a good system and the best way for the government to get income as well as livestock keepers and create jobs," said Mr Ngowi.

For his part, Veteran Minister and retired Board Chairman of

National Ranches (Narco) Paul Kimiti said it was important that the government through the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries continued providing education to livestock keepers and other stakeholders in the sector to equip them with the knowledge of TANLITS.

He explained that cattle identification was an easy way to attract investors in this country because Tanzania had quality livestock and it was easy for investor to know the type of cattle and even if there were a disease outbreak, it was easy to track where livestock came from and be able to control the disease.

Mr Silvestry Koka, who is Member of Parliament for Kibaha Urban and a stakeholder, this system would pave the way for livestock keepers to access loans from financial institutions and do away with the traditional way of cattle keeping.

"After the effective implementation of this system livestock keepers will be recognised because the government will have a database with all requisite information about livestock and livestock keepers."

## EU-financed programme brings hope to Z'bar horticulture sector

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR horticultural farmers under the European Union (EU) bankrolled programme have achieved a 100 percent harvest rise in a just two years period of its implementation, fresh data shows.

The programme executed in 66 villages, 47 out of them in Unguja and 19 others in Pemba with a specific target to touch 10,100 beneficiaries among them 6,600 being farmers comprising 60 percent women and 40 percent youth, has seen tomato productivity increased to two metric tones in an acre per season, up from one metric tone, significantly multiplied the income for small-scale farmers.

"Make it Grow!" Horticulture for Sustainable Economic Growth in Zanzibar project has been implemented in partnership of Tanzania's horticultural industry champion, TAHA, TRIAS and AHA under the four years European Union (EU) funded flagship programme, AGRI-CONNECT.

Zainab Shaame, a small-scale farmer from Pemba and thousands others in Zanzibar, said that their steady supply of high-quality tomatoes enabled them to secure long-term contracts with local supermarkets and wholesalers.

"In my case, the first season I was able to harvest about 7.5 metric tonnes of tomato selling them at 8.5m/,-" Shaame said over the weekend, adding that the revenue encouraged her to double her farm under tomato and the second season she was able to produce 37.5 metric tonnes, earning her 42.5m/,-.

TAHA, the executor of the programme in Zanzibar provided them with training on modern techniques such as raising beds, irrigation management, pest and disease control, and efficient fertilizer application.

In addition to training, TAHA



TAHA's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi

facilitated access to high-quality tomato seeds and provided guidance on crop management throughout the farming cycle.

Also the farmers have received support in establishing links with reliable domestic markets.

"I adopted proper farming methods, which allows me and my colleagues to control environmental conditions, optimize water usage through drip irrigation processes, and protect our crops from pests and diseases," Shaame noted.

They also learned proper post-harvest handling techniques; something enabled their tomatoes reach the market in optimal condition.

Fresh data shows the EU bankrolled programme that saw massive training on good agricultural practices and uptake

of modern technologies that have marked a massive impact in terms of horticultural crops output and income for growers in Zanzibar in just two years stint.

Formal statistics indicate that TAHA-supported horticultural farmers have recorded a 100 percent yield surge in just two years of the EU funded AGRI-CONNECT programme implementation, depending on the type of crops, technologies applied and geographical areas.

TAHA's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi, said that her organization has since been cooperating with various local and internal players in taking the Zanzibar horticultural industry to the next level.

As a result, increased production of horticultural crops has reduced net import of fruits,

vegetables, tubers and spices from 80 per cent to only 26 percent at the moment.

Through the AGRI-CONNECT Programme, TAHA also managed to link 8,000 horticultural farmers to market opportunities in and outside the country through market information systems and contract farming.

TAHA has constructed horticultural crops collection centres as well as water wells for both irrigation and domestic consumption at Mpapa and Muwanda areas.

It has also built a cold room at Mpapa for preserving perishable horticultural crops.

The organization in collaboration with AHA trained over 2,500 horticultural farmers in entrepreneurial and financial skills for them to qualify for securing loans.

Over 10,000 other farmers have been trained in good horticultural practices, with 500 of them linked to financial services and Sh2.5 billion worth loans have been extended to them.

TRIAS, another key partner, has successfully managed to link about 100 small-scale farmers to access finance through savings and credit groups.

TAHA's nutrition and food safety campaign jointly carried out with health officials have reached out to more than 10,000 Zanzibaris, mostly children, expectant mothers and the elderly.

The overarching goal of the campaign is to end malnutrition, stunting and severe diseases.

Launching the state-of-the-art horticultural knowledge hub in Zanzibar built by TAHA, through EU and Finland-FFD financial support, President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi commended the development partners namely EU, FFD and TRIAS Belgium, saying their support will leave behind a significant footprint into Zanzibar horticulture industry.



# Bank to support govt's motives to advance tourists' accommodation facilities in parks

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

AS Tanzania strives to increase bed capacity in boosting the country's tourism sector, the Diamond Trust Bank has pledged to support the government's initiative through issuing loans for construction of high-class hotels and lodges.

The DTB Group is an affiliate of the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED), the economic development arm of the Aga Khan Development Network.

"We are also providing loans for equipment such as safari vehicles to serious investors and other addition support to boost tourism as the industry recovers from the two-consecutive years of the Covid-19 pandemic," said Fadhil Mvanda the Arusha Branch Manager of DTB.

Speaking during the Kili-Karibu Travel and Tourism trade fair held in Kisongo, Mvanda pointed out that they were participating in the event in order to introduce the bank's new services as their contribution to ensure the country realizes the 2025 target of 5 million tourists in two-year's time.

Presenting the 2023/2024 fiscal year Budget for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Minister Mohammed Mchengerwa said in order to boost tourist ac-



commodation services the Tanzania National Parks has floated tenders and managed to attract 17 investors that are currently at various stages of constructing tourists properties with bed capacity of 796 in a total of six (6) National Parks in the country.

According to the Minister during the fiscal year 2022/2023 the Tanzania re-

ceived a total of 1,438,399 tourists as of April 2023 compared to 858,900 tourists recorded during the same time last year, signaling a remarkable increase of foreign visitors, which means the country, was in dire need of accommodation facilities.

Revenue collections have also grown to reach 291 Billion/-, compared

to 140 billion/- during the same period in the financial year 2021/2022.

This is an increase of 67.5 percent in tourists' number and 107.6 percent in revenues.

The Tanzania Limited (DTB) has been functioning in Tanzania for the past 75 years, starting in 1946 as Diamond Jubilee Investment Trust in Dar es Salaam, and

from 1997 as a full-fledged commercial bank.

DTB presently has 29 branches in the country presence in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza, Zanzibar, Dodoma, Tanga, Mbeya, Moshi, Morogoro, Mtwara, Iringa, Tabora, Kahama and Singida.

DTB Tanzania is part of one of the largest East African banking groups

headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, and with presence in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi.

DTB Bank is fully committed to the delivery of superior, efficient and genuinely personalized banking services through the utilization of up-to-date technology by customer-focused and well-trained staff.

## I&M Bank, Mastercard inaugurate premium world debit, multicurrency prepaid cards

By Guardian Reporter

I&M Bank Tanzania has partnered with Mastercard—a technology leader in the global payment industry, to launch a suite of Debit and Multicurrency Prepaid Cards. These cards will enable customers to make seamless transactions in both domestic and international markets.

The Bank will be launching the I&M Debit Gold Card for personal banking customers and the I&M World Elite Card for high-net worth clients. I&M Bank Tanzania will be the only bank offering World Elite Debit Cards in the Tanzanian market to affluent customers, giving them exclusive access to a range of priceless benefits, privileges and experiences that can be accessed at home and abroad.

The I&M World Elite Exclusive Mastercard Debit card is designed to provide exceptional services exclusively to I&M clients in collaboration with a wide range of international companies and premium retailers worldwide. It offers extra value while maintaining world-class security and reliability underpinned by Mastercard's trusted technology. The new technology which includes contactless payment, ensures a fast and secure checkout experience, whilst also empowering consumers to choose how they want to pay.

Zahid Mustafa, bank chief executive officer (CEO) revealed this over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the signing ceremony.

Mustafa said: "We are delighted to be working with Mastercard, a leading financial technology powerhouse. This solution will enable both account and non-account holders, to transact in both local and foreign currency - safely, securely, and seamlessly."

The cards come with advanced security features (PIN and EMV chip) that allows contactless payment (Tap and Go) to ensure that customers transact safely and securely in the virtual environment.

"Over the last decade, there has been considerable progress and a shift in the payment landscape as we know it and as such, we have had to be agile in our approach and develop innovative solutions that address consumers' pain points. The World Elite Exclusive Mastercard Debit card, a first of its kind in Tanzania, will offer unmatched benefits and convenience to Tanzanians through the Mastercard Priceless Experiences program" says Shehryar Ali, Country Manager, East Africa, Mastercard.

Priceless services and experiences include exclusive access to the Concierge Service, Privilege membership, premium travel insurance, travel packages, and access to a suite of airport lounges around the world.

