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## Five national parks receive ISO awards

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

FIVE national parks under the auspices of the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) have received six awards and five certificates of Excellency from the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) for provision of world standard services in the tourism sector.

This was disclosed here yesterday by the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, Dr Damas Ndumbaro (pictured) at the event to present ISO certificates to the National Parks at the East African Tourism Exhibition.

The minister said since TANAPA made changes in its operation system from civil to martial system, it has been able to receive six certificates of Excellency in its five national parks.

He said the six certificates were awarded to Serengeti National Park, Mt Kilimanjaro National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, Tarangire National park, Arusha National Park while the sixth was awarded to the TANAPA management.

Meanwhile, Dr Ndumbaro hailed TANAPA for bringing fame to country in the provision of tourist services to world standards.

"In conservation, tourism and the

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## Farmers in Lindi region refuse to sell crop due to price at auction

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

SOME farmers in Lindi Region have refused to sell cashew nut through rotational district auctions, saying prices offered are too low.

A total of 1,865 tonnes and 597 kilograms of cashew nut that were earmarked for sale at the first auction by Lindi Mwambao Cooperative Union (IMCU) was not sold following farmers rejecting the low prices from the firms present at the auction.

The cashew nuts are in three warehouses - Nangurukuru in Kilwa District warehouse has 702 tonnes and 492 kilos; warehouse for the Treasury Registrar for Mtama District Council had 696 tonnes and 606 kilos, and BUCO warehouse in Lindi Municipality had 502 tonnes and 499 kilos.

Twelve firms emerged to buy the cashew nuts at the auction held at Nachunyu village, Nachunyu Ward, but the highest price was 2,275/- and the lowest was 2,010/- per kilo that were rejected by farmers as being too low, saying the prices do not consider production costs incurred.

Presentation on dissatisfaction to the Tanzania cashew Board (TCB), district authorities and CCM officials from Dar es

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# Jafo: These will be Tanzania's priorities at COP26 - Glasgow

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA will have seven items on its list of priorities during the upcoming 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), chiefly calling on the international community to adhere to standing agreements on mitigation efforts.

Selemani Jafo, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment), said here yesterday that the country's official position is that there should be global consensus on the importance of unconditionally observing the Paris Agreement.

The conference is scheduled to take place in Glasgow, the UK, from October 31 to November 12.

Jafo explained that rich countries have promised that they would work towards raising US\$100bn/- each year up to 2025 to help other countries tackle challenges associated with climate change, calling on them to keep their word.

He said the other point on which there was agreement was the need to work together to technologically enable and encourage countries affected by climate change to protect and restore ecosystems, build defences, put in place warning systems and make infrastructure and agriculture more resilient to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and lives.

"Tanzania calls on developed countries and international organisations to ensure that this is done in effort to help developing nations also contribute in climate change mitigation programmes," he added.

The minister also talked of the commitment that all countries that are party to the Paris Agreement would work together to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius and aim for 1.5 degrees Celsius, to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate and to make money available to deliver on these aims.

He said the particular commitment was

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Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga (3rd-R) makes remarks in Iringa municipality yesterday shortly after opening a regional forestry investment forum. With her (from-L): Mufindi district commissioner Saady Mtambule, Iringa district commissioner Mohamed Moyo, Kilolo district commissioner Peres Magiri and Special Seats legislator Rita Kabati. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

## Govt to form probe team on cost of Arusha Airport expansion work

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has said he will form a probe team to satisfy himself on the cost of the expansion work in progress at Arusha Airport.

He said this here at the weekend after

an inspection tour of infrastructure at the facility, including the apron, runway and vehicle parking lots.

"I have inspected the work going on, but I will send in a team to find out whether the costs you have told me are involved are commensurate with the actual work done," he noted.

The minister called on workers at the airport to appreciate the importance of the services they render to tourists and other people making use of the facility "in order to attract more people and, thus, realise an increase in much-needed revenues".

He said the airport comes third in

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Swiss tourists pictured at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport yesterday alighting from an Edelweiss Airline aircraft on its maiden to the "clove island". Photo: Rahma Suleiman

### APOLOGY & CLARIFICATION

## President Samia's address in Dodoma

The front page lead story in yesterday's issue of The Guardian carried the headline: 'Samia to PPR: Stick to single source for SGR'. Further, it had sections suggesting that the nine-month programme the President was launching was financed through World Bank and International Monetary Fund credit facilities - and largely by the World Bank. The fact, however, is that President Samia Suluhu Hassan did not make any reference to SGR. The story itself does not make any mention of, or reference to, SGR. This is a rare slip-up we sincerely regret, while apologising to the President and all those others affected by any inconvenience this rare oversight on our part will have caused.

- Editor





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important "because every fraction of a degree of warming results in the tragedy of seeing many lives lost and livelihoods damaged".

Alluding further to the Paris Agreement, Jafo said all countries had agreed to communicate or update their nationally determined contributions in carbon emissions reduction targets every five years to reflect their highest possible ambitions and a progression over time.

He said the targets set out "how far countries planned to reduce emissions across their entire economy and/or in specific sectors", admitting that targets were important but it was crucial that they "translate into action, fast".

Commenting on the link between gender and climate change, the minister said that women commonly face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change in situations of poverty, the majority of the world's poor being women.

"In this context, Tanzania advocates the implementation of a five-year plan meant to advance knowledge and understanding of gender-responsive climate action and its coherent mainstreaming," he

said.

The minister explained that the government is working hard to help reduce the effects of climate change in the country, and has allocated 362bn/- in financial year 2021/2022 towards the goal.

Other efforts, he said, include the implementation of various projects such as construction of reinforced concrete walls in Dar es Salaam to stop erosion along Indian Ocean beaches as well as at Pangani in Tanga Region and Panza in Zanzibar. He added that Tanzania's participation in COP26 is expected to earn the country a range of benefits, among them financial resources and expertise that will help in the implementation of various development projects.

The Paris Agreement, often referred to as the Paris Accords or the Paris Climate Accords, is a legally binding international treaty on climate change.

It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP21 in Paris on December 12, 2015 and entered into force on November 4, 2016.

Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels. Accordingly, it covers climate change mitigation, adaptation and finance.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has a word with China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian, shortly after the envoy had presented her credentials at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: State House

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running of these two services, TANAPA is among the best in the world, hence I congratulate the board of Trustees, its management under Dr Allan Kijazi, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary and tourist services providers as all contributed in the achievements," said Dr Ndumbaro.

For his part, PS Dr Allan Kijazi, who also doubles as Director of National Conservation Authority said in all institutions under the Natural Resources and Tourism ministry, only TANAPA has been the first as example in providing services at world standards.

"I congratulate TANAPA for the efforts that have borne fruits to the

Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the nation in general since it was not an easy job, said Dr Kijazi.

He further said the process from the civil to the martial system begun in 2017 and there were people who derided the move thinking it was a mere waste of time.

He said as for now the system has brought in achievements to the country especially in regard to tourism business as one needs to abide by international standards.

"I must also thank officials who led the transformation process which has realised our dreams set four years ago, and I would also want to stress that TANAPA has two responsibilities namely in conservation and tourism.

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Salaam who attended the auction, the farmers said due to high production costs they were not ready to sell their crop at the given prices.

Speaking on behalf of fellow farmers, Maimuna Yusufu, Halidi Selemani, Juma Dadi and Rehema Hemedi said they faced numerous cultivation challenges including production costs in weeding the farms, availability of inputs, spraying, picking and transport to the primary cooperative societies (AMCOS).

They said due to challenges

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in cashew nut growing and the low price offered by buyers, they said they were being discouraged to involve themselves in cashew nuts farming.

"A litre of spray chemical is sold at 50,000/- and that excludes other costs in the spraying work, payment to cashew nuts pickers and transport from farms," they said.

They further said selling the crop at 2,275/- per kilo is to continue working for nothing,

taking into consideration that the amount faces a host deductions including AMCOS levies, warehouse charges, education fund, TARI and others.

In the circumstances, Lindi District Commissioner, who was representing Regional Commissioner Zainab Telak told the farmers that they respect their decision, adding that the auction will be set for another date, and in case the situation will not change, they will know what step to take to

## Incorporate entrepreneurship subject in secondary schools curriculum, government told

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE government has been urged to incorporate entrepreneurship subject in secondary school curriculum so as to boost students' knowledge and skills to produce more competent entrepreneurs and thus fight employment crisis.

This was said by a section of students from various schools in Dar es Salaam during the meeting organised to announce the "Uwezo Awards Project".

Brian Deuseddit, a form six student from Benjamin William Mkapa High School said if entrepreneurship will be taught as a subject in secondary schools it will greatly help to inject important skills to the group and thus produce more innovative entrepreneurs in the country.

She said the move will also motivate many youth interested in business and entrepreneurship issues to join schools as they will be sure that this is where they will get a chance to pursue their dreams by doing things which they like.

He further noted that there are many youth out there who have different entrepreneurship skills but don't want to join formal education because they feel they will not be able to exploit their full potential since the subject is all theory and not practical where they get to actually work on their ideas.

"Today we are here because we were able to get a chance to be among the contestants for the Uwezo Awards project which will take place on October 30," he said.

He added: "In this project we have got an opportunity to showcase our project titled "Their hope is our responsibilities" which is aimed to help people with disabilities to communicate within the community."

Lorain Mwakenya, also from Benjamin William Mkapa High School added that entrepreneurship focused programmes teaches students crucial life skills that will help them navigate this uncertain future and these skills include problem-solving, teamwork, empathy, as well as learning to accept failure as a part of the growth process.

Irene Peter, a form six student from Airwing High School said that the subject should be included because entrepreneurship skills gives people self-confidence, teaches how to be resilient, how to sell, creativity and goal setting.

Another student from Tambaza High School Anwar Mohamed who is also an uwezo Award contestant added that transversal skills such as creativity, spirit of initiative and entrepreneurship will help those who go through entrepreneurial education programmes to develop their talents.

Founder of Great Hope Foundation Noelle Mahuvi said that the Uwezo Award project has been created with the goal of empowering secondary school students with entrepreneurship skills.

She noted that, this year the Uwezo award project finale will be held at DUCE on October 30, with 46 contestants from various schools.



Public Service Social Security Fund director general Hosea Kashimba (L) on as a member of the fund (seated) is attended to during the commemoration of the just-ended Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania has vaccinated 850,000 against Covid-19 - Prof Makubi

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Permanent Secretary, Prof Abel Makubi, has said more than 850,000 people have been vaccinated countrywide against COVID-19 by October 9 this year.

Prof Makubi made the disclosure on Sunday as he was mobilizing followers of the Catholic Church, Dodoma Diocese as part of the implementation of the campaign for Covid-19 vaccination coordinated

by the Ministry of Health and the Office of the President (Regional Administration and Local Government).

He said through the campaign, many people have been educated and made to understand on the importance of vaccination and removed earlier misconceptions that had instilled fear on people over vaccination.

Addressing Church followers, Prof Makubi said Jensen and Sinopharm vaccines brought into the country have been verified by local medical experts as well as the world

Health Organisation, and told the churchgoers to ignore claims being spread on the side effects of the vaccines.

"We believe come Wednesday next week, the one million doses of Jensen vaccine will be finished, but the government has already brought in Sinopharm vaccines from China that have already been distributed to vaccination centres, hence I appeal to all Tanzanians to get the jabs to protect themselves against the disease," he said.

He further said the response from the people following the

mobilisation campaign has been huge, and added that after it was launched by president Samia Suluhu Hassan the number of people who receive the jabs was 28,000 countrywide, but after the campaign, the number increased to 850,000, and added that now more than 50,000 people receive the jabs every day.

Prof Makubi said the launching of the mobilisation campaign aimed to mobilise the community to receive the jabs in various areas including churches, mosques and other groups of sportsmen, and others.

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Tanzania after Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport and Mwanza Airport in terms of revenue generation and the second after JNIA with regard to the frequency and number of flights as well as the number of passenger arrivals and departures, adding: "This is precisely why the government is looking at it very closely"

According to the airport's manager, Reston Mtafya, all workers at the facility are "well set with respect to ethical conduct, discipline and innovativeness in fulfilling their duties, with a view to ensuring this result in enhanced productivity and income generation as well as customer satisfaction."

Prof Mbarawa also inspected a

workshop in Arusha run by the Tanzania Electrical, Mechanical and Electronics Services Agency (TEMESA), calling on the management team to submit to him monthly reports on the volume of work done.

He also demanded that the management make it common procedure to ensure that complaints from customers with regard to the services rendered are dealt with promptly, conclusively and to satisfaction.

"You must submit to me monthly reports showing the amount of money collected and the volume of the services rendered in order for us (ministry) to judge your performance. Anyone failing to perform as required should give way to others," he added.

## President Mwinyi underlines importance of solidarity among Eastern African countries

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has reinforced the importance of solidarity, among Eastern African countries, if they are serious in their plans to revive the badly hit industries, tourism.

Mwinyi made the remark as he officially closed the first East African Regional tourism exposition held at the TGT grounds in Arusha, attracting nearly 500 exhibitors despite being organised at short notice.

The Isle President was on view that peace and tranquility were the major components for successful tourism business, which the region is endowed with.

The East African countries, on the other hand envisage to fully resurrecting their joint travel and

tourism industry by the year 2024.

During that time, Tanzania with its five EAC siblings of Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and South-Sudan hopes to handle 7 million international tourists' arrivals in their precinct.

"It is our anticipation that we will have recovered by 2024 and hit the target of 7 million tourists by implementing the interventions proposed by the East African Community Tourism Recovery Plan as well as the Regional Tourism Marketing Strategy," the EAC Secretary General, Peter Mathuki stated.

Following the outbreak of the corona virus in 2019, the East African region saw a drastic drop of foreign visitors from 6.7 million tourists down to around 2.5 million.





Puma Energy's head of Africa, Fadi Mitri (2nd-R) and Puma Energy Tanzania managing director Dominic Dhanah (2nd-L) unveil plaque in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch three lubricants for use in vehicles and industrial machines. Others are Puma lubricants manager Prosper Kasenegala (L) and Puma Upanga Filling Station pump attendant Khamis Khamis. Photo: John Badi

# TPSF, government to establish creative sector skills council

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) in collaboration with the government is working to establish creative Sector Skills Council to address the challenge facing design, fashion and cosmetology subsectors.

TPSF Skill's Council coordinator Jane Gonsalves disclosed that in the sensitization workshop held recently in Dar es Salaam that brought together players in the subsector to discuss challenges and chart a way forward.

She said players in the 'unforgotten' sector will soon be in with a chance to access opportunities in African continental free trade area (AfCFTA), if the proposed Skill Council Sector (SSC) for the Creative industry starts.

She said skills gaps or skills mismatch and unsatisfactory skills composition is a big challenge facing players in the subsector.

Gonsalves said that low levels or lack of soft or behavioral skills negatively affects labour productivity thus affects the subsector. "SSC will play a role of equipping players in the subsector with appropriate skills to strongly compete in AfCFTA," she said

Nicholas Mbwani, the Labour Market Analyst, Interfin Consultants Ltd, said the sector could contribute more to the economy, if policies and strategies, addressing cross-cutting issues - such as skills development agenda - are harmonized and appropriately addressed.

He said the World Bank estimates that around 900,000 young people enter the job market annually, competing for only about 50,000/60,000 formal sector jobs created each year

The analyst said that the figures

implies over 800,000 youth enter the informal economy or the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) sector,

In his presentation, dubbed "National Skills Development Strategy & formation of governance structures-NSDC & SSCs said that "Low education levels" present particular challenges to modernization - including inability to adapt to changes and/or usage of technology, and lack of flexibility."

