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By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TOP officials the East African Community will today participate in a flag raising ceremony for the Federal Republic of Somalia at EAC headquarters here.

The EAC Secretariat said in a statement at the weekend that Somalia will be depositing instruments of ratification with the secretary general, Dr Peter Mathuki, as inches much closer to formal membership and engagement in the regional bloc.

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SADC army chiefs see besieged Goma

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TOP army officials from the southern Africa regional bloc at the weekend visited Goma, main city in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, amid the fighting between government troops and M23 rebels.

The chiefs of defence staff of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries held a high-level meeting in the city of Goma, capital of the embattled North Kivu province.

Gen. Sylvain Ekenge, Congolese army spokesman, said the meeting focused on assessing the progress of operations on the ground, and fine-tuning strategies for strengthening the various units.

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National Health Insurance Fund director general Bernard Konga (standing-L) and Lalit Kanabar (to his left), CEO of Dar es Salaam's Regency Medical Centre, pictured in the city at the weekend having a first-hand account of services at the specialised referral facility in the wake of short-lived fears of deadlock over formalities. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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By Guardian Reporters

AS private hospitals swiftly moved to restore services for card holders of the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), activists and stakeholders have urged the government to "address the root of the problem for the wider interest of the nation."

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, leaders of the Tanzania Constitution Forum (TCF) and a group of good governance campaigners (UTG) asked the government to

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Samia hosts Mwinyi post-funeral prayers

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday led Zanzibar residents for special prayers for the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi at Nyamazi grounds in the outskirts of Zanzibar, a ritual held three days after a

person dies.

The Union president hosted the special prayers, attended by religious notables and Zanzibar government officials, with President Hussein Ali Mwinyi attending, as a key family member.

Religious leaders from the Mainland

and neighbouring Kenya were present, many yet to leave the scene following the burial on Saturday.

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan reads the Quran yesterday at khitma (prayers) she organised at Zanzibar's Nyamazi grounds yesterday for former president Alhaj Ali Hassan Mwinyi, who died in a Dar es Salaam hospital on Thursday and was buried at Mangapwani village in Zanzibar on Saturday. Photo: State House

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The Zanzibar president expressed gratitude to President Samia after the prayer event, saying that she has been a good comforter during the period of illness and eventual death of the late national leader.

According to him, the late president wept a lot when President Samia visited him at his residence in Mikocheni, Dar es Salaam, saying that her visit consoled him.

Dr Mwinyi said her late father was always so thankful for the good heart of President Samia. "We, as his children, are also grateful of what President Samia has done to our family," he said, underlining the president's proximity when the elder Mwinyi was struck by a severe illness, being treated inside and outside the country. Whatever was needed during the treatment of the late leader, President Samia was there to provide on time and she was visiting him frequently, he said. Dr Mwinyi also thanked doctors, nurses and other attendants at Mzena Hospital who spent their time to care for the elder statesman in his hour of need.

"I witnessed how they volunteered their time 24 hours to ensure that our father gets the required care. They have done a great job and we really thank them," he stated.

He further said that the late family head gave him a big task to

be leader of the family upon the elder's death, having called the family to tell them that his days on earth were numbered.

He urged them to maintain the unity and love, appealing to the current Zanzibar president to lead the family, he said, noting that he received this instruction and prayed for wisdom as it is not an easy task to lead the family as he was doing.

He extended the hand of gratitude to local religious leaders for their prayers to ensure that elder Mwinyi is laid to a peaceful rest, following his death at 98 on Thursday evening at Mzena Hospital in Dar es Salaam, with lung cancer cited as the cause of death.

Born on May 8, 1925 in Kivure village, Coast Region and raised in Zanzibar, the late Mwinyi served as the president of the United Republic from November 5, 1985 to November 23, 1995 and earlier as Zanzibar president, from January 30, 1984 to October 24, 1985.

In his path to the presidency, the late Mwinyi held several cabinet positions notably Minister for Home Affairs from which he resigned in 1975 following a fatal error of prison wardens' conduct where scores of people died of suffocation in a crowded cell.

As Zanzibar president after the late Aboud Jumbe was eased out by the party central committee he was also Union first vice president, and as Union president, he was party chairman from 1990 to 1996. Largely during his second term.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured at Zanzibar's Nyamazi grounds yesterday speaking at khitma (prayers) for his late father, former Tanzanian president Alhaj Ali Hassan Mwinyi, organised by President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: State House

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The ceremony will be held at a moment when Tanzania is still in the seven-day mourning period following the death of the country's second president, Ali Hassan Mwinyi and all flags are flying at half mast, in which case the Somalia colours will also be raised only halfway.

Somalia signed the treaty of accession at the Entebbe State House back

in December, with the president, Sheikh Hassan Mohamud pegging his signature to the treaty witnessed by President Salva Kiir Mayardit of South Sudan, the chairman of the EAC Summit, that is, the assembly of Heads of State, in the company of host president Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

Somalia's admission was accepted during the 23rd ordinary summit in Arusha where the Heads of State

considered the report of the EAC Council of Ministers on negotiations with the Somalia authorities and resolved to admit Mogadishu as a full member of the community.

Within six months after signing the treaty, Somalia was required to deposit the instruments of ratification with the EAC Secretariat, meanwhile as the Council of Ministers was tasked to develop a roadmap for the integration of Somalia into EAC or-

gans.

A report of progress in that direction was to be presented to the next meeting of the summit for evaluation by the other partner states, namely Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania.

Certain section of the secretariat hinted that Ethiopia and the Sudan were also showing obvious interest to join the regional block.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (R), in her capacity as Inter Parliamentary Union President, has an audience in Turkey yesterday with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Fuad Hussein, on the sidelines of the just-ended three-day Antalya Diplomacy Forum. The forum is an annual conference on international diplomacy that has been held in the Turkish resort city since 2021. During the event, policy makers, diplomats and academics from across the globe exchange ideas and views on diplomacy, policy and business. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

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The visit by the chiefs of staff was a strong signal of the commitment and determination of SADC and Burundi alongside the DRC, he said, noting that it was their first coordination meeting since the deployment of SADC troops in North Kivu.

It came two days after SADC armoured vehicles were hit during an M23 attack on Friday, as the generals visited the strategic town

of Saké, when the rebels threw five bombs killing and wounding several people.

Placide Nzilamba, a member of Goma civil society said the city residents welcome the presence of the SADC generals, expressing the view that the visit has enabled them to understand the situation, "having experienced the reality on the ground in terms of insecurity."

But some Goma residents were not sure that the visit would make a difference in changing the odds

in the ongoing fighting, with Muisa Christian, a resident, saying that the future of Congolese security can only come from internal strategies from the FARDC (the DRC armed forces) rather than the SADC countries.

M23, seen by many as an autonomous unit of the Rwandese army, launched a major offensive back in 2021 and has since captured large swathes of North Kivu province, displacing hundreds of thousands of local residents.

Aid organisations fear a new humanitarian crisis in the region, as M23 advance threatens to cut off the city of Goma and leave millions of people struggling for food and medical help.

Political observers in the EAC and SADC region are largely resigned to the fact that the eastern part of the DRC has been plagued by violence from local and foreign armed groups for nearly 30 years.

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take up the challenge and find robust ways to address the root causes.

Bob Wangwe, the TCF chairman, appealed to the government to come up with a lasting solution to the challenge "which includes dismissing the NHIF board of directors for failing to manage the fund."

He urged the government not to use much force in addressing the challenge but rather sit down calmly with the service providers, to avoid impacting health services delivery.

He said that many claims raised by private hospitals have a grain of truth and that the new package rolled out by NHIF relating to various charges were unfair to private entities, "so being overly aggressive on the issue will only end up affecting the lives of people."

"Being too harsh to the private hospitals forcing them to provide quality services at a cost that is not appropriate with the service, means that either the patient will have to pay additional funds or be subjected to inadequate care," he said.

"What is going on isn't healthy at all and we urge the government to think on this matter wisely," he emphasized, while Godlisten Malisa, the UTG chairman, said that it is better for the government to suspend the new NHIF package "as allowing it to continue will greatly affect health provision in the country."

"It is better for the committee to review the new package and closely engage stakeholders including experts from the ministry, NHIF, public and private hospitals as well as members of the fund in order to come up with a package which will be fair for all," he elaborated.

He similarly appealed to the government to ensure that all the funds taken from NHIF as loans are repaid.

He also demanded that the gov-

ernment to take stern measures on public officials cited in the report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) last year over embezzlement within NHIF.

The 146 officials listed by the CAG over embezzlement of 14bn/- should be punished, including sending them to court, he further stated.

The activist also wanted the government to cover operational costs of the fund in order to ensure that the funds collected are used to cover treatment services and not misdirected.

UTG activists similarly want the formation of an NHIF members' council which will involve representatives from those insured with the fund, to monitor service provision and ensure the funds are properly spent.

The opposition ACT Wazalendo urged the government to address the ongoing dispute between NHIF and the Association of Private Health Facilities in Tanzania (APHFTA) to restore provision of quality health services.

Its Health shadow minister, Dr Elizabeth Sanga asked NHIF to stop the new packages, revisit the universal health insurance law for it does not remove the problem of financing and sustainability, "does not save NHIF nor help provide relief to the people."

Meanwhile, NHIF delegation on Saturday visited the Regency Medical Centre in Dar es Salaam and talked with the management where they agreed that the hospital provides services while other issues are being addressed.

Led by NHIF director general Bernard Konga, the delegation arrived at the hospital to inspect how services for NHIF members are progressing at the hospital.

He apologized to NHIF members for the inconvenience they experienced, assuring them that they have already spoken to the hospital management and assured them that services will be maintained.

Tanzanians urged to appreciate role of waste pickers

By Carlos Banda

TANZANIANS have been called upon not to look down on waste pickers since they play a vital role in environmental protection.

The call was made in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during an event to commemorate Global Waste Pickers Day which brought together officials from PET Recycle Company Limited (PETpro), JUZA Waste Pickers Initiative and Human Dignity and Environmental Care Foundation (HUDEFO), Nicholaus Ambwene, PETpro Country Coordinator said the event aimed to address the negative perceptions the society has towards waste pickers, adding that such individuals do a good job of keeping the environment clean.

"Without waste pickers, garbage of all sorts would be scattered all over the place. The event intends to show we support them. As a private institution, we have handed over equipment to 80 individuals to help them overcome the challenges they face in waste collection. The equipment is expected to also help the society recognize and acknowledge them rather look down on them," he said. "This serves as a call for the government to see how it can support these people. As environmental stakeholders, we strive to address their challenges and make this initiative sustainable and alleviate stereotypes held against them by society."

Ambwene said the theme for this year was 'kazi kama kazi zingine', meaning job just like any other job. Through waste picking, he said pickers generate income, take care of their families, pay bills, school fees, and pay house rent, suggesting that the

government should make a law to guide waste producers so that they support waste pickers to protect the environment and the waste picking value chain.

Killian Haule, owner of Haule Bottle Recycling Center shared his account of how waste picking changed his life from a waste picker to a businessman owning a recycling facility in Dar es Salaam.

"Waste picking is an honest income generation activity just like any other form of self-employment. Through it I have managed to start my own waste collection and management centre which enables me to take my children to good school. This activity has changed my life for the better," he said. Haule called on the government, non-government organizations and public institutions to support initiatives to help people collecting waste materials, adding that loan packages should be created to aid waste pickers so that they can improve their activities. Nasibu Katibu, chief executive officer of JUZA Waste Pickers Initiative, said that there have been talks with other stakeholders on how to convince the government to formalize waste picking because it is an activity that employs a large number of youth, noting that through collaboration with other stakeholders, some youth who graduated from drug rehab had been trained on how to collect waste materials as an income generation activity.

PETpro is a company created by seven beverage companies and one plastic packaging production company collaborating in the management of plastic waste materials. They are Nyanza Bottling, Coca-Cola Kwanza, Bonite Bottlers, SBC Pepsi, Sayona Drinks, Cool Blue, A-One Products & Bottles Ltd and SilAfrica Ltd.



Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine representative William Chungu (R) pictured at the weekend closing capacity building training supported by the firm and attended by 336 secondary school teachers from Msalala District, Shinyanga Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Council trains teachers to boost academic performance

By Guardian Correspondent, Msalala

A TOTAL of 336 arts and language secondary school teachers in Msalala District, Shinyanga Region have attended a training meant to increase their competency in teaching.

The two-day training was organized by Msalala District Council with support from Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine.

Speaking during the closure of the

training at the weekend here, the council's education officer Seleko Ntobi said the training was of importance to teachers and their pupils.

"The teachers have been here for two days being trained by experts from Shycom Teachers College who have been of great help. They are equipped with essential teaching techniques meant to improve academic performance," he said.

Khamis Katimba, Msalala District Executive Director said they want to see the district perform well in national examinations and that equipping teachers with prerequisite skills was vital.

"We appreciate the management of Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine for its continued efforts to spot challenges in the community and extend support; we really thank them for supporting this training which is going to increase

teaching competence," he said.

William Chungu from Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine said the company will continue to support initiatives of the government meant to address challenges facing various development sectors and improve people's lives.

"We are happy to see how the government works to improve livelihoods of people. As investors, we will continue to back these efforts and ensure that chal-

lenges facing various sectors, including education are addressed," he said.

Barrick Bulyanhulu implements the Performance Improvement Programme (PIP) in collaboration with the Nyang'hwale and Msalala district councils in Geita and Shinyanga Regions respectively with the aim of improving teaching and learning environment to enable pupils excel in their exams.

PLAN INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA



Invitation to Tender (ITT)

Provision of Staff Medical Insurance Cover

Tender Ref. No. PIT/CO/IPT/FY24-2

Plan International is an independent development and humanitarian organization that advances children's rights and equality for girls. Plan has over 80 years' experience and works in more than 75 countries across the world. Working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners, we strive for a just world, tackling the root causes of the challenges facing girls and all vulnerable children. Plan International Tanzania (PIT) operates in 8 regions with footprints within 16 regions since 1991, currently supporting 25,000 vulnerable children and their families to access health care, quality education, safe sanitation and water, productive livelihoods and protection of their wellbeing.

Plan International in Tanzania would wish to enter into an agreement for provision of staff medical insurance cover. The proposed medical insurance scheme will be for an initial period of one-year effective 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 and renewable annually subject to satisfactory performance, that the contract shall not exceed 3 three years, thereafter the tender will be advertised again.

1. Tendering will be conducted through the Internationally Published Tender (IPTs)
2. Plan International Tanzania invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for provision of staff medical insurance cover. Interested eligible tenderers must confirm their intention to tender indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to: tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Tender documents in the English language will be sent to interested tenderers by email. Plan Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing, postage or delivery of the tender documents.
3. Tenderers are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals with each enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
4. Tenderers are hereby requested to submit or send the tenders electronically to: electronic.bids@plan-international.org OR physically in a sealed envelope by hand to:

Plan International Tanzania
Country Office
Plot 96 Mikochei Light Industrial Area, New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA
P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa

5. The deadline for submission of the tenders is 5PM East Africa Time (EAT), on Wednesday, 3rd April 2024. The outer cover should be clearly marked "Tender No. PIT/CO/IPT/FY24-2 for Provision of Staff Medical Insurance Cover. Not to be opened before 5PM East Africa Time (EAT), on Wednesday, 3rd April 2024. Late bids will be rejected

Country Director
Plan International Tanzania

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION TO TENDER NO. TP/03/2024/NCB/W/005

REFURBISHMENT OF TANKS S26, S27, S40 AND S41

04 March, 2024

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a hospitality storage facility for bulk fuel with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA (Based in Switzerland). The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot # 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
2. TIPER hereby invites via National Competitive Bidding (NCB) eligible bidders to bid for the Provision of Annual Civil and Building Maintenance Works.
3. TIPER hereby invites via National Competitive Bidding (NCB) experienced and reputable registered with Contractor Registration Board (CRB) as Class I Mechanical Contractor to bid for **Refurbishment of Tanks S26, S27, S40 and S41**.
4. Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz by sending an application letter and copy of certificate from the Contractor Registration Board (CRB) from Monday to Friday at 08:00AM to 4:00PM between 04 March, 2024 to 15 March, 2024.
5. Bidders MUST visit the site. Site visit will be conducted on **Monday, 11 March, 2024 from 10:30hrs to 12:30hrs**.
6. During site visit bidders are required to come with their own Personal Protective Equipment PPE's. The minimum PPE requirement are **steel toe safety boots, worker's helmet and cotton reflector vest / cotton over coat / cotton overall**. Bidders who will not come with correct PPE's will not be allowed to enter onto site.
7. Bidders must only submit hardcopies of bids (one original and one copy) respectively, enclosed in a single plain envelope with proper postal seals or fire seal marked **Tender No: TP/03/2024/NCB/W/005 for Refurbishment of Tanks S26, S27, S40 and S41** at TIPER Kigamboni depot. Softcopies MUST be submitted in a USB flash disk imbedded inside the sealed envelope.
8. No bid should be submitted via email or any other electronic means.
9. All bid documents shall be addressed and delivered to Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd, P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.
10. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 1600hrs local time Monday March 18, 2024.
11. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be accepted or considered for evaluation.
12. Bids opening will be conducted in the presence of the TIPER tender committee only, formed by the company. There shall be NO public opening of bids.
13. TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,
TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LIMITED (TIPER),
P.O. BOX 2608, KIGAMBONI, DAR ES SALAAM.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF V - BELTS AND PULLEYS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company"), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5 km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for supply and delivery of v belts and pulleys and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these items as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SUPPLY. SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01660	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF V - BELTS AND PULLEYS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Workers' compensation fund certificate	2%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01660)	60%
Proof of Experience on supplying similar parts to other mines or GGML	12%
Proof of dealership authorization letter from reputable parts manufacturer	12%
Possession of skills to offer technical supports on V-Belt and Pulleys (Proof of Qualified and/or Experienced personnel)	12%
Proof of stocking capacity for the V-Belt and pulleys	12%
Performance guarantee on all supplied items (Providing warrant certificates)	12%
Total	100%

Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01660 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF V - BELTS AND PULLEYS" on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30AM 15 March 2024. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email with attachments exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple email.

Shortlisted Applicants will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Applicants not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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Samia to chair leadership prize in Nigeria March 6

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan is on Wednesday scheduled to chair the 2023 Obafemi Awolowo Prize for Leadership in Nigeria, an initiative of the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation.

A statement issued yesterday by Dr Tokunbo Awolowo-Dosumu, Executive Director of the foundation said following a rigorous selection process by a panel of eminent Nigerians, in December 2023, Dr Ak-inwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) was declared winner of the prize.

The actual presentation of the prize which consists of a plaque, medal and the certificate of award, will be made at a ceremony expected to draw a wide array of distinguished Nigerian and global exemplars on Wednesday from Ilam local time.

"Dr Adesina will deliver a lecture at that occasion. Special performances, musical celebration, goodwill messages as well as video documentaries on Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Dr Adesina and the foundation, which was set up in 1992 to



Kennedy Komba (R), Bank of Tanzania's Director of Financial Deepening and Inclusion, congratulates Tanzania Financial Technology Association (TAFINA) chairperson Cynthia Ponela at Friday's launch of the platform in Dar es Salaam. The non-profit is meant to unite fintech stakeholders for collaboration in promoting cooperation and innovation in the subsector. Photo: Faustine Felician

preserve Awo's intellectual legacy, are decided features of the event," reads the statement.

"The documentary on Chief Obafemi Awolowo seeks to refresh the national memory concerning critical milestones in his political career with a view to teasing out, in a didactic fashion, edifying lessons for a generation groping for direction and leadership renewal."

The advisory said former Nigerian Head of State and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation, General Yakubu Gowon, as well as Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Chairman of the eminent Selection Committee will

be present at the occasion.

"Special guests of honour include His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, several visiting heads of state, former heads of state from within and outside Nigeria, state governors, royal fathers and other distinguished Nigerians," reads the statement.

The high billings of the event centre around the showcasing of the spirit of excellence and outstanding leadership attributes for which Chief Awolowo was renowned. The event is also expected to encourage the dignity of labour and sign-post the culture of productivity.