On the other hand, the I&M Multicurrency Prepaid Mastercard card will be available in 10 currencies and is intended for customers seeking local and international foreign payment solutions, whether they hold an account at I&M or not. All that is required is a national identity card or copy of passport and work permit copy to sign up for the I&M Multicurrency Prepaid Mastercard and start transacting in the local or international markets.

Customers can use Prepaid or Debit Mastercard cards on local points of sale (POS) machines, Online, E-Commerce platforms and ATMs. They can withdraw cash, pay for monthly subscription bills such as Netflix, Spotify and iTunes, and purchase goods and services for their entrepreneurial projects on E-commerce platforms with ease.

"Mastercard is committed to driving financial inclusion and providing digital solutions that help customers make safe and seamless transactions. By providing consumers with access to secure and convenient payment solutions such as this, we believe that this partnership will help drive economic growth and improve the lives of millions of Tanzanians," adds Ali.

"We are proud to collaborate with I&M Bank to enhance the drive to access financial services, enabling more people to enter the digital economy and as a leader in the payments technology industry, we will continue to provide our customers with the best solutions and experiences."

# Ministry to form independent unit to fight poachers

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Mohamed Mchengerwa has directed the ministry's Permanent Secretary to establish a directorate for fighting against wildlife poaching in wildlife reserves that will be reporting to him directly.

Mchengerwa has also appointed Assistant Commissioner, John Nyamhanga to be Acting Director of the new directorate to fight poaching.

Speaking here at the launching of the national strategy against poaching and the one for the management of wildlife management areas (WMAs) the Minister said he has formed the independent unit that will be reporting to him directly because poaching business is huge and involves various high officials including politicians, public officials and other prominent people.

He said the Directorate's Director that will be under him will be reporting to him in order to begin strategies to tame wildlife poaching in WMAs.

He explained that the aim is to make sure no government trophies are to be seized at the country border's exit points or outside the country.

He appealed to Tanzanians or other people involved in poaching activities to stop doing so and warned that stern legal measures will be taken against all those to be caught.

He added that all funds allocated for WMAs have already sent to the concerned reserves to fund tourist activities.

Earlier, welcoming the minister, Natural Resources and Tourism Permanent secretary, Dr Hassan Abbas said poachers are not so courageous and stressed that the government will continue fight against them to eradicate the breed.

He also called on members of the public to cooperate with the government in the war.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Mohamed Mchengerwa

# Challenges to African trade highlighted

By Chinedu Okafor

AFRICAN trade experts have highlighted a number of obstacles preventing the intra-African market from maximizing its potential, including cumbersome border inspections, harassment, solicitation from security officers, bribes from traders, and poor roads.

This information was revealed in the most recent issue of Pathway Africa, which our corre-

spondent acquired from the Ministry of Aviation.

"Only a few hundred kilometers separate Lagos, Nigeria, from Accra in Ghana but for the thousands of traders who ply this route, the journey through these routes can take a full day. Customs officials and police at roadblocks will make you unload and unpack every little package in order to delay you for hours," Lucia Quachey, the secretary-general of the African Federation of Women

Entrepreneurs, stated.

She also pushed for the construction of infrastructure to facilitate commerce and for the removal of several tariffs and non-tariff obstacles.

The AfCFTA initiative intends to make trade between Africa's 55 countries easier by removing obstacles and boosting business. This is expected to significantly influence the continent, its 1.3 billion people, and its estimated \$3.4 trillion GDP.

A number of initiatives have found leeway under the Africa Free Trade Agreement, included in these initiatives is Kenya's and Ghana's potential trade pact and AfCFTA as a solution to Uganda's recent trade setback with Kenya.

In May, it was revealed that Ghana and Kenya planned to strengthen their commercial ties under the African Continental Free Commercial Area (AfCFTA) with a market entrance expedition in Nairobi. As a component

of the initiative, The Ghana Trade House (GTH) was also publicly introduced. Through the creation of an Export Trade House (ETH) in late March of this year, Ghana has made plans to exploit the AfCFTA to improve its business links with Kenya.

Also, The Ugandan government sees the potential offered by the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as the long-term solution to Kenya's unreliable non-tariff barriers (NTBs).







## WORLD

## Regional countries demand ceasefire in DRC, Sudan

LUANDA

COUNTRIES of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) on Saturday called for an immediate cessation of hostilities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Sudan.

The ICGLR member states held a summit earlier in the day in Luanda, the capital of Angola, during which they emphasized the need to improve coordination and execution of the mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the March 23 Movement (M23) ceasefire and the withdrawal from occupied territories.

The communique released after the

summit stressed the engagement of agreements reached in the Luanda and Nairobi processes and condemned any attempt by the M23 and other armed groups to reinforce themselves to resume hostilities in the occupied areas, reiterating the immediate disarmament and repatriation without conditions.

It said that Angola will host a summit between ICGLR, the Southern African Development Community, the Economic Community of Central African States and the East African Community, with the participation of the United Nations, under the coordination of the African Union.

The summit also condemned the con-



M23 rebels guard the area during the meeting between the East African Regional Force (EACRF) officials and M23 rebels during the handover ceremony at Rumangabo camp in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo on Jan 6, 2023. AFP

flikt in Sudan, calling for the reactivation of the peace process in Sudan to find a lasting solution, and welcomed efforts by the African Union, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, and other African sub-regional organizations, underlying the need for Africa's leadership and coordination of efforts.

In addition to Felix Tshisekedi, president of the DRC, and Edouard Ngirente, prime min-

ister of Rwanda, the summit was attended by President of the Central African Republic Faustin-Archange Touadera. Representatives from Burundi, Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, the Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Zambia and Sudan were also present at the meeting, representing their respective heads of state, according to the final communique.

## US ignores reasons that led to crisis in arms control – Russian Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW



US representatives continue to pretend that the crisis in arms control is not connected to Washington's policy that is hostile towards Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova (pictured) said in her commentary regarding the statements made earlier by US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.

"We note that there were no principal new points that would have resonated with Russia's concerns and took our positions into account. We are talking about the same old calls to Russia to immediately resume the cooperation with the US on arms control, including, in particular, the development of a new treaty that would replace the New START, which expires in 2026. To resume on American terms, of course," she noted.

"Although Jake Sullivan tried to wrap these calls in a more colorful package and even outlined certain 'bonuses' that, apparently, were supposed to make them more appealing to Russia, Washington still continues to ignore the reasons that have led to the crisis in this area. US representatives continue to pretend that this crisis is not connected to the blatantly hostile policy towards us, which has eventually gained shape of a total hybrid war against our country," the diplomat added.

According to Zakharova, Russia so no signs that the US is ready to abandon its goal to inflict a "strategic defeat" on Russia and to effectively eliminate Russia from the international arena as a sovereign and equal political actor for the sake of the adherence to arms control, declared by Washington.

"It would be impossible to disconnect arms control aspects from the general political context, as Jake Sullivan proposed to do. No one should have any illusions here. And one should not point to the Cold War experience: since then, we went through many other steps and learned a lot, so we won't allow repeat of our previous mistakes," the spokeswoman said.

## End of American dominance

According to the diplomat, "if the US and its allies on anti-Russian coalition" are really interested in revitalizing the international situation and want to return to substantive work on arms control, they should, first and foremost, abandon the irresponsible and reckless aspiration to build the world on American templates at any cost, and to turn away from the path that clearly can lead to a global catastrophe.

"It is necessary to finally realize that the era of undisputed US dominance has come to an end and that there will be no return to it. The goal for now is to comprehend the new reality and to begin creating the basis of a more fair, balanced and stress-resistant international system, based on true equality, inclusivity, and, most importantly, on indivisible security, as well as on consideration of interests and concerns of all states without exception," she underscored.

## In favour of political and diplomatic methods

According to Zakharova, arms control and strategic risk reduction mechanisms could become an important element of this system, acting as a "safety net" for it.

"Russia does not reject and has never rejected political and diplomatic methods of ensuring security that can have different shape and be implemented in various formats. However, life proves that such methods can only be efficient and viable if all sides truly aim for equal and constructive cooperation and honestly implement the achieved agreements, without trying to cheat and interpret them in their own favor," Zakharova added. **Agencies**

## Biden signs bill to raise US debt limit

NEW YORK

U.S. President Joe Biden signed Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 into law Saturday afternoon so as to avoid a historic default on government debt.

The bipartisan act suspends the public debt limit through Jan. 1, 2025, and increases the limit to the actual debt level on Jan. 2, 2025. According to Goldman Sachs, a global investment bank, U.S. total federal government debt would exceed 35 trillion U.S. dollars by January 2025, which equals more than 100,000 dollars for each U.S. citizen.

"This bipartisan agreement is a big win for our economy and the American people," Biden said just moments after the Senate passed the bill late Thursday.

The United States reached in January its debt limit of 31.4 trillion dollars, more than 120 percent of its annual GDP. For months, as the White House and Congress were locked in a tug-of-war over terms of lifting the debt ceiling, the Treasury Department has been using "extraordinary measures" to avoid default. **Xinhua**

## Chinese delegation: 'Leadership' does not imply hegemony

SINGAPORE

THE Chinese delegation on Saturday rejected US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's unfounded accusations against China at the Shangri-La Dialogue, saying "leadership" does not imply hegemony, status is determined by acts, and actions speak louder than words.