Others were "no inter-ministerial action and institutional mechanism to promote creative employment for young people".

Thus, having a holistic and coordinated approach of empowering the youth with appropriate skills, knowledge and attitudes will promote new creative jobs, creative businesses and creative economy.

He said among other key factors Skills, knowledge and attitudes are catalysts in driving the economic growth and social development of any country.

Tanzania Cosmetology Association assistant manager Nancy Elihaki said the council will be an important tool to address challenges facing the subsector.

"We are making packaging at high cost due to some unfriendly regulations, as a result they opted to import directly from the manufacturers," she said.



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By Guardian Reporter

# TCU opens last round of varsity application

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened the final round of application for university studies calling on applicants to use the five days opportunity to submit their applications.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TCU executive secretary Prof Charles Kihampa said the commission has opened the final window that will run from October 11 to 15, this year so as to allow more Tanzanians and non-Tanzanian applications to get the opportunity of being enrolled into university.

Kihampa said enrollment in the last three phases that were opened for this academic year

has gone well. "The commission has received requests from various stakeholders requesting for extension of the admission period to give those who could not be admitted or applied for admission to do so," he said, calling on universities that still have opportunities to open them and allow those in need to apply, insisting that this is the fourth and the last window.

"On October 19 and 20,

universities will be required to submit a list of candidates who have been enrolled in their institutions and on October 24, the universities will announce names of the enrolled candidates and those confirmed registration," he said. Prof Kihampa wanted universities to provide closer support to the applicants and support them whenever they seek help.

The Tanzania Commission for Universities is a body established

on the 1st July 2005, under the Universities Act 2005 with mandate to recognize, approve, register and accredit universities operating in Tanzania, and local or foreign university level programmes being offered by registered higher education institutions. It also coordinates the proper functioning of all university institutions in Tanzania so as to foster a harmonized higher education system in the country.

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# Government urged to strengthen social service workforce for child protection

By Getrude Mbago

CHILDREN and youth are calling on the government to think on hiring social workers in schools so as to help address various challenges facing students including provision of psychosocial support.

They made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at the children's forum organised by the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI). The forum was conducted ahead of the "6th Psychosocial Support Forum" scheduled from today (October 13 to 15). "Stationing social workers in primary and secondary schools in the country will greatly help children to get friendly and immediate support whenever they face a challenge, this will further improve learning and performance in classes," said Ibrahim Kalimbaga, community adolescent treatment supporter.

He said social workers have enough knowledge and skills to easily identify children with psychological challenges, something that will make it easier for them to serve them.

Elizabeth Senkoro, a youth representative from Under The Same Sun said a number of children fail to achieve their dreams due to lack of close support whenever they face challenges.

"If children can be closely monitored to identify their challenges and listen to them, it will greatly help them to be comfortable and thus achieve their dreams. Most of them fear to speak out as they do not have people to speak to," she said.

She also urged the government to improve teaching and learning infrastructures so as to ensure that people with disabilities also access education smoothly.

REPSSI country director Edwick Mapapala also hinted on the note saying that having social workers in schools was important however it may be a process in hiring them.

"The government has laws and regulations that govern several plans, so we think that if the

government could put this in its plans will be very helpful, we know that there are teachers who have knowledge to care of the children but they also have other works to do such as teaching, so we need social workers who will be there to monitor and provide help to the children in needs," she said.

Mapapala said in some countries private schools have hired social workers so as to provide closer support to children including psycho-social support.

She noted violence against children remains one of the most serious human rights violations in the country which calls for determined efforts to curb it.

She urged parents to protect their children which include monitoring their steps and being friendly and closer to them.

"Parents and guardians should remember that they have a very big role to ensure that children remain safe, but some of them are not fulfilling their obligations well thus leaving their children in the hands of strangers," she noted.

Karesma Mushi, programs officer at REPSSI Tanzania said the forum brought together Tanzanian children from various parts and joined others from 12 countries to discuss and air their views on what areas they want the main conference should address.

She said that the today's main forum will discuss new measures that will help promote mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of children and youth in Africa.

Themed "Innovate. Integrate. Thrive" will be blended by a main physical forum in Maputo, Mozambique, with satellite forums in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe and virtual for partners from around the globe.

She said the forum will create dialogue that will lead to the development of innovations and integration in programmes that promote mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

# Government bans use of plastic drinking straws

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister of State in the Vice president's Office (Union Affairs and Environment), Selemani Jafo has banned the use of plastic drinking straws and soft plastic covers on caps for soft drinks and mineral water bottles.

The ban will take effect after six months from today, October 11.

Jafo issued the banning order in Dar es Salaam at the weekend as he was addressing reporters at the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) offices.

He said these plastic items are hazardous to the environment because it has been proved that they are unrecyclable and are widespread thereby endangering human lives and other living things including birds, animals and plants.

"In the circumstances, we have taken stern measures and given six months beginning October 11 this month after which we do not expect to see them being manufactured, and instruct soft drinks manufacturers not to fix the soft plastic on bottles," Jafo said and added that imports thereof will also not be allowed.

He said his ministry's responsibility is to protect the environment and NEMC is the one given the mandate to oversee environment protection through various government guidelines being given including the 2019 ban of plastic bags, the implementation of which was very successful.

"The plastic straws are unrecyclable and those picking

them from trash bins are now not picking them resulting in their piling up in the streets.

"Some countries have already banned their manufacture but they are exporting them to us when they do not use them themselves, hence we have decided to ban them as well," added Jafo.

He said all items manufactured before coming of the banning order and of which expiry dates have not passed, will remain in the market until the dates of their expiry.

"Our directives are very clear, items that have already been manufactured will remain in the market, but after six months - NO," he stressed.

He said some people have begun grabbing the opportunity from the banning order by manufacturing drinking straws that can be recycled as an alternative to plastic.



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presents an award to Christina Manyenye, KCB Bank Tanzania's head of marketing & corporate affairs, after the bank emerged winner among institutions working with the National Economic Empowerment Council in boosting inclusive empowerment in the country through KCB's Zjajiri programme. The event was held in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# WWF hands over patrol boat to Kibiti District Council

By Getrude Mbago

THE World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) yesterday handed over a special boat to Kibiti District Council in Coast Region so as to support community efforts in marine ecosystem management.

Worth over 150m/-, the vehicle named as "Msafiri Boat" will strengthen patrol activities and thus help protect marine resources in the district.

Speaking during the handing over event held in Dar es Salaam yesterday WWF country director Dr Amani Ngusaru said "We hope that this boat will bring positive impacts to the community of Kibiti district

and we call on authorities to utilize it well, but also protect it to serve others in the future."

He commended the government and other stakeholders for working tirelessly to control blast fishing which was high some few years ago affecting the country's marine resources. "We purchased this boat to fight blast fishing, but due to strong measures taken collaboratively by the government and stakeholders to address the challenge, today the situation is good so the boat will help strengthen patrol and protection of marine resources," he said.

Dr Ngusaru also urged Kibiti District authorities to invest more in environment conservation and

marine resources protections programmes as well as promote the available habitats which would also attract more tourists.

Mathayo Werema, zonal officer in-charge of fisheries resource protection -Dar es Salaam and Coast regions commended WWF for its continued support to the government and people of Tanzania.

He said the boat will greatly help patrol operations along the coast in Kibiti.

"The government has continued to strengthen cooperation with stakeholders including WWF so as to jointly help conserve nature for sustainable development," he said. Kibiti District executive

director (DED) Mohamed Mavura appreciated WWF and other supporting partners and assured them that they are going to supervise and ensure that the boat brings out the intended outcomes.

"We appreciate the timely support, the new boat will help the district in patrol activities to ensure that marine resources are protected, but also the community benefits from the resources," he said.

He said the district authorities have been working closely with the community, educating people the importance of conserving the environment, but also protecting marine resources for their development.



Dar es Salaam University College of Education representative Dr Eugenia Kafanabo presents a certificates to outgoing Form Four students of the city's Saint Mary's Secondary School during graduation ceremony held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

# Iringa launches programme to fight teenage pregnancies

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

AUTHORITIES in Iringa Region have embarked on a programme aimed at fighting teenage pregnancies as well as violence against children and women.

Social welfare officer from Iringa regional commissioner office, Josephine Mwaipopo said that in collaboration with stakeholders they have started providing reproductive health training, life skills and gender violence issues to young people in and out of schools.

This, according to her, the training will help reduce or eradicate various challenges facing young people such as teenage pregnancies.

Mwaipopo said this recently while closing the reproductive health and life skills training for 66 young people from 17 schools in five councils of Iringa region, who will later help pass the education on

to their peers in schools and in the community.

The training was organized by SOS Children's Villages Tanzania in collaboration with the government through the children with children (CwC) project being implemented in the Iringa region.

Mwaipopo commended SOS for helping to combat incidents of violence as well as helping to educate the 66 children from Iringa MC, Iringa DC, Mafinga TC, Mufindi DC and Kilolo DC councils

She explained that the Iringa region is facing challenges of various incidents of violence thus inviting other stakeholders to help fight issues of violence against children as well as women.

She also said that as a regional government, they have various anti-violence strategies in collaboration with stakeholders to allocate budgets at council level to reach

children with children through the CwC project funded by SOS in collaboration with the government.

Fred Tuluka, a national trainer for adolescent reproductive health issues from Dodoma, said that they have provided peer education training to young people to build their capacity in issues of reproductive and sexual health, life skills, violence as well as give them peer education techniques

He said that they were using a national curriculum developed by the health ministry which is used across the country to educate young people about reproductive health education and life skills.

Tuluka said that the young people who received the training will be a catalyst for their peers as they have time to connect with their peers and stakeholders.

"We have prepared this army (youth) to meet another larger army

in the society that has not been directly exposed to our training and ultimately reduce the challenges that young people face such as teenage pregnancy, HIV infection, sexual infectious diseases but also low consumption of youth health care," Tuluka said.

Jonimika Mgalumi is a SOS project assistant officer from Kilolo District, on behalf of the project coordinator Victor Mwaipungu, said that SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is implementing a project known as children with children (CwC) aged 12-19 with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, in five councils of Iringa region.

He said the project focuses on two things that are to prevent and respond, where in terms of prevention educate various young girls and boys who are in adolescence period to prevent teenage pregnancies for young girls.





Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi (R) pictured yesterday presenting to Tabora regional commissioner Dr Batilda Burian a Cabinet directive implementation report on land-related disputes involving 975 villages. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

## Govt hails CCBRT, police hospital for conducting free eye screening in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has commended CCBRT and the police force hospital for cooperating in providing free eye screening services to Dar es Salaam city dwellers ahead of the World Sight Day marked every October 14.

Speaking yesterday at the function to celebrate the day, at police hospital, Temeke District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo acknowledged the significant contribution of CCBRT in diagnosing and advising on various eye diseases, urging the two institutions to have a sustainable partnership for the benefit of the entire Tanzanian community.

"I commend these two hospitals for coming up with this cooperation that helps Tanzanians, particularly Temeke residents. This is a very important issue and I would say you have implemented in practice the instructions given by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan," she applauded.

Mwegelo cautioned other institutions in his district to look into the possibility of joining forces with various stakeholders to expand the scope of service delivery to people in the locality and other parts of the country where the need for such

services is high. "I am pleased with this year's theme: 'Love Your Eyes', go and get tested now, everyone is responsible as it aims to show us as a society the need to recognise the importance of health and quality of eyes," she directed.

The DC said CCBRT has made a significant contribution to the implementation of the National Eye Health Strategic Plan 2018-2020, which aims to have a healthy eye community that will also enable the development of individuals and the nation as a whole.

"I am well aware that CCBRT in addition to being a special hospital for eyes also treats other diseases," she said, while encouraging them to come forward in large numbers to test eye health.

CCBRT Hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Msangi said her institution and that of police have a joint venture to work together to provide eye care to Tanzanians and that in just one year more than 300 patients have received eye health care.

"As you know CCBRT is a major eye health provider in the country, every year our hospital sees about 64,000 eye patients," she mentioned, calling on the citizens especially residents of Temeke and surrounding areas

to seize the opportunity provided in collaboration between the two hospitals so that together they can prevent or reduce preventable blindness in the country.

According to the CEO, CCBRT and police hospital management agreed to start the celebrations early by conducting a three-day eye care exercise for the people of Temeke District and surrounding areas as the official day will be celebrated on 14 October 2021.

Msangi said apart from the partnership with police hospital, CCBRT is working with various other institutions in the country including the government and a good example is the partnership between our government and CCBRT hospital in a project to build the capacity of reproductive health workers in 23 centres and hospitals in Dar es Salaam region.

"The project started in 2010 and has been implemented with great success including training of hundreds of staff, improving reproductive health infrastructure, strengthening referral systems as well as maintaining data and various reproductive health records in hospitals and health facilities," she explained.

Assistant Commissioner of Police

## Centre implementing strategy to arm grape farmers for efficiency

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) has started to implement a special strategy to empower the grape farmers in Dodoma region with modern agro technology.

The development surfaces following decision by the government to include grapes among strategic crops.

The director of TARI- Makutupora Centre, Dr. Cornel Masawe, yesterday told The Guardian in an interview that poor adoption of recommended agronomic practices was the chief factor impeding the farmers from realizing bumper harvest.

The Makutupora centre has been designated to undertake grape research as well as assisting the farmers to come aware and adopt best agronomic practices in cultivating the prestigious economic cash crop.

He observed that growing grapes was very sensitive hence involving farmers are required to receive enough knowledge and techniques in order to harvest bumper.

"Growing grapes requires systematic and professional treatment throughout all stages till harvesting," Dr. Masawe said, added.

At the farm, grapes are required to be planted in special trenches, whereby each hectare comprises 20 trenches, under a special dimension of 2.5 meters from one trench to another. And each trench consumes 1 lorry (5tons) of fertilizer," he detailed.

He expressed that the recently established centre for Agricultural Technology Hub (ATH) in Dodoma region was a major boost to grape farmers, saying the hub will play vital role to impart the growers with beat knowledge.

Among the technologies to be disseminated at the equipped hub, he said, include improved

seed technologies, best agronomic practices, post harvest management, social economy and farming system as well as integrated pest management.

Moreover, he added that at the hub, the farmers will also be equipped on how to mitigate common grapes diseases, mostly fungus, powdery mildew and downy mildew.

Dr. Masawe informed that the state-owned seed research institute has so far introduced at least 25 varieties for dry, table and wine grapes, being in a bid to propel for mass cultivation of the strategic crop.

"We're currently working to produce more seedlings and made them available to the farmers," he said, added that the program has already produced at least 100,000 seedlings.

In more efforts to step up production of the grapes and wine sector in Tanzania, Dr. Masawe said the center is also finalizing process to introduce into the country at least 13 new wine grape varieties from South Africa. The seed varieties to be imported from South Africa, which is a mixture of red and white grafted scions, as well as root stocks are Pinotage, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Durif and Carignan, Chardonnay, Chenin Black, Semillon, Ramsey, R99, R110 and SO4.

Tanzania is placed second after South Africa for brewing best wines within the continent, but there are only two wine grape varieties grown in the country, Makutupora Red and Chenin White, a situation which limits production of wider varieties of wines.

Research proved that Tanzania has potential weather to produce grapes with high sugar contents, which is useful in processing wines of high alcoholic percent (from 12 to 14 percent), more than the rest counties in the world where the crop is grown.

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# S. Sudan debuts at Maiden East Africa Tourism Expo in Arusha

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Arusha

SOUTH Sudan, the world's youngest country, has participated at the maiden East African Regional Travel and Tourism Exposition in Arusha, being the first time to partake in such regional events.