Cleric calls for joint efforts to identify people with mental health issues

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

EFFORTS are needed to identify and report individuals with symptoms of mental illness as a measure to decrease crimes committed by sick people.

The call was made by Rev Fr Dennis Ngowi, head of child protection affairs in Arusha Catholic Archdiocese pointed out threats as among the symptoms of a person with mental disorder.

"Lifestyle, child upbringing and lack of accountability towards the society are the causes of mental disorders. As a church, we have started to address this problem

from its early stages rather than superstition as a source as widely but wrongly believed," he said.

Fr Ngowi said that residents of Arusha Region are supposed to take action to identify people with symptoms of mental illnesses including those who threaten other people, adding that in recent years, the city has witnessed many violent incidents that have left families in grief.

He added that the institution has decided to protect children since they do not have the ability to express themselves like adults who have the cognitive capability to identify and report whenever they feel threatened. Fr Ngowi said

that initial measures taken include awareness building through seminars for pupils in primary and secondary schools and meetings with parents on special days every month when they visit their children in schools.

"The results of awareness and capacity building have been fruitful. However, more needs to be done to reach more people," he said

"Parenting is a major problem. I would say that parents are to blame for young men and women who have turned out to be bad examples in the society because of poor childcare by parents which leads to indiscipline."

AMREF HEALTH AFRICA TANZANIA



Tender No: AMREF/2024/PQ/02

for

Pre-qualification of Suppliers, Contractors and other Service Providers

Invitation for Pre-qualification

- Amref Health Africa Tanzania has set aside funds towards the cost of supplying various Goods, works and other services and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds towards payments under the respective contracts.
- Amref Health Africa Tanzania now intends to pre-qualify interested companies for the provision and supply of various Goods, Works and Services for a period of Two (2) years.
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Lot Number	Description of Procurement	Deadline for submission
Lot No. 1	Supply of various Office Stationeries and consumables for Computers, Copiers, printers and Faxes	11 th March at 11.00 hrs. local time
Lot No. 2	Supply and Printing of Book and IEC's materials (brochures, booklets, posters, flyers and Leaflets)	"
Lot No. 3	Supply and printing of various promotional materials T-shirts, Caps, wheel Covers and Banners).	"
Lot No. 4	Provision of Service and Maintenance of Motor vehicles	"
Lot No. 5	Provision of Hotel accommodation and Conference facilities	"
Lot No. 6	Provision of catering services (Tea/Coffee and Lunch)	"
Lot No. 7	Supply of Hospital, Laboratory equipment and Consumables	"
Lot No. 8	Supply of Pharmacies and medicines	"
Lot No. 9	Supply of various Office sundries (Tea, Coffee, Sugar, milk etc).	12 th March at 11.00 hrs. local time
Lot No. 10	Supply of Office Equipment, Furniture's and Fittings	"
Lot No. 11	Supply, support and maintenance of reliable internet connectivity	"
Lot No. 12	Supply and Service of ICT Equipment (Desktop Computers, laptops, UPS, Printers, Photocopiers, Scanners, LCD Projectors and other Peripherals.	"
Lot No. 13	Provision of Security services to our offices	"
Lot No. 14	Provision of Clearing and Forwarding services	"
Lot No. 15	Provision of auction services	"
Lot No. 16	Electrical, Repair and Maintenance Works	"
Lot No. 17	Service and Maintenance of air conditioners	13 th March at 11.00 hrs. local time
Lot No. 18	Provision of Car hire/Rental Services	"
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Lot No. 20	Supply of tires, tubes and vehicle batteries	"
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Lot No. 22	Provision of General Cleaning Services	"
Lot No. 23	Building works and Repairs (Contractors Class VI only)	"
Lot No. 24	Provision of Booth Exhibition Setup and Venue Decorations Setup	"
Lot No. 25	Production of project Documentaries (audio-visual)	"

Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the pre-qualification documents at Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O. Box 2773, Dar es Salaam from 09.00hrs to 14.00hrs Monday to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

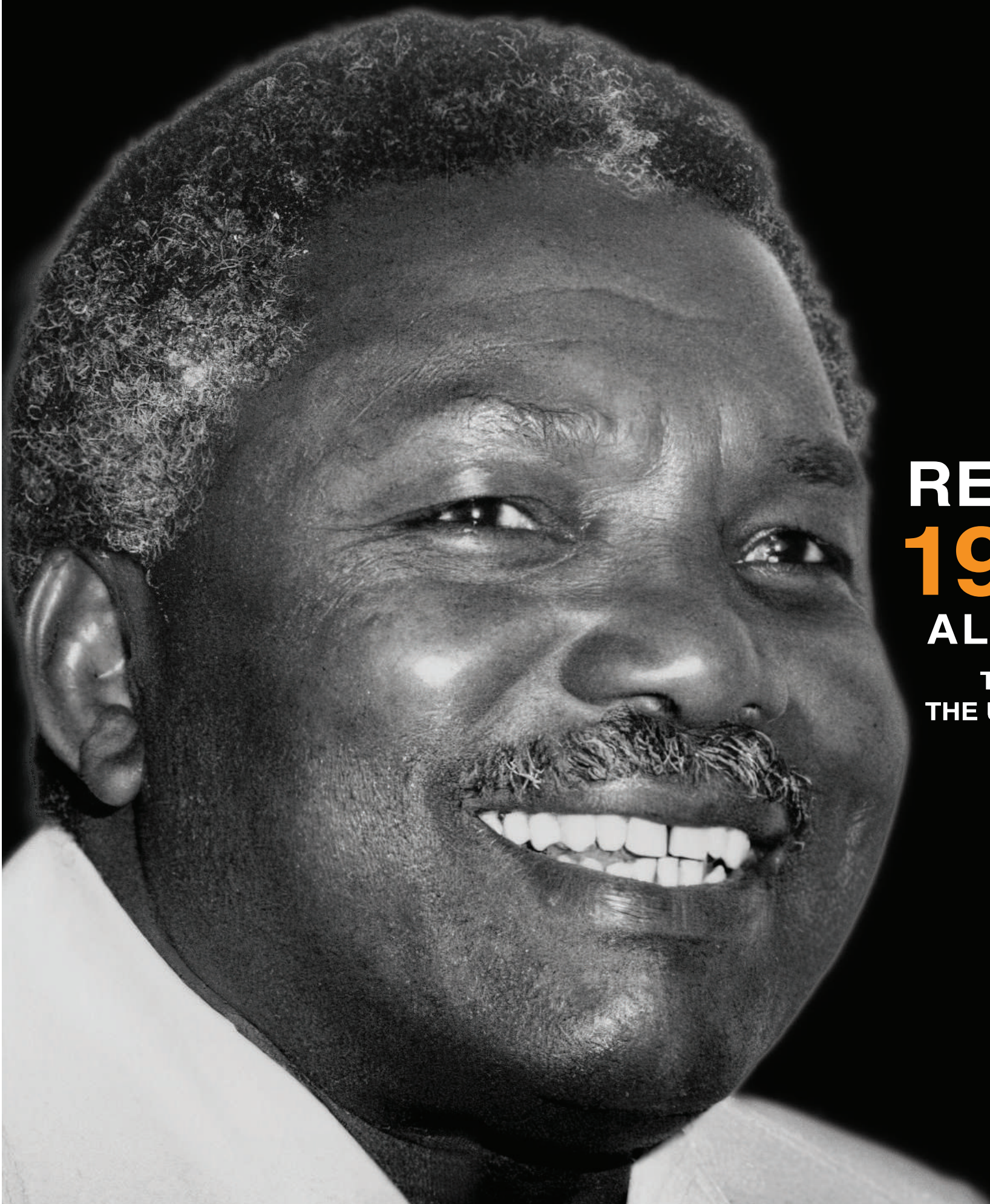
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All applications in one original plus a copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked [Tender No. Amref/2024/TCO/PQ/02 for Prequalification of Goods, works and other services indicating the specific Lot number applying for], must be delivered to the address [The secretary, Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O. Box 2773, Dar es Salaam]. **Note:** For multiple lots application, please submit a separate application envelope for each lot for easier sorting and evaluation process.

The deadline for submission of applications is at 11.00 hrs local time on **11th March Monday 2024 for Lot No. 1 to 10, 12th March Tuesday 2024 for Lot No. 09 to 16 and 13th March Wednesday 2024 for Lot 17 to 25**. Pre-qualifications will be opened promptly thereafter at the Amref Health Africa Tanzania offices.

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SGA Security managing director Eric Sambu (2nd-L) displays the Chartered Institute of Customer Management award for outstanding services his firm was presented with in Dar es Salaam last week. L-R: Tanzania Investment Centre representative Elizabeth Muzo; John Ulanga, Director of International Trade and Economic Diplomacy in the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry; and CICM Global Zimbabwe executive director Rinos Mautsa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Pioneer private security company scoops excellence in service award

By Guardian Reporter

SGA Security has received yet another award for excellent service in private security at the 2023 Annual Service Excellence Awards ceremony that was held in Dar es Salaam recently.

The awards that were organised by the Chartered Institute of Customer Management saw the oldest private security firm in the country recognised for the excellence in customer service in the provision of security services.

While receiving the award, SGA Security Managing Director Eric Sambu, said the award was a testament that the firm executes its strategy in service provision well. He mentioned the 24-hour customer service centre with emergency lines to support customers and emergency response teams distributed to strategic locations in the main cities as some of the reasons for recognition.

"We have invested in systems and facilities to ensure that customers receive top level services. We have empowered our employees to serve customers with dedication as this is key, especially in sensitive service like security", he said.

SGA Security was the first private security company to operate

in Tanzania and it is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. It employs over 5,000 people in Tanzania across its extensive branch network and service lines.

"Our secret to success in Tanzania is our people. We invest a lot in preparing them to serve our customers and create a conducive environment for them to perform and this has given us tremendous results. I dedicate this award to all of them," Sambu said.

While officiating at the event, Director of International Trade and Economic Diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation John Ulanga urged all businesspeople to embrace customer service as this is key in sustainability of their businesses. He urged them to invest in technology to improve customer experience, adding that the structure of Tanzania's economy has changed significantly in the past 30 years.

According to the organisers, winners of the Tanzania Service Excellence 2023 were chosen through a meticulous process involving online surveys, mystery shopping evaluations and adjudication. It was the first time this event took place in Tanzania but it is already in 19 countries in Africa.

Herders want help as 'strange' disease kills livestock

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government has been urged to conduct immediate study on a strange livestock disease that has emerged in some parts of Arusha Region.

This was raised here at a special forum which brought together ecological farming stakeholders at the weekend, an event which was organized by Island of Peace, a non-governmental organisation.

tion.

Speaking on behalf of his colleagues at the forum, one of the livestock herders from Longido District, Nambori Nabaki, said that the disease which mostly affects goats and sheep causes sudden death of animals.

Nabaki said that pastoralists in the areas have nicknamed the disease as 'Ormilo' and that if immediate measures are not taken, it can inflict big economic damage to individual herders and the region as a whole.

"Goats and sheep in Longido vanish rapidly because of this strange disease. We have done all we could to identify the cause of the disease but we have not succeeded," he said.

He asked the government to take immediate measures to identify and control the disease as delays threaten to plunge many families in the Maasai herder community into poverty.

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"What we have found is that brains of animals that die from the strange are consistently full of water. It is hard to control currently because the signs of sickness do not last long before the animal dies," he said.

"We appeal to the government to deploy experts in the affected areas to conduct an investigation to find out what causes the disease."

Dr Linus Prosper, Arusha District Council Livestock officer,

said that such diseases always attack animals like sheep, goats and dogs. According to him, the disease comes from dogs that he said have parasites that attach themselves onto the small intestine of dog and develop into adult tapeworms.

He added that then goats and sheep get infected by consuming parasite eggs deposited with dog faeces onto grazing pasture or watering points.

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He said once a sheep or goat is infected with the disease, they start to feel dizzy until they die.

The expert however said that no treatment has been identified for the parasitic infection once it has settled into the brain of an infected animal.

He urged the pastoralists to ensure that their animals are always prevented from diseases taking all their dogs for vaccination.



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Specifications:

- 1 x Service Winder Gearbox; Part number 2C 710M Complete with internal piping;

Excludes external lubrication unit, couplings and Initial fill of oil, VG320 is excluded.

Key documents:

- Clear and detailed Quotation.
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business license, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.
- BRELA detailed search document indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage, Tanzanian management and below management employment percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required.
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Specifications:

- 1 x Sandvik DL331 Underground Long Hole Drill Rig; Deutz TCD2012 diesel engine (74Kw Stage IIIA); NC5-17 carrier with hydrostatic transmission; FOPS/ROPS (ISO3449) operator's cabin; RDX5 hydraulic rock drill; LHF2006 feed and FCC3 retaining centralizer; ERHC12 rod handling system; Front and rear stinger; SB60P telescopic boom; THC561 LH drilling control system; HPP555 power pack (55Kw); Star-Delta starter (380-575V); OW30 oil-to-water cooler; SLU1 shank lubrication device; 1m3/min air compressor for shank lubrication; WBPI water booster pump; TCR1 automatic cable reel and remote control; Rock drill accumulator filling device; Hand pump for manual brake release; Site commissioning and training.

Key documents:

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USAID TUHIFADHI MALIASILI ("PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES") PROJECT INVITATION FOR YOUTH MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili ("Preserve Natural Resources") project which addresses dynamics that threaten habitat connectivity and the long-term persistence of biodiversity in Tanzania invites in and out of the college youth to apply for the first round of internship program. The project targets the marginalized and often socially excluded groups including the youth and women. Engagement and empowerment of youth in the project as co-creators of solutions can significantly support efforts to secure, protect, and sustain wildlife movement corridors and promote the longevity and sustainability of the interventions. USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili project has developed a Youth Mentorship Program that aim to connect, support, and inspire the next generation of conservators interested in biodiversity conservation and natural resources management careers. This year, the project will roll out the youth mentorship program in Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor, Amani-Nilo Forest corridor, and Nyerere Selous Udzungwa Elephant Corridor. The program involves pairing mentees (youth with academic training and a keen interest in conservation and natural resources management) with mentors who are seasoned experts in the field.

Why should you apply?

The mentoring process will aid mentees in developing their career, skills, and expertise by drawing upon the experiences of the mentors. Mentors will provide exposure to real-world conservation and natural resource management activities implemented in their projects and by their organizations. It is anticipated that, by the end of the program, mentees will acquire conservation leadership skills, knowledge, and understanding, thereby enhancing their prospects of securing employment within the field of biodiversity conservation and natural resource management.

Selection criteria

- Individuals must be between the age of 18 – 30 years.
- Possess a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree in fields such as natural resource management, community-based conservation, climate change, wildlife management, forestry, tourism management, beekeeping, community development, livestock, agriculture, and other fields related to biodiversity conservation.
- Less than 1 year of on-the-job experience for youth with the aforementioned academic qualifications.
- At least 2 years of practical experience for youth who have not undergone formal training in the specified fields.
- Reside or work in the following districts: Monduli, Babati, Muheza, and Kilombero.
- Participating in community projects and especially those contributing to biodiversity conservation and/or management of natural resources.
- Applicants with the aforementioned academic qualifications who possess a keen interest in learning and receiving mentorship on natural resources management policy are encouraged to include it in their applications. Priority will be given to applicants with relevant academic qualifications and a demonstrated passion for the subject.

Mentorship plan

Mentees will receive mentorship for one year. Throughout this period, mentorship goals will be collaboratively developed by mentors and mentees, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each party. The program will also entail placements at organizations where mentors work, exposure to field visits, and one-on-one mentoring sessions.

Stipend

USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Project will provide a stipend of TZS 300,000/- per month to the mentees to cover their meals and transport allowance. It is expected that mentees will be residents of villages and/or districts within the project area.

How to apply

Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest and CV to info@maliasili.rti.org. Please reference Youth Mentorship Program in the subject line. Applications can also be submitted online: <https://careers.rti.org/jobs/11621>.

The deadline for submitting application is March 15, 2024. Women/Girls are encouraged to apply.

Only selected candidates will be contacted.



**Tanzania Red Cross Society, Mwai Kibaki Road, Plot no. 53 Block C, Mikocheni B,
P.O. Box 1133, Dar es Salaam Tanzania. Phone +255 22 2780948, 0800 750 150/51
Email: info@trcs.or.tz, Website: www.trcs.or.tz**

Invitation to tender: Date: 04th/03/2024

The Tanzania Red Cross Society (TRCS) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC), invites interested and eligible **NATIONAL CONTRACTORS** registered by Contractors Registration Board (CRB) as Building Contractors registered in Class VII and above to submit their **VALID CERTIFICATES** and best bids/proposals for **CONSTRUCTION OF 35 HOUSES AT HANANG (KATESH) TANZANIA**

LOT 1	LOT 2
13	12

Bidders are not allowed to bid more than ONE LOT.

Tendering will be conducted through the **NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING** procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013-Government Notice No.446 and are open to national Tenderer only as defined in Regulations unless stated in the **TENDER DATA SHEET**.

NOTE:

1. Interested and eligible firm can obtain a complete set of documents from Procurement and Logistics Unit (PLU) during working hours from, 04th March, 2024 to 17th March, 2024.
2. Fee per tender is Tanzania Shillings One Hundred Thousand Only (TZS. 100,000) and it is non-refundable. Pay by using Bank Account number **011103002443**, Name of Account: **TANZANIA RED CROSS SOCIETY**.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:

All bids must be registered at the reception prior to dropping into the tender box, failure to register your bid shall be disqualified.

Completed Documents, in plain envelopes, sealed and marked with the Tender Category and Description, should be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Tanzania Red Cross Society at the below address before **Monday, 18th March 2024 at 10:00am followed with opening of tender at 11:00hrs on the same date.**

TENDER COMMITTEE

**Attn: Procurement and Logistics Unit, Tanzania Red Cross Society Mwai Kibaki Road, Mikocheni P.O. Box
1133 Dar es Salaam. Tanzania**

For any enquiries/questions please email to ernest.mbuya@trcs.or.tz and copy to saum.mpogole@trcs.or.tz.

NB: other instructions will be obtained on the tender documents



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BUL-RFQ-24-02-04 – SUPPLY OF SANDVIK TWIN BOOM JUMBO DD 421

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Specifications:

- 1 x Sandvik DD421 Development Drill – NC7W carrier with hydrodynamic transmission; M-B OM904LA diesel engine (110kW Tier3), FOPS/ROPS (ISO3449/3471) operators cabin; Cabin air conditioning system; Cabin safety grill; TJ50 carrier jacks (front); TJ60 carrier jacks (rear); RD525 rock drills (OMS125); Rock drill shank adapter; TF500-12 feeds; SB60 telescopic booms; THC561 drilling control systems; HPP575 powerpacks (75kW); OW30 oil-to-water coolers; SLU2 shank lubrication device; CTN10 air compressor for shank lubrication; WBP2 HP water booster pump; MSE20 main switch gear; TCR4E automatic cable reel; Remote control for cable and water hose reels; 6 x 50W (24V) LED lights (front); 4 x 50W (24V) LED lights (rear); 2 x Red parking (24V) LED lights; Stair and service lights; Trimming alarm; Carrier centralized greasing points; Electric filling pump for hydraulic oil; Hand held fire extinguisher (type ABC); Knowledge box; Sandvik standard colour scheme; Operators manual; Maintenance manual; Technical manual; Parts manual, 2 x Toolman (USB key); Site commissioning and operator training.