Lieutenant General Jing Jianfeng, deputy chief of the Joint Staff Department of China's Central Military Commission, told a press conference that by peddling the so-called "Indo-Pacific strategy," Washington is attempting to maintain its hegemony.

Although the Cold War ended 32 years ago, the United States has not removed residues of the Cold War, such as the Five Eyes intelligence alliance and bilateral military alliance. Instead, it has escalated bloc politics and stoked conflict and confrontation by launching the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and trilateral security partnerships.

"To pursue its selfish interests, the United States has coaxed and coerced some countries into acting as a pawn with the fundamental aim of maintaining its hegemonic system, regardless of the aspiration for stability and order by regional countries," he said.

Regarding the Taiwan question, Jing strongly refuted the recent US remarks on Taiwan for ignoring facts and distorting the truth.

The United States has continuously weakened and hollowed out the so-called official exchanges with Taiwan and condoned "Taiwan independence" activities, he said.

The United States has also increased arms sales to Taiwan in both quality and quantity, frequently sailed through the Taiwan Strait to flex its muscles, and ganged up with other countries to intervene in the Taiwan question, Jing said.

He emphasized that China's military operations around the Taiwan Strait are targeted at "Taiwan independence" separatist forces and the interference of external forces, and are justified.

The general added that China cannot be blamed for changing the status quo, as the US "exploiting Taiwan to contain China" and "Taiwan independence" separatists relying on external forces are the real factors causing changes in the status quo, exacerbating tensions and undermining the stability.

Noting that the Taiwan question concerns China's core interests and brooks no compromise, he said that the Chinese People's Liberation Army is fully prepared and ready to firmly defend China's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

Jing said that in recent years, the United States has continued to interfere in the South China Sea issue, and taken it as an excuse to suppress other countries.



This is completely contrary to the will and efforts of regional countries to seek peace, pursue development and promote stability, he said.

Jing stressed that China advocates a peaceful settlement of disputes in the South China Sea, adding that regional countries have the ability, confidence and wisdom to deal with the issue, and there is no room for interference from countries outside the region.

He said that the United States is the real mastermind behind tension in the South China Sea.

In recent years, the US side has been sending warships and military aircraft to the South China Sea to provoke troubles under the so-called "freedom of navigation," he said.

The United States has also intensified its efforts to increase temporary

and rotational deployment, establish additional military bases, and continue to strengthen its military presence in the South China Sea, Jing said.

"By doing so, the United States will only cause more security risks and increase the potential for crisis," he said.

Concerning an incident over the South China Sea, in which the US side claimed that a Chinese fighter jet conducted an "unnecessarily aggressive maneuver," Jing said the move was carried out lawfully and professionally, and was only conducted after a US reconnaissance plane deliberately intruded into a PLA naval routine training exercise.

China values the development of China-US military relations, and exchanges between the two militaries have not been interrupted, the

Chinese general said, adding that the United States should be blamed for current obstacles to the development of the relations.

It will not work if the United States appeals for communication while undermining China's interests, and claims to strengthen crisis management while continuing its provocations, Jing said.

China urges the United States to earnestly respect China's core interests and major concerns, take concrete actions to remove obstacles to military-to-military exchanges, and bring relations between the two militaries back on the right track, Jing noted.

Calling the Shangri-La Dialogue a platform for peace topics, not a hegemony show-off, Jing said China comes for peace, development and cooperation, while the United States clearly aims for promoting its "leadership," smearing and suppressing others, and preserving its hegemony.

Countries that adhere to strategic independence and peaceful development will not follow the US steps into the old path of bloc confrontation, he said.

## UAE envoy says UN to hold meeting on Afghanistan situation

KABUL

UNITED Arab Emirates' Permanent Representative to the United Nations Lana Nusseibeh said that they will hold a comprehensive meeting on the situation in Afghanistan on June 21, Afghanistan-based Khaama Press reported. She stated that the cooperation of the Security Council members on Afghanistan should be maintained.

Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh and President

of the Security Council said, "We will hold a comprehensive meeting on Afghanistan's situation on June 21," Khaama Press reported. Nusseibeh further said,

"Our focus will be concentrated on Afghanistan's situation, women's rights in particular, over which all the members of the Security Council have agreed." On Thursday, UAE envoy Lana Nusseibeh said that the UN Security Council will continue working on the issues of Afghanistan and the rights of women in par-

ticular, Khaama Press reported.

UAE Ambassador Fraidoun Oglu said that the UN Special Coordinator for Afghanistan Affairs will provide a comprehensive report regarding the situation of Afghanistan to the Security Council in November this year. Notably, the United Arab Emirates has assumed the rotating presidency of the United Nations Security Council for a month.

Several US Senators proposed a bill to sanction the Taliban in response to human rights

violations in Afghanistan, Khaama Press reported citing Fox News report.

Ever since the Taliban assumed power in Afghanistan in August 2021, the group has systematically repressed women, youth and minority groups, the report said. Thousands of women have stayed at home since colleges and schools stopped accepting female students, and there are restrictions on the work that women and girls can do in local and international NGOs. **ANI**

## Unidentified bodies shifted to mortuaries after India's devastating train mishap

NEW DELHI

AS many as 160 unidentified dead bodies of the people who had died in Friday's devastating train accident in eastern India have been shifted to mortuaries in Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha state, a local senior cop confirmed to Xinhua yesterday.

Efforts will be made to preserve them at the mortuaries and facilitate smooth identification by family members of the deceased, Bhubaneswar Deputy Commissioner of Police Prateek Singh said over

phone. A large number of ambulances carrying the bodies were seen arriving at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bhubaneswar. "100 bodies will be kept at AIIMS Bhubaneswar, and the rest at other hospitals.

The identification process is expected to take several days," Singh said. Nearly 288 people died in the train crash, and the condition of nearly 60 is said to be serious.

The death toll is feared to rise. Most of the deceased belonged to the states of West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil

Nadu. The condition of most dead bodies is so bad, and efforts will be made to identify them with the help of DNA samples of their family members, a government official in Bhubaneswar said.

The mishap took place in the evening hours of Friday when two passenger trains bumped into a stationary goods train at a high speed in Odisha's Balasore district.

The Coromandel Express train was running from Shalimar railway station in West Bengal toward the southern city of Chennai, while the

Howrah Superfast Express was running from Yesvantpur station in Bengaluru, the capital city of the southern state Karnataka, toward Howrah in West Bengal. Preliminary investigations suggested that first the Coromandel Express train hit the goods train, and soon after the Howrah Superfast Express which was coming on a parallel track from the opposite direction also bumped into the wreckage of the first two trains.

TV reports showed bogies of the three trains climbing atop each other. A large number of

passengers were trapped inside the mangled remains of the ill-fated trains. Dead bodies could be brought out after cutting the mangled remains with the help of gas-cutters.

Eye-witnesses said that one train rammed into another, lifting its carriages high into the air, then twisting and falling off the tracks. "Everything was shaking and we could feel the coach toppling," Sanjay Mukhia, a daily wage worker traveling to Chennai on the Coromandel Express, was quoted as saying in a TV report.

Another survivor reportedly said that severed limbs of humans were scattered over the ripped metal wreckage.

Around 900 people were injured in the train accident, which is being described as the worst in the past one decade in India.

According to initial media reports, the train accident occurred due to faulty signalling. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the crash site on Saturday, and told media that all possible probes would be instituted to know the reason of the accident and those found

guilty would be dealt with sternly.

Meanwhile, some of the survivors arrived at the Chennai railway station on a special train from Odisha yesterday morning. Restoration work at the crash site continued overnight.

Efforts were being made to relay the uprooted or broken railway tracks and restore the rail route as soon as possible.

According to sources at the Ministry of Railways, more than 1,000 workers are engaged in the restoration work round-the-clock.



## India-South Africa ties 'deeply emotional,' our freedom struggles were 'intertwined'

CAPE TOWN

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar invoked the three-decade-old ties between India and South Africa stating that there is a very "deeply emotional" connection between the two countries.

He said India's and South Africa's respective struggles were "deeply intertwined". Jaishankar made these remarks while interacting with the Indian diaspora in Cape Town. He is in the South African city to attend the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Prior to his address, the EAM paid homage to the victims of the horrific train accident in Odisha on Friday evening.

Jaishankar's address before the Indian diaspora focused on three subjects -- "Thirty years of India-South Africa ties", "15 years of BRICS" and "9 years of Modi Sarkar."

Speaking on the decades-old India-South Africa ties, which will be formally marking years this November, the External Affairs Minister said he thinks that the connections are not just between two countries who have similar views.

"There is something very deeply emotional about our connect," he said.

Jaishankar added that when India achieved its independence, there was a very strong sentiment that its independence would be incomplete until South Africa became a free country.