Speaking at the exposition, the South Sudan's Minister for Wildlife Conservation and Tourism, Lt. Gen. Rizik Zacharia Hassan, said the world's youngest country was now open for travel business.

"We also have abundant tourist attractions ranging from cultural tourism to unique geographical features," stated Minister Rizik Hassan, at the Expo taking place on the TGT grounds of Arusha.

The Tanzania's Minister for the Natural Resources and Tourism, Hon. Damas Ndumbaru, disclosed that the expo had attracted 400 exhibitors with 15 African countries sending high level representatives.

Ndumbaru further revealed that Tanzania would be hosting the UN World Tourism organised meeting of African Ministers of Tourism in Arusha in January 2022.

On his part, Kenya's Chief Administrative Secretary, Joseph Boinnet, observed that the region's wildlife resources were facing increasing demands for farmland by communities neighbouring wildlife sanctuaries.

The Chief Administrative Secretary said EAC should therefore invest in areas that will ensure wildlife resources are managed

sustainably vis-à-vis competing factors such as climate change and competing land use patterns.

Boinnet underscored the importance of resilience in the tourism sector for purposes of keeping the sector buoyant enough to withstand all manner of shocks and challenges in a post-COVID-19 era.

Other top delegates attending the event were Tourism Ministers Hon. Philda Nani Kereng (Botswana), Memunata B. Pratt (Sierra Leone) and Moses Vilakati (Eswatini).

Others were the East African Legislative Assembly Speaker, Ngoga Martin, the Judge President of the East African Court of Justice, Justice Nestor Kayobera, Tanzania's Permanent Secretary for Natural Resources and Tourism Dr. Allan Kijazi, and the Arusha Regional Commissioner, John V. Mongella, The Executive Chairman of the African Tourism Board, Cuthbert Ncube.

Also present were EALA Members of Parliament and Members of the Diplomatic Community led by Kenya's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Dan Kazungu.



**We also have abundant tourist attractions ranging from cultural tourism to unique geographical features**



DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndaluhwa (C) and board member Dr Amina Abdul (2nd-R) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 4.2m/- to the bank's Magomeni and Victoria branches - both based in the city - for outstanding services this year. It was a pleasant Customer Service Week "surprise". With them (from-L) are Victoria branch manager Aziza Kizigha, DCB head of marketing and communications Rahma Ngassa and Magomeni branch manager Al-amin Lwano. Photo: Guardian Correspondent - EDITED

By Guardian Correspondent, Songwe

LIVESTOCK and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki has prohibited fisheries officers from charging export levy on dried sardines from Songwe and Mbeya regions, saying it was contrary to the laid down procedures.

The minister issued the directives at the weekend when speaking to dry sardines traders at Tunduma border post in Momba District during his two-day visit.

The directives followed complaints from the traders that they are subjected to the levy as if they were foreign based traders.

Ndaki said traders supposed to pay export levy of fish products are

## Tanzanian sardine traders aren't subject to export levy - minister

those from outside the country. "It is not true that all traders buying the sardines from Mwanza and Kigoma hail from Songwe and Mbeya regions sell it outside the country - those in the Southern Africa, these are Tanzanians buying the fish transporting to within the country - Songwe or Mbeya regions, hence I do not want to hear that anymore," he said.

Earlier, Momba Member of Parliament Condester Sihalwe said

traders of dry sardines are charged export levy, and added that it has been an inconvenience for them for a long time and ruined their businesses.

He said the traders were being mixed up with those from outside the country, contrary to the laid down procedures.

For their part, some of the traders told the Minister that the issue has been around for a long time and made their businesses unprofitable.

Dankeni Mwangata, dry sardines trader said often there are many charges along the way as well as the requirements of various permits, that all end in Mbeya Region, thereby making difficult for them to take the goods to Tunduma.

Another trader, Mevis Some said Tunduma based traders are treated as if they were not Tanzanians, but foreigners, hence subjected to levies even though they sell their goods at Tunduma, within Tanzania.

## EU underlines need for enhancing public awareness on human dignity, right to life

By Correspondent Rose Ngunangwa

THE European Union ambassador to Tanzania Manfredo Fantini has suggested the need to increase public awareness on human dignity and the right to life adding that it was his hope that in the future Tanzania will adopt the resolution to abolish the death penalty.

The envoy made the suggestions in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at stakeholders' dialogue on the significance of adopting a moratorium on the use of death penalty and on the prospects of its abolition in Tanzania and East Africa.

"We need an inclusive approach for public views on the death penalty. One cannot impose decisions from up to come down," he said.

In an immediate rejoinder, retired Justice Robert Makaramba called upon the need to abolish

the death penalty saying the law was an invasion of the colonial administration, saying it has been 90 years old ever since it was adopted saying time has now come to make it a policy.

"Half a century is long enough to be a policy, a long practice, makes it a law," said the retired justice.

For his part, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Amon Mpanju also said the death penalty is posed to enable the public to deter from the crime saying however as a government, they need to see how to protect the right to life and reform the criminal for them to be part of the community.

"We need to ensure whatever step we take is inclusive allowing dialogue for the community to become part of it. We need to get public consent on whether we should abolish the death penalty or not for us to act as

we don't want to create a society of vengeance," said Mpanju.

He said the government cannot decide it on its own adding "we need to get views from the society and we need to engage them, research and know their position and know what measures to take whether awareness creation or any other measure."

Organized by the European Union in Tanzania, the one day dialogue comes ahead of the World Death Penalty Day commemorated each year on October 10 and brings together retired judges, human rights experts, representatives from the CSOs, members of the diplomatic corps as well as members of the press. Tanzania still maintains the death penalty in its country books and the last time someone was hanged was in 1994.

In Tanzania the death penalty is applied in murder and treason.

## African countries must embrace telemedicine in war against Covid-19 pandemic, experts say

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PANELIST of Health experts has said that African countries must embrace telemedicine at this juncture as countries continue fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The experts echoed that at a virtual event entitled, "The Future of Health: Innovation on the Home front" aimed to showcase the possibilities of collaboration, attracting new, unlikely allies and to create a space for a vibrant community to spark new ideas and engage in provocative conversations.

Co-founder and Director of Rocket Health Africa, Dr John Bwanika, said that the pandemic has further exposed the need to have African health innovators front and center of building health systems based on their local contexts.

She said telemedicine will to a

great extent reduce and avoid risk of infection through contact.

Apart from that, countries must build the internal capacity of their health systems to reduce dependency on foreign support.

"One of the big lessons shared is the need to embrace digital health (telemedicine) to reduce possibilities of infections. Also to reduce time wastage to hospital and back home," he said.

The founder noted another challenge was shortage of equipment and medicines," he said. "As innovations such as telemedicine, community-based systems, and others emerge across the continent, it is crucial that we redefine what is essential and define what the future of healthcare in Africa looks like," he added.

Furthermore, Dr Bwanika said that African countries must build

their internal capacity to overcome pandemics.

He said the experience had shown that during the first wave, there was shortage of protective gears such as face masks and hospital beds

For her part, the Deputy Director of Research, Aswani Heart Centre Yasmine Aquib said it was time to design the research to serve the needy. She said African countries must develop a way of testing and accessibility of kits packages.

"The pandemic has totally changed people's lifestyles. Therefore, it was a time for innovators and researchers to come up with new approaches that can fully embrace technology," she said.

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UBA Tanzania chief operations officer Flavia Kiyanga (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday attending to Mohsin Somji, one of the bank's long-serving customers, in keeping with the spirit of Customers' Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Pursue science subjects to fill the gap of specialists, secondary students told

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SECONDARY school students have been challenged to pursue science subjects so as to fill the gap of specialists in health and Information Communication Technology (ICT) sectors.

Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE), Dean of School of Education Dr. Eugenia Kafanabo made the call over the weekend, when speaking during the St Mary's 20th graduation ceremony in Mbezi on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

She said Tanzania have succeeded a lot in different sector, but still there are a lot of challenges in health sector professionals and information technology adding that it is high time for the secondary school graduates to take chance in order to minimize the problem.

"We have many challenges which need specialists to solve them so I advise you to join science subject in your higher learning studies because that is best the way you can help your nation to have good number of scientist to serve in different sector of priorities," she said

Either, she said apart from the enormous contribution they can

offer to their nation, science subject will help them in solving their family matters because majority of Tanzanians came from rural areas where parents get a lot of challenges to send their children to school.

"Our Parents and guardians sometimes used to sell their properties or take high interest loans from financial institutions so that they can be able to send us to school so it is our responsibility to pay back and the best way to pay back is to study hard and do better in higher learning," she said.

She also advised schools in the country to make sure they teach ethics to their students and concentrate in academic matters so that they do better in their final examinations and eventually help the nation to have different experts in various professions.

She said St Mary's since its establishment more than 20 years ago has been the good example for preparing the students to have good behavior and she advised other schools in the country to learn from it when it comes to ethics and academic matters.

"St Mary's is among oldest and best school in Tanzania which

have competent teachers. This is your 20th graduation ceremony so this experience gives you a better chance to continue doing better and better and there is an English saying that Experience is the best teacher," she said

The school Head Teacher, Rea Ntipoo congratulated parents and guardians for recognizing the better education offered by the school and continue to trust them by sending more students.

"You have chosen the right path because apart from doing better academically we teach our students fear of god. Ethics is our priorities so we assure you that your children are in good hand," he said

He said the school has been shining academically each year and the vivid example is the good number of their students who have been selected to join different universities after their secondary education.

*"You have chosen the right path because apart from doing better academically we teach our students fear of god. Ethics is our priorities so we assure you that your children are in good hand"*

## Apply more innovation in making sure customers get quality services, corporate enterprises challenged

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

CORPORATE enterprises have been urged to be innovative in providing good customer services that motivates consumers to buy their brand and contribute into national economic development

Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Consumer Choice Award Africa, Diana Laizer made the call last week when announcing the one-month period of the online voting process (20th October to 20th November this year) for Consumer Choice Award.

She said that corporate add value into economic development through innovative technologies, products, and services provided to the customer.

"We at consumer choice award, we make sure to motivate them to keep doing better through the Consumer choice award event which we hold every year where the consumer chooses the best delivery company through the online voting and the winner is announced on every platform", said Diana.

Consumer Choice Award is more than an award because it shows how outstanding your corporation is from customers' perspective and that motivates the corporation to better so that they can keep their customers as well as increasing new customer base which lead to more income and more tax to the nation, she noted.

She further noted that the Award increases the competition as new entrepreneurs challenge existing firms to become more competitive and that drive them to give best services to consumers in which upon satisfaction they buy more and that means more contribution to the company which automatically more income gain to the nation.

She further noted that The Consumer Choice Award logo differentiates your business from all competition, and with only one winner and that opens the door to a world of opportunities.

The Consumer Choice Awards has helped thousands of businesses increase their sales and improve their relationship with their customers as you're being promoted through many different avenues be it digital platform, person or print, she noted.

Absa Head of Customer Experience and Digital Banking Samuel Mkuyu said that Consumer Choice Award increases sales due to the trust and validation it instills in prospective clients, as well as through the opportunity to get insight into your customers' opinions on what you can improve on to help enhance your business operations for the better good of your community

He further noted that anyone can say that their company is "the best", but not every company has a trusted third party to validate that statement. Your win is validation that you are the best through the voice of the people in your city and that add value to company and country wise

He further added that when your chosen as a consumer choice award winner it means you have increased customer loyalty because when your clients know that you are skilled and recognized for your work, it strengthens their loyalty to your brand and drives sales through their word of mouth to others.



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## Challenges, opportunities in mental health globally

**M**ENTAL illness accounts directly for 14 per cent of the global burden of disease and significantly more indirectly, and recent reports recognise the need to expand and improve mental health delivery on a global basis

World Mental Health Day was celebrated for the first time on October 10, 1992, at the initiative of Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter. Up until 1994, the day had no specific theme other than general promoting mental health advocacy and educating the public.

It is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organisation with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness programme to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on peoples' lives worldwide. In some countries this day is part of an awareness week.

The department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at Muhimbili National Hospital provides health care for patients with mental health problems who are suffering from psychological, addiction and psychiatric disorders that are either inpatients or outpatients. Apart from medical interventions which are provided to patients, the department also provides the psychosocial interventions which include psychotherapies (individual, family or group), occupational therapy, resolving social problems as well as provision of mental rehabilitation services at Vikuruti rehabilitation village which is situated at Chamazi

area (Mbande) about 25km away from Dar es Salaam.

The department bed capacity is 70 though normally it is admitting about 3 to 10 inpatients per day hence bed occupancy is always more than 100 per cent due to high demands of services. There are four wards for admitting inpatients namely acute ward which has the capacity for admitting 12 patients (6 males and 6 females) who are acutely mentally disturbed; there are two general wards which provide the continuous phase of treatment after stabilizing the acute disturbing symptoms, one ward is for males (24 patients) and the other one is for females (24 patients).

The department has clinical staff from Muhimbili National Hospital ( medical doctors, mental health specialists, mental health supper specialists, nurses, social workers, occupational Therapists, Staff form MNH and MUHAS have been working together as per memorandum of understanding between these two institutions; participate in both teaching and clinical activities as well as in research related activities

Tanzania has also Mental Health Association which is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) an association for mental health care providers in Tanzania that aims to promote recognition of the importance of mental health in Tanzania, promote development of mental health services and maintain satisfactory integration of mental health care within other professional disciplines.

An Act to provide for the care, protection and management of persons with mental disorders and to provide for their voluntary or involuntary admission in mental health care facility and other related matters

## Families, parents are key to well-being of children

**P**ARENTING or child rearing promotes and supports the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of a child from infancy to adulthood. Parenting skills and behaviors assist parents in leading children into healthy adulthood and development of the child's social skills. The cognitive potential, social skills, and behavioral

Parenting skills are widely thought to be naturally present in parents; however, there is substantial evidence to the contrary. Those who come from a negative or vulnerable childhood environment frequently (and often unintentionally) mimic their parents' behavior during interactions with their own children. Parents with an inadequate understanding of developmental milestones may also demonstrate problematic parenting.

Parenting practices are of particular importance during marital transitions like separation, divorce, and remarriage; if children fail to adequately adjust to these changes, they are at risk of negative outcomes (e.g. increased rule-breaking behavior, problems with peer relationships, and increased emotional difficulties).

Parent psychosocial health can have a significant impact on the parent-child relationship. Group-based parent training and education programmes have proven to be effective at improving short-term psychosocial well-being for parents. There are many different types of training parents can take to support their parenting skills. Courses are offered to families based on effective training to support additional needs, behavioral guidelines, communication and many others to give guidance throughout learning how to be a parent.

Parents around the world want what they believe is best for their

children. However, parents in different cultures have different ideas of what is best.

For example, parents in hunter-gatherer societies or those who survive through subsistence agriculture are likely to promote practical survival skills from a young age. Many such cultures begin teaching children to use sharp tools, including knives, before their first birthdays. In some Indigenous American communities, child work provides children the opportunity to absorb cultural values of collaborative participation and prosocial behavior through observation and activity alongside adults.

These communities value respect, participation, and non-interference, the Cherokee principle of respecting autonomy by withholding unsolicited advice. Indigenous American parents also try to encourage curiosity in their children via a permissive parenting style that enables them to explore and learn through observation of the world.

Differences in cultural values cause parents to interpret the same behaviors in different ways. For instance, European Americans prize intellectual understanding, especially in a narrow "book learning" sense, and believe that asking questions is a sign of intelligence. Italian parents value social and emotional competence and believe that curiosity demonstrates good interpersonal skills.