Key documents:

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- Applicable certification, accreditation, affiliated registrations, and letter of dealership as required.
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Specifications:

- Upgrading of four, series 3 MineARC refuge chambers to series 4
- The four MineARC refuge chambers to be upgraded are: - MASA 044, MASA 042, MASA 045 and MAC 627.
- Construct and well equip three 20 men permanent refuge chambers with below components:
- Five oxygen cylinders with Oxygen regulators, two scrubber units, three (each 8 persons) seating benches, radio, telephone, compressed air, water line, MineARC door, Soda lime (8 drums), Oxygen candle (1), First Aid Kit, Stretcher (1), Gas monitor/Pump (2), Gas tubes (CO & CO2) (5), Drinking water (60 ltrs), Portable toilet (2), Toilet paper rolls (10), Toilet chemicals (3), Fire blanket (1), Safety signs & Instructions, Cement (1x50kg bag), Fire Extinguisher (2x9Kg & 1x50Kg)

Key documents:

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**Taking A New Look
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Live and let live best to end NHIF cards use disputation

THERE have lately been impressions that legal action was awaiting private hospitals refusing to provide health services to National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) card holders.

This was widely feared to be setting the stage for a stand-off between the government and the private sector and, even more accurately, between the bureaucracy and private hospitals.

A number of policy, legal and even moral issues are being raised, including as to whether making a profit in medicine is decent or - more generally - acceptable.

It is this sort of debate that Health minister Umyu Mwalimu risked in one aspect of reactions to reluctance or outright refusal by private hospitals to serve NHIF clients. The first reaction heard from the public in reporting from at least two regions is that those visiting or seeking medical consultations in private hospitals with NHIF cards finally had to resort to public health facilities.

That doing so entailed - or even induced - immense discomfort is easy to comprehend, but whether it is something to touch off a crisis is subject to discussion.

There possibly would be no problem were it merely that the issue was getting patients treated, as there is no policy left or right that such and such a patient ought to be treated in a private hospital.

The case would thus be that anyone wanted medical attention in such facilities, that particular person (alone or with members of his or her family) would know where to take out an insurance policy.

The scenario would be similar to that of employers - including the government - wishing their staff to be treated in private hospitals. Trouble lies elsewhere, though, in that NHIF wants to fill its coffers by getting everybody on

board when it levels out charges in most hospitals. The recent ministerial statement on this issue had elements of wishing to live in peace with private hospitals by declaring that doors for dialogue were wide open - while insisting that they continue accepting NHIF card holders.

The latter aspect had a corollary, in asking the registrar of private hospitals to issue a notice on apparent regulatory acceptance of NHIF cards in all hospitals, and all reference to the registrar implying that non-compliance would automatically mean deregistration.

If that was a clearly figured out option, to restore the status quo ante (that is, before hospital administration was liberalised in 1992), there would be no point in also hinting at legal action against non-compliant hospitals.

The way the reference to such action was made was to hint at criminal pursuit in connection with negligence of a patient in need of being treated, etc.

On might however argue that it would in reality be a civil suit, the issue being whether a service provider had no freedom to place tariff limits to accessing services.

It would thus stand as refusal of access on a non-tariff basis that would constitute discrimination, even legal claims. While the regulatory authorities aren't there yet, and are unlikely to go that far, there is a temptation on their part to restore the 1977-1992 modalities, where there were two types of public hospitals: those run by the government and those run by religious organisations.

Even now this scenario is emerging, as institutions run by the various denominations show willingness or even readiness to comply with the NHIF sets of charges or packages, unlike individually-run private health facilities.

Our neighbours rightly cherished President Mwinyi's trade reforms

NOT surprisingly, African leaders and range of members of the diplomatic corps this past week joined Tanzania in mourning former president Ali Hassan Mwinyi, who died in a Dar es Salaam hospital on Thursday evening.

A few voices were especially noticeable, not only those of the likes of Kenyan President William Ruto and opposition leader Raila Odinga but also 'ordinary citizens' with sound memories of the mid-1980s.

It was not just Tanzania that came out of the rut of living with biting shortages in most of what people routinely need but neighbouring countries as well.

This was vivid from reactions elicited from a raft of people interviewed on various local, national and international media outlets.

When too few goods for comfort were available in the Tanzanian market or could only be imported with impossibly prohibitive tariffs, the fresh air of free importation of home use goods was unfathomable in its positive impact.

This is something that was evident in what most of the people interviewed said, with most crediting it almost exclusively on the late former president.

Even if fronting tinges of "well-meaning" exaggeration, even distortion, some had the feeling that all this had to do with President Mwinyi's treatment of neighbouring countries. For the major point for many observers was the regional impact of free imports of goods - as then the neighbours could easily obtain such goods, changing the atmosphere appreciably. It was in the spirit of the adage of welcoming the stranger to save the native.

This kind of impact is one area of

unspoken efficacy of neighbourliness, not just in serving as role models of how the future ought to be organised or designed by imitating policy action but also in opening up opportunities hitherto absent.

By implication, while founding president Mwalimu Nyerere had a much heralded role in the sub-region with his steadfast support for liberation movements, his economic policies locally were also stressful for the region. Rather to the contrary, his successor (Mwinyi) took the region to new heights in living up to popular expectation with respect to the availability of literally all basic necessities, that is from basic needs like food and clothing to "luxury items" like TV. The problems that caused Mwinyi immense discomfort right towards his final years as president included the public bitterness experienced when he started moving in the direction of a profound restructuring of the country's parastatal sector.

A speech he gave to the national legislature in 1994, outlining successes in that direction, showed that the country had something like 525 state-owned firms.

Since at present there are upwards of 350 such entities, from which the government habitually reaps profits and dividends, it implies that roundabout 200 were disbanded, sold or turned into joint ventures. There are lessons researchers have usually refused to draw and indeed even study - as to which companies succeeded after being privatised and which failed, and why.

The IMF and the World Bank may once have been directly to blame for having kept insisting on structural reforms.

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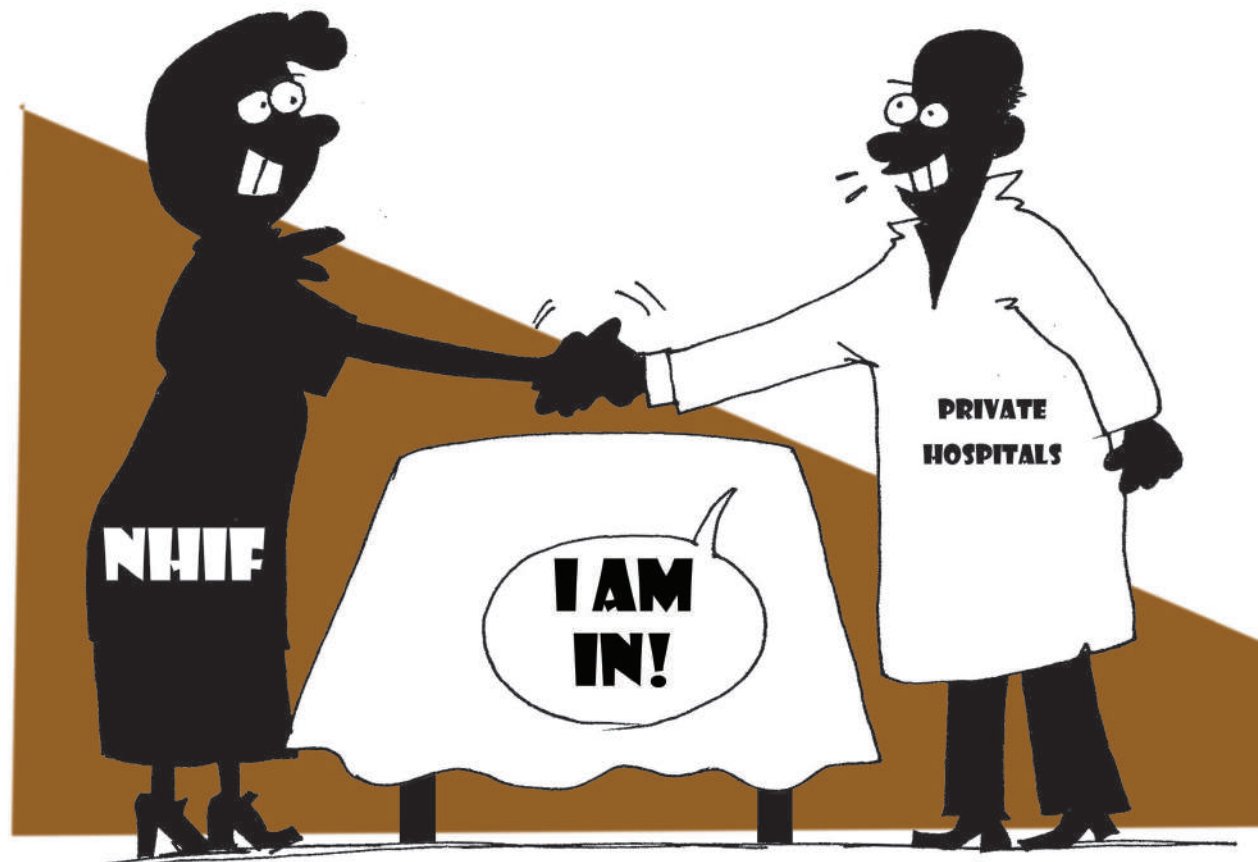
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Rwanda-DRC conflict looks set to widen into regional war, pulling in South Africa

By Jason Stearns and Joshua Z Walker

IN the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), South African, Burundian and Tanzanian troops are fighting against the Rwandan army, which has deployed in support of the rebellion by the March 23 Movement, or M23.

Soldiers from South Africa and Burundi, as well as from the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping mission, have recently suffered casualties. In the crossfire, civilians have fled: 7 million Congolese are now displaced due to this and multiple other crises in the DRC.

Diplomats are concerned: the conflict in the eastern DRC was the subject of a special meeting at the United Nations Security Council on 20 February 2024 and a mini-summit on the sidelines of the African Union annual meeting of heads of state on 16 February.

Rwanda, which has denied backing M23, says the Rwandan rebel group Forces Démocratiques pour la Libération du Rwanda (FDLR), which includes combatants who participated in the 1994 genocide, has been fully integrated into the Congolese army. It also claims that the Congolese government is engaged in "massive combat operations" aimed at expelling Congolese Tutsi civilians.

The Congolese government has mounted a campaign against Rwanda. In December, while he campaigned for re-election, President Félix Tshisekedi compared his Rwandan counterpart, Paul Kagame, to Adolf Hitler and accused him of expansionist aims.

In January, the Burundian president Évariste Ndayishimiye closed his border with Rwanda and accused the country of backing rebels against him. He stopped just short of calling for Kagame's ouster.

We have been working on the conflict in the DRC for around 20 years. This wave of violence resembles previous ones, but is also different. At the root of the M23 conflict are countries such as Rwanda and Uganda, intent on projecting power and influence into eastern DRC, while the Congolese government seems incapable and often unwilling to stabilise its own territory. Donors and UN peacekeepers provide humanitarian aid, but do little to transform these dynamics.

Resolving this crisis will require less hypocrisy from foreign donors, the end of Rwandan aggression and a more accountable Congolese government. But the hopes of a grand bargain are far off, for now. The current peace processes - a "Nairobi process" for domestic negotiations and a "Luanda process" for regional talks - are dead or on life support.

The upcoming elections in Rwanda (July 2024) and the US (November 2024) will likely not help cool heads or focus minds. But it is clear that ending the violence will require a new approach, one that places the lives of innocent Congolese civilians at its centre.

Beginning of regional escalation

During the early days of his presidency, Tshisekedi's army collaborated intensely with the Rwandan army, allowing troops



Vehicles and people crowd together at a busy road as they flee Masisi following clashes between M23 rebels and government forces in the DRC on 7 February 2024. An estimated 7 million Congolese have been displaced by the conflict. (Photo: Aubin Mukoni / AFP)

to conduct operations against the FDLR on Congolese territory in 2019 and 2020. In late 2019, his government even recommended dropping charges against the M23 commanders, then in exile.

Less than three years after winning power, however, Tshisekedi changed his approach, breaking his coalition with his predecessor, Joseph Kabila, and moving to cement his position in power. He declared a state of siege in two eastern provinces, shuffled generals around in the army and sidelined key securocrats. He also shifted gears in his regional relations.

By mid-2021, Tshisekedi had begun to privilege relations with Uganda, then a bitter rival of Rwanda. Notably, Tshisekedi gave permission to the Ugandan army to deploy somewhere between 2,000 and 4,000 troops to hunt down Allied Democratic Forces rebels, an Islamist Ugandan rebellion based in eastern DRC. Shortly after that, he did the same for the Burundian army, which had its sights on RED-Tabara, rebels based in the DRC seeking to overthrow the government of Ndayishimiye.

Rwanda suddenly felt isolated, even vulnerable, surrounded by hostile neighbours. According to UN investigators, it probably resumed throwing its weight behind the M23 in November 2021. It is, above all, these regional tensions, coupled with its goal of maintaining influence in the Congo, that pushed it to move.

Since then, the regional fault lines have shifted. Rwanda has patched up relations with Uganda, and the East African Community intervention force - Kenyan, South Sudanese, Burundian and Ugandan troops - that deployed in 2022 to help quell the violence was asked to leave just a year later. This is because their hosts saw them as dragging their feet, if not complicit with the M23. Tshisekedi, who came into office seeing East African countries as allies, has now

turned southwards.

Military changes in eastern DRC

Beginning in late 2023, a new force from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) began deploying troops from South Africa, Tanzania and Malawi to take the fight to the M23, alongside the Burundian army.

Already, these forces have begun to take casualties. Two South African soldiers were killed on 14 February by a mortar strike; two others were injured when their helicopter took fire. Some sources indicate that Burundian soldiers have taken heavy losses.

The rising degree of military sophistication also raises eyebrows. The US government has accused Rwanda of deploying surface-to-air missiles; UN officials have reported armed drones striking their bases; while Tanzania has sent Soviet-era BM-21 Grad rocket launchers. The DRC has bought nine Chinese CH-4 combat drones (three of which have reportedly been shot down already).

Meanwhile, the Congolese army has partnered with private security contractors as well as with an array of local militia, collectively dubbed Wazalendo (patriots), who are poorly trained and disciplined. There are credible reports from late 2023 that, as in the previous year, they are also partnering with the Rwandan FDLR rebels.

And yet, the Congolese government has been unable to make much headway. In early February, M23 forces surrounded the lakeside town of Sake, just 30km west of the provincial capital Goma. This most recent push has displaced another 135,000 people towards Goma; there are around half a million displaced people around the town now.

Mixed signals

Unlike the previous M23 crisis, influential foreign actors have sent

mixed signals. At the UN Security Council on 20 February, the US and France called on Rwanda to withdraw their troops from the DRC. The US has gone the furthest of all of Rwanda's donors, sanctioning a Rwandan general, suspending all military aid and attempting to broker a ceasefire in December 2023.

And yet, the US remains, by far, the largest donor to Rwanda, which receives the equivalent of around a third of its budget in aid. Other countries have pushed much less or not at all. While the M23 rebellion was going on, the British Commonwealth held its big biannual meeting in Kigali in 2022 and the UK struck a controversial asylum deal with Rwanda.

The EU gave \$22-million to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique. On 19 February, the EU announced a deal to boost mineral exports from Rwanda.

This last piece of news caused an uproar in the DRC, touching on the popular belief that minerals are the root of the crisis. While the causes of the violence are far more complex than that, they have a point: the largest export from Uganda (56% in 2021), Rwanda (23%), and Burundi (29%) in recent years has been gold, almost all of which is smuggled to their countries from the DRC.

In the long term, the DRC government will need to undertake a host of reforms to quell these cycles of conflict. They include reforming the Congolese army, a new demobilisation programme for armed groups, an economic development programme that would allow Congolese to benefit from their resources, a plan for communal reconciliation, and an end to discrimination against Kinyarwanda speakers.

But none of that can happen as long as Congo's neighbours continue to destabilise it.

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By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

Diodorus Kamala: A visionary and patriotic leader who left his mark in Kagera Region



A SOMBRE mood engulfed Missenyi District in Kagera Region following the heart breaking news of the passing of Ambassador, Dr Diodorus Kamala (55) who died mid last month at Mzena Hospital in Dar es Salaam.

Dr Kamala, a dedicated lawmaker for Nkenge constituency played a fundamental role in separation of Missenyi District from Bukoba Rural District in 2007.

The late Kamala who served Nkenge constituency for three terms until 2020 was a patriotic leader who worked for the people in his constituency and Tanzanians in general.

The people of Missenyi considers the late Kamala as one of the leaders who was in the forefront in defending their rights as well as making sure they have access to all the necessary social services.

Sheikh Abdul Mwanandege of Missenyi said the Ambassador has left a number of good things that needs to be emulated by the residents. He said the people of Missenyi have to recognize the tangible legacies he left behind which includes his humble demeanour.

Mwanandege, who passionately spoke on behalf of mourners during the late Kamala's burial in Rwashongwa village in Bwanjai ward, highlighted Dr Kamala's significant contributions in the development of Missenyi District.

He said the late MP spearheaded efforts for construction of the Kabingo Bridge which connects Kiziba and Missenyi Divisions, and Kajai Bridge to make the Katoma-Kanyigo-Bukwali road passable throughout the year. He also championed establishment of 17 Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS) as well as construction of its buildings.

The late Dr Kamala advocated for land rights in Kakunyuu ward, he added.

Ambassador, Dr Emmanuel Nchimbi, Secretary General of Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) said the late Dr Kamala was a honest and patriotic leader.

Nchimbi recounted back during the 2010 General Election where Amb Kamala rejected a substantial amount of money (100m/-) to convince him to stop fighting for the rights of people especially on land is-

sues. In her emotional tributes, Prof Theobard Theodory credited Kamala for providing unwavering support in a number of sectors including education where he contributed desks to various primary and secondary schools.

Catherine Kamala, daughter of late the Amb Kamala, said her father's remarkable education journey started at Mugana 'B' and Rumuli Primary Schools before he joined Ihungo High School. She said after completion of secondary school education, her late father joined IDM Mzumbe and thereafter Brad-

ford, Lincolnshire and Humberside Universities.

"Upon completion of his studies abroad, my late father was appointed to hold various positions in the government. He served as the Deputy Minister in various ministries and Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Co-operation," said Catherine.

Former President Jakaya Kikwete appointed the late Kamala as the Tanzanian Ambassador to Belgium, a post he served from June 2012 to February 2017. He was also accredited to Luxembourg, European Union Commission and African, Caribbean

and Pacific Group of States (ACP) Secretariat from 2012 to 2015.

The late Kamala also steered the Committee of Ambassadors for in 2024 six months after Tanzania took over the chairmanship of one of the key decision-making organs of the Committee of Ambassadors of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group.

During his tenure he called for solidarity amongst member states while charting its future, taking into considerations the partnership agreement with the European Union. The Committee of Ambassadors acts on behalf of the Council of Ministers between ministerial sessions. It is composed of the Ambassadors or one representative from each of the 79 ACP member states.

The late Kamala, a devoted father of four and a wife, will also be remembered by football fans.

Jamal Kalumuna who is a Young Africans SC spokesperson in Kagera Region said the late Ambassador would be remembered for his great love for Young Africans SC. He said Kamala championed efforts to raise funds for Young Africans during the club's financial crisis. The late Kamala will be remembered for his efforts to improve sports activities in Missenyi District, he said, noting that he supported several clubs.

Florent Kyombo, the current Nkenge Member of Parliament, said the Dr Kamala was a man of the people whose footsteps laid the foundation for smooth operations in the constituency.

Shinyanga green gram farmers appeal for urgent policy reforms and market revival

By Adonis Byemelwa

IN the heart of the Shinyanga Region in Tanzania, green gram farmers find themselves entangled in a web of challenges, ranging from a scarcity of markets to a controversial voucher system.

John Mgui, a prominent green gram farmer, expressed deep concern over the current situation, highlighting the stark absence of buyers in the region.

This plea for intervention resonates across the fields as farmers not only grapple with a market drought but also contend with the perceived pitfalls of the warehouse receipt system.

Mgui urgently appealed to Agriculture Minister, Hussein Bashe to intervene and revive the green gram market. The crisis is exacerbated by the widely criticized warehouse receipt system, acting as a stumbling block for farmers facing significant challenges and left with surplus produce and no avenue for sales.