"And the reason for that was that our respective struggles were so deeply intertwined," he said, adding, "And that was, of course, most vividly expressed by the personality and by the message of Mahatma Gandhi. Now, as we became independent and continued to support South Africa in its struggle against apartheid, the symbolism of Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi took very deep root."

Jaishankar also recalled that when South Africa got its independence, there was as much celebration in India as there was in there.

"And I still remember at that time, I was actually in Delhi, and I remember all our public buildings Rashavati Bhavan, the Parliament, the central Secretariat were all actually lit up for in celebration of what was happening here. And when we did establish our diplomatic footprint, this was actually



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor hands over the India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Partnership to Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

a country where we not only had a high commission, but also three other cities had an almost immediate presence of India-Cape Town, Johannes-

burg and Durban," he said.

The EAM also said that India had invited President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa as the chief guest to the Re-

public Day in 2019.

"We have really India and South Africa located at two different continents, but working together very closely in the United Nations, in the BRICS of which we are members in a body called IPISA, which is India, Brazil and South Africa, and in a variety of ways between the two of us directly now," he added.

The relations between India and South Africa in these three decades have "flowered in every conceivable sense", Jaishankar noted.

He also highlighted the trade account between the two countries, which is currently at about USD 18 billion.

"We are, in fact, I think, South Africa's fourth largest trade partner, if I'm right, and South Africa is our largest trade partner in Africa. And obviously the relationship is something that we continue to work upon," Jaishankar said.

The EAM said he was hopeful of trade and investments in the years to come and also wished that the exchanges between India and South Africa in various spheres continue to multiply. ANI

## Egyptian, Israeli defence chiefs discuss border shootout

CAIRO

EGYPTIAN Minister of Defense and Military Production Mohamed Zaki and his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant discuss on Saturday the deadly shootout that left three Israeli soldiers and one Egyptian policeman dead.

During a phone conversation, the two ministers also discussed joint coordination to take the necessary measures to prevent such incidents in the future, the Egyptian Armed Forces said in a statement.

Zaki extended condolences to the victims of the incident from both sides.

Earlier in the day, three Israeli soldiers and a member of Egyptian security forces were killed in a shootout along the border between the two countries.

The Israeli Defense Forces said in a statement that the assailant who killed the three soldiers was an Egyptian policeman.

The Egyptian army stated that three Israeli soldiers and a member of Egyptian security forces were killed earlier in the day in a shootout during a pursuit of drug smugglers by the Egyptian security personnel near the border with Israel.

Such confrontations along the Israel-Egypt border are rare as the two countries have maintained close security ties under a peace agreement signed by the two sides in 1979.

The Israeli military frequently carry out search-and-arrest operations on the common border to prevent drug and weapons smuggling. In 2014, Israel completed the construction of a 242-km barrier along the shared border with Egypt, in an attempt to stop illegal immigration from African countries into Israel.

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## Türkiye's Erdogan announces major reshuffle in new cabinet

ANKARA

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Saturday a major reshuffle in his cabinet, appointing new ministers for foreign affairs, treasury and finance, defense and vice-president.

Hakan Fidan, who has been at the helm of the National Intelligence Organization since 2010, assumes the role of foreign minister. The 55-year-old new top diplomat is considered one of Erdogan's closest confidants.

The new treasury and finance minister is Mehmet Simsek, who served as finance minister and deputy prime minister from 2009 to 2018. Simsek is a respected economist who is seen as a safe pair of hands in the turbulent Turkish economy.

Yasar Guler, who previously served as the chief of general staff and is seen as a hardliner on national security issues, takes on the role of defense minister.

The new vice-president is Cevdet Yilmaz, who previously served as deputy prime minister and development minister.

Erdogan was sworn in for a third term as president on Saturday. In his inaugural speech, he pledged to introduce a more liberal constitution and to unite the Turkish people.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by several foreign leaders, including NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (center) stands with the new cabinet members during the inauguration ceremony at the presidential complex in Ankara, Türkiye on Saturday. AP

Erdogan won 52.18 percent of votes in the presidential runoff on May 28 against his rival Ke-

mal Kilicdaroglu, leader of the center-left Republican People's Party.

Erdogan who has been leading the country since he became prime minister in 2003, became

the first executive president of Türkiye in 2018 following a constitutional referendum in 2017 which changed Türkiye's parliamentary system into a presidential one.

Agencies

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## India, Maldives sign 10 MoUs related to development projects

MALE

UNION Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan on Sunday along with Maldives Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid attended the ceremony for the exchange of 10 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) between India and Maldives. He also attended the gifting of a consignment of Anti-TB medicine to the Maldives in Male.

The MoS is in Maldives for a two-day

visit from June 3-4. Taking to his official Twitter handle, Muraleedharan stated that the development partnership between India and Maldives is going stronger. He noted that MoUs will facilitate the implementation of development projects in areas like arts, sports, education and health under India's grant assistance.

Muraleedharan in a tweet stated, "Our Development partnership with the Maldives is going stronger. Glad to join H.E. @abdulla\_shahid to witness

exchange of 10 MoUs. The MoUs will facilitate implementation of development projects in areas of Arts, Sports, Education & Health, under India's grant assistance."

MoS Muraleedharan in a tweet stated, "The 10 High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) MoUs exchanged are: 1.Development of Arts Centre in Male' 2. Construction of Lh. Hinnavaru New Council Office 3.Establishment of Mental Health Unit at Abdul Samad Memorial Hospital."

He further stated, "4.Procurement of 4 School Buses for Fuvahmulah,Kulhudhuffushi,N. Kendhikuldhoo & L. Gan 5. School Digitalization Programme in L. Atoll Education Centre 6. Development of Sh. Milandhoo Running Track 7. Development of Outdoor Gym in Addu City, Hithadhoo Beyrumathi Dhaairaa."

"8. Development of Outdoor Gym in Addu City, Hithadhoo Rasgedhara Dhaairaa 9. Development of Outdoor Gym in Ha. Dhidhdhoo 10. Develop-

ment of Outdoor Gym in GDh. Vaadhoo," Muraleedharan said in a tweet.

Muraleedharan stated that the gifting of consignment of Anti-TB medicine to Maldives will contribute to the Maldivian government's plan to eliminate TB from Maldives.

He tweeted, "Witnessed gifting of consignment of Anti-TB medicine to Maldives @MoHmv, in Male Confident that the medicine will contribute to @governmentmv plan to eliminate TB from Maldives. ANI

## Chinese astronauts return to Earth with fruitful experimental results

JIUQUAN

THREE Chinese astronauts on board the Shenzhou-15 manned spaceship returned to Earth safely yesterday, after completing their six-month space station mission.

Shenzhou-15's return capsule, carrying astronauts Fei Junlong, Deng Qingming and Zhang Lu, touched down at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region at 6:33 a.m. (Beijing Time), according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA).

The astronauts were in good shape, and the Shenzhou-15 manned mission was a success, the agency announced. The astronauts were carried out by ground workers and placed on chairs in front of the capsule.

"We have completed all the scheduled tasks and felt good after returning to the motherland," said Fei, the mission commander, who had also participated in the country's second crewed space mission, Shenzhou-6, in October 2005.

Deng, who finally got the chance to fly to space after 25 years of preparation, said that he is grateful for the support and encouragement of the

people of the whole country. "I always believe in the power of dreams and persistence. No matter how old I am, I feel so happy to be needed by the nation," he added.

"I'm now very excited, and when I was on the space station, I often watched through the window, trying to find my motherland and hometown," said Zhang, one of China's second batch of astronauts.

"We will adjust our bodies as soon as possible, go back into training, and be ready for space missions in the future," Zhang added.

The return capsule separated from Shenzhou-15's orbiting capsule at 5:42 a.m. as per the flight procedure. Soon after the return capsule landed, the ground search team arrived at the landing site. Medical personnel confirmed that the astronauts were in good health. China launched the manned space mission Shenzhou-15 on Nov. 29, 2022.

The Shenzhou-15 crew, China's oldest mission crew in terms of average age, successfully completed four extravehicular activities (EVAs), becoming the crew to accomplish the most EVAs of all Chinese crews to date.

The crew lived and worked



Astronaut Fei Junlong is helped out of the return capsule of the Shenzhou-15 manned spaceship at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region yesterday. The return capsule of the Shenzhou-15 manned spaceship, carrying astronauts Fei Junlong, Deng Qingming and Zhang Lu, touched down at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region safely yesterday. Xinhua

in the space station complex for 186 days and conducted a number of experiments which produced fruitful results.

The crew successfully obtained three-dimensional structural images of their skin cells with the country's self-developed two-photon microscope.

This achievement, the first of its kind worldwide, marked the success of the in-orbit verification experiments of the two-photon microscope, providing a promising tool for future health monitoring of astronauts in orbit.

China also successfully performed the first in-orbit ignition test in the Mengtian space lab module's combustion cabinet during the Shenzhou-15 mission. The test verified the functions of the combustion science experimental system of the space station and the accuracy and scientificity of the overall experimental process. In addition, it is worth mentioning that the operation of the country's Stirling thermoelectric converter realized its in-orbit verification.