Even so, parents around the world share specific prosocial behavioral goals for their children. Hispanic parents value respect and emphasize putting family above the individual. Parents in East Asia prize order in the household above all else. In some cases, this gives rise to high levels of psychological control and even manipulation on the part of the head of the household.

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## Common genocide position can unite us

Special Correspondent

**L**IVELY and audience-oriented debates have been taking centre stage in the National Assembly over the past two weeks.

The heated moments stem from the recently tabled joint declaration on the genocide reparations pact between Namibia and Germany over the colonial-era atrocities committed against the Ovaherero and Nama people.

The sharp divisions have escalated to the parliamentary chambers, where the executive is seeking the ratification of the German offer.

Berlin has promised financial support worth N\$18 billion over 30 years to aid projects in the country.

According to the joint declaration, projects will be implemented in the Erongo, Hardap, //Karas, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa regions within the sectors of land reform and

development, agriculture, rural livelihoods and natural resources, rural infrastructure, energy and water supply, as well as technical and vocational education and training.

This offer has been entirely rejected by the opposition represented in parliament and some traditional leaders.

Some Swapo parliamentarians have also called for the offer to be reviewed, saying the difference between what was offered and what Namibia suggested is too stark.

Opposition leaders like McHenry Venaani questioned the offer by the German authorities, claiming it was merely a continuation of aid and not about atoning for the atrocities committed against the Ovaherero and Nama people.

In a composed contribution on Wednesday, Landless People's Movement leader Bernardus Swartbooi was equally vocal about the genocide pact and made an

impassioned plea to the Head of State to consider bringing all affected communities together and chart a new way forward to realise a united stand against what is currently being offered by the European giant. Although government is under pressure to conclude the deal with Germany, the cries of the affected communities should not be wholly dismissed, given the highly emotive nature of the topic.

It should also not be construed as cheap politicking on the part of opposition politicians.

As the mover of the motion defence minister Frans Kapofi stated, a fortnight ago, divergent views should not be stifled.

The fact, however, remains no amount of money can be commensurate to human life.

In its current form, the agreement will not deliver restorative justice to affected communities and Namibians at large.

The fight, therefore, should be

on the basis of restoring human dignity by not only bringing warring parties together, but to create a response that would widely be acceptable to communities whose ancestors felt the brutality of the coloniser's first hand, including land dispossession and the killings as well as confiscation of livestock.

Even government has recognised the inadequacies of the amount offered by its German counterparts.

So, there is already a common position on this, which should now serve as a basis for a unified approach going forward.

A review of the joint declaration, with contribution by all those aggrieved by this agreement, would be an important step to assert influence towards a more acceptable pact.

This gives us an opportunity to unite towards the greater good of the nation.

Namibia will be the only winner at the end of the day.

## The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher



some education systems, teachers may be responsible for student discipline.

World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is an international day held annually on 5 October. Established in 1994, it commemorates the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, which is a standard-setting instrument that addresses the status and situations of teachers around the world. This recommendation outlines standards relating to education personnel policy, recruitment, and initial training as

well as the continuing education of teachers, their employment, and working conditions. World Teachers' Day aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world" and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.

To celebrate World Teachers' Day, the UNESCO and Education International (EI) mounts a campaign each year to help give the world better understanding of teachers and the role they play in the development of students and society. They partner with the private sector

such as media organisations to achieve this purpose. The campaign focus on different themes for every year. For instance, "Empowering Teachers" is the theme for 2017. This was the year World Teachers' Day commemorated the 20th anniversary of the 1997 UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of higher-education teaching personnel, bringing the sometimes-neglected area of teaching personnel at higher education institutions into the conversation about the status of teachers.[5]

For 2018, the UNESCO adopted the theme: "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher. It commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and serves as a reminder that the right to education cannot be realised without trained and qualified teachers.

The UNESCO cites that everyone can help by celebrating the profession, by generating awareness about teacher issues and by ensuring that teacher respect is part of the natural order of things. Schools and students, for instance, prepare an occasion for teachers during this day. More than 100 countries commemorate World Teachers' Day and each holds its own celebrations such as the case of India, which has been commemorating Teachers' Day every September 5.



# Improved seeds key for more yields, cash for farmers

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

**A**S Tanzania strives to change its agriculture from predominantly subsistence to commercial, one of the bottlenecks hindering farmers from increasing their yields is lack of affordable improved seed varieties.

The Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has conducted a number of researches and introduced various seed varieties that the government hopes will upend status of farmers in the near future but if well embraced.

Speaking in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region recently, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said that seeds developed by TARI so far can be used to transform Tanzanian agriculture.

The PM spoke after visiting oil palm seedling field owned by Red Cross. The organization is promoting the new high-yield tenera variety to replace the traditional varieties.

Majaliwa said the government has decided to use the improved seeds produced by Tanzanian agricultural researchers because some imported seeds are poor in quality and do not bring desired yields.

"When the government started research and production of tenera variety in 2018, I saw it as a difficult work but TARI experts assured me that it was possible," he said.

Instead of importing the improved oil palm seeds, the government through TARI decided to conduct research and later started producing the seedlings locally, an undertaking now rated as successful.

The Premier said the research work started in 2018 and in late 2019, the tenera seedlings were panted and in less than three years, they have already started producing fruits.

So far TARI has produced more than 6.5 million improved seeds and the target is to produce 10 million per annum.

TARI's work has answered questions previously raised by members of parliament from Kigoma who have for years been asking the government to take initiative and make available improved oil palm seeds in the region, he said.

"We decided to shift TARI from Dar es Salaam to Kihinga and we brought all researchers whereby the research work started immediately," he said.

The seedlings are also available in all district and town councils, military bases such as 821 Bulobora KJ which has 4,000 seedlings and so far planted 400 acres and has extra seedlings to plant 300 acres by end of this month.

Kwitanga Prison is set to grow 6,000 acres of oil palm and has already planted 700 acres. Primary and secondary schools have also established small farms ranging from three to five acres depending on the size of the school.

Investors and individual farmers in the region have also planted the improved oil palm variety in different locations.

Besides TARI, Bulobora and Kwitanga, Red Cross has become the fourth institution that is supporting the government's efforts to transform agriculture. Red Cross in Kasulu District has established a 25 acres of tenera variety and the farm was reported to be in good condition.

"I urge individual farmers and institutions to grow oil palm; it is a profitable crop that can change lives of our people for the better. It is a crop that you can continue harvesting for more than 30 years," the PM said.

"If you love your son or daughter who is in primary school, I urge you to grow this crop as soon as possible."

He said parents should grow three or more acres of oil palm for their children because if well-tended, the crop is likely to educate children throughout secondary school up to university.

"When your children complete university, they can be inspired to come back home and venture into agribusiness through this crop," he said.

Kigoma has fertile soil and conducive climate for agricultural but especially oil palm. PM said that residents of the region work hard in agriculture and that is why the government shifted TARI from Dar es Salaam to Kihinga in Kigoma.

He urged residents of Kasulu to stop stealing seedlings from their neighbours' fields, the practice which demoralizes some farmers who fall victim of such senseless theft, he said, advising that instead, they should order the seedlings from relevant institutions which currently provide the same for free.

"The seedlings are available even if you want more than 1,000 you will get them for free. I directed authorities at Kasulu District Council to establish oil palm nurseries for the farmers and they have done so. I have been informed that the seedlings are being distributed to farmers for free," he said.

"I urged you to form small farmer groups and Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies and grow the improved oil palm variety."

He reminded farmers to gradually start uprooting the traditional dura varieties and replace them tenera variety.

"I all extension officers to work with farmers and train them on good agricultural practices right from farm preparation to harvesting and safe storage," he said.

TARI conducted research which resulted in the production of the new variety by crossbreeding two varieties namely dura and Pisifera.

Tenera has thick mesocarp, thin shell and higher yield potential which according to researchers, makes the variety a better choice because of its higher oil content compared to traditional dura variety.

In Kigoma, there are hectares the traditional dura variety which was introduced in the region in the 1920s.

TARI Director General Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said after receiving the government's directive in 2018, TARI has been working round the clock to make sure



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa greets government officials after arriving at Kwitanga Prison in Kigoma Region recently to inspect the correctional facility's oil palm farm. Photo/correspondent Gerald Kitabu

that the improved seeds are available.

"After that research, we worked with different partners to produce and disseminate seeds to farmers, investors and other stakeholders," he said

"Production and dissemination take place at different institutions such as Bulobora National Service, Kwitanga Prison and at all district councils in Kigoma region."

He said the next step is to replace the old oil palm trees existing in Tanzania with Tenera variety.

The country require a total of 570,000 metric tonnes of edible oil but the current production stands at 40 per cent of the required edible oil while 60 per cent is imported. This costs the nation approximately 44bn/- annually

Dr Mkamilo said the government has decided to boost oil palm by sensitizing farmers and institutions to embrace tenera variety to address shortage of edible oil in the country.

**KCB BANK**

## Tariff Guide

SERVICE	TZS	USD/EURO	KES	GBP
<b>STATEMENTS</b>				
Monthly Statement	free	free	free	free
Duplicated Statements per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
Interim Statement per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
<b>ATM VISA DEBIT CARD</b>				
ATM Card Issuance (for the first time)	free	free	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from KCB ATMs (per transaction)	800	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (Tanzania)	2500	1.3	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (International)	6500 per each 400,000 limit	3.3	equivalent	equivalent
ATM mini statements	550	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Daily Limit	1000000	equivalent	50000	equivalent
Minimum withdrawals	5000	equivalent	n/a	n/a
ATM Card Replacement (lost/destroyed cards)	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Blocking/unblocking ATM cards	free	free	free	free
Card Renewal	15000	13	n/a	n/a
<b>STANDING ORDER</b>				
within KCB	2500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Outward to other banks	5000	3	n/a	n/a
Setup/Amend Standing Order	6500	7	500	4
Unpaid Standing Order (penalty)	10000	10	500	10
<b>CHEQUES</b>				
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient funds) - Outward	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient) - Inward	65000	52	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheques - technical	15000	15	n/a	n/a
USD unpaid cheque	52	52	n/a	n/a
Counter Leaves	13000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Bankers Cheque	26000	26	n/a	n/a
Stop payment-per set up	25000	25	1300	13
New cheque book retail	600 per leaf	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
<b>TT'S INTERNATIONAL</b>				
Outward	50USD(TZS equiv -alent)	50USD(Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Inward TT (excluding community accounts)	13USD (TZS equiv -alent)	13USD(Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Recall of funds/Cancellation of TT	10USD (TZS equiv -alent)	10USD(Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Amendment of TT (Customer induced)	10USD (TZS equiv -alent)	10USD(Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
<b>TRANSFERS LOCAL</b>				
KCB to KCB	1500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
EFT (KCB Tanzania to any local bank)	3500	3	n/a	n/a
TISS/local TT (excluding community account)	10000	13	n/a	n/a
East African Payments (EAPS)	10000	n/a	870	n/a
<b>MINIMUM A/C OPENING BALANCE</b>				
Current Account - Comp - ny(SME/CORPORATE)	100000	100	5000	13
Current - Personal	50000	100	5000	65
Mapato Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Junior Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Student Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Simba Savers	50000	50	n/a	n/a
<b>A/C CLOSURE</b>				
Closing account	35000 before 6months, free after 6 months	39	2200	26
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>				
Search of old documents	15000	13	900	10.5
Forex Cash Deposits (smaller denominations below US \$ 50)	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50
Dormant Account Activation	free	free	free	free
<b>ACCOUNT MAINTAINANCE FEES</b>				
Counter Withdrawals (excluding Simba, Cub, Community & Student accounts)	<10million 1500 >10million 0.1% max 20000	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Ledger Fees - Current Accounts (excluding community and salary)	personal current account 10,000, business 20,000, corporate account 30,000	personal current 10USD/Buss - ness 16USD/ Corporate 20USD	700	personal current 16GBP/Business 20GBP
Ledger Fees - Savings Accounts (excluding Simba, Cub, salary & Student Accounts)	1200	7	176	7
<b>THIRD PARTY ENCASHMENT</b>				
withdrawal fee to be paid by the beneficiary	6500	13	450	7
<b>SALARY PROCESSING</b>				
Salary processing	2600	equivalent	130	equivalent
<b>CERTIFICATE OF BALANCE</b>				
Balance of Account (Flat fee per certificate)	39000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Auditors Confirmation (flat per certificate)	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Reference Letters	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent

**TRADE FINANCE**

IMPORT LETTER OF CREDIT	
LC ISSUANCE/extension/increase amount	1.3% Per Quarter
Normal Amendment	130 USD
Release Commission/LC document processing	20 USD
RETIREMENT	0.30% minimum 100 maximum 200
CANCELLATION	260 USD
<b>EXPORT LETTER OF CREDIT</b>	
ADVISING	200 USD
NEGOTIATION	0.60% min 200 max 300
DISCOUNTING	0.80%
AVIALIZATION	0.80%
<b>DOCUMENTS FOR COLLECTION</b>	
Documents HANDLING FEE	150 USD
COURIER	150 USD
<b>SWIFTS</b>	
Issuance fee	1.30%
AMENDMENT/Reduce of amount	130 USD
DISCREPANCY	55 USD
EXAMINATION	
<b>OTHERS</b>	
SWIFT	50 USD
Tracer	50 USD
COURIER	150 USD
<b>MOBILE BANKING CHARGES</b>	
Balance enquiry	300
Mini statement	300
Invite Friend	free
Cheque book	300
Stop cheque	300
Stop card	300
Change Pin	free
Full statement	500
<b>BILL PAYMENTS</b>	
TANESCO(LUKU)	1.1% of the transacted amount
DAWASCO	1300
DSTV	Free
STARTIMES	Free
ZUKU	Free
SMILE	Free
UHURU	Free
AZAM	Free
SASATEL	Free
<b>SEND MONEY TO E-WALLET</b>	
Mpesa	
Airtelmoney	
Tigo Pesa	0-50,000=1000, 50,001-100,000=1,500, 100,001-300,000=2,500, 300,001-500,000=3,500, 500,001-1,000,000=5000
Eazzy Pesa	
HaliPesa	
T Pesa	
<b>FUNDS TRANSFER</b>	
Own accounts	500
KCB accounts	700
<b>INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTION CHARGES</b>	
Inter-company cash withdrawals charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi	Up to 60 USD charge 4 USD
	Between 251-1250USD charge 13 USD
	Between 1251-6250 USD charge 26 USD
	Between 251-1250 USD charge 13 USD
	Above 6250 USD charge 1.20% of daily cumulative withdrawals
Inter-company cash deposit charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi	Up to 250 USD charge 3 USD
	Between 251-1250 USD charge 7 USD
	Between 1251-6250 USD charge 13 USD
	Above 6250 USD charge 0.60% of daily cumulative deposits
Inter-company transaction charges on cash withdrawals and deposits applicable to Sudan branches	Intercompany cash withdrawals 1.20% of the amount withdrawn
	Intercompany cash deposits 0.97% of the amount (minimum \$35 and maximum of \$750) This excludes the swift charges and stamp duty
Intercompany standing orders across all companies	Intercompany standing order 13 USD
<b>LOANS</b>	
Processing/arrangement/appraisal fees	
Personal loans:	2.40%
Business loans:	2.40%
Overdrafts:	2.40%
Mortgage finance	2.40%
Asset finance	2.40%
Penalty on unpaid loan instalment:	10% above approved rate
Early repayment:	NA
Valuation fees:	As per service provider rates
Legal fees:	As per service provider rates
Loan insurance fees:	1%
Interest rates:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
Personal loans:	19%
Business loans:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
*Base Lending Rate	19% for TZS and 9% for USD
*All rates are subject to negotiation based on the product	

Please note: All taxes included

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# Let's do the right thing: Ending child marriage

By Valerie N Msoka

“I WANTED to be a pilot. I wanted to fly to all those places my teacher told me about in class. My teacher had told me that if I study hard I could be a pilot. I was only in standard four but studied hard.”