"At present, the price of the crop has significantly dropped. Since they announced the warehouse receipt system, it's been a problem. I have financial difficulties to sustain myself and my family. The price is extremely low, around 700/- per kilogram instead of 1000/-," shared Mgui, encapsulating the dire financial straits farmers find themselves in.

Green gram, both a staple food and cash crop, is rich in protein and essential minerals such as phosphorus and calcium, holding promise for sustenance and economic viability.

However, the prevailing challenges have cast a shadow over its potential. Proper cultivation can yield between

400 to 900 kilograms per acre, contingent upon soil quality and weather conditions.

Rahael Masatu Machumu, an influential figure in the agricultural landscape, criticized the warehouse receipt system, citing uncertainties about the timing of fund disbursement.

The plea for government intervention reverberates, with farmers seeking relief from the clutches of poverty intensified by the challenges inherent in agriculture. The prohibition of traders from purchasing greengram directly from farmers exacerbates the struggle.

Vincent Charles lamented the closure of all gates for selling crops, leaving farmers in a quandary. The call for transparency from the government takes center stage, with farmers urging authorities to communicate their intentions regarding crop procurement to avoid unnecessary hardships.

The Secretary of the CCM in Shinyanga Region, Richard Masele, urged farmers to be patient, stating that President Samia's goal are to ensure farmers' benefit. He emphasized that the warehouse receipt system is not intended to harm farmers but to ensure they benefit, and the government is committed to addressing their concerns.

Farmers place the blame on Agricultural Marketing and Cooperatives (AMCOS), alleging that introduction of the warehouse receipt system has only worsened their plight.

Their grievances reached a crescendo when they visited the CCM offices in Shinyanga on February 29th, seeking a solution to the deadlock.



Green gram farmers in Manih'gana village, Shinyanga Region during a meeting with regional leaders before commencement of the crop's selling season. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

The plea for the continuation of trading practices that were more favorable to farmers echoes through the corridors of the CCM offices.

Farmers are resolute in their demand for a minimum price of 2,500/-, emphasizing the profound impact on their families and children due to the lack of buyers. The fear that greengram has been sold, and the money has not reached them, intensifies the urgency. The Chairman of CCM in Shinyanga urges patience as the government grapples with finding a resolution.

Juma Shija sheds light on the financial challenges faced by cooperatives, suggesting that leaders should come forward to explain the steps needed to overcome this issue. The intricate web of challenges extends beyond the fields to the cooperative structure, adding another layer to the multifaceted agricultural conundrum.

The situation mirrors a similar episode in 2021 when Zainab Telack, the former Shinyanga, Regional commissioner directed officials to educate greengram farmers about the warehouse receipt system.

The hope was to prevent premature sales and provide buyers with certainty about obtaining large quantities of produce. The first auction of greengram for the

2020/21 season saw 47,564 kilograms sold through the Tanzania Commodities Exchange (TCE).

Beyond the market woes, greengram stands as a nutritional powerhouse. Originating from India and introduced to Tanzania by Arab traders in the 1880s, greengram boasts drought tolerance and quick maturation. Rich in protein, phosphorus, and calcium, green gram promotes heart health, aids digestion, and contributes to bone strength.

Ongoing research initiatives at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) focus on developing greengram varieties with high iron content. Dr. Beatrice Mwaipopo, a Greengram Researcher at TARI Ilonga, underscores the demand for greengram domestically and internationally. The research aims to address iron deficiency in pregnant women and children under five.

Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo, the Director-General of TARI, emphasizes the importance of legumes like greengram for all age groups. With a budget exceeding 15 billion Tanzanian Shillings allocated for seed development, TARI's strategic focus extends to crops such as sunflower, maize, and greengram.

As the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

underscores the significance of legumes as an alternative protein source, green gram's potential extends beyond the plight of Shinyanga farmers. Dr. Kusiry Ukio, the Chief Medical Officer in the Morogoro region, emphasizes the role of a balanced diet, including legumes, in addressing nutritional deficiencies.

The challenges faced by greengram farmers in Shinyanga Region transcend the immediate market woes. The intricate interplay of government policies, cooperative finances, and market dynamics paints a complex picture.

As farmers await resolution, the call for systemic change and sustainable agricultural practices echoes—a plea not just for Shinyanga but for the broader agricultural landscape in Tanzania.

The future of greengram, a crop deeply rooted in history, hinges on the collective efforts to circumnavigate these challenges and pave the way for a resilient and thriving agricultural sector.

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Air quality sensors boost Nairobi's fight against air pollution

By Jackson Okata, Nairobi

DEBORAH Adhiambo (43) has been battling mild asthma since 2022, a condition she describes as "both a health and economic burden." The mother of three lives with in Dandora Estate, nine miles east of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Dandora is home to Kenya's largest open landfill, which receives more than 2,000 metric tonnes of waste daily.

For five years, Adhiambo operated a makeshift restaurant near the dumpsite, where her main clients were waste pickers working within its environs.

"Working near the dumpsite exposed me to the heavy smoke that billows from the dumpsite. I started developing chest pains gradually and would take painkillers to subdue the pain. It was later that I was diagnosed with asthma," said Adhiambo.

Adhiambo's doctors told her that prolonged and constant exposure to toxic fumes was the root cause of her asthma. She was forced to close her business since she could not venture out of her house early in the morning, late in the evenings or during cold seasons.

"The closure of my business due to sickness crippled me economically as it was my only source of income. Getting medication and feeding my family has been hard because now I have to rely on my husband, who also works at the dumpsite," she says.

Nairobi's Air Quality

More than 70 percent of Nairobi's 5.3 million residents live in informal settlements like Dandora, which analysts say have the worst air quality, with vulnerable populations,

particularly women and children, bearing the brunt of polluted air. Vehicles, open burning of waste, and industrial emissions are cited as the major sources of air pollutants in Nairobi. Motor vehicles contribute an estimated 40 percent of Nairobi's particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution concentrations, with illegal dumping and open waste burning contributing 25 percent.

And as both the population and economic output of Kenya's capital keep expanding, the demand for energy from fossil fuels is also on the rise. The rapid expansion of Nairobi has taken an environmental toll on the city, which is evident in the worsening air pollution levels. Air pollution in Kenya's capital is 4.2 times higher than the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommended average annual concentration levels.

According to the World Health Organization, Nairobi's air pollution is 2.4 times higher than recommended levels, with 19,000 poor air quality deaths being reported in Kenya annually.

Tech and Data

To enhance her efforts in combating air pollution, the City of Nairobi has been incorporating the use of technology. The city management has been installing low-cost air quality monitors and sensors to gather and share data on the levels of air pollution trends across the city. The data collected is then analyzed and guided in the formulation of policies and legal frameworks to combat air pollution, even as East Africa's economic giant works towards realizing her ambitious target of becoming a net-zero green city by 2030.

Dubbed AirQo monitors, the low-cost air quality sensors developed



A technician installs a low-cost air quality monitor sensor in Nairobi, Kenya. Air quality monitors are helping Nairobi collect data on air pollution.

by a team of young engineering and computer science students at Uganda's Makerere University are in use in eight countries, including Kenya.

Engineer Bainomugisha, an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Makerere University and lead developer of the AirQo monitoring system, says Sub-Saharan Africa lacks usable air quality data that can help in the formulation of proper and effective policies to combat air pollution. AirQo monitors collect information about air pollution levels, types of air pollutants, and air quality.

Bainomugisha explains that the air quality monitors main aim is to "close the existing gap in air quality monitoring." AirQo air quality monitors collect air samples, which are then analyzed through a light scattering technology that quantifies the particulate matter concentration.

The information is then relayed to a cloud-based network that determines the pollution levels in a specific area. The devices measure the air particulate matter PM2.5 and PM10, which is a mixture of solid particles

in the air. They also capture ambient meteorological conditions such as humidity and atmospheric pressure.

"The air quality monitors run on a 2G GSM-enabled network configuration for IoT sim cards and are optimized to work in areas with unstable internet and power connectivity," says Gideon Lubisia, AirQo's international operations embedded systems and network support engineer.

AirQo has also developed a mobile app that allows people to receive periodic and real-time updates on the air quality in their city. The monitors are mounted at strategic points within the city's Central Business District, industrial areas, markets, along major city highways and in select residential areas, while others are mounted on motorbikes that move from one location to another, collecting data.

Data and Policy Formulation

With the monitors in place, Nairobi City has been able to develop two air quality collocation installations and infrastructure reference grade

monitors, according to Nairobi City County Deputy Director in Charge of Air Quality and Climate Maurice Kawai.

"The one-stop center collocation enables our research teams to compare air quality data collected from various points within the city, which is key in developing appropriate action," Kawai explained.

"The availability of periodic data collected by the monitors enables the city to establish the extent of pollution in particular areas, identify the causes, and develop necessary actions," he said.

Through air quality data collected through the monitors and establishing the extent of air pollution in the city, Nairobi has been able to develop a city Air Quality Action Plan as well as enact the Nairobi City County Air Quality Act which have become critical policy and legal assets in tackling the problem of air pollution.

AirQo monitors are now in use within select cities in eight African countries, including Uganda, Kenya,

Nigeria, Cameroon, Burundi, Ghana, Mozambique, and Senegal.

Global Push for Clean Air

During the Climate and Clean Air Conference (CCAC) 2024 in Nairobi between February 21 and 23, 2024, ahead of the sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), member states and partners launched a Clean Air Flagship effort to provide, among other things, data-led policy action towards combating air pollution.

Inger Andersen, UNEP's Executive Director, said, "We need to push harder on superpollutants. Just as you need a superhero to defeat a supervillain, we need super solutions to face down super pollutants. And we need you to mastermind these solutions."

Speaking on the sidelines of the CCAC, Kenyan environmentalist Elizabeth Wathuti observed that "the very essence of life starts with a breath, a gasp of air that signifies the beginning of our journey on this Earth. Yet, for too many across our globe, this fundamental act of breathing has become a hazard, a risk, and a gamble against the odds of pollution and climate-induced adversities." According to Wathuti, the commitment to clean air and a stable climate is not just an environmental cause but a fight for the very right to life.

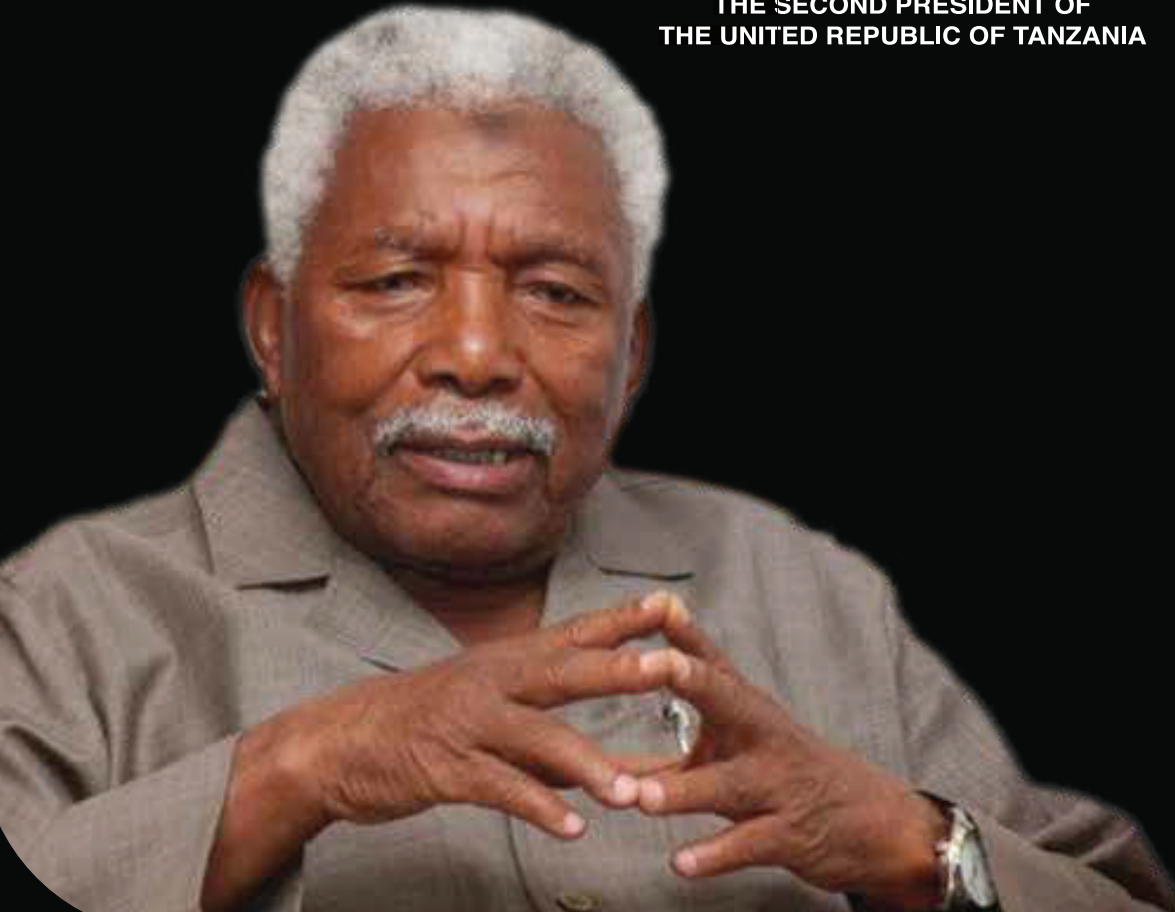
The World Health Organization estimates that 99 percent of the world's population lives in places with poor air quality, leading to nearly seven million premature deaths per year, primarily in low- and middle-income countries.

According to UNEP, in Africa alone, ambient air pollution caused an estimated 400,000 premature deaths in 2019, while indoor air pollution caused more than one million premature deaths in the same year. Some of the leading air pollution-related ailments that contribute to these premature deaths include pneumonia, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, chronic lung disease, and lung cancer. Ambient air pollution and household air pollution are associated with 6.7 million premature deaths annually.


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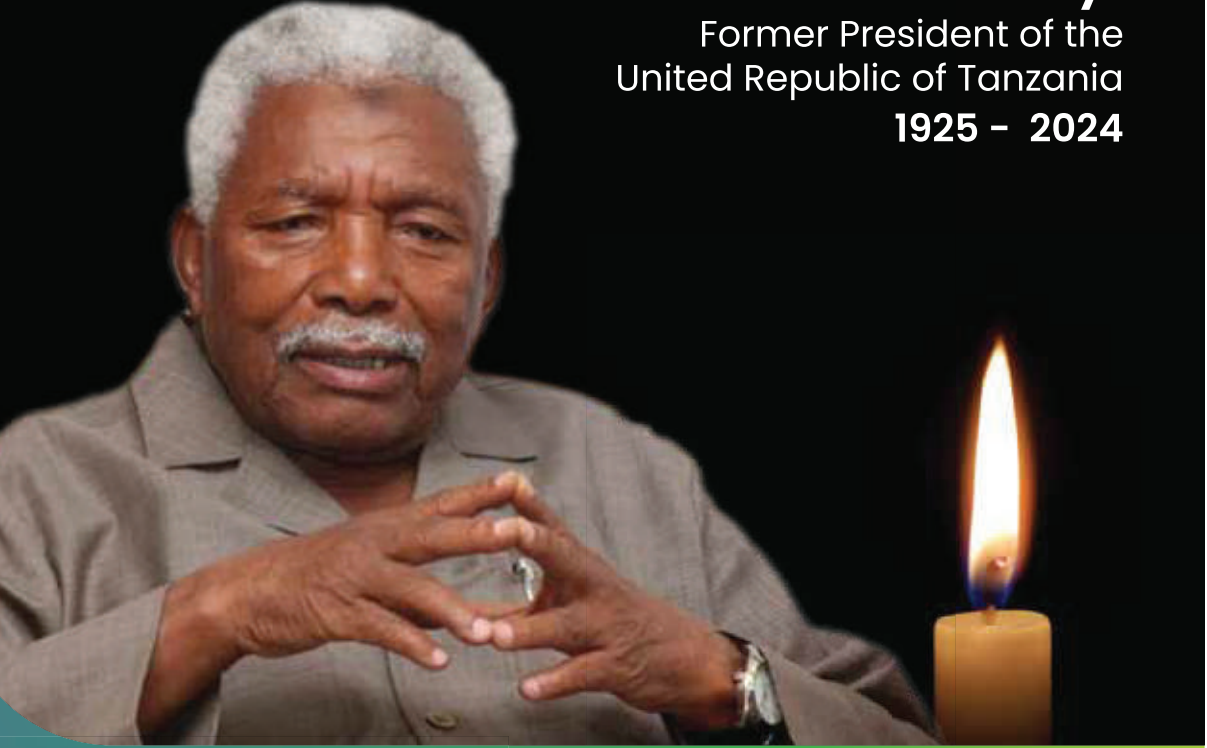



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By Thomas Lyimo

PSYCHOLOGISTS and sociologists assert that human beings are relational beings. People can hardly live in isolation with others. They prefer to interact in the course of searching for their daily bread.

It is believed that someone cannot succeed if they live or work alone. If people must interact and cooperative means social relations are inevitable. The relationships may take different forms. Social philosophers believe that the basis of human relations is economic. People come together so that they can produce wealth.

It is argued that a person cannot relate to someone without knowing the possible benefits of the relations. There are those who believe that we have to live for others and not for ourselves. We should have social significance. Our presence should mean solution to some of the problems that others face.

One of the ways of solving problems is through the use of money. There are those who believe that money provides solutions to all problems. Money as other valuable resources is always scarce.

Due to this reality it becomes more meaningful to ask someone to lend you some money rather than asking to be assisted. Any money value has been created by

Maintaining accurate financial records helps improve socio-economic welfare



some efforts and therefore demanding to be given money without repaying is something not making sense unless the situation is enclosed by charity.

It is not possible to have all the resources at all times due to some challenges that people go through regularly. It means there is rise and fall in life. This situation justifies borrowing and lending. Borrowing is not an issue but what will show the value of an individual is repaying the money they have borrowed.

One of the reasons why some people hesitate to help others is failure to know how the money will be spent or how the past financial assistance was spent by the beneficiary. Any positive and determined individual must be eager to know how the money they have given out was spent and what has been the impact.

It becomes necessary to build a culture of keeping records on our financial spending so that our transactions can be examined and be in a position to receive more financial help to keep us moving successfully in our life endeavours.

Money is a valuable resource and therefore it becomes unpromising when we fail to account how it has been spent. It is not a challenge to spend more money but what matters is the reason for such spending.

Failure to give out reason for a certain spending creates some challenges in the efforts to get more money from those who can provide. If we build a culture of keeping records of our income and expenditure we may benefit in several ways as follows.

One of the benefits of keeping financial records is to know your financial progress. In whatever tasks that someone is engaged it is important to know the progress. Knowing the progress helps someone to adjust his or her expenditure to move on successfully. A statement of income and expenditure is important for someone to succeed in his projects.

Another benefit of keeping financial records is having emotional relaxation. Sometimes what causes stress is not spending too much money but how it was spent. Keeping financial records enables an individual to trace the spending of money.

This makes someone relaxed as they know that the money spent was spent in a right way. Keeping financial records enables an individual to account for the use of money especially when someone is assisted by another person. Being able to account for financial spending makes someone confident and comfortable.

Keeping financial records enables someone to advise others on financial matters. It is believed that experience is the best teacher. If someone keeps financial records properly they can be in a position to provide advice on financial matters due to experience which they retain.

Financial consultants are people who have dealt well with their financial affairs, thus they can advise others. Individuals normally look for people who have practical experience.

Again financial records keeping help an individual to plan for future use of their finance. It is not possible to plan without having data. Keeping of financial records enables an individual to have important data from which they can plan for future use of their financial resources.

Financial records keeping enable an individual to improve on the use of money. It enables an individual to know which spending is necessary and which is not necessary and hence avoiding it.

Spending is the common features of the human life. Sometimes some people run into confusion when they fail to account on how they have spent a certain amount of money. This failure may lead to conflicts and misunderstanding. Therefore it is vital to keep financial records in order to maintain social stability and peace. Finance needs auditing.