The heat-to-electricity convertor showed an internation-

ally advanced conversion efficiency during its smooth operation, according to the CMSA.China also completed in-orbit experiments on liquid metal thermal management on its space station for the first time ever during the Shenzhou-15 mission.

These experiments verified a series of key technologies concerning bismuth-based metal in microgravity, such as controlled melting, expansion and convection heat transfer.

As of May 29, they had conducted eight human factors engineering research activities, 28 space medical experiments and 38 space science experiments covering life ecology, material science and fluid mechanics, and obtained valuable experimental data.

The crew also moved cargo outboard several times and installed several items of equipment, including extravehicular extended pump sets, cross-module cables, and supporting devices for the extravehicular payload platform, laying a foundation for carrying out subsequent large-scale science and technology experiments outside the space station, according to the CMSA. Xinhua

## Medvedev dismisses option for change of Russia's development discourse in future

MOSCOW

ANY future Russian political leader that will try to change the discourse on the country's development that emerged in 2022, will be perceived as a traitor, so there will be no return to the "pre-war" past, Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev opined on his Telegram channel on Saturday.

He made this statement, commenting on "sweet dreams" of Russians who left the country about the return to previous times.

"I can say with certainty: there will be no return to 'bright' European past for them. And not only because they don't love and don't expect us there. [...] Russia is an entirely different country now compared to the pre-war period.

Leaders, parties and governments come and go, while the memory and values, cemented with blood, remain for a very long time. For decades, sometimes for centuries. They will not be changed, let alone destroyed, by any new leaders, whatever political force they represent (not to mention blatant traitors)," Medvedev said.

According to Medvedev, "only renegades who forgot about the death of our citizens can dream about the return to a friendly European family."

"[The death] of Russia's civilians and fighters. Unfortunately, people have died," the official noted.

He drew an analogy with the USSR falling apart in late 1940s, with new Russian leadership calling the war with Nazi Germany wrong.



"It is clear what would have happened with such freaks. The memory about the horrible war of the soviet people and the dead close ones was fresh in every family. And the situation now is very similar, despite the different level of people's involvement in the war," Medvedev stated.

"Therefore, any political leader that will try to change the discourse of the country's development that emerged after February 24, 2022, will be anathematized as a traitor, as a person who betrayed the memory of our people who gave their lives in this war," the official said.

Speaking about people who left the country, Medvedev noted that they include "people of varying mental capabilities."

"There are no Bunins, Berdyayevs, Ilyins or Shalyapins among them, of course. So-so, mediocre folk," the politician said. He underscored that "these actors have no hope for a triumphant return."

"Relocated people are lonely and are not needed by anyone. Let them live, bleeding bile, accumulated from their anger. Or let them miserably remember the lost Homeland and the former glory while drinking a glass of red wine," the politician concluded.





Feisal Salum

## City clubs and equal pay for equal work: Specter that explains roots of Feisal saga

By Correspondent John Kimbute

AS the Feisal Salum saga appears to be drawing to a close, long-hidden legal perspectives are emerging, seemingly anchored in the way the world soccer governing body, FIFA, looks at things.

What they bring out was being avoided by lawyers absorbed in pleasing the city giants, namely Young Africans SC (Yanga), that FIFA first of all wants players to continue their careers while legal disputes are being resolved.

In that case, Salum is by FIFA standards being hindered from playing for far too long already.

Remarks that the midfielder has lately been making, aside from explanations of an experienced lawyer with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) and seemingly with Yanga in the past, point at club president Hersi Said as the core of the problem, in Salum's view.

The midfielder was even suggesting the club's president was discriminating, which some pundits grasped in the local frame of things as those who come to the main island of Unguja and those from Pemba.

Yet that cannot stand the test as a key confidant of the club president, well known by the name Arafat Haji-the club's vice-president-is a native of Pemba as well.

Salum's remarks about either his welfare or lack of regard for his welfare were littered with complaints as to how his mother had been treated by Yanga officials and spokesmen, etc, which the pundits made an effort to keep out of the picture.

What counts is the nature of the welfare dispute, and as the player kept insisting that the club leader was not taking his phone calls - and everyone knows he has been involved in personally recruiting players especially from outside - it sounded odd.

And then the chips sort of started falling into place, one after another as a vast welfare issue.

Just two aspects or factors need to be put together, namely that at an earlier stage it was being said that the midfielder was disappointed with his 4m/- payment per month while a foreign player, talented but hardly putting in as much work or helping with results, was obtaining six times or thereabouts compared to him.

This factor was not being discussed too closely by pundits so it has not been examined intensely enough, but it would be surprising if the club leadership could not take notice of this anomaly. Chances are that they did and wished it remains that way, it is the issue.

Reflecting about it thus comes up because of the midfielder's remark about the club leader being discriminatory, which was aired without necessary clarification as to what it was

meant to be, or appeared to underline.

The pseudo-ethnic view of the remark being useless, it was useful to figure out what the charge is likely to be - which takes one to the original complaint, that is, discriminating against local and foreign players.

But as it is against nature to discriminate negatively against one's people in favour of foreigners, the reason could not be personal dislike or such.

This leads to a preliminary hypothesis and indeed a worry as to current city clubs' projections for the upcoming season, as they need to make substantial recruitment of players to cover existing gaps.

That is where the discrimination issue comes up, when Said goes to Ivory Coast to talk to Stephane Aziz Ki or to Kampala to take a snapshot with Caesar Manzoki, the salary they talk about is not the same as when they locally recruit as it's something else. They have to discriminate.

The reason is that the players one finds abroad and wishes to bring to Bongo are equally sought after elsewhere, by clubs that are traditionally more endowed than the city rivals.

Indeed it is not all endowed players at the continental level that city clubs look for but those who are talented enough but not needed by the top sides in the CAF circuit, those who are regularly in quarterfinals, semis, etc -that means, the CAF Champions League. We do not pick players from them but from the 'also rans'.

At that point, one starts to sympathize somewhat with the club leadership, in that the midfielder touched on a taboo subject, not because the club does not like local players but rather because it cannot afford to equal their salaries.

And even if it started 'leveling up' to some extent, the likely bill, if all salaries were revised, could be far more than the club sponsors projected or put at the disposal of club coffers.

It is thus clear why the club president had to remain deaf and dumb to the player's protestations.

Yet there is an Achilles heel to this strategy, as to how far it can hold for the future.

In seeking to recruit better players for the coming season, the two city giants have to include a vote for elevating local players' salaries not to prevent them from being poached by other clubs but to avoid making them unhappy with low-level treatment.

It is a question of business strategy, as the greater the disparity the more likely there will be some disquiet, though not everyone will have the Salum clout to put the club into trouble with its game plans.

When the foreign players were a handful their salaries could be ignored, not when they are nearly half of the playing group.

## NBC Premier League a nightmare for head coaches

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THIS season's NBC Premier League is on the brink of conclusion, with each of the participating sides having been left with two games to play.

Several coaches have been sacked and, despite the Premier League having 16 teams, no less than 31 coaches have taken charge of the outfits this season.

Twelve of the 16 Premier League teams have changed coaches this season, while Yanga, Singida Big Stars, Geita Gold FC, and Mbeya City FC are so far the clubs that are still under the tutelage of coaches they started the season with.

Nassredine Nabi of Yanga, Hans van der Pluijm of Singida Big Stars, Fred Felix 'Minziro' of Geita Gold FC, and Abdallah Mubiru of Mbeya City FC are so far the coaches that have not been sacked.

### YANGA

Yanga has already been declared the 2022/23 NBC Premier League winner and the squad has already booked a place in the final of the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC).

The Jangwani Street-based club also made it to this season's CAF Confederation Cup final and suffered a loss to Algeria's USM Alger in the stage.

The two clubs took on each other in the final's rematch at Stade du 5 Juillet in Algiers yesterday, which culminated with Yanga garnering a 1-0 win.

USM Alger, eventually, lifted the second-tier of African inter-club competitions' title via an away-goal advantage, having commanded a 2-1 victory over Yanga in the first leg that took place in Dar es Salaam on May 28.

Nabi, undoubtedly, deserves credit for playing a part in all success his outfit has so far garnered.

At some point, rumours had it Yanga's leaders wanted to sack him but he changed everything after the squad sensationally secured qualification for this season's CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage with a victory over fancied Tunisia's Club Africain in the playoffs.

Yanga bundled Club Africain out with a 1-0 aggregate victory, as the play offs' first leg bringing together the two was a 0-0 stalemate.

In the rematch held in Tunisia, Yanga against all odds commanded a 1-0 victory over Club Africain to make it to Group Stage and the trust in Nabi was as a result restored.

### SIMBA SC

The Msimbazi Street-based side's technical bench has, this season, been led by four head coaches on different occasions.

The season started with the club playing under the tutelage of Serbian coach, Zoran Maki, but he mutually parted ways with the outfit and it was temporarily under assistant coach Selemani Matola.

Simba SC later brought in tactician Juma Mgunda from



Simba SC's head coach, Roberto Oliveira.