That was Tuma's dream and so of many a girl child. But realising their dreams is a challenge for some, as Tuma tells us.

“...one day after school, father called me and said he had accepted nine cattle from Baba Kulwa so that he could marry me. Father said some of the cattle would be used to pay school fees for my two brothers. My crying started that day. My husband, Baba Kulwa, started beating me the night we got married because I did not want him to touch me. They did not tell me about him doing things to me. I did not like sleeping with Baba Kulwa because at the beginning he hurt me every night. Then I got sick and my mother-in law said I would have a baby. Having the baby was so painful, it took too long and the baby died. The pain did not go away and then I kept wetting myself. And I then I started smelling and then the elder wives chased me away. No one wanted me. Mother helped me build this hut under this tree that I sit, think, cry and listen to the radio...”

In Tanzania, statistics show that nationally, two out of five girls get married before the age of 18. Several factors come to play in the continued practice of child marriage in Tanzania which include poverty, harmful traditional practices, gender inequality, the outdated and discriminatory Marriage Act of 1971 and lack of political will.

In 2016, the Court ruled the Law of Marriage Act of 1971 to be not only harmful and discriminatory, but also unconstitutional. This is because it allows for girls as young as 14 and 15 years old to get married (with parents/guardian special permis-

sion). For boys the age of marriage is 18 years old. The State appealed against the ruling citing customary, traditional, and religious values on marriage as the reasons behind the difference in the minimum age of marriage. These reasons were not good or strong enough in court because in October 2019 the Tanzania Court of Appeal upheld the 2016 ruling.

While the protracted debate to change the law continues, child marriage also continues in Tanzania and so too efforts to eradicate the practice. Among these efforts is one by Msichana Initiative which early this year brought together ten people as champions in raising the voice against child marriage as well highlighting its consequences to the girl, family, community and the nation. The Champions bring to focus the various reports from global bodies such as UNFPA and UNICEF that show how child marriage results in high rates of maternal and child mortality; obstetric fistulae; premature birth; still birth; HIV and other domestic violations. Statistics show that girls younger than 15 are five times more likely to die in childbirth than women in their 20s.

To be able to champion the cause realistically, Msichana Initiative, with the support of UN Women, gave the champions firsthand knowledge on child marriage through interactions with various stakeholders that directly fight child marriages. In April the champions went to Shinyanga region and in September they were in Dodoma. These regions were purposefully chosen because statistically they are in the top five regions in cases of child marriages in Tanzania.

In Shinyanga they met with government leaders, religious and traditional leaders to exchange views as well as to learn from these bodies of their efforts to eradicate child marriage, the challenges faced and strategies used in ending child marriages in Shinyanga. The champions also



visited AGAPE to see how this organisation can be further supported as a center for rescued girls. John Myola is one of the champions and the Executive Director of AGAPE, he said: “The visit was successful since the girls stories got to be heard by people who can take initiatives to assist them through their positions.

On the other side, the girls themselves got to meet champions and were inspired... they were encouraged to let go of their unfortunate pasts and focus with school to achieve their big goals.”

In their various interactions with different stakeholders including government, religious and traditional leaders, the champions also got to be more aware of the fact that child marriage almost exclusively happens within the context of poverty and gender inequality and the fact that it also has social, cultural and economic dimensions. That the practice occurs more frequently among girls who are the least educated, poorest and living in rural areas.

Such awareness has led to a better understanding of the factors leading to child marriage and prompted action as Shamim Khan, Chairperson of Women Muslims, Tanzania Mainland (JUWAKITA) informs, “... young girls are not safe anywhere unless we transform community perspective on child marriages. In the effort to do so, I managed to direct all JUWAKITA leaders at regional level to organize meetings to discuss engagement in eradicating Child Marriages based on the information I fed them. The meetings were conducted across all 26 regions in the country”.

The visits also gave the champions the knowledge to confidently and passionately advocate for change, “... through the actual testimonies of child marriage victims I can make informed arguments in parliament advocating for amendment of the law...I learnt that child marriages can be minimized if not abolished entirely, we just need the law amended so the loophole perpetrators' use can be closed for good. With all this I can persuade parliament that it is possible to abolish child marriages by adopting best practices and taking Shinyanga as a case study in lobbying for amendment of the law,” said Hon Ng'wasi Kamani

Having Members of Parliament among the champions interacting with the victims and stakeholders enables them to gain more insights on child marriages and learn of the various initiatives that communities are undertaking in the fight against child marriages.

This is because parliamentarians are uniquely positioned to shape, advance and implement frameworks that protect children. They can lead to the development of relevant legislation and policies, pass budgets, monitor implementation, and ensure accountability to addressing and eliminating child marriage in Tanzania.

And while most agree that amending the law alone will not eradicate child marriage, those working in the field will inform that it is used as a defense for those who want to marry off their girls. It is this that makes amending the LMA of 1971 an important factor in the fight against Child Marriage.

On December 19, 2011, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 11 as the International Day of

the Girl Child, (IDGC) to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges they face around the world including gender-based violence, child marriages, poor learning opportunities and discrimination. At the same time, it is also a day to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. In Tanzania it is another opportunity to push for the amendment of the LMA of 1971 as directed by the 2019 court ruling. The amendment, the ongoing strategies and advocacies against child marriage will prevent the marriage of those two out of five Tanzanian girls who get married before the age of 18. We will get the number to ZERO.

While the girl child has no say on the day she is born or dies, a fulfilment of her right is to achieve her dream and choose her life partner. As Tanzania commemorates the International Day of the Girl Child, let us ensure continued activities for the rights of the girl child and that the cry against the current Law of Marriage Act is heard and change is made. This will ensure our girls have a better chance than Tuma,

“...I hear on the radio that there are some people fighting for girls like me and there is even a girl like me who went to court to say the law is unfair and the court agreed and said it should be changed. I know I will not be the pilot I dreamed to be because I am not getting better. But I hope not many more girls will have to go my journey before the leaders make the changes. I think they will because they are chosen to be in that big house in Dodoma for being bold, decisive and visionary and also because they care for the people they serve, people like me or other girls like me...I think they will.”

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# King Mswati may need to scrutinise Bhutan's transitional approach to avoid catastrophe in Eswatini

By Peter Fabricius

UP to 60 protesters and rioters were killed by security forces in Eswatini in June. And many government and private buildings and vehicles were destroyed, causing damage estimated at R3-billion. Things have since gone quiet, but for how long? King Mswati III has shown no signs of having learnt any lessons from those events.

Instead, he has doubled down, appointing a hardline prime minister in Cleopas Dlamini and arresting two pro-democracy members of Parliament, Bacede Mabuza and Mthandeni Dube, under the country's Suppression of Terrorism Act. They were allegedly stirring unrest by calling for the prime minister to be elected by parliament - not appointed by the king.

Regional intervention seems to have gone nowhere. The violence and destruction of June jolted the Southern African Development Community (SADC) into sending ministers and officials to consult with

the government and some members of civil society and the political opposition.

SADC quietly produced a report recommending that Mswati engage in a national dialogue about the country's future. But an official noted rather helplessly that, “There will only be a national dialogue if Mswati wants one.” And clearly, he doesn't, aware that “national dialogue” can only go one way - towards democracy. In the final communique of SADC's August heads of state summit, there was no mention of the Eswatini matter.

Chatham House scholars, Fundile Maphanga and Christopher Vandome, have recently warned that Mswati is on course for a huge collision with his people. Especially youth, who are disenchanted with their lot as poverty grinds on and much less indulgent of the king's claims to be the defender of Swazi traditional values.

Young people are also incensed by the royal family's ever more Bourbon-esque indifference to their people's plight. Eleven customised Rolls-Royces were recently acquired

- one for the king, one for the Queen Mother, and one for each of Mswati's wives.

Maphanga and Vandome note that as “the country's current economic and social trajectory is unsustainable, the king and his advisers may seek to consider various options for reform. Lesotho and Bhutan could offer lessons of monarchical leadership reforms that would allow Eswatini to retain distinctive cultural institutions and practices, while the monarchy relinquishes executive powers within its political system.”

This is an interesting suggestion. All three are tiny monarchies surrounded by bigger states. But although nearby Lesotho seems the more obvious example, it is remote Bhutan - an isolated Shangri-La of Buddhism in the Himalayas - that is probably a better model for Mswati.

Lesotho is indeed a constitutional monarchy, but it isn't really clear that it was ever an absolute monarchy. The country has had a messy political history since independence from Britain in 1966. Its kings have occa-



King Mswati III of Eswatini.

sionally meddled in politics, though power has mainly oscillated between politicians and the military.

By contrast, Bhutan transitioned quite definitively from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional one, over several years. Most remarkably, the change was initiated by the monarch himself, King Jigme Singye

Wangchuck. In 1998 he devolved some executive powers to a cabinet of ministers and enabled the National Assembly to elect the cabinet.

In 2001 he launched a constitution-writing process that reflected Bhutan's Buddhist values and cultural norms.

And then Jigme Singye abdicated in 2006 in favour of his eldest son and stood back to let the transition unfold. In 2008 Bhutan held its first democratic elections which the pro-monarchy Harmony Party won by a landslide.

Parliament adopted the draft constitution in July of that year.

The country essentially has a conventional democratic constitution, enshrining the usual freedoms, with some Bhutanese idiosyncrasies. The constitution also creates an important place for the monarch as the nation's unifying force and head of the Buddhist faith. It emphasises the ‘fundamental duties’ of citizens, not only their rights.

What is most remarkable about the transition though is that it wasn't the result of popular democratic

ferment. It was Jigme Singye's “top-down gift to his people.” His advisers and the public seemed largely opposed to the idea as the monarchy was so popular. So he had to persuade them of its merits.

That reminded me of when I asked Mswati many years ago whether he didn't think a constitutional monarchy would be the best compromise between Eswatini's traditional values and the rising demand for democracy. He assured me that he'd consulted his people, and they didn't think that was a good idea.

In retrospect, like Jigme Singye, he should have persuaded them to give it a try. It may now be too late for Mswati to emulate Bhutan's former monarch.

Since the June bloodbath, which many blame on the king, democratic activists have withdrawn the support they might have had for a constitutional monarchy. They now want a democratic republic.

But launching a Bhutan-like reform process may nonetheless be Mswati's last shot at saving himself and the nation from disaster. **DM**

**CAPITAL RADIO**

**RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI**

MONDAY TIME PROGRAMME	TUESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	WEDNESDAY TIME PROGRAMME	THURSDAY TIME PROGRAMME	FRIDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SATURDAY TIME PROGRAMME	SUNDAY TIME PROGRAMME
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# AFRICA KAIZEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL EVENT FOR KAIZEN IN AFRICA - WAS HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM

The 4<sup>th</sup> Africa KAIZEN Annual Conference 2021 (AKAC 2021) was held at the Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam from August 24 to 26, 2021. The Conference was organized jointly by the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT), African Union Development Agency (AUDA), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). AKAC has, since 2018, been organized annually as the largest international event for KAIZEN in Africa with the objective of sharing knowledge and experience between countries, and to disseminate KAIZEN Philosophy and activities on the African continent. For Tanzania, this was her first experience to host such a large-size international conference in a hybrid-style (i.e. combined on-site venue with online participation) due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. More than 130 Tanzanian participants physically attended AKAC at the Hyatt Regency, and over 700 registered participants from more than 20 countries joined the conference via online. During the event, Tanzanian KAIZEN activities were introduced to other African countries in the series of sessions.



Hybrid Style AKAC (Connected between on-site speakers and participants at Hyatt Regency DSM, and online speakers and participants from more than 20 countries)



## [Highlighted Event 3: Company Booths to Introduce KAIZEN Activities]

Four enterprises representing other companies which implement KAIZEN activities in Tanzania installed their booths at Hyatt Regency and displayed their products during the AKAC. They introduced their products and KAIZEN activities for participants and media.

Name of Company	Business	Remarks
AtoZ Textiles Limited	Manufacturing textile products	-The Outstanding Company in the Africa Kaizen Award at AKAC 2019 held in Tunisia
KIOO. Limited	Manufacturing glass bottles	-The Outstanding Company representing large enterprises in Tanzania KAIZEN Award 2021 -The largest glass bottles manufacturer in East Africa
Cracode	Manufacturing natural and local cotton items	-The Outstanding Company representing SMEs in Tanzania KAIZEN Award 2021
Raha Beveradges	Manufacturing beverages (specialized in banana)	- Nominated in Tanzania KAIZEN Award 2021 - Introduced KAIZEN activities at the session of "Virtual Factory Visit" in AKAC.
WOISO Original	Manufacturing leather products	- Implementing KAIZEN activities for several years

(\*) Cultural Crafts Consultants & Designs Co. Ltd



Booth for AtoZ Textiles Limited



Booth for KIOO Limited



Hon. Late William Tate Olenasha (Deputy Minister of Prime Minister's Office - Investment) at the Opening Session on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (He passed away 27th September, may his soul rest in peace)



Hon. Omar Said Shaaban (Minister for Trade and Industrial Development - Zanzibar) at the Closing Session on 26th August, 2021

## [Highlighted Event 1: Presentation on Tanzanian KAIZEN Model - the first case in Africa to implement KAIZEN for Industrial Clusters-]

KAIZEN activities have been implemented in more than 10 African countries since the late 2000s. In Tanzania, the MIT and JICA have been jointly implementing the Project on "Strengthening Manufacturing Enterprises through Quality and Productivity Improvement (KAIZEN)" since 2013.

Tanzania is the first country in Africa to implement KAIZEN for Industrial Clusters. It is called the "Tanzanian KAIZEN Model", and the Model was introduced to other African countries on the second day of the conference. The Project selected 3 existing Industrial Clusters (i.e. Grape Cluster in Dodoma, Metal Engineering Cluster Initiative in Morogoro, and Mbeya Rice Group Cluster) and another new cluster in Kagera (which has more than 100 micro business enterprises) as pilot exercises, and they had implemented KAIZEN activities for companies of those Clusters from early 2020. According to the presentation, around 70% of the participating companies have achieved positive impacts in terms of production lead-time, finding-time reduction, space creation, etc. through KAIZEN.

## [Highlighted Event 2: Round Table Discussion - heated discussion by 8 members about KAIZEN acceleration-]

The roundtable discussion was moderated by Mr. Paul Maduka Kessy (former Regional Administrative Secretary of Dodoma) and presented by Dr. Edwin P. Mhede (Chief Executive of the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit Agency) and other seven (7) presenters. Round Table Participants discussed about "Acceleration of Industrial Development through KAIZEN in Tanzania". The members concluded importance of top management (leadership), technologies, participation of private sectors, and to implement Policies for further acceleration.

**Saved lead-time by 35% for filling bottles. Tripled free space.**

Company	Dane Holdings Limited (est. 2016)
Location	Dodoma (Nkulabi, 35 km from Dodoma City)
Employees	13
Business	Manufacturing wine (red, white & fortified)

Before

After

Problems	Inefficient filling process.
KAIZEN theme	Lead-time reduction in filling process Target: Reduce time of filling 1 carton (330 ml. x 56 bottles).
Measures taken	• 5S Implementation • Improving work flow and layout change by considering ergonomics
KPI	20 → 13 minutes (in US\$118/day)
Other achievements	• Increased free space from 10% to 30%. • Improved layouts in other areas (e.g., tanks, storage, kitchen, etc.). • Improved sealing process from hot water to machine.