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Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission and its Secretariat and all Staffs of the **Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission (ZFCC)** join all Tanzanians in mourning the death of the Former President **Ali Hassan Mwinyi**


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This makes someone relaxed as they know that the money spent was spent in a right way. Keeping financial records enables an individual to account for the use of money especially when someone is assisted by another person. Being able to account for financial spending makes someone confident and comfortable



US, Europe inflation rates stand elevated

LONDON

Inflation remains elevated in the US and euro-zone, supporting assertions from central bankers in both regions that it's too soon to start cutting interest rates.

The Federal Reserve's preferred gauge of underlying inflation rose in January by the most in a year, while price pressures in the euro-area eased less than anticipated in February.

Elsewhere, China's factory activity shrank for the fifth straight month in February, suggesting weak demand remains an obstacle for the world's second-largest economy.

In US, the so-called core personal consumption expenditures price index, which strips out the volatile food and energy components, increased 0.4 percent from December, the most in a year. Inflation-adjusted consumer spending dropped for the first time in five months after a robust holiday shopping season.

Consumer sentiment faltered in late February as current views of the economy and the outlook deteriorated, marking a reversal from earlier in the month that showed a pickup in optimism. The intramonth drop was the biggest since March 2020.

Euro-zone inflation eased in February by less than anticipated, supporting European Central Bank officials who don't want to rush into lowering interest rates. While policymakers are optimistic that inflation is headed toward their 2 percent goal, they remain concerned that elevated increases in wages and labor costs risk stoking price pressures for longer.

Russia plans to reduce daily diesel exports from its key western ports by 11 percent in March, after its refineries lowered crude-processing amid Ukrainian drone attacks. Russia no longer sends diesel to Europe due to Western energy sanctions.

However, the drop in flows from one of the top global diesel exporters could create further pressure for the European market, which has been shaken by the disruption of shipments in the Red Sea and maintenance at regional refineries.

Asia

The official manufacturing purchasing managers index for last month edged lower to 49.1, the National Bureau of Statistics said. A gauge of non-manufacturing activity rose, adding to signs of an uneven recovery in the

world's No. 2 economy.

India is chipping away at China's dominance in electronics exports in some key markets as manufacturers diversify supply chains away from the world's factory to other parts of Asia, a new study shows. The impact is most pronounced in the UK and US, where geopolitical tensions with China have increased in recent years.

South Korea set a fresh record for the world's lowest fertility rate as the impact of the nation's aging demographics looms large for its medical system, social welfare provision and economic growth. The number of births also slid 7.7 percent to 230,000, setting a new low for comparable data in a nation of about 50 million people.

North Korea has shipped containers that could hold millions of artillery shells to Russia, a top South Korean official said, allowing President Vladimir Putin to maintain his assault on Ukraine as Kyiv's stocks of ammunition dwindle. Russia in return is providing North Korea with food, raw materials and parts used in weapons manufacturing, the official said, which is helping Kim Jong Un stabilize prices for necessities.

Emerging Markets

Indonesia plans to propose a wider budget deficit for next year to fund new policies by the incoming president, which may include Prabowo Subianto's free lunch program. The program has raised concerns over Indonesia's fiscal health.

World

Breaking into the top 1 percent of wealth in the US is getting harder. It now takes at least \$5.8 million to join the richest echelon in the world's largest economy, almost 15 percent more than about 12 months ago, according to research from Knight Frank. Monaco retains the top spot for the highest threshold worldwide at \$12.8 million, while in Luxembourg and Switzerland one needs more than \$8 million to make the cut.

Israel's central bank opted against another rate cut out of concern that inflation might reaccelerate as the war against Hamas continues. Nigeria's central bank, in its first policy meeting since July, announced a super-sized hike to tackle runaway inflation and stem the collapse in its currency. Hungary cut at a faster pace after inflation slowed more than expected, while New Zealand and the Dominican Republic left rates unchanged.

DSE indices end the week low as cement stock prices decline

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) indices closed last week in red, following the decline of cement companies' stock prices.

The market report shows the Tanzania Share Index, which measures the prices movements of local companies, closed at 4,399.19 points, a decrease of 2.32 points compared to Thursday's close, while the all share index (DSEI) slightly went down by 0.74 points, after closing at 1,770.20 points.

The Industrial and Allied Index (IA), which measures the performances of manufacturing sector, including cement stocks, also declines by 5.41 points after closing the week at 5,195.03 points.

The report shows the Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) share price slightly dropped by 0.46 points after closing the week at 4,340/- compared to 4,340/- recorded a day before, pushing down its market capitalization to 780.87bn, from 784.46bn/-.

The share price of Tanga Cement Company Limited, which closed last year as top mover, closed 1.64 percent down at 2,400/- on Friday



last week, from 2,440/- recorded on Thursday close, which also lowered its market capitalization to 152.81bn/- from 155.36bn/-.

Generally, the market reported the transaction of 5.1 million shares valued 2.2bn/- traded in 113 deals.

Top mover during the day was CRDB Bank Plc counter, which recorded the transaction of 3,837,036 shares valued 1.9bn/-, of which 3,083,339 shares were moved through block pre-arranged market board, at a price ranging from 52/- to 540/- per share in 65 deals.

TCCIA Investment Company Limited (TICL) emerged as the

second mover after its counter recorded the transaction of 1,262,335 shares valued 239.9bn/-, of which 1,261,259 were moved through block pre-arranged market board, traded at a price ranging from 195/- to 200/- per share in 13 deals.

Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC) counter recorded the movements of 25,306 shares valued 109.8mln/- transacted at a price of 4,340/- per share in six deals through normal trade.

Other active counters during the last day of the week were DCB, DSE, NICO, Swissport, Tanga Cement (TCCL) and Vodacom

Tanzania (VODA).

Local investors dominated the activities, after accounting for 99.47 percent of total value of shares sold and 100 percent of total value of shares bought.

Foreign investors participated the market by selling shares valued 12.02mln/-, which was only 0.53 percent of total value of shares sold.

On debt market, the value of government bonds traded during the day included the face value of 20.52bn/- and transaction value of 24.41bn/-, while the corporate bond recorded the face value of 576.50mln/- and transaction value of 516.64mln/-.

TFS, Land Commission sign MoU for villages land management

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

The Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) and the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of Integrated Landscape Management in the Dry Miombo Woodlands of Tanzania in 14 villages.

Through \$6,875,882 funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the project will be executed in Kaliua landscape, known as the Tabora Zone, and the Mlele Landscape of Katavi.

The MoU was signed last weekend at the TFS's Headquarters in Dodoma between the Director General (DG) of the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC) Professor Wakuru Magigi and the TFS Conservation Commissioner (CC) Professor Dos Santos Silayo.

The partnership is meant to ensure the initiative is executed to fetch the intended end-results, addressing existing problems entailing land degradation and loss of biodiversity within the country's southwest dry Miombo Woodlands.

In his remarks during a brief signing ceremony, Prof Magigi said the project will play a meaningful role in helping halt and reverse negative trends of land degradation and biodiversity loss in degraded areas of the Miombo woodlands in the south-west of Tanzania by applying an integrated landscape management approach.

He also said the initiative will serve as a crucial podium to deal



Prof Wakuru Magigi (L), Director General of the National Land Use Planning Commission and TFS Conservation Commissioner Dos Santos Silayo exchange signed documents at ceremony held in Dodoma city. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

with land disputes, as well as human-wildlife conflicts.

"The forest and beekeeping sub-sectors in Tanzania are seriously haunted by several challenges, especially encroachments of unfriendly human activities into the forests reserved areas, and this is greatly fueled by the fact that most of the villages at the vicinities of reserved forests are yet to be surveyed," Prof Magigi observed.

And he noted that through the well-designed Joint Resource Management Plan Approach, the Commission stands ready to work in close sync with TFS in the implementation of the project to attain proper land planning and use, together with professional preservation and fruitful management and harvesting of forest re-

sources.

TFS Conservation Commissioner (CC) Professor Dos Santos Silayo extended his gratitude to GEF for bankrolling the project, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the Vice President's Office (Environment).

Prof Silayo said TFS has been encountering diverse setbacks in its daily role to foster the performance of the forest sector, which includes the increasing wave of destruction of forest resources across the country, caused by ownership challenges and the lack of collaborative land use plans for villages bordering forest reserves.

"These challenges led to the presence of invasions for various human activities such as housing, cultivation of short-term and per-

manent crops in forest reserved areas," he unveiled.

To help overcome the challenges, he said, TFS embarked on a special mission to seek financial resources, saying in 2018 the Institution started the process for the implementation of the Integrated Landscape Management in Dry Miombo Woodlands of Tanzania, being funds from GEF through FAO.

"This project is based on a program implemented in at least 11 countries, including Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Mongolia and Kazakhstan," he informed.

He added that, as per the program, every country will be measured by the expectations they have set for themselves, where in Tanzania the set measures incorporate the good conservation of the Miombo Forests and finally bring productivity to the entire chain of Bee Products and Community Life (Sustainable Honey Production from Miombo Woodland).

Prof Silayo said the process for the project started in 2018 where the idea was developed through the Office of the Vice President, the coordinators of the project.

"During 2021-2022, the project was signed by GEF and FAO whereby in January 12, 2023, Tanzania also signed, and in August 2023, all financial processes were completed," he detailed.

Prof Silayo noted that the meetings of experts (STC) and decisions (TC) were held in September and November 2023 in readiness for the implementation of the project.

Marula acquires 60pc stake in Kenyan manganese mine

Nairobi

Battery metals miner Marula Mining has signed a binding term sheet with Kenyan manganese mine operator Gems and Industrial Minerals (GIM) to acquire a 60 percent commercial interest in the Larisoro mine, in Samburu County, Kenya.

The shallow openpit Larisoro mine started operating in 2012, with manganese ore grades having ranged from 18.82 percent to 55 percent between 2018 and 2024, with 33.41 percent being the average.

The mine currently crushes and screens ore to produce a 37 percent manganese saleable product that is mostly sold to Asian markets.

The term sheet provides that, subject to GIM entering into a technical support agreement and commercial agreement, Marula will invest \$1.5-million in buying new mining and processing equipment for the mine.

Marula expects the equipment to help the mine increase its production to between 5 000 t and 10 000 t of saleable high-grade manganese



ore over the next three to six months.

The company expects the additional agreements to be signed in mid-March.

On signing the term sheet, a

consideration of £300 000 became payable to GIM, which Marula will provide through the issue of 2.4-million new ordinary shares to the company.

On signing of the technical support and commercial agreements, Marula will pay GIM £200 000 in cash or shares, as well as a further £300 000 on completion of an initial exploration programme.

A final payment of £750 000 will become payable once the mine achieves sales of 50 000 t of manganese ore.

Moreover, the term sheet provides a 12-month option for Marula to increase its commercial interest in the Larisoro mine to 70 percent through the payment of £1.25-million in cash

or shares, at Marula's election.

Marula has already completed a detailed due diligence work programme, which, together with independent assay reports, have confirmed the high-grade nature of the manganese mining operation.

The company has also advanced discussions with a potential off-taker in Europe for 100 percent of the saleable product produced by the mine.

Marula expects its payback of the initial investment in GIM and the mine to happen within the next 12 to 15 months.

WWF trains rangers on natural resources information

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

WORLD Wildlife Fund (WWF) through Wildlife Credit and Lion Projects has trained community rangers, wildlife authorities' staff, and district game officers on natural resources information collection.

Beneficiaries of the training were from Longido, Same, Mwanga, Lushoto and Korogwe districts.

Others were Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) and Tanzania National Park Authority (TANAPA) staff from Mkomazi.

The beneficiaries were trained on SMART approach, the evidenced-based data collection.

"Previously, a ranger had to be equipped with a GPS, camera, and notebook but currently all these are embedded in SMART", said Emanuel Kivuyo, the WWF Lion project manager.

According to WWF's Wildlife species expert, Prof. Noah Sitati, the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) is a combination of software, training materials and patrolling, that helps conservation managers monitor animals, identify threats such as poaching, diseases as well as make patrols more effective.

He said, for wildlife to thrive, water was very important,



hence, the idea of WWF embarking on the project of constructing big charcoal dams to provide water sources to animals in their natural habits, reduce the risk of wildlife entering invading surrounding communities to destroy water infrastructure.

"These charcoal dams have been constructed in areas which have a history of scarce rainfall and droughts, features which severely impact wildlife popula-

tions; the areas are situated in Same, Mwanga and Rombo", he noted.

Commenting on the SMART training workshop, Prof. Sitati, said it aimed to provide education to wildlife managers on how to collect data using modern technology in order to obtain accurate data that will enable the relevant authorities to deal with challenges related to wildlife.

On his part, the Same district

elephants and rhino's experts, Kolady Kayanda, said that the knowledge gained will enable wildlife managers to obtain and store natural resources information well.

"In the past, they used tools such as notebooks which sometimes led to the loss of important information related to natural resources needed to face challenges related to various issues such as the invasion of wild ani-

mals", he said.

He added, "This knowledge will empower wildlife management experts in villages and wards to use modern technology to collect information and submit them to the relevant authorities in time; this will give light to the relevant authorities to deal with those challenges quickly".

The Same District Wildlife Officer, Thomas Katunzi thanked the WWF organization for facilitating the training.

Katunzi said the training will bring about a big revolution in the preservation of information related to natural resources and residents living in areas that have been affected by the invasion of wildlife, especially elephants.

"This training is very important for enhancing data management for monitoring conservation impacts; it will also give us (officers) residing from different districts, the opportunity to communicate and cooperate practically in all activities related to natural resources", he said.

"Regarding the training of modern technology, the training will help us to get the knowledge of storing data for a long time due to the fact that in the past we used to store documents such as notebooks that could be misplaced or damaged easily", he said.



AfDB calls on African states to boost efficiency in resource use

By Guardian Correspondent

African Development Bank (AfDB) has called for African countries to take urgent, concrete measures to adopt circular economy practices and boost efficient resource use for sustainable production and consumption.

"Africa is brimming with potential for circularity and industrialization with a market valued at \$250 billion. Unleashing this potential requires creating the right environment and policies for the private sector to lead the continent's industrial revolution", emphasized Dr. Anthony Nyong, Director of the AfDB Climate Change and Green Growth Department, ahead of the Bank's participation at UNEA 6.

As global leaders gathered in Nairobi to address the connected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, the African Development Bank is underscoring the importance of efficient resource use through the circular economy to address these pressing issues while also supporting Africa's sustainable industrialization.

The 2024 Circularity Gap Report released in January 2024 by the Circle Economy Foundation and Deloitte, highlights several data points that heighten the urgency of action.

For instance, in 2023 alone, 500 gigatons of materials including freshwater, land, and minerals were consumed, representing 28 percent of all materials used since 1900.

As 83 percent of African countries rely heavily on their own natural resources, this rapid depletion poses a major threat to the continent. Collaboration is key for the African continent to leverage the benefits of circularity and should therefore be prioritized at every level. "The Paris Agreement emphasizes the need for global cooperation, with wealthier countries providing support to lower-income countries in the form of financial resources, technology transfer, and capacity-building. This is essential to aid their efforts in mitigating and (crucially) adapting to climate change," as stated by the Circularity Gap report.

Davinah Milenge, Principal Program coordinator represented the Bank Group at a side event hosted by the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE) on February 27.

During the event, on the pivotal role that financial institutions can play in accelerating the transition to circular economies, Milenge reiterated the Bank's commitment to drive the mainstreaming of circular economy across Africa in line with the African Union Commission's Continental Circular Economy Action Plan 2024-2034.

The Bank Group has been actively working to advance circularity across Africa. In 2022, it established the African Circular Economy Facility (ACEF), a multi-donor grants trust fund that is mainstreaming the circular economy as an inclusive green growth strategy in its regional member countries.

"Normally, the way you think about a financial asset is you're providing capital to the company," said Michael Finke, a professor of wealth management who holds the Frank M. Engle Distinguished Chair in Economic Security at The American College of Financial Services. "The company uses that capital to make something, and the people buy it. That creates profit. You can value the company based on the profitability you expect in the future."

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DMI, Female Future support underprivileged children

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

The Dido Mwanafunzi Initiative (DMI) in partnership with Female Future Program Cohort 9 have jointly donated various school facilities to pupils and students of primary and secondary schools, living under difficult conditions in Mtwara region.

The facilities including exercise books, school bag packs, pens, sanitary pads, uniforms and shoes were donated over the weekend to students of Naliende, Mikindani and Nanyamba secondary schools as well as underprivileged pupils of Mwenge and Mtwanya primary schools.

Speaking the ceremony to handover the facilities, Rehema Moses, the DMI director said since the government abolished school fees, there has been an increased enrolments in both primary and secondary schools, but some were facing some challenges, which need supports from wellwishers.

"The government has made efforts to improve education delivery in the country but there are some families which do not have financial capabilities to provide necessary educational facilities their children, which are not provided by the government.



Members of Dido Mwanafunzi Initiative Rehema Moses (L) and Dr Riziki Suleiman (R) help a pupil at Mwenge Primary School to wearing new shoes, shortly after presenting school facilities to children living in difficult conditions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

We have a programme which we provide support to children living under difficult conditions. Today we are in Mtwara and the next time, we will be in another region," she said.

The Female Future Programme Cohort 9 president Maureen Njeri said when they were graduating at the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute in 2022, they saw the importances of supporting communities, specifically their fellow women; that is why they

have partnered with DMI to provide such donations.

"This is the continuation of our community supports. These facilities were bought by our own financial donations. They might be small, but we believe can make a difference. There is a need for other stakeholders to join forces by supporting the efforts by the government to educate its people," she said.

Female Future Program was launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in 2016, when

she was the Vice President and is under Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) and supervised by ESAMI with the purpose of empowering women in leadership position.

Speaking during receiving the donations, Sophia Rajab, the form one student at Mikindani secondary school said girls living under difficult conditions are failing to attend their classes during menstruation period, which make them to remain behind in classes.

"There are girls do not attend classes up to seven days each month when entering menstruation. These donations are important to me and my fellow and we value them. We thank the providers for remembering us," she said.

The Mikindani Secondary School headmaeter Yonas Mtimbati said the majority of students are living 1 difficult conditions, which deny them from accessing necessary needs including uniforms and other facilities.

Demand surges as bitcoin hits above \$60K

NEW YORK

Bitcoin smashed past \$60,000 last week for the first time since November 2021. Demand for digital currency surged so much that it even led the crypto-trading platform Coinbase to crash on Wednesday.

After the brutal crypto winter that began in 2022, bitcoin could soon shatter its previous records as investors pour money into newly created bitcoin spot ETFs or exchange-traded funds.

The price of ether, the native token of the ethereum network, also soared past \$3,300 – levels not seen since April 2022 – as investors speculated that ethereum ETFs will eventually win approval from the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as well.

As billions of dollars pour into bit-

coin ETFs daily, is it time to get in on the party? Proceed with caution.

Less than a year ago, 75 percent of Americans who'd heard of cryptocurrency said they weren't confident in its safety or reliability, according to a Pew Research Center survey.

But the price of the world's largest cryptocurrency began climbing again in late 2023 after a federal appeals court ruled that the SEC wrongfully rejected an application from Grayscale Investments to convert its Grayscale Bitcoin Trust into a spot bitcoin ETF. The SEC said in October that it wouldn't appeal the court ruling.

And in January, it gave the OK to nearly a dozen new exchange-traded funds called spot bitcoin ETFs. Spot ETFs own the underlying asset – like gold, silver, or now bitcoin – and closely track its price, minus trading



costs or fees.

"There have not been any ETFs like this before," said Ric Edelman, founder of the Digital Assets Council of Financial Professionals. "There are ETFs that invest in stocks of companies that do business in the crypto industry, such as exchanges and miners, and there are ETFs that

trade futures in bitcoin, which is like buying equity options instead of stocks, but until now there have not been any ETFs that directly invest in and own bitcoin."