Coastal Union to take over as an interim head coach and was assisted by Matola.

Mgunda led the outfit well but the club later brought in Brazilian coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' to take charge of the technical bench.

The new coach's arrival witnessed Mgunda being demoted to the assistant coach's role while Matola attended coaching training.

Simba SC has, ultimately, ended the season trophyless despite being coached by the quartet.

### AZAM FC

The ice cream makers have, this season, been under three coaches. The outfit started with a bang under head coach Abdilhamid Moallin, an American national of Somali origin.

Moallin was later sacked and England-born Tanzanian, Kalimangonga Ongala, took over as an interim head coach.

Azam FC later hired French tactician Denis Lavagne to lead the team even though his journey was as well not long.

Lavagne was later fired and Ongala was brought back as an interim head coach, operating in the role until now.

Azam FC has already found a new tactician in Senegalese gaffer Youssouph Dabo that will be operating as the outfit's head coach next season.

### SINGIDA BIG STARS

Much as the side is in its first season in the NBC Premier League, the club has been playing under the tutelage of the same tactician, Belgian Hans van der Pluijm.

Pluijm's experience in the NBC Premier League is probably his strength. The Belgian coach had earlier taken charge of other prominent Premier League clubs, Yanga and Azam FC.

Several good signings Singida Big Stars made early this season have helped the club thrive.

The squad is for that matter certainly assured of finishing as one of the top-four clubs in the top flight under Pluijm's tutelage.

### GEITA GOLD FC

Geita Gold FC is as well an outfit that has retained the club's head coach, Minziro, this season despite experiencing ups and downs.

Minziro is the coach that helped Geita Gold FC secure promotion to this season's Premier League, having excelled in the Championship League two

seasons back.

The side, at some point, relegated Minziro to an assistant coach role when it brought in Burundian Etienne Ndayiragije to operate as the head coach.

The Burundian coach was later sacked after a string of less impressive outcomes and the club has remained with Minziro until now.

### NAMUNGO FC

The club, popularly known as 'Southern Killers', has been under three tacticians on different occasions this season.

It opened the season under the tutelage of Zambian, Honour Janza, but the coach later left and the outfit was temporarily coached by Tanzanian Jamhuri Kihwelo 'Julio'.

Kihwelo later left the side, moving to Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, and Namungo FC has since then been coached by compatriot, Denis Kitambi.

### KAGERA SUGAR

Kagera Sugar started this season with two coaches, with Kenyan Francis Baraza operating as head coach, and later the side mutually parted ways with the coach.

The club brought in an experienced gaffer, Mecky Mexime, to serve as a caretaker coach and he is the one coaching the club until now.

### IHEFU SC

Ihefu SC, based in Mbarali District in Mbeya, has been coached by three gaffers this season.

After helping the team garner promotion to this season's NBC Premier League, tactician Zubeir Katwila continued to coach it but he was later demoted to the assistant coach's role.

Juma Mwambusi served as the head coach for a while before leaving the team, with Katwila temporarily taking charge, and later the club brought in coach John Simkoko that has helped it move to a better position in the top flight.

### TANZANIA PRISONS

The club has this season been coached by two gaffers. It opened the season with Kenyan coach Patrick Odhiambo who led it right up to the middle of the season.

The Kenyan gaffer was later fired and Tanzanian Mohamed Abdallah 'Bares' took over as head coach for the rest of the season.

### DODOMA JIJI FC

Dodoma Jiji FC has as well been coached by two tacticians this season. The club opened the season with Burundian Masoud Djuma but, after several matches, he was fired and American tactician Melis Medo took over.

### COASTAL UNION

The Tanga-based side, this season, has been coached by four gaffers. It began the season under the tutelage of Mgunda but he later moved to Simba SC thanks to a money-spinning

contract he was handed by Msimbazi Street club.

Coastal Union had its former fullback Joseph Lazaro serving as an interim head coach but he was later demoted to an assistant coach role as the outfit brought in Kenyan tactician Yusu Chipu to lead the technical bench.

Chipu did not last long given the gaffer was fired after several matches and Lazaro was reinstated as an interim head coach. The Tanga outfit then hired Fikiri Elias to serve as interim head coach.

### MTIBWA SUGAR

The Turiani-based outfit has had two coaches this season, having started with experienced tactician Salum Mayanga.

Mtibwa Sugar dismissed the gaffer halfway through the season and had Awadh Juma operating as caretaker coach.

### MBEYA CITY FC

Mbeya City FC has matured this season, playing under head coach, Mubiru, a Ugandan national, despite not being in a good position in the top-flight standings.

The Mbeya side has kept on having trust in the Ugandan coach, letting the gaffer lead its technical bench in the remaining ties.

### KINONDONI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FC

The club, this season, has been under the tutelage of two coaches. It started with Rwandan coach Thierry Hitimana that led it for almost three-quarters of the top flight but poor results brought about his exit.

The outfit is currently under interim head coach Kihwelo assisted by Khalid Adam and Boniface Pawasa.

### POLISI TANZANIA

The Kilimanjaro-based side has this season played under three coaches. Polisi Tanzania started with Burundian Josline Bipfubusa that was later fired and was temporarily replaced by John Tamba that had previously operated as an assistant coach.

Polisi Tanzania was later under interim head coach- Congolese Mwyni Zahera- who is struggling to ensure the squad tightens its grip on its position in the Premier League despite having limited chances.

### RUVU SHOOTING

This season has seen the club being coached by two gaffers but their presence has hardly helped it hold on to its place in the top flight. The Coast Region-based side has officially been relegated to next season's Championship League.

The squad opened the season with coach Charles Boniface Mkwasa but he later mutually parted ways with the side due to various reasons.

Coach Mbwana Makata took over and he is leading the technical bench up to the moment, much as the squad has already been relegated.

## National Special Olympics squad set for 2023 Special Olympics

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national Special Olympics team set to battle it out in this year's Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, Germany will receive the national flag in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT) Director Charles Rays said the national flag handover function will take place at a venue to be announced later.

He said the country's athletes are currently undergoing intensive training at Sibusiso Foundation in Arusha and are expected back in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. The team, the SOT leader revealed, will depart for

Germany on Monday the following week.

"The government through National Sports Council (NSC) will hand over the national flag to the team on Friday at a function slated to be held in Dar es Salaam, the team will later depart for Berlin on Monday," Rays said.

Meanwhile, Rays said organizers of the Special Olympics World Games have extended the invitation to Zanzibar President Hussein Mwyni and the Isles' Minister for Information, Youth, Culture, and Sports Tabia Maulid Mwita to attend the Games.

The SOT leader stated: "The Special Olympics has extended invitations to Zanzibar Presi-

dent Hussein Mwyni and the Isles' minister Tabia to attend the Games, other senior and top officials were also invited."

"They have been invited as a recognition of their work in promoting sports among the people with intellectual challenges and special needs," he said.

According to Rays, Minister Tabia has confirmed her attendance at the Games but he failed short revealing whether President Mwyni will attend, saying he needs to cross-check with relevant authorities.

The national Special Olympics team athletes are currently camping in Arusha and recently Rays described the camp as very successful and progress-

ing. The German Special Olympics Summer Games will take place from June 12-26 and Tanzania's athletes will take part in mixed unified volleyball and athletics.

The country will be represented by 20 athletes at the Games, some of whom were selected via SOT subprograms/regions while others won a place in the national team after excelling in the National Special Olympics Championships in Mwanza last year.

Rays-who will also double as the country's leader of the delegation- thanked the national team's sponsors, namely the government, Azam FC, Azam Media Limited, and Sibusiso Foundation, among others.





## FA Cup final defeat clouds Manchester United's season

LONDON

MANCHESTER United's painful FA Cup final defeat to Manchester City casts a cloud over a largely impressive season under Erik ten Hag in which they ended their trophy drought and regained their place in the Champions League.

City's captain fantastic Ilkay Gundogan scored twice in a 2-1 win for the Premier League champions at Wembley -- including the fastest goal in FA Cup final history -- as his side stayed on track for a treble.

Ten Hag, in his first campaign at Old Trafford, praised his men for their performance against "probably the best team in the world" before reflecting on the overall campaign.

"We played a fantastic season and it's more than we could have expected before," he said.

"We were third in the league, we are qualified for the Champions League, and we won a trophy and we were in another final.

"So, yeah, I'm really happy with the performance from my team all over."

But in the cold light of day Ten Hag will be aware that although the scoreline was close at Wembley, Pep Guardiola's men were in control for most of the match against his largely toothless side.

- Highs and lows -

United's campaign is difficult to sum up.

They beat Newcastle in the League Cup final in February to lift their first silverware since 2017 and finished third in the Premier League.

But their season has been also peppered with heavy defeats -- they were mauled 4-0 by Brentford, 6-3 by Manchester City and 7-0 by Liverpool.

United briefly threatened to make the Premier League a three-horse race but in the end they finished 14 points behind City in the table, with just one more point than they achieved in the 2020/21 season under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Marcus Rashford's career-best 30 goals in all competitions papered over the cracks up front, with United short of alternative firepower.