A to Z Textiles Limited: created cotton masks which were embroidered with Tanzania and Japanese national flags. (The masks were distributed to on-site participants of AKAC in order to deepen friendship between two countries and prevent the infection of COVID-19.)

## [For the Future of Tanzanian KAIZEN Activities]

KAIZEN means "Continuous Improvement". AKAC 2021 was successfully completed, but KAIZEN goes continuously. MIT plans to implement KAIZEN activities for about 1,500 Tanzanian enterprises by 2030 based on their policy paper called "Framework for Quality and Productivity Improvement (KAIZEN) in the Manufacturing Sector 2020-2030" (FKM 2020-2030). Moreover, in coming 2022, the 8<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8) will take place in Tunisia, and political leaders (incl. head of states) from African countries and Japan will meet and exchange opinions on African development there. KAIZEN will be also discussed in the TICAD8 as an important subject for Africa's Industrialization. It is strongly expected that Tanzania can present further progress and upgrade of Tanzanian KAIZEN Model for other African countries and Japan at the coming TICAD8.

## [How to Learn KAIZEN? - Online Free Materials for Learning-]

JICA updated the free-charged video materials to learn KAIZEN in August 2021 and broadcasted them via YouTube. It was composed of 3 sessions as follows. If you are interested, kindly join us!

Session 1  
Management Strategy

Session 2  
Accounting

Session 3  
Quality of Management

## [How to Implement KAIZEN? -The Subsidy Program-]

More than 100 KAIZEN Trainers are certified by MIT in Tanzania, and they can provide KAIZEN consulting services for enterprises. The services are chargeable, but Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) is implementing the following periodical subsidy program to dispatch KAIZEN Trainers by 31st October, 2021.

Targeted Companies	1. Manufacturing enterprises in the eight target regions of the Project (*1), or 2. Member enterprises of the target Industrial Clusters (*2) for FY2021-2022.
Period	Application of the Service: by 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 (Completion of the Consulting: by 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021)
Contents of Subsidy	Reimbursable costs (transportation, lunch etc.) associated with the KAIZEN Consulting Service will be subsidized up to 50,000 or 60,000 TZS per day (*3)
Inquiries / Application	Contact for SIDO ( <a href="https://www.sido.go.tz/sw/ofisi-za-sido">https://www.sido.go.tz/sw/ofisi-za-sido</a> )

- (\*1) Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Mbeya, Morogoro, Mwanza, and Singida
- (\*2) KEKO (Dar es Salaam), KUNAMO (Morogoro), SIMUSOPA (Singida), Mwanza Rice Field Cluster
- (\*3) The applicant enterprise pays the whole or part of the remaining costs (e.g. remuneration for the KAIZEN Trainer.)

## ■ What is KAIZEN?

"KAIZEN" is originally a Japanese word meaning "Continuous Improvement", and a management philosophy and know-how for continuous quality and productivity improvement of concerned organizations. It is also a human-oriented approach fostering teamwork, mindset change, self-reliance, creativity, and ingenuity to come up with ideas for solutions to the problems we face in Tanzania. "Industrial Cluster Development" is an approach which aims to drive industrialization by taking advantage of clustering, grouping geographically proximate and interconnected companies and associated institutions in a particular field. Encouraging proactive involvement of various actors along and around value chains, and inducing collaboration among them help to promote innovation and local industrialization.

## ■ About JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)

An incorporated administrative agency in charge of administering Japan's ODA (Official Development Assistance). It is one of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies supporting socioeconomic development in developing countries in the world. In Tanzania, JICA has been a long partner of Tanzania for nearly 60 years in many sectors such as Agriculture, Industry, Infrastructure, etc. since 1962.

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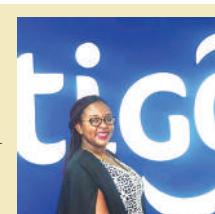
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# Barrick Africa chief says no more mineral sand exports

By Smart Money Reporter

THE exporting of copper concentrate abroad is over as Barrick Africa plans to invest in modern mineral extracting equipment with capacity of over 90 percent gold recovery.

Barrick Africa President and CEO, Mark Bristow said last week when presenting third quarter results of the mining giant which jointly owns Twiga Minerals with Treasury, that following their agreement with the government in 2019, extraction will be done locally with production of gold bars as main product and copper and other minerals as by-products.

"We are going to have very high rate of gold extraction with the new machines, over 90, percent gold bars while the copper will be sold to Zambia where there are smelters," Bristow said while commending the government for being supporting since the 2019 deal was signed.

"I must say that we are very happy and positive with the agreement and will invest more in Tanzania as you have just witnessed the commissioning of the first photon assay laboratory," he said adding that the gold mining giant will also use local purifying plants to add value to the gold before shipment to markets.

He said since 2019, Barrick has invested over US\$1.2 billion of which 48 percent has been payment of goods and services to local suppliers; 39 percent paid in taxes, royalty and other levies while 10 percent has been payment to staff salaries.

"We have a total of 4,133 employees of which 4,021 are locals and 112 expatriates which means that 97 percent of our employees are Tanzanian of which 40 percent are hired from the community surrounding the mine," the Barrick Africa chief who is also Twiga Minerals Corporation Board Chairman stated.

Deputy Minister for Minerals, Professor Shukuru Manya commended Barrick Africa's management for adhering to the agreement signed with the state saying it's good for both parties. "The issue of export-



Barrick Africa president and CEO Mark Bristow (C) makes a presentation on the performance of Twiga Minerals Corporation at a briefing held at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Kahama District at the weekend. He is flanked by Twiga Minerals board members Casmir Kyuki (L) and Andrew Mwangakala. Photo: John Badi

ing copper concentrate has been resolved and we have opened a new chapter," Prof Manya said while noting that Twiga which replaced Acacia Mining Plc has 16 percent state shares.

He commended Barrick for investing in the US\$3.7 million photon assay laboratory saying it shows commitment by the company to continue

investing in the country. "This new laboratory will also help enhance transparency in your operations," Prof Manya who commissioned the laboratory added.

The Australian made laboratory has capacity to test 1,000 samples of half a kilogram mineral sand per day with a single sample analysis tak-

ing not more than two minutes. "This new laboratory delivers faster, safer and more accurate analysis of gold, silver and complementary elements by non destructive measurement of larger and more representative samples in as little as two minutes," Bristow noted.

## Energy crisis sets stage for record global carbon emissions

NEW YORK

The energy crisis, the coming winter weather and the release of pent-up pandemic demand have sent nations scrambling to stockpile fossil fuels, a move that portends a rebound for global carbon dioxide emissions this year.

The trajectory poses a new threat to the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature increases to 1.5° Celsius. China, India and other developing economies are driving the demand for coal, but even the U.S. is poised to increase its consumption of the dirtiest fossil fuel in almost a decade, according to a forecast from the International Energy Agency.

The world's CO2 emissions peaked just prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, then in 2020 registered the biggest annual decrease since at least 1965, according to data from BP Plc. Releases of the greenhouse gas this year through August are just 1% less compared with the same period in 2019, according to Carbon Monitor, an emissions monitoring group.

Whether emissions reach new highs will probably depend on the weather, said Steven J. Davis, a professor at University of California, Irvine, and co-lead at Carbon Monitor. "Fossil fuels used to heat buildings could make up that 1% quickly if it's cold."

The energy crisis has been concentrated in the power generation sector. Shortages of natural gas and electricity have been especially acute in China and the U.K. Emissions from electricity producers were already up 2.2% globally between January and August versus the same period in 2019, driven by increases in China, India and Brazil, Carbon Monitor data shows.

But in many places, CO2 releases from most major sources are on pace to be lower than in 2019, as coal plants shut down and more solar and wind power comes online. Emissions in the European Union and the U.K. during the first eight months of this year are down 4.7% compared with the same period in 2019, according to the group,

which bases their estimates off on power generation, industrial activity, ground transport, domestic and international aviation and residential demand. In the U.S., they're down 3.5%.

Another factor that could spur emissions growth is new skepticism over renewables in the face of the energy crisis. Disruptions the past few weeks have sparked debate about the impact of the world's transition to cleaner power. While some see evidence of the intermittency of wind and solar power, others see equivalent if not greater vulnerability from extreme price swings and volatility triggered by disruptions in fossil fuel supply chains and dependency on petrostates like Russia.

"My worry is there is a growing incorrect perception that the current energy crisis is caused because of renewables, or policies favoring renewables," said BloombergNEF analyst Ali Izadi-Najafabadi. "The rational response to higher fossil fuel commodity prices as well as higher emissions would be to accelerate the shift to renewables."



Azania Bank Limited's managing director, Charles Itembe (3rd R in specs), has a word with customers who attended a breakfast meeting organised by the bank on Friday in Dar es Salaam to mark customer service week. Photo courtesy of Azania Bank.

## Google backs digital interest in Africa with US\$1bn investment

NEW YORK

GOOGLE has announced it will invest US\$1-billion over a period of five years to support digital transformation in Africa.

During the first Google for Africa event hosted virtually this week, Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet said the investment will include the landing of the subsea cable Equiano which the company believes will enable faster internet speeds and lower connectivity costs. Against this backdrop, the financial boost is expected to support Equiano which will run through South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria and St Helena and connect the continent with Europe.

Pichai added that the investment also includes low-interest loans to help small businesses and equity investments in African start-ups. Google added it will utilise a Black Founders Fund to invest in black-led start-ups in Africa "by providing cash awards and hands-on support."

Google also released details of an Africa

Investment Fund. Through this fund, the company will invest US\$50-million in start-ups and provide them with access to Google's employees, network, and technologies to help them build meaningful products for their communities.

The company added: "In collaboration with the non-profit organisation Kiva, Google is providing \$10M in low-interest loans to help small businesses and entrepreneurs in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa get through the economic hardship created by COVID-19. Google.org is expanding its commitment to support non-profits working to improve lives across Africa, with \$40M to help more partners who are responding to challenges they see first-hand in their communities - innovators like the Airgo team at Makerere University, who use AI and sensors to monitor poor air quality, a leading cause of premature death. Google is providing \$3M in new grant funding to expand this pioneering work from Kampala across 10 cities in 5



Google CEO, Sundar Pichai.

countries on the continent." Pichai said: "We've made huge strides together over the past decade - but there's more work to do to make the internet accessible, affordable and useful for every African."

Nitin Gajria, Managing Director for Google in Africa added: "I am so inspired by the innovative African tech start-up scene. In the last year we have seen more investment rounds into tech start-ups than ever before. I am of the firm belief that no one is better placed to solve Africa's biggest problems than Africa's young developers and start-up founders. We look forward to deepening our partnership with, and support for, Africa's innovators and entrepreneurs."

South Africa's Minister of Small Business Development Stella Tembisa Ndabeni-Abrahams said: "I am happy to note that Google has been active in supporting Small to Medium Enterprises, dedicating even more resources to this sector, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the last 12 months, Google has helped close to 500,000 African businesses get online and reach new customers."

## Device financing

Google believes internet access is also hampered by the affordability of smartphones. Android has developed a device locking technology as part of the Android platform that will enable partners to offer financed devices.

To this end, Google also announced collaboration with Safaricom in Kenya to launch what the companies describe as the first "device financing" plan in the East African country. The plan is to expand the initiative across Africa through partnerships with Airtel, MKOPA, MTN, Orange, Transion Holdings and Vodacom.



## NMB chief advises girls to be highly disciplined to succeed in education



NMB Bank Plc's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna (2nd L) handing over a certificate of completion of ordinary level studies to one of the 88 girls during a graduation ceremony held at Kilakala Girls Secondary School in Morogoro last week. Left is the school's headmistress, Midreda Selula. Photo courtesy of NMB

By Smart Money Reporter

NMB Bank Plc's first local woman CEO since its privatization over a decade ago, Ruth Zaipuna has advised girls in the country to be highly disciplined, work hard and remember praying if they want to equal her position or event lead the country in future.

Speaking at Kilakala Girls Secondary School during the weekend, Zaipuna who is also leading the domestic market's most profitable bank, said excelling in life needs discipline, hard-work and the fear of God.

"Discipline is of utmost importance, its only discipline which will enable you excel in life and interact with others fruitfully, but also hard work, integrity and honesty are all important to succeed," Zaipuna counselled the Kilakala girls during a form four graduation ceremony at which she was guest of honour.

The NMB chief executive who did her secondary education at the school

some three decades ago, said she feels proud to be associated with the select school for girls with extraordinary talents including big brains.

She further noted that being at the helm of NMB Bank, she has the responsibility to inspire young girls nurture big ambitions hence challenged them to always aim high in life. Zaipuna pointed out that as a bank, NMB also invests heavily in social services including education because it important to have a learned society.

"As a bank, our policy also focuses on supporting health services but also those who are affected by disasters," she explained and proceeded to donate 50 tables paired with chairs worth 5m/- and 10 desk top computers to her former school.

In remarks during the ceremony,

the school's Headmistress, Midreda Selula said there are 657 girls at the institution of which 88 were graduating after completing their ordinary level studies.

"At O-level, we teach science, business and arts subjects while at advanced level we only have three science combinations which are PCM, PCB and CNG and HGL for arts," Selula said.

In a speech read by Doreen Patrick on behalf of her peers, she said the public school is facing shortage of chairs, tables, desks, dining hall furniture but also the need to renovate the dilapidated eating facility.

"We also need an emergency power back up because when there is an outage from the national grid then we get stuck, all things stop due to dusk," Patrick said while adding that dormitory and classroom doors also need urgent fixing.

## Global food price index up further in September

ROME

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) has reported that world food commodity prices rose in September, led by tightening supply conditions and robust demand for staples such as wheat and palm oil.

The FAO Food Price Index averaged 130.0 points in September, up 1.2% from August and 32.8% higher than in September 2020. The index tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly traded food commodities.

The cereal price index in September increased by 2.0% from the previous month, with world wheat prices up almost 4% - and as much as 41% higher than a year earlier - due to tightening export availabilities amid strong demand. World rice prices also rose in September, while those of maize increased by a moderate 0.3% - averaging 38% higher year-on-year - as improved global crop prospects and the start of harvests in the United States of America and Ukraine largely countered the impact of hurricane-related port disruptions in the US.

"Among major cereals, wheat will be the focus in the coming weeks as demand need to be tested against fast rising prices," says Abdolreza Abbassian, FAO senior economist. The vegetable oil price index was up 1.7% on the month - and about 60% from September 2020 - as international palm oil prices reached 10-year highs due to robust global import demand and concerns over migrant labour shortages impacting production in Malaysia.

World rapeseed oil prices also appreciated markedly, while soy and sunflower oil quotations declined.

The dairy price index increased by 1.5% from August, as solid global import demand and seasonal factors in Europe and Oceania drove up international quotations for all dairy products, especially butter.

The sugar price index was 0.5% higher from the previous month - and 53.5% from a year earlier - underpinned by adverse weather conditions and higher ethanol prices in Brazil, the world's

largest sugar exporter. Slowing global import demand and good production prospects in India and Thailand curbed the upward pressure.

The meat price index was virtually unchanged in September from the previous month and up 26.3% on an annualized basis. Ovine and bovine meat quotations rose due to tight supply conditions, while those for poultry and pig meat declined amid ample global supply volumes of the former and lower demand for the latter in China and Europe.

Cereal output in 2021

World cereal output in 2021 is seen on course to hit an all-time record of 2,800 million tonnes, but that is less than the anticipated consumption requirements in 2021/22 marketing season, according to new projections in FAO's latest Cereal Supply and Demand Brief, also released today.

FAO now anticipates 776.7 million tonnes of wheat to be harvested in 2021, with expected higher yields in Eastern Europe and Australia offsetting weather and planting-driven output drops foreseen in Canada and the Russian Federation.