The SEC's decision allows investors to get direct exposure to bitcoin without going through a crypto exchange or dealing with the headache

of storage or security issues. Instead, investors can easily gain bitcoin exposure by owning shares in their brokerage accounts, including individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

"The new spot bitcoin ETFs are widely viewed as the safest from a custody perspective because the ETFs are regulated by the SEC, and they handle the safeguarding of your bitcoin for you," Edelman said.

With all the hype surrounding bitcoin, it's understandable if you're tempted to buy in. But there's a lot you need to know first before you try to profit off the skyrocketing price.

It's still a speculative asset

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are speculative investments, which are assets that people put money into, hoping the price will rise rapidly. Sometimes, speculative

assets are called nonproductive assets because they don't generate any income, like interest, dividends, or earnings. Investors who buy speculative assets are typically seeking to profit off short-term price fluctuations.

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W. Bank prepares major overhaul to guarantee business

WASHINGTON

The World Bank Group has announced a major overhaul to its guarantee business that will deliver simplicity, improved access, and faster execution through a new, convenient marketplace. The new reforms are critical to achieving the goal of tripling annual guarantee issuance to \$20 billion by 2030.

The Private Sector Investment Lab, launched by the World Bank Group in June 2023, was created to identify barriers and potential solutions to renewable energy investment. Political risk insurance emerged as a key area of interest among the group, which also raised issues with accessibility.

The recent G20 Independent Expert Group report on Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks also called for an expanded use of guarantees to mitigate risk and catalyze private finance.

Currently, the World Bank Group offers 20 guarantee solutions spread across the institution. Each comes with different processes, rules, and standards. Ultimately, this holds back their potential and impedes client access.

Ajay Banga, World Bank President: "We need the private sector's resources and ingenuity to tackle major global challenges. By consolidating our offerings, simplifying processes, and boosting accessibility we are delivering faster, easier access to guarantees for businesses. Our new guarantee marketplace is a crucial step forward toward tripling our guarantees business at the World Bank Group, but more importantly helping investors do more in developing economies and accelerate positive change."

Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance and Co-Chair of GFANZ: "Multilateral development banks must use all their capacities to maximise total financing from all sources to address the dual crises of climate and development. To that end, the Lab has convened private sector and World Bank leaders to develop and rapidly scale solutions to address the barriers to private investment in emerging markets and developing economies. Working together, we have prioritised the need for a simplified and consistent suite of guarantees that responds to the constraints and challenges faced by the private sector. This new platform will enable much greater scale and more rapid delivery of guarantees and therefore finance to help solve the world's most pressing problems."

Shriti Vadera, Chair of Prudential Plc: "Guarantees are one of the most established and effective ways to mobilise private finance for climate and development. The platform will simplify access to the World Bank Group's suite of guarantees and help to ensure that lenders and borrowers better understand what is available in order to plan investments with greater certainty. I am delighted the Lab has been able to work with the World Bank Group to develop the platform and focus on the instruments and expertise that will sit within it. It demonstrates the value of engagement between the public and private sector to help deliver finance at the scale and pace where it is needed."

Noel Quinn, Group CEO, HSBC Holdings Plc: "The establishment of this new, simpler platform for World Bank guarantees is critical to scaling up sustainable investment. It will encourage reforms such as standardised contractual structures and provide more clarity about the roles that public and private sector organisations need to play to make projects viable. I am very pleased that this landmark change to guarantees is the first tangible outcome of the World Bank's Private Sector Investment Lab."

Shemara Wikramanayake, CEO and Managing Director, Macquarie Group: "The World Bank's guarantee programs can be instrumental in mobilising investments for critical infrastructure across emerging markets and developing economies. This ambitious overhaul will help the World Bank move more quickly and unlock the efficiencies in delivering these key guarantees to help mobilise greater volumes of private capital and deliver an even greater impact."

Sim Tshabalala, CEO, Standard Bank: "The Standard Bank Group warmly welcomes the establishment of the World Bank's one-stop shop for guarantees, simplifying and streamlining processes, and creating more room for flexibility and innovation. This is an important reform - World Bank guarantees are some of the most efficient ways to attract more private sector investment into Africa's infrastructure."



Ajay Banga, World Bank President



Local fintech network vows to support investments attraction

By Guardian Correspondent

The network of financial services providers through technology - Tanzania Fintech Association (TAFINA) say will continue to support the government efforts in increasing investments.

Speaking at the launch of the network in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TAFINA chairperson Cynthia Ponela said that with the cooperation of the members of the union which are more than 50 companies, the network will continue to support the Government's efforts in bringing more investors to the country, while embracing implementation of the National Financial Inclusion 2023-

2028 system.

"This national system aims to leave no one behind, our network aims to be at the forefront of development by enabling members to drive, innovate and address financial challenges," said Cynthia.

He said that the Internet has planned to provide better financial services through technology and contribute to the national income.

In addition, the Director of Growth and Financial Integration of the Bank of Tanzania (BOT), Kenedy Komba, said the establishment of the network will facilitate financial services through technology and thus accelerate economic growth.

"We believe the presence of TAFINA will also contribute to many com-

panies coming to invest here in the country in the financial sector, plan to provide better services to achieve the goal," said Komba.

He said BOT will continue to create a good environment for investment in the financial sector and cooperate with all recognized service providers.

On his part, one of the members of the network, the CEO of Evmark Tanzania Company, Evans Makundi said that the union will help them to be able to collaborate in changing business ideas and continue to be together in investments in the country.

"It is a big step for us as development stakeholders, this network will also help attract more investors to the financial sector," said Makundi.



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China's economic activity rebounds in 2023, IMF says

BEIJING

China's economic activity rebounded in 2023 following the post-COVID reopening with real GDP estimated to have grown broadly in line with the authorities' growth target of around 5 percent, the executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said.

The IMF made the statement in a recent press release after concluding its annual Article IV review of the Chinese economy.

According to the statement published on the IMF website, the recovery was driven by domestic demand, particularly private consumption, and assisted by supportive macroeconomic policies, including the further relaxation of monetary policy, tax relief for firms and households, and fiscal spending on disaster relief.

The statement said that while inflation fell in 2023, largely due to decreased energy and food prices, it is expected to increase gradually to 1.3 percent in 2024 as the output gap narrows and the base effects of commodity prices recede.

Decisive policy action, including accelerated restructuring in the property sector, could boost confidence and lead to a better-than-expected rebound in private investment, the statement said.

An IMF team visited China from Oct. 26 to Nov. 7 to undertake the 2023 Article IV consultation.

The team held constructive discussions with senior officials from the government and the People's Bank of China, as well as private sector representatives and academics, to exchange views on China's economic prospects and risks, reform progress and challenges, and policy responses.

WORLD

Trump wins Michigan, Missouri, Idaho caucuses

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan

DONALD Trump on Saturday easily won the Republican caucuses in Michigan, where the party has been riven by infighting that some Republicans fear could hurt his campaign in the key battleground state as he gears up for the general election in November.

The former US president also won the Missouri and Idaho Republican caucuses on Saturday, according to Edison Research.

In all three states Trump trounced Nikki Haley, his last remaining rival for the Republican presidential nomination, moving him closer to becoming his party's White House standard-bearer and a likely general election rematch with President Joe Biden, a Democrat.

In Michigan, Trump beat Haley in all 13 districts taking part in the nominating caucuses, according to the state Republican Party.

Overall, Trump won with nearly 98 percent support: 1,575 votes to just 36 for Haley.

Pete Hoekstra, the Michigan Republican Party's chair, called it an "overwhelming, dominating victory."

More than 1,600 party insiders participated in the presidential caucus in the western Michigan city of Grand Rapids, where they were choosing delegates for Trump or former UN Ambassador Haley for the party's national

nominating convention in July.

Haley is fast running out of time to alter the course of the Republican nominating race. Next up is Super Tuesday on March 5, the biggest day in the primaries, when 15 states and one territory will vote.

With victories in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, the US Virgin Islands, South Carolina, and now Michigan, Missouri and Idaho under his belt, Trump is far and away the frontrunner in the race, with Haley hanging on thanks to support from donors keen for an alternative to the former president.

For this election cycle, Michigan Republicans devised a hybrid nominating system, split between a primary and a caucus. Trump won the primary convincingly on Tuesday, securing 12 of 16 delegates up for grabs. He took all of Michigan's remaining 39 delegates at stake on Saturday.

At one of the 13 caucus meetings, the participants - knowing Trump would win easily - decided to save time by simply asking anyone who backed Haley to stand up. In a room of 185 voting delegates, 25-year-old Carter Houtman was the only person who rose to his feet.

"It was a little lonely," Houtman told Reuters in an interview afterward.

Houtman said he would likely vote for Trump in November's general election if he is the nominee but felt it was



Former US president and 2024 presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks during a "Get Out the Vote" rally at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia, on Saturday. AFP

important to stand up for his beliefs on Saturday.

"I didn't like the way that Trump handled himself after the last election," Houtman said.

Dennis Milosch, 87, a Trump supporter, said the former president's dominating win on Saturday underscored how the party has been transformed from one aligned with big business to one focused on the working class.

"Wherever he goes, whatever he does, he pays attention to, responds to, the average person," Milosch said.

Rift in Michigan party

The contest in Michigan on Saturday had held the potential for confusion. Internal turmoil has been percolating in the party for months, pitting backers of Michigan's former Republican Party chair, Kristina Karamo, against the faction of party members who voted to oust her on Jan 6, and installed Hoekstra as chair.

Hoekstra, whom Trump backed as chair, was overseeing the convention in Grand Rapids. Karamo had been planning to chair a dueling

convention in Detroit on Saturday, but that was canceled after a Michigan court this week affirmed her ouster and an appeals court denied her request to stay the ruling.

Pro-Karamo party chairs for at least two districts held caucus meetings in separate locations from Grand Rapids in protest. However, the results from those are unlikely to be accepted by the Republican National Committee, which last month formally recognized Hoekstra as state party chair.

Hoekstra was the US ambassador to the Netherlands during Trump's presidency. Speaking to Reuters on the sidelines of the caucus meetings, he said he was confident the Michigan Republican Party would unite around the objectives of winning the White House and a US Senate seat up for grabs and retaking the state House of Representatives.

"There is not a philosophical divide or an issue divide," Hoekstra said. "This is about getting the party ready to win in November. ... The focus is on beating Joe Biden."

Trump's victories in Missouri and Idaho netted him 54 and 32 delegates respectively. **Agencies**

Indians need to take more interest in foreign policy, says EAM Jaishankar

NEW DELHI



EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, while commending India's foreign policy, highlighted the crucial need for individuals to be well-informed about global affairs.

He emphasized that it is essential for the average person to actively engage with foreign policy matters.

"Certainly, all Indians need to take more interest in foreign policy. It is very common all over the world, there is a belief that foreign policy is something complicated, esoteric, that should be left to certain people to deal with... which is not entirely without some justification," Jaishankar (pictured) said at an event in Delhi on Saturday.

He said, "...But, to me, a number of events happened that showed why it's important for the average person to get involved, pay more attention to foreign policy...and some of those events, if you look, were the Covid."

The EAM said that Covid showed that even if a person had no interest in the world, the world had decided to not "leave you alone."

"Covid showed that if you were a person in some remote part of India, with absolutely no interest in the world. The world had decided to not leave you alone, the world actually entered your doorstep, so the idea that there is a world, and there is a home...it is necessary for us to put that behind us," the EAM said.

"The Indians who go out should be aware that something can happen in the world..." Jaishankar emphasised adding that "even people who may not think they are professionally connected to the foreign policy should take an interest in foreign policy."

Coming out in wholesome praise of Prime Minister Modi's leadership and his outreach towards India's global partners in times of distress, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said New Delhi demonstrated to the world that it could not only look after itself but could also 'save the world' in times of need.

Speaking at an event at Hubli in Congress-ruled Karnataka on Wednesday, Jaishankar said at a time when the world was worried about India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the country stood up as a provider for the globe and shipped vaccines and other life-saving drugs to 100 countries. **ANI**

Putin has clear plan of country's development, 85% of Russians say

MOSCOW

OVER 80% of Russians polled who followed Russian President Vladimir Putin's annual State of the Nation Address to the Federal Assembly, think that the incumbent president has a clear plan of the country's development for several years ahead and is capable of implementing it, according to a nationwide survey conducted by Russia's top pollster.

The poll was conducted by the Russian Public Opinion Research Center (VCIOM) among 1,600 adult Russians on March 1.

"Among those who followed the address, 85% said that Putin has a clear plan of action and a strategy for the country's development for several years ahead. Every tenth respondent (10%) thought that there are no strategy or plan," the agency said in a statement. The majority of those surveyed, 86%, think that the president can implement this plan fully or partially, and every second person was completely sure of it. The State of the Nation Address to the Federal Assembly took place on February 29 and lasted over two hours. Out of those who followed it, 86% said that the address made a positive impression with every second respondent expressing complete certainty.

Every second respondent who listened to the address liked all the ideas and proposals voiced by the Russian leader.

The Russians particularly approved of such subjects as support for young families (21%), infrastructure and new housing and roads (13%) and the "Family," "Long and Active Life" and "Human Resources" national projects, among others (12%). Generally, those polled had a positive attitude toward the address. Their emotions included "trust (36%), hope (35%), sense of security (33%), respect (32%) and pride (29%)," according to the survey results. **Agencies**



Military leaders meet in DRC for campaign against M23 rebels

KINSHASA

STABILITY hangs in the balance in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where military leaders from five regional countries have been meeting for days to devise a coordinated military strategy to end hostilities that risk escalating into a regional conflict.

For days, military leaders from the DRC, Tanzania, Malawi, South Africa and Burundi have been meeting in Goma, the capital of North Kivu province in the DRC, to assess and strengthen joint operations against the violent hostilities, particularly around the strategic town of Sake.

This town is considered the last barrier to Goma, and it is here that the Congolese army, along with partners including the military elements of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), have positioned heavy artillery to halt the advance of the March 23 Movement (M23) rebels. The rebel group, which resurfaced in late 2021, has triggered conflicts and humanitarian crises and seized major strongholds on Congolese soil, including several locations in the mountains overlooking Sake.

This meeting is seen by DRC military authorities as a pivotal moment in regional efforts to stabilize the volatile region, which, according to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the DRC, Bintou Keita, "risks extending the conflict on a regional scale."

"The presence of these military figures underscores the regional commitment to peace and security. It also reflects the collaborative spirit of the SADC forces," an official from the Congolese army in Goma told Xinhua on Friday.

According to the Angolan government, whose President Joao Lourenco currently holds the rotating presidency of SADC, Tanzania, Malawi and South Af-



South African soldiers, part of the Southern African Development Community's mission to fight against armed rebel groups in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, stand in Goma as the bodies of two South African soldiers are repatriated to South Africa, Feb 20, 2024. AP

rica have already deployed their military elements in eastern DRC as part of a joint SADC operation, which is mandated to conduct offensive operations against the rebels, particularly the M23.

The primary objective of this meeting was to address the urgent challenges posed by the M23 rebels and their supporters, an official present at the closed-door meeting told Xinhua, emphasizing the collective determination of the SADC and its partners to support the Congolese army in ending the rebellion's activities in the region.

After several hours of closed-door discussions on Friday, Congolese military sources stressed that the meeting highlighted the urgent need for a coordinated military strategy.

Peace hanging in balance

While the SADC is mobilizing for operations on the ground, the situation in the Sake area remains highly

volatile due to the daily bombardment by M23 rebels from the mountains overlooking the town.

On Thursday, four people, including a Tanzanian soldier deployed as part of the SADC mission, were seriously injured in Sake by bombs fired by the rebels targeting the military base and surrounding villages. Local sources reported that two armored vehicles belonging to the Tanzanian contingent were targeted by bombs during a reconnaissance mission.

On Friday, around 10 bombs were fired again by the rebels, resulting in injuries and the death of at least three civilians, shortly before the arrival of the five military leaders in Mubambiro, at the eastern entrance to Sake, for a field inspection.

According to General Sylvain Ekenge, spokesperson for the Congolese military, these bomb attacks did not deter the determination of the Congolese army and the military leaders of the contributing countries, who remained in the region. "The terrorists attempted to deter them by dropping bombs, but they did not weaken the determination of the defense force leaders, who arrived in Mubambiro and refined strategies to end the activities of these M23 terrorists," Ekenge said.

In a press release published in mid-February, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) expressed concern about the fate of around 135,000 internally displaced persons who fled Sake toward the provincial capital Goma due to bombs falling on civilian shelters, including the Zaina camp in Sake and the Lushagala camp in Goma, where nearly 65,000 displaced persons have found refuge. **Agencies**

CHINA is projected to make about 100 space launch missions this year, which will set the country's new record, said a blue book released by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC) on Feb. 26.

China plans to carry out a series of major space missions this year. The China Space Station has entered the normal operation stage and within 2024, there will be two cargo spacecraft missions, two manned spaceflight missions and two return missions.

China is set to launch Queqiao-2, a relay satellite for communications between the far side of the moon and Earth, and the Chang'e-6 lunar probe, a mission to collect samples from the far side of

China to make around 100 space launches in 2024

the moon, the first of its kind in human history.

A detection satellite for ocean salinity is also on CASC's task list, which will empower China with high-resolution and high-precision ocean salinity detection capabilities.

Newly developed Long March-6C and Long March-12 carrier rockets will execute their maiden flight missions.

Besides, China's first commercial spacecraft launch site is expected to have its first launch mission in 2024, and the country will accelerate the networking and construction of multiple satellite constellations.

In 2023, China carried out



The Shenzhou-17 manned spaceship, atop a Long March-2F carrier rocket, blasts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in north-west China, Oct. 26, 2023. Photo: Wang Xiaobo/ People's Daily Online

67 space launch missions, with this number ranking second in the world, and put 221 spacecraft into space, already setting a record for China.

Among them, the Long March series of carrier rockets were launched 47 times with a 100 percent success rate, breaking through 500 launches cumulatively, and other commercial rockets were launched 20 times.

Looking back on the past year, China's space industry has implemented high-density launch missions in an orderly manner with a high success rate, and the number of spacecraft developed and launched has rapidly increased, with a

significant improvement in development capabilities.

In terms of technological innovation, China has made continuous breakthroughs in fields like carrier rockets, manned spaceflight, lunar and deep space exploration, communications, navigation, remote sensing satellites, and scientific and technological experiments.

China's capabilities in accessing, exploring, and utilizing space have grown stronger, and the country has achieved many scientific and technological accomplishments.

Based on space infrastructure like satellite communications, satellite remote sensing,

and satellite navigation and positioning, China's space industry has developed a relatively complete application system. This has offered solid support for various national strategies and the country's "dual carbon" goals, and widely served different sectors of the national economy.

In terms of international cooperation, China's space industry has carried out various forms of international exchanges such as seminars, discussions, data sharing, technical cooperation, application services, and space culture education, promoting the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative, and contributing to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. **People's Daily**

What to expect at 'two sessions' in pivotal year

BEIJING

THE upcoming annual sessions of China's top legislature and political advisory body will offer the world a window to observe the country's development and understand its policy direction for the following year.

The second session of the 14th National People's Congress and the second session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference will open on March 5 and 4, respectively.

The year 2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and is a crucial year for the realization of the goals and tasks of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025). In such a significant year, what issues are especially worthy of attention at the "two sessions"? Here are some advices.

Economic goals

At the "two sessions" each year, the annual economic development goals of the world's second-largest economy are among the most anticipated announcements.

The development goals for 2024 are expected to be unveiled in the government work report, which will be deliberated at the NPC's annual session. The report usually includes the country's targets on gross domestic product growth, inflation, the ratio of deficit to GDP, employment, and foreign trade and investment, among others.

Last year, the Chinese economy rebounded for the better, high-quality development was solidly advanced, important progress had been made in the construction of a modern industrial system, and the foundation for safe development was consolidated.

China's provincial-level regions recently unveiled their growth targets for 2024 in government work reports delivered to local people's congresses. Their 2024 GDP growth targets vary

from 4.5 percent to 8 percent, with the majority expecting to expand their economy by over 5 percent.