Forward Anthony Martial and winger Antony were unfit for the final at Wembley, leaving Wout Weghorst -- who has failed to score a single Premier League goal since he arrived on loan in January -- as one of Ten Hag's attacking options.

By contrast, City had a bench packed with attacking quality, including Julian Alvarez, Riyad Mahrez and Phil Foden.

Another expensive summer rebuild is required to get United back to the standards Ten Hag demands.

The club has been strongly linked with Tottenham and England forward Harry Kane but could face a tough battle to prise him from the hands of Spurs chairman Daniel Levy.

The position of goalkeeper is also a major talking point after several high-profile errors from David de Gea in recent weeks.

The Spaniard, who won the Premier League Golden Glove award, was slow to react to Gundogan's shot for the second goal.

De Gea has yet to sign a new contract at Old Trafford even though his deal expires in a matter of weeks.

Ten Hag avoided commenting on his goalkeeper's performance, saying "we played all a great season, including David De Gea".

The situation at United is complicated by uncertainty over the ownership of the club, which could impact transfer plans during the summer window.

The unpopular Glazer family has still not made a decision on the future of the club even though they announced in November they were considering a sale.

Co-owner Avram Glazer was at Wembley for the final and ignored questions about the takeover.

"I think in this moment I don't want to discuss that," Ten Hag said when asked about the takeover situation and potential transfers.

"It's about finalising the season," he said. "We have to be quiet, analyse the season, go into the depth, then set the right conclusions and then take action. It's about that."

The former Ajax boss is single-minded about his aim of restoring United to former glories.

"I have only one plan and that is to improve this club and to improve this team," he said.

"I will fight for (that). I have my ideas and I already talked with the club about what we have to do for that."

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# Big game player Gundogan takes Man City to brink of the treble

LONDON

ILKAY Gundogan produced when it mattered most for Manchester City once more as the German's double downed Manchester United 2-1 in the FA Cup final on Saturday in what could be fitting parting gift.

Gundogan will be central to City's quest to complete the treble next weekend against Inter Milan in the Champions League final.

But his future beyond this season remains in doubt with the 32-year-old's contract expiring at the end of the month.

After seven seasons in Manchester, Gundogan has reportedly been tempted by the change of scene and lifestyle offered by Barcelona.

But manager Pep Guardiola admitted he is still trying to convince the man who was his first signing for City back in 2016 to prolong his stay.

"He knows what I think (of him). There is no doubt," said Guardiola.

"We are neighbours, we live on the same floor for many years, he is a close friend of mine but hopefully we can finish in a good way. (City sporting director) Txiki (Begiristain) is working.

"The season he has done is exceptional."

Gundogan's first stun-



Manchester City players celebrate winning the English FA Cup final football match between Manchester City and Manchester United at Wembley stadium, in London, on 3 June, 2023. AFP

ning strike after just 12 seconds will live long in the memory and not just for becoming the fastest goal in FA Cup final history.

He then became the first player on record to score twice in a FA Cup final from outside the box as his volleyed winner caught out David De Gea six minutes into the second-half.

A brace took his tally for the season to 11, but he has a knack of producing when the pressure is cranked up towards the business end of the season.

Six of Gundogan's goals this campaign have come in the last month as he also scored twice against Leeds and Everton to

get Guardiola's men over the line in the Premier League title race.

"He can do everything," said Guardiola recently.

"He shows leadership every training session. Arriving on time, living the job 24 hours a day. He is a guy who handles the pressure really, really well."

Despite his manager's fulsome praise, Gundogan personifies Guardiola's glorious reign as a star player who has not always been guaranteed a starting role.

He came off the bench to inspire a stunning comeback from 2-0 down to beat Aston Villa 3-2 on the final day of

last season's Premier League to snatch the title away from Liverpool. "I don't need these kind of days to feel appreciated and feel special in this club," said Gundogan.

"I know that and that is why I have been here seven years."

But he remained non-committal on his future, adding: "Nothing is decided yet."

Instead, the City captain's more pressing concern is ending the club's wait to become European champions for the first time next weekend and his own personal quest to lift the Champions League.

Gundogan has experienced the heartbreak of losing finals at

both Borussia Dortmund and City in the past.

"We have a chance to do something special and win the treble and we do not want to let this opportunity pass us by," said Gundogan.

City have craved Champions League glory ever since an Abu Dhabi-backed takeover transformed the club's fortunes 15 years ago.

Going out on such a high would be a fitting farewell for a player who has now won 11 major trophies at the Etihad.

But City will hope Istanbul is not the final stop on his journey with the club.

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## Ilkay Gundogan is Man City's Zinedine Zidane – the ultimate big-game player

By Oliver Brown

AS the ball fell from a benign summer sky, the heat of some pre-match Wembley flares still toasting the air, only Ilkay Gundogan had a clear conception of what would happen next. No sooner had Stefan Ortega's long clearance looped off the head of Victor Lindelof than Manchester City's captain, a man whose natural diffidence belies a core of steel, waited for it to drop on his right boot, lashing it beyond David De Gea before he could blink. Cue mayhem, with his incredulous team-mates swarming to acclaim the figure who saves his finest flourishes for when it matters most.

Kyle Walker is the first to recognise Gundogan's immeasurable worth. Before City's surgical filleting of Real Madrid at the Etihad, he made a telling remark, describing the midfielder's capacity for peaking at the perfect moments: "I've been joking with Gundo that he turns into prime Zidane in the last few months. Sometimes you have to shine, and he always does it at the business end of the season."

Seldom was a truer word spoken. For it is not just Gundogan's temperament on the loftiest stage that recalls Zinedine Zidane in his prime, but his volleying

technique. His glorious strike after just 12 seconds was reminiscent of Zidane's thunderbolt for Real Madrid in the 2002 Champions League final, masterful in its execution. He was not finished either, picking Kevin De Bruyne's free-kick out of the air with his left foot, more scruffily this time but still with an accuracy to restore a lead that City would never relinquish. Somebody who can score volleyed goals with both feet in an FA Cup final against Manchester United? No wonder Guardiola regards him as a player of the purest gold.

The paradox is that this could have been Gundogan's last act for City in England. With Barcelona understood to have offered him a two-year deal, and City so far willing to grant him only a one-year extension at the age of 32, the likelihood has swung in recent months towards him leaving. Except this was an occasion to underscore the priceless value of his contributions. Previously, City dared hope that they could replace him seamlessly with Jude Bellingham. But now that the 19-year-old English wunderkind is primed to sign for Real Madrid instead, attention switches back to Gundogan and the treasured asset City stand to lose.

Pep Guardiola did

not hide his debt of gratitude to Gundogan here. The man of the match was given the longest embrace of any City player by his manager as the sky-blue tickertape fell. The bond that the two share is palpable: after all, Gundogan was the first signing of the Guardiola era, joining from Borussia Dortmund in June 2016. Seven years on, he is still being entrusted to deliver under the most oppressive pressure. And with good reason, given his pedigree. A first Manchester derby in this fixture, and a second Treble in the history of English football on the line? Where others might shrivel, Gundogan embraces the expectation and elevates his game to a different level.

The numbers speak for themselves. If you study the timing of Gun-

dogan's goals over the past three seasons, you see that he has an uncanny ability to start slowly but finish with a devastating sprint. No goals in September since 2019? Who cares, when he has 13 over those decisive March-May periods? In his past six games, he has managed six and been the provider for two more. Not content with scoring twice against Everton in a match City had to win to fend off Arsenal in the title race, he turned up at the double at Wembley to ensure that his club completed a second Double of their own under Guardiola, in just four years. Even if Erling Haaland could not convert his chances, Gundogan ensured City would not be thwarted.

He was as self-effacing as ever at the final whistle, despite having

left the crowd agape with the audacity of his opening goal, the quickest ever in an FA Cup final. "We know how we want to play from the kick-off and we aim to do that, to go long for Erling and try to get a second ball," he said. "Obviously it was quite a good strike."

Yes, you could say that. It was enough, clearly, to convince Guardiola of the merits of Gundogan staying, acknowledging that he was relying on Txiki Begiristain, City's director of football, to negotiate a longer deal for the man of the hour. You felt, as Guardiola hugged every member of his side and his backroom staff, as if all the pieces were falling into place. City were not at their best in this final, and yet the superiority in quality over United was so glaring that it

left Sir Alex Ferguson looking as if he had just chewed a wasp.

Once, Ferguson was the dominant force, the builder of dynasties. But that billing today belongs indisputably to Guardiola, who tactically neutered United just as surely as he made Real Madrid resemble a rabble. He was not what you might call traditionally dressed for the day, spurning a suit for a green 'P' hoodie, but he hardly could care less about Wembley's sartorial protocols. He prefers to be at one with his players, living every kick, co-ordinating every attack, contesting every dubious decision, and driving this all-conquering team to standards of excellence with which nobody else can live.