The forecast for global production of coarse grains is now pegged at 1 504 million tonnes, with global sorghum and barley harvests rising faster than that for maize. World rice production is foreseen at 50 million tonnes, a new record, primarily reflecting more buoyant expectations from India's main crop.

At the same time, world cereal utilization in 2021/22 is now forecast at 2,811 million tonnes, up 1.8% from the previous season, led by an anticipated significant increase in the use of wheat for livestock feed, a trend driven in part by high prices of coarse grains.

Consequently, the 2021/22 world cereal stocks-to-use ratio is expected to stand at 28.4%, down from 29.2% in the previous year, but still indicating an overall comfortable level. The Cereal Supply and Demand Brief also includes FAO's latest forecast for 2021/22 world trade in cereals, which points to a 0.3% year-on-year contraction to 473.2 million tonnes, led mostly by lower volumes foreseen for barley and maize trade.



SGA Security Tanzania's control room manager, Joseph Mushi (R), announces the number to be used by the public to communicate in case of emergency during the launch of the company's new call centre to mark customer service week in Dar es Salaam last week. Left is the company's managing director, Eric Sambu. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

## Private security firm introducing modern call centre to tame crime

By Smart Money Reporter

IN an effort to back state efforts to combat crime, SGA Security Tanzania has introduced a modern communication centre to mark customer service week.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam last week, SGA's Managing Director, Eric Sambu said the communication centre which is fully automated, will operate at all times. Sambu said his company has continued to invest in modern infrastructure to improve service delivery to customers but also help security agencies tame crime.

"This facility will enable real-time communication with the customers and the public hence assist improve the security services," he said adding that SGA has also invested heavily in human capital development.

"We believe in our people because we have invested a lot to build their capacity to represent and protect our brand with pride," the SGA Managing Director added while stressing that backed by mobile patrols of emergency teams in the field, the new centre will ensure real time response at the touch of a button from clients.

He further noted that control room staff will see the distress location using monitoring software that is linked to Google maps hence successfully direct response teams to the scene of an incident easily. "Our other strength is the swift response teams we have on the ground which are well equipped and trained," Sambu added.

Seconding his boss, SGA Customer and Public Relations Manager, Aikande Makere said with the new facility, customer experience will be taken to a new level upper level thanks to automation. "We shall be able to track distress alarms

raised and follow them through, using the new customer relations software tool," Makere said adding that the centre will be manned by six well-trained staff per shift. "Customer experience matters a lot and we want to be proactive and avoid complaints and non-conformities," Makere stated.

Meanwhile, the SGA Sales and Marketing Manager, Faustina Shoo announced a 25 percent price reduction for customers demanding emergency services for the next three months. Shoo said apart from targeting its customers with better services, SGA is also obliged to back state efforts in protecting people and their property. "We want to give our customers peace of mind and sense of security so that they focus on their daily activities, knowing that someone is watching their back against any risks," she assured.



Abdolreza Abbassian, FAO senior economist.

## EABL to go more for long-term borrowings to boost its liquidity

NAIROBI

EAST African Breweries Plc (EABL) will now rely on long-term borrowings to fund its capital expenditure, a move it says will improve its liquidity.

The company has several multi-billion-shilling loans due within a year, contributing to overall short-term liabilities exceeding its current assets. "The group's statement of financial position indicates a net current liabilities position of Sh5.6 billion (2020: Sh5 billion)," EABL says in its latest annual report for the year ended June.

"The directors believe that this is transient in nature as the group continues to align its capital expenditure with long term funding." The company noted that the Capital Markets Authority has exempted it from maintaining a current ratio of one - matching current assets to short term liabilities - until June 2023.

EABL says its board investment committee held eight meetings in the review period during which members reviewed new capital expenditure projects and the restructuring of funding proposals. One major short-term loan is an Sh11 billion facility the brewer took from Absa Bank Kenya and its sister banks in Africa.

The loan matures in July 2022 and has an interest rate of 10.3 percent. The brewer is currently in the market to raise Sh11 billion through a new corporate bond, with the proceeds to be used in retiring part of the short-term debt among other corporate uses.

"The proceeds of the issue ... will be used by EABL to repay certain borrowings taken in the ordinary course of business, to provide working capital for the group across East Africa and to refinance certain short-term borrowings," the brewer said in a notice.

The unsecured bond will mature in five years and will have a fixed interest rate of 12.25 percent. The offer closes on October 21. Bondholders will invest a minimum of Sh100,000 and additional amounts in multiples of Sh10,000.

Banks and bondholders have been willing to lend to EABL on the strength of its profitability and position as the brewer with the largest market share in the region. "The group is not in breach of any financial covenants for facilities issued by its bankers as of June 30, 2021. The group had available undrawn facilities of Sh11.4 billion as of June 30, 2021 (2020: Sh4.1 billion)," EABL says in the report.



# Reinventing Tigo Pesa 'Kibubu' to nurture a saving culture among many Tanzanians

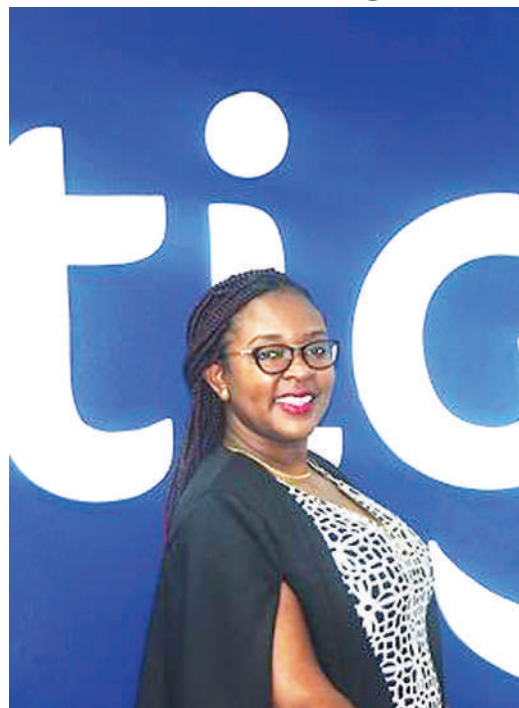
By Angelica Pasha

"A penny saved is worth two pennies earned-after taxes," this is a quote by Randy Thurman, CEO of Retirement Investment Advisors, that has always had a profound inspiration on me. It's true that wise people have, over the years, weighed in on money and, through their reflective thoughts, the concept or notion of saving has always been intrinsically embedded into their discourses.

Yet, the idea of saving isn't new; it's been there for ages with the most popular being the traditional 'piggy bank,' otherwise also known as 'money box,' a traditional method of saving that dates back from the 20th century BC in the Greek colony of Priene, in the ancient Asia Minor. But you still wonder why it is still a challenge in so many economies, Tanzania being among them, for many people to save.

Closer home, our 'money box' is usually a wooden structure and it's popularly known as 'Ki-bubu,' 'bubu' being a Kiswahili word that means a person with an impaired sense of speaking. I might be wrong but I tend to think the word 'Kibubu' is a metaphor for being 'permanently mute' because once locked, the box is not supposed to be opened, at least not before it's completely full or in times of financial emergency! Either way, a 'Kibubu' will always remain that, a 'Kibubu,' isn't it?

Now, this money box's intriguing story takes us to the ubiquitous issue of the saving culture or the lack of it among Tanzanians. We did not want to introduce something that is complicated but rather a product



Angelica Pasha is Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa at Tigo of Tanzania.

Offering customers a better and more convenient way of saving, 'Tigo Pesa Kibubu' is designed to provide a more positive outlook towards how Tanzanians manage their finances while at the same time ensuring a better, more organized and fulfilling standards of living. It is expected that with 'Tigo Pesa Kibubu,' a new saving behaviour and culture will be entrenched among Tanzanians, more so those who had been excluded from the formal financial system.

And, one may ask why is this important? A cursory glance at the available statistics demonstrates the low uptake of the saving culture among Tanzanians. The World Bank indicates that the gross domestic savings as a percentage of GDP in the country stood at 34.08 percent in 2020, a not-very-encouraging phenomenon during these times when the maxim, 'a stitch in time saves nine' should be appropriately in vogue.

Revealingly, Tigo Pesa's innovative product comes with a three-pronged purpose: first, to offer choice for customers in developing a saving culture; second is to drive financial inclusion in the country; and third is to make a meaningful contribution to the nation's economic growth.

That is why we believe that, with 'Tigo Pesa Kibubu,' our Tigo Pesa ecosystem that boasts almost nine million subscribers will continue playing a sizeable role in driving financial inclusion in the country while also contributing in the bridging of the gap in the level of exclusion which, according to Finscope Tanzania, stood at 28 percent in 2017. The majority of those excluded being from rural areas and include small-holder farmers, youth and women.

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## OECD says deal reached on global minimum tax rate for companies

PARIS



A GLOBAL deal to ensure big companies pay a minimum tax rate of 15% and make it harder for them to avoid taxation has been agreed by 136 nations, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development said on Friday. The OECD said four countries - Kenya, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sri Lanka - had not joined the agreement.

"Today's agreement will make our international tax arrangements fairer and work better," OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann (pictured) said in a statement. "This is a major victory for effective and balanced multilateralism."

The OECD said that the minimum rate would see countries collect around \$150 billion in new revenues annually while taxing rights on more than \$125 billion of profit would be shifted to countries where big multinationals earn their income. Reactions were swift to a agreement:

US President Joe Biden: "For decades, American workers and taxpayers have paid the price for a tax system that has rewarded multinational corporations for shipping jobs and profits overseas. This race to the bottom hasn't just harmed American workers, it's put many of our allies at a competitive disadvantage as well."

UK Finance Minister Rishi Sunak: "We now have a clear path to a fairer tax system, where large global players pay their fair share wherever they do business." Nick Clegg, Facebook vice president of Global Affairs: "Facebook has long called for reform of the global tax rules, and we recognise this could mean paying more tax, and in different places. The tax system needs to command public confidence, while giving certainty and stability to businesses. We are pleased to see an emerging international consensus."

Oxfam tax policy lead Susana Ruiz: "Today's tax deal was meant to end tax havens for good. Instead it was written by them... Calling this deal 'historic' is hypocritical and does not hold up to even the most minor scrutiny. The tax devil is in the details, including a complex web of exemptions that could let big offenders like Amazon off the hook. At the last minute a colossal 10-year grace period was slapped onto the global corporate tax of 15 percent, and additional loopholes leave it with practically no teeth."

Amazon.Com Inc spokesperson: "Amazon supports the OECD Inclusive Framework's progress towards a consensus-based solution for international tax harmonization, and we look forward to their continued technical work."

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire: "This deal opens the path to a true fiscal revolution."

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen: "We've turned tireless negotiations into decades of increased prosperity - for both America and the world. Today's agreement represents a once-in-a-generation accomplishment for economic diplomacy."

Swiss finance ministry statement: "The aim is to create legal certainty for the companies concerned. Switzerland - like other countries - is critical of the OECD's timetable, as it does not yet sufficiently respect national legislative processes. It will not be possible for Switzerland to introduce the new rules by 2023, as envisaged by the OECD."

European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen: "I look forward to the G20 Summit at the end of the month, where we will finalise the details of this agreement. Then, we need to implement it... In parallel, we will continue to crack down on tax avoidance and evasion because we have to ensure that everyone pays their taxes in an equitable way. We owe it to our citizens."

Irish Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe: "This landmark agreement will address global tax challenges of digitalisation and provide the certainty and stability that large business and Government need... I am confident that Ireland will provide an attractive home for multinational enterprises long into the future."

VIEW FROM THE TOP

## SA wine industry making adjustments for climate change, adapting for sustainability

JOHANNESBURG

HAVING to adapt to economic pressures and the effects of climate change, South African wine grape and wine producers are continuing to work towards their own sustainability, and that of the industry. During the Winetech Vinpro Regional Information Days held earlier this month, close to 200 people attended and shared in these are other insights.

While the South African wine industry has been under great financial pressure since the start of Covid-19 due to the previous and current restrictions on liquor sales and wine tourism, as well as the resulting carry-over stock that have an effect on price points, Christo Conradie of Vinpro says

now is the time to focus on the positive and build on it:

"Our current export figures are looking good - even better than in 2019 - in terms of volume, but especially value growth. South Africa's cultivar wines are doing particularly well in overseas markets, including Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot."

There is also a revival in the planting of new vineyards, with about 2,000ha that are estimated to be established by the end of 2021. "These vines are being planted on a large scale by producers across the wine grape growing regions, with different business models - from producer to private cellars. More importantly, it's the right

cultivars that are being planted on the most appropriate sites for the specific wine purpose. We can definitely draw inspiration from this," Conradie says.

With an increase in consumers' awareness of ethical and environmentally friendly practices, South African wine businesses can benefit from emphasising their participation in the industry's ethical trade accreditation (Wieta). "A total of 72% of the 2021 wine grape crop, and 77% of our 92,000ha under vineyards are Wieta certified. We can proudly build on this and spread the message to an international audience." Hard lessons learned during SA's alcohol prohibition

Buffer yourself against

climate change

Climate change is a reality. According to Dr Etienne Neethling of Vintage Master and Grappe-Esa-Inra in France, an increasing number of wine grape producers from around the globe are observing the effects of climate change on their farms, and making adjustments in their vineyard practices.

According to a survey among 3,625 wine grape producers in 18 countries, 84% of the respondents are observing signs of climate change, including an increase in average winter and summer temperatures and the occurrence of unusual droughts, hail and frost in certain regions.

# AfricaNenda debuts with focus on improving payment solutions for projects

By Smart Money Reporter

LAST week, leaders from the telecommunication, financial technology, development, and the banking ecosystem regionally and internationally launched AfricaNenda, a new Africa-led organization aimed to accelerate instant and inclusive payment systems (IIPS), through partnerships with African governments, regional economic communities, and private sector associations.

AfricaNenda will address the key bottlenecks around critical pre-project support and institutional capacity building that are currently restricting the scale-up of fundable, instant and inclusive payment system projects. It has started the process of accelerating regional and national IIPS priorities in Africa with the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Rwanda Information Society Authority, the COMESA Business Council and other stakeholders.

AfricaNenda was born of a desire to meet the needs of the approximately 400 million financially excluded adults on the continent. Comprised of the most vulnerable populations - largely women in rural areas - these adults rely on cash or informal providers to meet their financial needs, a system which can be costly and risky.

In addition to reducing the cost and risk, enabling universal access to payment

systems can reduce poverty on the continent. AfricaNenda believes that instant and inclusive payment systems can play a pivotal role in achieving universal financial inclusion in Africa by 2030.

"Digital payments are key to providing financial inclusion for the poor. By lowering transaction costs, increasing competition, we will be able to serve poor households and provide an array of services that help create prosperity to an underserved population. Digital payment platforms are a critical tool but advocating for the poor is our mission," said Robert Ochola, CEO of AfricaNenda during the launch in Nairobi.

AfricaNenda's leadership brings together experts in regional digital payments networks and regional digital infrastructure development. The organization is led by veteran financial services leaders, including Safaricom and Afreximbank veteran, Dr Robert Ochola, United Nations Capital Development Fund's global digital infrastructure lead, Sabine Mensah, and the former head of GSMA in sub-Saharan Africa, Akinwale Goodluck.

With Ochola as CEO, backed by Mensah and Goodluck as Deputy CEOs, the trio will provide technical assistance, capacity building and tools and training tailored to African organizations, payment experts to expand the rollout of instant and inclusive payment systems across the continent. It will also facilitate knowledge-sharing and network-building within the inclusive finance ecosystem.