"The economic goals should be both in line with our development potential and within an appropriate range, and more importantly, it should give priority to the quality of growth," said Han Baojiang, professor of the Party School of the Communist Party of China Central Committee (National Academy of Governance) and a national political advisor.

New growth drivers

"New productive forces", an emerging catchphrase in China's policymaking, is expected to be a hot topic garnering much attention.

The concept refers to a new form of productive forces derived from continuous sci-tech breakthroughs and innovation that drive strategic emerging industries and future industries in a more intelligent information era.

The Central Economic Work Conference, held late last year to chart economic development in 2024, said China would "promote industrial innovation through technological innovation... to foster new industries, new models and growth drivers, and develop new productive forces."

"New productive forces are crucial to promote self-reliance in high-level science and technology," said Yuan Yuyu, NPC deputy and chairman of Medprin Regenerative Medical Technologies Co., Ltd, adding that his focus at the "two sessions" will be how to strengthen sci-tech innovation, especially original and disruptive innovation.

High-level opening up

China's attitude and plans concerning its opening up are among the most closely watched in the world.

At the Central Economic Work Conference, China pledged to expand high-level opening up and reinforce



This file photo dated March 4, 2023 shows the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. File photo

the stable performance of foreign trade and foreign investment. A series of recent policy measures sent a clear signal that China is firmly committed to expanding opening up. For example, the country announced that it will remove all restrictions on foreign investment access in the manufacturing sector, and five new measures are already facilitating the entry of foreign nationals into China for business, education and tourism.

Zhang Junkuo, a national political advisor and former deputy director of the Development Research Center of the State Council, said amid rising anti-globalization sentiment and intensifying geopolitical tension, "it is particularly important for China to respond to uncertainties in the external environment with its certainty in opening up."

Reforms in key areas

Advancing reforms in key areas and crucial sectors will also be a focus of attention for national lawmakers and political advisors.

Accelerating the building of a unified national market is a concern of Jin Li, a national political advisor and vice-president of Southern University of Science and Technology.

"It's important to break down local protectionism and market segmentation," Jin said, calling for accelerating the establishment of unified market

institutions and rules in such terms as property rights protection, market access and fair competition. Many are also concerned about further boosting the confidence of private enterprises.

Gao Zicheng, NPC deputy and president of the All China Lawyers Association, said it was necessary to further optimize the development environment and stimulate internal driving forces and the innovation vitality of private enterprises.

Whole-process people's democracy

The "two sessions" displays China's whole-process people's democracy in action, as national legislators and political advisors - ranging from farmers to state leaders - gather in Beijing to deliberate on bills or discuss the affairs of the state.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the NPC and 75th anniversary of the founding of the CPPCC.

The people's congress system is a foundational political system for upholding the unity between leadership by the CPC, the running of the country by the people, and law-based governance.

The CPPCC is an important organ for multi-party cooperation and political consultation led by the CPC. It is a major channel for socialist consultative democracy and a specialist consultative body.

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PM Modi contributes Rs 2000 to BJP, urges people to 'donate for nation building'

New Delhi

Ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday contributed to the Bharatiya Janata Party to strengthen the efforts of building a Viksit Bharat and urged everyone to donate and help the efforts of the saffron party in nation-building.

The Prime Minister donated Rs 2,000 to the BJP party fund.

"I am happy to contribute to @BJP4India and strengthen our efforts to build a Viksit Bharat. I also urge everyone to be a part of #DonationForNationBuilding through the NaMoApp," the Prime Minister posted on X.

The call to donate money comes after the Supreme Court in February delivered a unanimous verdict, striking down the Electoral Bonds scheme as unconstitutional. While the Opposition parties hailed the Apex court decision, the ruling BJP said that the scheme was brought in for transparency in electoral funding.

The CJI while reading out his judgement said that the Supreme Court holds that anonymous electoral bonds are violative of Right to Information and Article 19(0)(a).

The Supreme Court said that information about corporate contributors through Electoral Bonds must be disclosed as the donations by companies are purely for quid pro quo purposes.

The purpose of curbing black money is not a sufficient justification to anonymise the identities of donors and the details of the contributions in the Electoral Bonds scheme, the SC said while striking down the Centre's Electoral Bonds scheme.

An Electoral Bond is an instrument in the nature of a promissory note or bearer bond which can be purchased by any individual, company, firm or association of persons provided the person or body is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India. The bonds are issued specifically for the purpose of contributing funds to political parties.

Data elements contributing to China's industrial manufacturing innovation

WHAT is the role of data in industrial product creation, from R&D to manufacturing?

Recently, a three-year action plan was published by 17 government departments, including the National Data Administration (NDA), to promote the use of data as a factor of production and let data play a more significant role in driving economic and social development. According to the action plan, the data use will be boosted in 12 sectors, including industrial manufacturing.

Innovating R&D models, promoting collaborative manufacturing, enhancing service capabilities, and strengthening regional coordination, China's industrial manufacturing is accelerating efforts to leverage the multiplier effect of data, in order to better drive innovative development.

In the past, the development planning of products in the consumer durables industry relied heavily on manual market research. This resulted in long cycles, limited information, and low efficiency. Data elements can play a significant role in improving this process.

For example, when developing a new dryer, the R&D team of Midea Group, a Chinese home appliance giant, spotted consumers' demands for "fast drying" and "space saving" by leveraging big data from public opinion, market, user, and business. They also discovered a stronger demand for drying children's clothes that require frequent washing.

As a result, the team developed a compact dryer targeting young parents and emphasizing instant drying and disinfection functions. As expected, the product was well-received in the market as soon as it was launched.

An executive in charge of Midea Group's data business



New energy vehicles are manufactured in an intelligent factory of Chinese automaker Seres in Shapingba district, southwest China's Chongqing municipality. (Photo by Sun Kaifang/People's Daily Online)

noted that digitalized planning helps with the constant generation of innovative concepts in different product categories.

"It improves the efficiency of product planning by 75 percent, reducing the time for concept discovery and validation research from the previous average of two months to two weeks now," the executive added.

Data elements are playing an increasingly important role in the manufacturing process as well.

At a plant of Chongqing Tsingshan Industrial Co., Ltd., automated guided vehicles were transporting materials along the automotive transmission assembly line, and industrial robots swinging their arms in coordinated motion as transmissions came off the production line orderly.

"We focus on improving digital capabilities around our business operations, shifting from experience-driven management to data-driven management," an executive of the company told People's Daily.

The company collects real-time data from 153 devices and over 12,000 sensors on the production line, generating over 40GB of data per day, according to the executive. With data flow as the engine, deep analysis of functions like production management and quality control can be achieved, improving production efficiency by 30 percent.

In recent years, China has built a number of distinctive, pioneering intelligent factories. According to statistics released by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), 421 pilot demonstration fac-

ories at the national level have been supported, promoting the construction of over 10,000 digital workshops and smart factories nationwide. This has established more than 5,500 replicable model scenarios for smart manufacturing.

An MIIT official said the scale of the supporting industries for smart manufacturing, including intelligent equipment, industrial software, and system solutions, exceeded 4 trillion yuan (\$555.66 billion) in 2022. The technology of 5G has been piloted in nearly 2,000 factories, making China the world's largest application market for smart manufacturing. In 2023, the industrial internet achieved full coverage across all major industrial categories.

Recently, China's homemade C919 large passenger aircraft made its inaugural international showcase at the Singapore Airshow. What role did data elements play in the development of this large aircraft?

"Focusing on the C919's entire life cycle, we've developed over 450 5G-enabled scenarios, covering design, manufacturing, test flight, operation and maintenance. This enabled collaborative design, flexible assembly, efficient test flight, as well as agile operation and maintenance," said Zhou Xinmin, general manager of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC).

It is learned that COMAC has achieved comprehensive 5G network coverage, enabling remote data interconnectivity between Shanghai, Beijing and Chengdu. Over 10 fully connected workshops and production lines were built, realizing online data integration of production elements.

For example, 5G-enabled robots reduced deployment and time costs of flexible inspection lines for major aircraft components by 60 percent, and big data collection equipped with 5G improved the planning efficiency of aircraft assembly by 50 percent.

Zhu Min, director of the Informatization and Industrialization Integration Research Institute of the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, believes that the integration and application of data and the industrial sector is currently reflected in three aspects: improving R&D and innovation efficiency through data-driven models, enhancing production efficiency, and optimizing industrial chain resource allocation.

In the time of accelerating new industrialization, industrial data has become a new production factor. With the rapid growth of data scale and preliminary formation of the data industrial chain, the integration of data and the industrial sector continues to deepen.

People's Daily

Russia supports African Union's steps to stabilise situation in South Sudan, diplomat says

GENEVA

MOSCOW supports international steps to stabilize the situation in South Sudan, including the African Union's mediation efforts, Russia's delegation to the 55th session to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva said.

"We welcome the achievements of South Sudan's leadership in forming the governments of states and the chambers of a transitional parliament, draft a constitution and create a national human rights council," Ilya Barmin, the head of the Russian delegation, said.

He pointed out that the transitional period had been extended to February 2025 based on an updated peace agreement on South Sudan, and a roadmap had been

adopted. "We support international steps to stabilize the situation in the country and strengthen peace and security, including the African Union's mediation efforts," Barmin stressed.

Russia believes that the human rights situation in South Sudan will improve after the domestic conflict is finally resolved, he noted. Moscow "strongly rejects attempts to use international platforms, including the Human Rights Council, to put political pressure" on South Sudan, Barmin added.

The 55th session of the UN Human Rights Council is taking place in Geneva from February 26 to April 5. Although Russia is not a member of the council, it is taking an active part in its meetings.

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Chad's transitional president set to run in presidential election

YAOUNDE

CHAD'S transitional President Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno on Saturday formally announced his candidacy for the presidential election to be held in May.

Deby, 39, made the announcement during a political rally of more than 200 political parties that formed a coalition, For a United Chad.

"Reassured by your support, I, Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, am a candidate for the 2024 presidential election under the banner of For a United Chad," he said during the rally in the capital, N'Djamena.

The announcement came two months after the Patriotic Salvation Movement, Chad's ruling party, appointed Deby as its presidential candidate and honorary president. Deby, a former army general, assumed power following the death of his father, Idriss Deby Itno, in an attack in 2021.



Mtibwa Sugar players celebrate one of the goals the squad grabbed in a 2023/24 Premier League duel against Singida Fountain Gate FC which took place in Mwanza on March 1. Agencies

Katwila: Mtibwa Sugar's victory over Singida FG FC boosts confidence

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a long-awaited turnaround, Mtibwa Sugar clinched the club's first victory after seven NBC Premier League matches on Saturday evening in Mwanza.

The Morogoro outfit triumphed over Singida Fountain Gate FC with a resounding 2-0 win in the league's showdown which took place at the CCM Kirumba Stadium.

This triumph marked Mtibwa Sugar's first taste of victory since the outfit's December 19 conquest against Mashujaa FC, garnering a 2-1 win.

The Saturday victory propelled the former Mainland Tanzania Premier League champion, which reigned in 1999 and 2000, to 12 points- intensifying the pressure on teams ahead of the Morogoro outfit in the league standings.

Notably, this victory marked Mtibwa Sugar's first away win of the season.

Before this match, the squad had only managed to scrape together a single point from eight away fixtures, succumbing to defeat in seven consecutive games.

During these away encounters, Mtibwa Sugar scored a mere five goals while conceding a staggering 18 goals.

The hero of the Saturday match for Mtibwa Sugar was none other than striker Omary Marungu, who made a significant impact after coming on in the second half, replacing Seif Karihe in the 65th minute.

Marungu played a pivotal role in both goals, initiating the first goal in

the 69th minute with a penalty kick, expertly won after being fouled in the box by Singida Fountain Gate FC's goalkeeper, Beno Kakolanya, as he aimed for the net.

Maintaining his momentum, Marungu sealed Mtibwa Sugar's victory in the 76th minute, skillfully dribbling past Kakolanya before providing an assist for Kambana, securing their outfit's third win of the season.

Despite this much-needed victory, Mtibwa Sugar still finds itself languishing at the bottom of the table- the 16th position- with 12 points, having secured three wins, three draws, and suffered 12 defeats.

In contrast, Singida Fountain Gate FC moved to the eighth position with 21 points.

Singida Fountain Gate FC's goalkeeper, Kakolanya, faced criticism for conceding goals in four consecutive matches since returning from the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON)- which saw the shot-stopper turn out for Tanzania's Taifa Stars.

The club conceded defeat to Tanzania Prisons (3-1), forced a draw with Tabora United (1-1), and fell to Azam FC (1-0) before yesterday's defeat to Mtibwa Sugar.

Reflecting on the victory, Mtibwa Sugar's head coach, Zubeir Katwila, expressed satisfaction, emphasizing the boost in confidence and morale it provides for the upcoming matches.

He commended his players for their resilience, acknowledging their commitment to executing his tactical directives despite the challenges of the winless streak.

Dar City loses to JKT in 2024 BD League opener

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2024 Basketball Dar es Salaam League (BDL) defending champion, Dar City, has opened its campaign in the showdown on the wrong foot, having lost 77-66 to rival JKT at Don Bosco Upanga courts last weekend.

The results were, moreover, revenge for JKT given the army side had last season suffered a loss to Dar City in three of the four-game series of the men's finals.

In last weekend's clash, the teams started the game fast and found themselves finishing the first quarter tied at 21-21 points.

In the second quarter, JKT came back stronger and went to the breather leading 39-31.

The teams continued to play at a fast pace and JKT turned out to be stronger as the army outfit looked determined to take revenge. The outfit eventually led 55-50 in the third quarter.

JKT's coach, Christian Jacob 'Webber', said he is happy to get his outfit's league campaign underway with a win, believing that this is the beginning of efforts to hold sway this season.

Jacob revealed: "Winning against a tough team like Dar City is something to be thankful for and we are really happy."

"I believe this victory will give us great morale in our upcoming games because we are, this season, determined to regain the BDL top honour," the tactician said.

In the men's category other tie, DB Oratory beat Srelilo 80-59 while the women's category witnessed the defending champions, Vijana Queens, opening their campaign impressively by walloping City Queens 90-25.

Other matches had Jeshi Stars defeating their counterparts Twalipo Queens 95-23, and JKT Stars thrashing counterparts Mgulani Stars 52-21.

Tanzania taking different image in CAF CL with 'Lupaso' results

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

THERE was a science fiction (sci-fi to bonafide veterans) fad in the last decades of the past century, known as 'time travel', playing around with what is known as relativity to move into the past, or the future.

Much of that occurs by imagination but sometimes efforts are made to create instruments that can travel inside time, to no avail.

Yet at the level of reality, since it is stranger than fiction, events of that sort seem to be happening, at least in the sphere of what we often imagine.

Still, this kind of situation, where one enters a new world with the flip of an eyelid has just taken place in Dar es Salaam and, by implication, in several African cities as well, whose soccer clubs were on the Group Stage of this season's CAF Champions League.

Hardly could any soothsayer say that either Simba SC was capable of thumping Jwaneng Galaxy 6-0, or that Young Africans SC, affectionately known as Yanga, stood a chance of overturning a 3-0 defeat into a 4-0 win over CR Belouizdad on the return encounter, and get a direct ticket to the quarterfinals.

It all looks a bit of a fairytale, but it shows tremendous progress.

This sort of scoreline is reminiscent of what used to happen when the city giants would travel to Cairo for preliminary stage matches where chances of making it to the Group Stage were nearly out of question.

Back in Dar es Salaam, the local side would even obtain a draw but there was virtually no chance of obtaining a similar result in Cairo, which now looks a bit distant.

Cairo is still a rather special



Simba SC players are pictured participating in training at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend in preparation for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group B tie against Jwaneng Galaxy which was held at the venue the same weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

place as Al Ahly has a special place in the minds of soccer lovers all over Africa, but it is not the terror it used to be.

Its latest clash with Yanga was not an issue; they had both qualified for the next stage and had little to lose but in a test of strength Al Ahly won.

What is unclear at the moment is if there is still a feared place for the two city giants in African soccer, as there was an impression the previous season for Raja Casablanca.

An online entry says that in international competitions, Raja has won nine trophies; three CAF Champions League titles, two CAF Confederation Cup silverware, two CAF Super Cup top honours, and one CAF Cup.

It is the only African team, with TP Mazembe, to reach the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in 2013 when the outfit faced Bayern Munich.

That was until recently as this year the Moroccan side was not in the Group Stage of the CAF Champions League, while the next-door rival- Wydad Casablanca- was in the Group Stage, and finished with a -1 goal margin vs a +7 goal margin for Simba SC.

It is not easy to trace where

the flip emerged in the way in which the city giants compare with the CAF Champions League greats, but one answer is that it was a collection of small things that led to a volte-face.

For one thing, until the last but one match of the Group Stage, it looked like the old view of things was still solid, and then the picture was sharply altered with Yanga's excessive success against CR Belouizdad, which drew with Al Ahly at home in its third Group Stage match, a result that placed CR Belouizdad level with Yanga at five points.

This was before the mini-registration window came into place, so it means the city rivals did well here.

What is rather evident is that the mini-registration window was used by the two city giants to change the picture of their respective squads, in a way that other teams did not manage to do, or rather they did not expect that situation.

This is the key issue as both sides obtained scores that were seemingly outlandish up to that point, and especially as the fan base was becoming somewhat agitated, and restless with team performance at

the local premier league.

Simba SC's 6-0 win against Jwaneng Galaxy in local terms makes the visiting side nearly as comparable to Moshi's TRA FC that the Msimbazi Street side met in an Azam Sports Federation Cup clash, which does not make sense. But it is similar to the last city derby, voila!

Once more, it is evident that the psychological rivalry of the two city giants is an asset in soccer development as they leave nothing to chance in getting better one over the other.

There is probably no doubt that the departure of Brazilian tactician Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' as head coach at Msimbazi Street side has led to tactical improvement on the pitch with a former head coach for MC Alger, Abdelhaq Benchikha, while Robertinho was recruited by leaving Ugandan top side, Vipers SC, earlier.

Yanga lost their top coach by his being enticed back to North Africa with FAR Rabat FC, but neither the Moroccan side nor its nearest rivals were on the Group Stage, recently.

When it comes to players, there is no question of substantial squad improvement on both sides of Msimbazi Street, one just along the road and another a bit into the western interior, if one figures out the way the coach replaced Kibu Denis and Saidi Ntibazonkiza at 85 minutes or thereabouts with a 4-0 goal lead, which implied they were being given some game time as the match was folded up already.

What was strange is that the Msimbazi Street side proceeded to score two more goals, thus humiliating the visitors who once overturned a 2-0 deficit from a home encounter to a 3-1 win away and got the Group Stage qualification.

The Saturday game was for qualification- it became a revenge tie.

Squash federation lauds players' prowess in Advent Open tourney

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadono

THE Tanzania Squash Federation (TSF) states it has been impressed with the displays shown by local players in this year's edition of Advent Squash Open Tournament which ended at Colosseum Gym in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Marwa Busigara, TSF secretary-general, said Tanzania's players have of late shown a lot of improvement in the tournament- which had involved more than 32 players.

The tournament attracted players from Kenya, Rwanda, Zambia, Mozambique, France, and the host Tanzania.

The showdown witnessed three locals, namely Ali Rehemtullah, Robert Sulubonde, and Busigara making it to the quarterfinals.

"This year, local players have proved their worth and we are happy with this progress. We encourage our players to work hard," Busigara said. The tournament's semi-finals were taking place later on.

In the previous interview, Busigara said the Advent Squash Open Tournament is the second major event to be held this year, the first one was held at Maisara Club in Zanzibar in January last year.

The Advent Squash Open Tournament's champion will take home 1m/-, whereas 700,000/- and 500,000/- await the runner-up and third-placed winners respectively.

Busigara thanked Advent Construction and Colosseum Gym for bankrolling the tournament.

Meanwhile, the TSF secretary-general disclosed that the federation is focusing on attracting many women and juniors to play the

game as there is a shortage of players in the mentioned categories.

During the launch of the tournament, one of Advent Construction's officials, Sue Vanzyl, stated that the company is passionate about squash and three of its top directors, including Dhruv Jog, are ardent squash players.