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## USM Alger sacrificed league ambitions for CAF CC trophy

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ALGERIA'S USM Alger head coach Abdelhak Benchikha has admitted sacrificing his side's Premier League title chances this season to boost their prospects of 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup glory.

USM Alger created history by clinching their first-ever continental title as they edged out Tanzania's Young Africans SC (Yanga) on the away goals rule in a thrilling finale of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup at Stade du 5 Juillet in Algiers on Saturday night.

Despite a 1-0 home defeat, USM Alger's 2-2 aggregate score, courtesy of their 2-1 first-leg victory over Yanga in Dar es Salaam on May 28, secured them the coveted trophy.

In a post-match press conference, Benchikha said the CAF Confederation Cup final success is the result of enormous sacrifices made by his players throughout the season.

He suggested USM Alger who are lying 10th in the Algerian Ligue 1 table could be on top had they not concentrated their focus on continental success.

The coach pointed out: "To win this competition, we had to give up the national championship a bit. I think we would be leading the championship today if we hadn't made this Confederation Cup our priority."

The Algerian coach who struggled to contain his joy during the trophy presentation ceremony expressed his immense happiness after the hard-fought triumph in Algiers.

"We say thank you to God who allowed us to be heroes. We also thank the public who have always been by our side. Our players sinned a little because of inexperience in this second leg final, but thank God we achieved our goal, and we deserve this coronation, not for the second leg of the final but for the previous 12 games of our campaign," Benchikha said.

He admitted the pressure got the better of his players and affected their performance but, in the end, success was the result of a long journey.

"I did not recognize my team in this final. We missed a penalty in the second half... the start of the match was disappointing for us, also because of the pressure", the tactician suggested.

Benchikha revealed: "All the Algerian people became happy and that's what we wanted to see. I thank the Algerian supporters of USM Alger. We are happy that after long years of waiting, we have finally managed to offer this title to our people."

"The USMA Club has seen several great players pass through its squad and they have never been able to win the title. But with these young men, we were able to do it," he rejoiced.

He added: "It's true that we lost the second leg of the final, but we were crowned thanks to our success in the first leg. For now, it's time for joy."

# Yanga lost CAF Confederation Cup final in Dar, says Nabi



Yanga's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabi has praised his side for their efforts against Algeria's USM Alger in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final's return leg that took place in Algiers on Saturday night.

Nabi acknowledged they lost the final's tie in their 2-1 defeat in the first leg played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam on May 28.

Young Africans SC, popularly known as Yanga, headed into the second leg facing a daunting task, needing to win by a margin of more than two goals.

They got off to a perfect start when they were awarded a penalty just seven minutes into the match after USM Alger's right-back Saadi Radouani's challenge on Yanga's

attacker, Kennedy Musonda within the penalty box.

Fullback Djuma Shabani confidently converted the spot-kick, sending USM Alger goalkeeper Oussama Benbout the wrong way to give Yanga an early lead.

However, Yanga was unable to find a crucial second goal to swing the tie in their favour.

USM Alger's captain Zinedine Belaïd had a second-half penalty saved by Yanga shot-stopper, Djigui Diarra.

The hosts were awarded the spot kick after their forward, Tumising Orebonye, was brought down by the visitors' central defender, Ibrahim Hamad, within the penalty box.

The Algerian club's cap-

tain's disappointment though was forgotten as his side held on to a 1-0 defeat at the final whistle, securing their place in history.

The 2-2 aggregate drew led to the Algerians lifting their first-ever CAF Confederation Cup trophy courtesy of the away-goal tiebreaker.

After the match, Yanga's head coach Nabi spoke at a press conference, saying they had chances to score but were unlucky in front of goal. He also rued the first-leg defeat at home.

"USM Alger played a good game and from our side, we lacked effectiveness in attack. We had several opportunities to score in the match, but we couldn't utilize them," Nabi said.

The Belgo-Tunisian coach

noted: "We lost the final in Dar es Salaam. We lost a bit of focus as this was the first time we were playing in a match of this magnitude."

"We were not used to being in such finals. We tried to make amends in the return match but it was not possible," the tactician pointed out.

The Tunisian-born tactician who was appearing in a second CAF Confederation Cup final, was gracious in defeat, saying USM Alger deserved the victory and fought well for it in both legs.

The coach revealed: "Congratulations to Alger on their victory. I offer them congratulations for this well-deserved title."

"It was a great final and the atmosphere from the fans was wonderful. Just like any coach I would like to win, but it was not possible for us tonight," the gaffer added.

Nabi also said he is proud of Yanga's achievement in an exceptional continental run, noting that they will work hard to be in the same situation again next season.

The campaign has seen Yanga register four back-to-back victories on the road in Algeria, South Africa, Nigeria, and DR Congo.

Meanwhile, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has invited Yanga for dinner at the State House in Dar es Salaam this evening.

The dinner aims to con-

gratulate the side for doing well in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup that ended in Algiers last Saturday, with Algerian club USM Alger lifting the showpiece's silverware.

Yanga finished second in the CAF Confederation Cup, suffering an aggregate loss to USM Alger in the final.

The two legs of the final ended in a 2-2 draw, with USM Alger ultimately triumphing via the away-goal rule.

Gerson Msigwa, the Chief Government Spokesman, confirmed in a statement yesterday the invitation was extended to Yanga that made their way to Dar es Salaam yesterday aboard an ATCL flight issued by President Samia.

Msigwa also said that after arriving in the city, the club is set to leave for Mbeya today for a 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie against Mbeya City FC scheduled for June 6 at the Sokoine Stadium.

According to him, after the June 6 game, Yanga will travel to Sumbawanga, Rukwa for the last Premier League game against Tanzania Prisons to be held at the Nelson Mandela Stadium on June 9.

He said that the club will, thereafter, fly back to Dar es Salaam and go to Tanga for the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) final against Azam FC at the Mkwakwani Stadium on June 12.

## 2023 CRDB Bank Marathon out to raise 1bn/-

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2023 CRDB Bank Marathon was launched in Zanzibar last weekend, with the showdown targeting to raise 1bn/- to support noble causes.

CRDB Bank Foundation, an institution that takes charge of the race, presided over the showdown's launch that was graced by Zanzibar First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi.

Mariam disclosed at the launch that took place at State House in the Isles that she commends the CRDB Bank for its unwavering support for women and the health of mother and child.

She called upon Tanzanians from all walks of life, as well as runners from outside the country, to register in large numbers for this season's CRDB Bank Marathon.

Mariam emphasized that the collective efforts of participants are crucial in achieving the goal of raising funds to support the noble causes supported by the marathon.

The First Lady further disclosed that helping a mother is helping an entire society, urging individuals to join hands and contribute towards a worthy cause.

She also discussed her call to action, which led to the establishment of an institution



Zanzibar First Lady, Mariam Mwinyi, who is also the Chairperson of the Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation (ZMBF), presses a button to officially launch registration for the fourth season of the CRDB Bank Marathon at a function that took place at the Zanzibar State House last weekend. Others in the photo are Managing Director of CRDB Bank Foundation Tully Mwambapa (2nd R), Investment Director at Sanlam Tullo Mafuru (R), Director of Business and Investment at Clouds Media Sheba Kusuga (2nd L), and the Chief Executive Officer of ZMBF Fatma Fungo (L). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

termed Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation.

The Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation, she stated, targets to improve the lives of people in the Isles economically and socially, with a strong focus on the health of mothers and children.

Mariam, also the Chairperson of the Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation, expressed her gratitude to the bank for choosing to focus on the health sector in Zanzibar, an area that resonates strongly

with her considering she is Shana Mao

also a major stakeholder in it. "The well-being of our society requires each of us to have a call to volunteer in various social issues," Mariam stated.

Mariam insisted: "Through the Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation, we aim to improve the lives of Zanzibar people economically and socially, with a special focus on the health of mothers and children."

The First Lady noted: "I commend CRDB Bank and its partners for joining hands with us to transform the health sector in Zanzibar through CRDB Bank Marathon."

She moreover announced that Zanzibar President and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Isles, Hussein Mwinyi, has graciously agreed to be the guest of honour in the CRDB Bank Marathon.

The race has been sched-

uled to take place at The Green at Oysterbay in Dar es Salaam on August 13.

The Managing Director of CRDB Bank Foundation, Tully Mwambapa, emphasizes the institution's meticulous planning to make the fourth season of the marathon a truly exceptional experience for all participants.

With a strong focus on safety, the official assured that this year's race has been carefully designed to provide maximum security for the runners.

Tully disclosed great attention has been put on entertainment aspects, ensuring an enjoyable experience for both adults and children.

She also encouraged people wishing to take part in the showdown to register alongside their families, given the event has special entertainment activities planned specifically for children.

The CRDB Bank Foundation official moreover outlined three crucial goals that the CRDB Bank Marathon, one of which is the construction of a health center for mothers and children in Zanzibar.

According to Tully, the goal stands as a major priority, considering it aligns with the goals of the Zanzibar Maisha Bora Foundation.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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...UNTIL WHEN I TOLD HER THAT MOST KIDS SMELLS THAT WAY!