The official noted they- for that matter- decided to sponsor the tournament to give back to the community

through sports.

Fatma Somji, one of the tournament's organizers- on behalf of Colosseum Gym- expressed the center's excitement over co-sponsoring the prestigious event this year.

Professional squash players from various countries took part in the money-spinning event. Squash is played by around 20 million people in 185 countries worldwide. It is a racket and ball sport, played by two players on a four-walled

court with a small hollow rubber ball.

Players take turns to hit the ball with their rackets onto the playable surfaces of the four walls of the court.

The object of the game is to hit the ball so that the opponent cannot hit an effective return.

There are few courts in Tanzania but there are plans to construct more courts and take the game to all parts of the country.



Dar es Salaam's junior footballers participate in training at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's venue recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Pochettino feels unloved by Chelsea's frustrated fans

LONDON

MAURICIO Pochettino admitted he feels unloved at Chelsea after frustrated fans called for his sacking during Saturday's 2-2 draw at Brentford.

Pochettino's side led through a Nicolas Jackson header, but were pegged back by Mads Roerslev's close-range strike after half-time.

Shortly after Yoane Wissa put Brentford ahead with a spectacular overhead kick, Chelsea supporters packed into one corner of the stadium began chanting for Pochettino's dismissal and singing the name of former Blues manager Jose Mourinho.

Axel Disasi scored a late equaliser to spare Chelsea another embarrassing defeat in a troubled first season in charge for Pochettino.

But it was hardly an enjoyable afternoon for the former Tottenham and Paris Saint-Germain manager on his 52nd birthday.

Asked if he had heard the Chelsea fans' taunts, Pochettino said: "I've been told, I didn't hear to be honest, it's difficult for me to understand.

"But it's normal, we were losing the game 2-1 and they expressed their frustration. I am one of the ones responsible, I'm the coach. I was asked before if I feel the love from the fans? No."

Pochettino has failed to revitalise Chelsea after arriving in the close-season to clear up the mess left by his predecessors Graham Potter and Thomas Tuchel.

Chelsea have spent over £1 billion (\$1.2 billion) on signings since Todd Boehly's consortium bought the west London club from Roman Abramovich in 2022.

But the spree has left Chelsea with an unbalanced and underachieving squad who are languishing in 11th place in the Premier League.

The Blues, who have not won a domestic trophy since 2018, were beaten by Liverpool in last weekend's League Cup final despite facing an inexperienced line-up.

Pochettino is certain to suffer more terrace jibes amid mounting speculation that he will be axed by the end of the season. But the Argentine, yet to win a trophy in English football, is adamant he can cope with the vitriol.

"I'm not worried. We need to accept this relationship. You win your relationship through winning games," he said. "I will continue to work and try to change this perception. We need to manage some reality. We are working really hard to try to win games, the team is fighting.

"If it doesn't work and the fans are disappointed I need to respect their opinion. I think the relationship is good. If they did what they did, fans are emotional.

"I am fighting with all my sense to try to provide a team to play in the best way to score goals and win games. Today is my 52nd birthday, I know this business, but I'm going to fight."

AFP

Klopp dismisses Forest complaints over Nunez winner

LONDON

JURGEN Klopp claimed Darwin Nunez's controversial late winner against Nottingham Forest was legitimate as Liverpool moved four points clear at the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

Nunez marked his return from injury by heading home nine minutes into stoppage-time at the City Ground.

But the Uruguay forward's decisive contribution left Forest furious after referee Paul Tierney had stopped play before the build-up to the goal for an apparent head injury to Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate.

Tierney blew with Forest in possession on the edge of Liverpool's area and after Konate had quickly recovered, the official dropped the ball to Reds goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher, who then started the move that led to Nunez's goal.

"It happened exactly the same in the first half didn't it? Exactly the same, just the other way round," Klopp said. "I accepted it would happen like that because it happened in the first half. If it didn't happen in the first half, I would have asked the question as well.

"I would assume that's the rule, I don't know. But because it happened twice and got handled exactly the same, I don't really see their reasons for a discussion."

Earlier in the game, Tierney halted a Liverpool attack after Forest captain Ryan Yates was felled by Harvey Elliott's shot and play resumed with goalkeeper Matz Sels taking possession.

"I understand 100 per cent the excitement and the anger of Nottingham, of course, they fought for everything. But it happened twice the same and was consistent," Klopp said.

Nunez's winner secured Liverpool their first league victory at the City Ground in almost 40 years.

The priceless success by the banks of the River Trent piled pressure on second-placed Manchester City and third-placed Arsenal, who play on Sunday and Monday against Manchester United and Sheffield United respectively.

AFP

Liverpool strike late to beat Forest, Spurs, Villa win in top-four fight

LONDON

DARWIN Nunez headed in a 99th-minute winner as injury-hit Liverpool moved four points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 1-0 win at Nottingham Forest, while Tottenham came from behind late on to beat Crystal Palace on Saturday.

Liverpool's resources have been stretched to the limit by injuries in recent weeks as they attempt to win a quadruple in Jurgen Klopp's final season.

The Reds were again without a host of star names including Mohamed Salah, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Alisson Becker and Diogo Jota.

But there was some light at the end of the tunnel with Nunez and Dominik Szoboszlai making their returns as second-half substitutes.

The Uruguayan made the telling impact with virtually the last touch of the game, rising to flick home Alexis Mac Allister's cross and secure Liverpool's first win at the City Ground since 1984.

"In the last second the guy who looks like a former Liverpool player thought I'll score a goal and decide the game," said Klopp.

"The goal was set up by a guy who was the calmest on the whole pitch. I saw it only live but I'll never forget it. He



Liverpool's Uruguayan striker #09 Darwin Nunez celebrates his goal during the English Premier League football match between Nottingham Forest and Liverpool at The City Ground in Nottingham, central England, on March 2, 2024. (Photo - AFP)

was calm. He chips the ball there. Super assist and super-important goal."

Victory pulls Klopp's men four points clear of Manchester City, who face Manchester United on Sunday, and five ahead of Arsenal, who travel to Sheffield United on Monday.

Defeat leaves Forest still four points above the relegation zone and with the threat of a points deduction for breaches of financial rules still hanging over the club.

- **Son strikes for Spurs** -

Tottenham have made a habit of late fightbacks at home under Ange Postecoglou

and needed another to inflict Oliver Glasner's first defeat as Palace boss with a 3-1 win.

Eberechi Eze's precise free-kick gave the Eagles a shock lead on the hour.

Timo Werner's first Spurs goal set up the grandstand finish when he tapped home Brennan Johnson's low cross.

Cristian Romero then headed Tottenham in front before Son Heung-min sprinted clear to seal the three points.

"Persistence, some quality, belief," said Postecoglou. "The reaction was outstanding."

Spurs remain five points behind fourth-placed Aston Villa, who needed Lucas Digne's

late winner to beat relegation-threatened Luton 3-2.

Ollie Watkins struck twice for Villa in the first 38 minutes to take his tally for the season to 21.

Luton's prowess from set-pieces looked to have salvaged a point as goals from Tahith Chong and Carlton Morris levelled.

But substitute Digne headed in Moussa Diaby's cross at the back post in the 89th minute to take Villa ever closer to a first taste of Champions League football.

- **Pochettino under pressure** -

Chelsea fans chanted for the sacking of Mauricio Po-

chettino after a 2-2 draw at Brentford.

Nicolas Jackson's towering header powered the Blues into an early lead.

But Brentford are now five games unbeaten against their wealthy west London rivals.

Mads Roerslev levelled early in the second half before Yoane Wissa's overhead kick put the Bees in front.

A header from Axel Disasi saved a point for Chelsea but that did not save Pochettino or his superiors from the wrath of the away support.

"I am not worried. We need to accept this," said Pochettino. "You just need to build the relationship through winning games."

Newcastle kept their quest for Europe alive with their first home win for nearly three months to climb up to eighth.

The Magpies beat Wolves 3-0 to leapfrog their opponents in the table thanks to goals from Alexander Isak, Anthony Gordon and Tino Livramento.

Brighton fell further away from the fight for Europe as they were soundly beaten 3-0 at Fulham.

Everton remain in a relegation dogfight despite having a 10-point deduction reduced to six this week.

West Ham came from behind to win 3-1 at Goodison Park to move up to seventh.

AFP

Genial Luis Suárez shows why he's Inter Miami's true path to MLS glory

By Chris Smith

IF Inter Miami are to transition from glamour expansion club to true MLS Cup contenders - as the bookmakers suspect - the catalyst was evident within 10 minutes of the Florida derby against Orlando City.

It wasn't Leo Messi magic that gave the home side a rapid two-nil lead, but two instinctual, clinical finishes from his former Barcelona teammate Luis Suárez.

While Messi continues to deliver glamour and global eyeballs to Inter and MLS - his brilliance drawing puffs from rapt fans across the nation - it'll perhaps be Suárez who does most to deliver the silverware club co-owner David Beckham craves, and this expensively assembled project demands.

This game ended 5-0 - a record margin of victory in this nascent rivalry and the biggest win in club history - with Suárez notching two goals, adding two assists, and playing a key role in all five goals. The performance announced Suárez to Inter Miami fans after some early season criticism.

"I am very happy for him [Suárez], that he was able to score. We were still calm, we know what Luis is and what he is capable of doing and everyone knows it," said Messi speaking in Spanish to Apple TV. "He is like that, when you least expect it, he solves a game for you as he did today, with the goals with the assists."

Just three minutes into his second home start in MLS, Suárez swept the ball home first time from a Julian Gressel pull-back for his first goal in



Luis Suarez celebrates with Lionel Messi after scoring in Inter Miami's 5-0 win over Orlando in MLS on Saturday. Agencies

Inter Miami pink. After 10 minutes, a neat one-two with the same player resulted in a second for Suárez, who drilled the ball into the bottom corner after neat footwork to wrangle a bouncing ball.

After half an hour, Suárez unselfishly spurned the chance for a hat-trick, instead laying the ball off for Robert Taylor to roll into an empty net.

"The third goal shows who he is, where he squares the ball even though he's on a hat-trick. That shows what he is for this team," said teammate Gressel after the game.

That hat-trick goal may have followed just before the break, only for the assistant's flag to

intervene after Suarez rounded the keeper to tap home.

Indeed, those Miami fans - the majority of which were wearing Messi 10 and not Suárez 9 across their shoulders - were treated to the full Suárez experience during those explosive ini-

tervenes. There were wild and expressive remonstrations with the officials after a couple of robust challenges from a petrified Orlando backline. That dramatic battlefield limp quickly (and suspiciously) cast aside when he sprang to life to convert those early chances.

And, of course, the 37-year-old was escorted from the field by teammates at half time after an altercation involving that same assistant referee and the Orlando bench. Provided 'Bad Suárez' doesn't come too strongly to the fore, the first half typified why he may be Inter's most important signing from an on-field perspective. Because the winner's mentality has not diminished.

A terribly kept secret, Saurez was an off-season arrival from Brazilian club Gremio, where he captained the club to an historic season, scoring 24 goals and notching 17 assists. Gremio narrowly missed out on a first Serie A title since 1996, losing out to Palmeiras by just two points.

But his transformative effect was evident, just as it was at Liverpool more than a decade ago. Suárez found the net 31 times in the Premier League as Brendan Rodgers unfancied side came heartbreakingly close to ending Liverpool's already epic title drought in 2014; before his successor Jürgen Klopp's team finally did so in 2020.

At Barcelona, surrounded by similar talents, Suárez did not require quite the same talismanic feats, although Barca fans learned all about them when a spurned Suárez delivered the title for Atletico Madrid with 21 goals in 2020/2021.

However, it was the old Nou Camp trio of Suárez, Jordi Alba and Messi who combined to fashion a fourth goal for Inter early in the second half.

Suárez' one-two with a surging Alba saw Orlando defender Robin Jansson crash the ball against the bar in a desperate effort to clear the fullback's goal bound shot. Messi scrambled home the rebound. Minutes later Suárez put a left-wing cross on an unmarked Messi's head for the fifth.

Suárez, who has said Inter Miami will be his final stop before retirement, was withdrawn on 67 minutes, to a standing ovation.

While Messi's arrival undeniably predicated all that has transformed Inter Miami from MLS also rans to the league's most unmissable team, it is likely to be the last bullets in the chamber of El Pistolero's career that will be imperative if club is to complete the immediate championship transition the team was built to achieve.

"I hope the Miami fans are so happy," said Suárez, with a wink after the game.

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Benchikha elated by Simba SC's CAF CL last eight feat

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AN assured performance from Simba SC on Sunday saw them run out 6-0 victors against Jwaneng Galaxy to progress to the quarterfinals of this season's CAF Champions League.

The resounding victory by Simba SC meant last year's finalists Wydad AC's 1-0 win over ASEC Mimosas was futile, as the Tanzanians marched on courtesy of goals by Saidi Ntibazonkiza, Pape Omar Jobe, Kibu Denis, Clatous Chama, Ladack Chasambi and Fabrice Ngoma.

The quarterfinal triumph at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium confirmed a fifth CAF Champions League qualification for Simba SC, which allows them to better their run to the last eight in the previous editions.

It was also a special moment for Simba SC's head coach Abdelhak Benchikha, who took charge of the team in December last year.

He took his time to congratulate his players for rising to the occasion to produce a good performance.

The Algerian noted: "Congratulations to our fans. My players played a good game tactically, a very competitive match, good balance and we scored six goals but it is not important for us."

"What is important is how



Simba SC midfielder Clatous Chama (2nd L) races past Jwaneng Galaxy players when the clubs faced off in a 2023-24 CAF Champions League Group B tie played in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

we played. We made a good game, I am happy for my players, I am happy for Simba SC, and, Inshaallah, the future is better than today," Benchikha added.

Benchikha's counterpart at Jwaneng Galaxy, Morena Ramoreboli, rued mistakes that cost them but refused to single out his players for individual blame.

The South African tactician stated: "They scored goals from the mistakes we made. We made a lot of errors. I am disappointed that we lost, I am disappointed we did not execute the plan we wanted but there is a lesson in the

game of football."

"Yes to be honest I am very disappointed but there is nothing you can do. We had 90 minutes to correct whatever happened but we could not," the gaffer noted.

In addition to Simba SC, seven other teams in the last eight include Mainland Tanzania champions, Young Africans SC, Mamelodi Sundowns (South Africa), and TP Mazembe (DR Congo).

ASEC Mimosas (Côte d'Ivoire), Petro de Luanda (Angola), Esperance (Tunisia) and Al Ahly (Egypt) complete the list.

The draw for the last eight

will be announced by CAF this week.

The eight teams that have progressed to the knockouts as group winners will be seeded in the last-16 draw, while the eight runners-up are unseeded. Each tie will consist of one seeded team and one unseeded one.

Teams from the same country cannot be drawn against one another. In addition, teams that already met in the Group Stage cannot be paired in the round of 16.

This means there is no possibility of Simba SC and Yanga being paired together in the quarterfinal draw.



Jwaneng Galaxy FC head coach, Morena Ramoreboli. AGENCIES

Galaxy head coach denounces 'unfair treatment' following CAF CL defeat to Simba SC

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

THE latest match of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group Stage ended with Simba SC garnering an emphatic 6-0 victory over Jwaneng Galaxy at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

However, amidst the celebrations, Jwaneng Galaxy's head coach Morena Ramoreboli voiced dissatisfaction with the treatment his team received from the locals during the game.

While acknowledging the result, he expressed discontent with the reception and hospitality extended by the hosts during the game.

Tanzanian giants, Simba SC marched into the quarterfinals of this season's TotalEnergies CAF Champions League in style with a 6-0 thrashing of Jwaneng Galaxy on Saturday evening.

The Msimbazi Street side marched into the knockout stages of the continental competition for the second time in a row and will be aiming at making a stronger statement this season.

The resounding victory by Simba SC meant former champions Wydad AC's 1-0 win over ASEC Mimosas was futile.

The Tanzanian outfit marched on to the last-eight stage, courtesy of goals by Saidi Ntibazonkiza, Pa Omar Jobe, Kibu Denis, Clatous Chama, Ladack Chasambi, and Fabrice Ngoma.

The two results marked the conclusion of an exciting Group B that saw ASEC Mimosas finish top of the group with 12 points, followed by Simba SC with nine and saw the exit of Wydad AC and Galaxy.

The aftermath of a contentious match in the CAF Champions League saw Jwaneng Galaxy's head coach Ramoreboli passionately defending his team against accusations of misconduct off the pitch.

In response to inquiries regarding his team's behavior, the South African coach vehemently rebutted, emphasizing the circumstances surrounding their actions.

"What were my players supposed to do when they were attacked?" he queried.

Addressing concerns about his

players' conduct, the coach questioned the responsibility of security personnel tasked with protecting visiting teams.

"Whose responsibility is it to protect us when the same security officials were attacking us?" Ramoreboli asked.

This raised broader questions about the adequacy of security measures at sporting events, particularly those involving international teams.

Drawing attention to the severity of the situation, the coach highlighted the injuries sustained by his players during the altercation.

"Are you aware how many injuries we suffered from this?" the tactician queried.

This served as a stark reminder of the physical risks faced by athletes in high-stakes competitions.

Criticism was also levied at the lack of documentation surrounding the incident, with the coach lamenting the absence of official records.

"You didn't even record whatever that happened." This highlighted the need for transparency and accountability in reporting and recording incidents during sporting events.

In conclusion, the coach's impassioned defense shed light on the challenges faced by Jwaneng Galaxy during the match and raised important questions about security, media bias, player safety, and documentation.

"You have the guards to come and ask me, my players were doing too much off the field, what kind of question is that?" the tactician asked.

His remarks served as a reminder of the complexities inherent in competitive sports and underscored the need for thorough investigation and accountability in addressing misconduct allegations.

However, this could be interpreted as his attempt to defend the team's performance after conceding six goals against Simba SC.

It illustrates the coach's difficulty in providing a technical explanation within the confines of the game's duration, focusing instead on external factors to justify the team's performance shortcomings.

Simba SC players dedicate CAF CL win to fans

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC players have praised their team spirit and readiness as they marched into the quarterfinals of the 2023/24 CAF Champions League in style with a 6-0 thrashing of Jwaneng Galaxy at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday evening.

The Tanzania envoys march into the knockout stages of the competition for the second time in a row and will be aiming at making a stronger statement this season.

This year marks Simba SC's fourth appearance in the continental tournament quarterfinals. The squad hopes to break the scourge and advance beyond the quarterfinal stage, akin to the side's feat garnered 21 years ago in the then CAF Cup.

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As such, Abdelhak Benchikha's men have been awarded 30m/- by President Samia Suluhu Hassan's goal motivation package as she hands over 5m/- for each goal.

Clatous Chama - who was a



Simba SC's center-back, Che Malone Fondoh. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

thorn in the Botswana side's flesh - said they played for the team and fans as the huge marginal win meant nothing individually.

"We are proud of ourselves as players fans and especially for the fans having a team spirit and togetherness in making a statement win is outrageous and we keep our heads high in

desire to do more," the Zambian midfielder disclosed.

The player said: "Individual accolades or accomplishments in games like this don't matter all we needed was a win to achieve a quarterfinals spot."

Burundian midfielder Saidi Ntibazonkiza - who scored the opener and assisted Chama's goal - asserted that the team ef-

fort and results are dedicated to the fans to whom they support them during decisive moments.

"We dedicate this huge win to the fans, they deserve moments like this, we have experienced players who are decisive in games like this where you need players to step up," the footballer noted.

The player insisted: "We understood what we had been asked and we had to make sure we gave our fans something to smile about."

Cameroonian ace, Che Malone Fondoh, said having a huge win in the last Group Stage match creates fear in quarterfinal opponents that will be drawn with Simba SC and the latter will approach the first leg with fear.

The center-back opined: "It was very important to score six goals, although one goal was enough for us to qualify but six goals mean a lot more caution to be taken by opposition teams that will come to Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, as our defensive unit - coming out with a clean sheet in this game - was massive."

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Flexibles by David Chikoko