Robert Ochola, CEO of AfricaNenda, speaks at the launch in Nairobi last week.

Prior to joining AfricaNenda, Ochola pioneered the development of a new Pan-African Payments and Settlement Systems (PAPSS) for driving cross-border trade. Mensah led the development of inclusive digital economies to accelerate financial inclusion across West and Central Africa while Goodluck provided leadership for the regulatory objectives of the MTN Group and spearheaded the fulfilment of GSMA's goals of promoting the best regulatory and policy practices for the mobile sector respectively.

The launch of AfricaNenda follows a series of high-level forums conducted with prominent experts and leaders to discuss critical challenges, trends and opportunities for digital financial inclusion on the continent. Some key-takeaways from the discussions include creating regulation that fosters innovation to enable cross-border and interoperability, and advocating for the education of regulators and policymakers to help build their capacity to move towards an

enabling policy environment.

Award-winning journalist and CNBC news anchor Ms. Fifi Peters moderated the convening, which featured keynote addresses by Marday Venkatasamy, Chairman of COMESA Business Council, and Maureen Mbaka, Chief Administrative Secretary of the Ministry of ICT Kenya. Remarks by Sachin Gudka, 2nd Vice Chairperson of COMESA Business Council, and Innocent Bagamba Muhizi, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Information Society Authority 'RISA,' were also delivered.

Also on the agenda was a panel discussion of experts who included: Dr Olorunsola Olowofeso, Director General of the West African Monetary Institute; Stefan Nalletambly, Director Financial sector Development Department at African Development Bank; and Angela Wamola, acting Head of Sub-Saharan Africa at GSMA who shared their thoughts on building a pan-African movement towards inclusive payment systems. AfricaNenda is supported with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and program support from the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.



## WORLD

## US delegation meets Taliban for first time since withdrawal

By Bloomberg

A US delegation held talks with senior Taliban representatives in Doha, Qatar, over the weekend to discuss wide-ranging issues including security, terrorism and human rights in the first official meeting since the chaotic American withdrawal from Afghanistan in August.

The talks were the first formal engagement between the State Department and the Taliban since the US evacuated its diplomats and troops from Kabul. It also comes after the UK diplomats met with Taliban officials in Afghanistan last week.

The Biden administration has wrestled with how to deal with the Taliban, which control Afghanistan's government but are officially labeled a terrorist organization and haven't been given access to the country's central bank re-

serves. This lack of access to reserves has led to a cash crunch in Afghan economy, which threatens to develop into a humanitarian crisis.

The "candid and professional" discussions covered the need for safe passage of US citizens, other foreign nationals and Afghan partners, State Department spokesman Ned Price said in a statement Sunday. The US also called for "the meaningful participation of women and girls in all aspects of Afghan society."

"The two sides also discussed the United States' provision of robust humanitarian assistance, directly to the Afghan people," Price said, adding that "the Taliban will be judged on its actions, not only its words."

The Afghan foreign ministry said the two-day talks "went well" with Taliban representatives welcoming the offer of aid and making their stand that humanitarian assistance should



Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi speaks during a press conference at the foreign ministry in Kabul on Sept 14, 2021. AFP

not be linked with political issues. Afghanistan's acting foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi headed the Taliban delegation in Doha, Suhail Shaheen, the country's permanent representative to the United Nations, separately told Bloomberg News.

The full implementation of the Doha agreement would be the best way to resolve problems and should be made to "restore diplomatic relations to a better state," the foreign ministry said in a statement posted by Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid on Twitter.

The ministry was referring to an accord signed last year between the Trump administration and the militant group that paved the way for the eventual withdrawal of US troops.

After sweeping to power in late August, the Taliban have seen their

authority challenged by Islamic State fighters, prompting fears that the country could descend into civil war once again. More than 40 people were believed killed on Friday after a suspected Islamic State suicide bomber attacked a mosque in the northern city of Kunduz.

US officials have said they're still trying to help Afghans who want to flee the country, including vulnerable women and girls and some of the thousands of people who worked with the US government over the course of a 20-year occupation. Several dozen American citizens – mostly of Afghan descent – are also estimated to remain in the country.

The Taliban said in the statement the government will help facilitate the "principled movement of foreign nationals," without giving further details.

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## COP15 kicks off in China's Kunming with ecological civilisation in spotlight

KUNMING

THE 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, known as COP15, kicked off yesterday afternoon in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Themed "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth," COP15 is the first global conference convened by the United Nations highlighting ecological civilization, a philosophy proposed by China.

The meeting is set to be held

in two parts. The first part, scheduled for Oct. 11 to 15, is held both offline and online.

Representatives are expected to focus on the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to guide conservation actions worldwide through 2030.

Over 1,800 participants will gather at a forum on ecological civilization as a sideline event of the meeting from Oct. 14 to 15, which will cover a range of topics including coping with climate change and nature-based ecological protection and restoration.



Photo taken yesterday shows the opening ceremony of the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province. (Xinhua)

The second part of the meeting, to be held offline in the first half of 2022, is expected to see the finalization and adoption of an ambitious and practical post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

China was among the first countries to become a party to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which entered into force in 1993. The Convention currently has 196 parties, and the Conference of the Parties is the highest mechanism for discussing and making decisions on the Convention.

Xinhua

## Israel says it will keep Golan as Assad's fortunes, US views shift

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL will keep the Golan Heights, which it captured from Syria in a 1967 war, even if international views on Damascus change, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said yesterday.

In 2019, then US President Donald Trump broke with other world powers by recognizing Israel as sovereign on the Golan Heights, which it annexed in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally.

Bennett's remarks came as the current US administration hedges on the Golan's legal status and some US-allied Arab states ease their shunning of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad over his handling of a decade-old civil war.

Addressing a conference about the Golan's future, Bennett said the internal Syrian strife had "persuaded many in the world that perhaps it is preferable that this beautiful

and strategic territory be in the State of Israel's hands."

"But even in a situation in which - as could happen - the world changes tack on Syria, or in relation to Assad, this has no bearing on the Golan Heights," he told the forum hosted by the conservative Makor Rishon newspaper.

"The Golan Heights is Israeli, full stop."

While not changing the policy, President Joe Biden's administration has been circumspect on the Golan issue, describing Israel's hold in de facto rather than de jure terms.

Asked in a February interview if Washington would continue to deem the Golan Heights part of Israel, Secretary of State Antony Blinken signaled openness to an eventual policy review on a territory most countries consider to be under occupation.

"As long as Assad is in power in Syria, as long as Iran is present in Syria, militia



This picture taken from the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights on June 5, 2020 shows the border fence with the south-western Syrian governorate of Quneitra. File photo

groups backed by Iran ... the control of the Golan in that situation, I think, remains of real importance to Israel's security," he told CNN.

"Legal questions are some-

thing else. And, over time, if the situation were to change in Syria, that's something we'd look at."

In his speech, Bennett pledged to double the size

of the Israeli population on the Golan, which is currently about equal to a Druze Arab community that often professes loyalty to Syria.

Xinhua

## Russia to wait for responsible leaders in Ukraine, says Medvedev

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will wait until responsible leaders appear in Ukraine, focusing on the buildup of based on equal rights and mutually beneficial relations and not on the total confrontation with Russia on the brink of war, Russia's Deputy Chairman of the Security Council Dmitry Medvedev said in the article titled "Why contacts with current Ukrainian administration are pointless," posted yesterday in the Kommersant newspaper.

"[We should] wait until responsible leaders appear in Ukraine, aiming at the buildup of based on equal rights and mutually beneficial relations with Russia, rather than at the total confrontation with Russia on the brink of fire and set-up of stupid 'Crimean platforms' created for dumbing down the country population and inflating their muscles before elections," Medvedev said.

"Russia knows how to wait. We are patient people," he added.

Ukraine is under direct foreign administration now and fully depends on the West, from money 'handouts' to direct management by special services, Medvedev stressed.

"The country [Ukraine - TASS] is under direct foreign administration. Furthermore, the administration is much tougher than interaction between the USSR and individual socialist countries during the known period," the official wrote.

The USSR provided "sufficient room in forming the domestic policy to its geopolitical allies, understanding that it may end in tragic developments otherwise," such as in 1956 in Hungary or in 1968 in Czechoslovakia, Medvedev said. "The simple pragmatic logic," he noted.

"Dependence is total in Ukraine - from cash injections to their economy (handouts from the US and the EU) to direct control of Ukrainian special services (by their US patrons)," the official added.

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## Astra's drug succeeds in late-stage trial to treat COVID-19

LONDON

ASTRAZENECA'S experimental COVID-19 drug has helped cut the risk of severe disease or death in a late-stage study, the British drugmaker said yesterday, a boost to its efforts to develop coronavirus medicines beyond vaccines.

The drug, a cocktail of two antibodies called AZD7442, reduced the risk of severe COVID-19 or death by 50 percent in non-hospitalized patients who have had symptoms for seven days or less, meeting the main goal of the study.

AstraZeneca's therapy, delivered via injection, is the first of its kind to show promise both as a preventative medicine and as a treatment for COVID-19 following multiple trials. It is designed to protect people who do not have a strong enough immune response to vaccines.

"These positive results show that a convenient intramuscular dose of AZD7442 could play an important role in helping combat this devastating pandemic," Hugh Montgomery, the trial's principal investigator, said in a statement.

AstraZeneca, whose COVID-19 vaccine has been widely used globally, asked US regulators last week to grant emergency use authorization for AZD7442 as a preventative therapy. AstraZeneca is submitting data from various AZD7442 studies to global health regulators, a spokeswoman said yesterday. "We'll be continuing discussions with regulators around this new data," she said of Monday's trial results.

The trial took place across 13 countries and involved more than 900 adult participants, with one half receiving AZD7442 and the rest a placebo. Full trial results will be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, AstraZeneca said.

AZD7442 contains laboratory-made antibodies designed to linger in the body for months to contain the virus in case of an infection. A vaccine, in contrast, relies on an intact immune system to develop targeted antibodies and infection-fighting cells. "An early intervention with our antibody can give a significant reduction in progression to severe disease, with continued protection for more than six months," said Mene Pangalos, executive vice president at AstraZeneca.

While yesterday's results cover the use of AZD7442 in non-hospitalized patients, a separate trial is also studying its use as a treatment for hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

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SMALL and yet powerful products in China's new materials industry have witnessed rapid growth in sales since the beginning of this year.

Medium and high-end products in the industry, including flexible ultra-thin glass that is 0.12 millimeter thick, only slightly thicker than a piece of A4-sized paper, but can realize 360 degrees of bends, high-performance carbon fiber whose diameter is only one tenth that of a human hair and strength seven to ten times that of steel, as well as black silicon nitride ceramic bearing ball which seems unimpressive but can withstand 600,000

## China's new materials industry enjoys broad prospects

times of friction per minute and high temperatures of over one thousand degrees Celsius, have been particularly popular.

Data showed that the output value of China's new materials industry increased from 800 billion yuan (about \$124 billion) in 2011 to 4.5 trillion yuan in 2019, registering a compound annual growth rate of over 20 percent. The figure is expected to reach 10 trillion yuan by 2025.

On Sept. 8, China's first 10,000-ton level carbon fiber production base was put into

operation in Xining city, capital of northwest China's Qinghai province. The total annual production capacity of the base is 25,000 tons.

Known as the black gold of materials, carbon fiber has many merits, including resistance to high temperature, friction, and corrosion, and can be used in strategic emerging industries such as aerospace and wind power generation.

"The production line that turns raw materials into finished products at the base stretches about one kilometer and involves more than 3,000

technical parameters. The whole production process is very difficult," said Lian Feng, executive deputy general manager of the branch of Zhongfu Shenying Carbon Fiber Co., Ltd. in Xining.

A single production line of the carbon fiber production base can produce 3,000 tons of high-performance carbon fiber annually, according to Lian, who disclosed that the project involves a complete set of independently developed and controllable high-end technologies.

It's estimated that the com-

pany's carbon fiber orders will surge three times over those received last year, Lian said.

Since 2014, demand for carbon fiber in China has risen steadily with an annual average growth rate of over 13 percent. In 2020, the country's demand for carbon fiber reached 48,900 tons, which could be hardly satisfied as domestic supply was 18,500 tons and overseas supply was unstable.

The development of carbon fiber industry in China epitomizes the rapid growth

of the country's new materials industry.

Since the beginning of this year, China National Building Material Group Co., Ltd. (CNBM), founder of Zhongfu Shenying Carbon Fiber Co., Ltd., has enjoyed accelerated growth in the sales of new materials, according to Zhou Yuxian, chairman of CNBM.

As business performance has improved continuously, the proportions of the group's income and net profit from new materials business in its total income and net profit rose from 19 percent

and 36 percent to 23 percent and 41 percent, respectively, Zhou said.

As the world's largest manufacturer and integrated service provider in the market of building materials and a global leading developer of new materials, CNBM has felt clearly that the country's expanding high-tech industry has driven the demand for new materials since the start of the country's 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025). Zhou noted, adding that the constant upgrading of new materials has also extended their application in various industries.

People's Daily



# China plays key role in tackling global biodiversity crisis, says expert

WASHINGTON

CHINA, with a long history of nature conservation, got a key role to play in helping tackle the global biodiversity crisis, which is equally on center stage with climate change, a U.S. expert has said.

"I think the ability of China to provide technical and financial assistance to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is going to be a big part of the success and their legacy of hosting the COP15," James Roth, senior vice president for global policy and government affairs at Conservation International (CI), a non-governmental organization, told Xinhua in an interview on Tuesday.

Roth, who oversees the organization's U.S. government affairs and international policy teams, was referring to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), which will kicked off in the city of Kunming in China's southwestern Yunnan Province yesterday.

"The kind of ambition that China has shown sort of comes to pass not only in China, but in other countries. So it's a lot of work to host one of these conferences and people expect you to come out and be a leader. It's a lot of responsibility. So far the announcements have

been quite good," Roth said.

The COP15 includes two parts. The first part is a combination of interactive virtual and in-person setting that will take place on Oct. 11-15 both online and offline in Kunming.

The second part, to be held in-person in the first half of 2022, will see broad and deepened negotiations towards an ambitious and practical post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

A nature lover and a passionate environmental protectionist, Roth has been closely following China's efforts on promoting biodiversity. "China has a long history of nature conservation, and it's very well recognized."

The influence of China is so important globally and it's therefore encouraging to see the concepts that have worked well in China to (influence) other countries," he said.

The concept of "ecological civilization," Roth said, "really highlights in our view humanity living in harmony with nature."

To meet ecological civilization targets, China has drawn up ecological conservation red lines nationwide to identify the country's crucial ecological zones and enforce strict protection in those areas, he said.

"So when you talk about sort of what does 'Beautiful China' mean,



White cranes forage in a farmland by the Poyang Lake in Yugan County, east China's Jiangxi Province, Jan. 15, 2021. Xinhua

in our mind, it's taking these sort of concrete actions and then turning them into protected areas that allow humanity and nature to live together in a mutually sustaining way," said Roth.

China's approach to ecological civilization is a "very useful model" for other countries, as they also try

to figure out how they're going to reach their own biodiversity goals, he said.

"So I think China can serve as a very, very good example here," he added. In addition, China's commitment to strive for the peaking of carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2060 was

also "a very, very good example," said Roth.

"We realized that there are already some plants under construction, but I think going forward, the fact that China will be turning to other sources of energy, it was very, very welcomed," he said.

Xinhua

## German coalition talks strain as partners spar over money

By Bloomberg

OLAF Scholz's bid to succeed Angela Merkel as German chancellor is set for a critical test as the two potential junior partners sparred over fiscal policy ahead of a series of coalition talks this week.

In a sign of the challenges ahead, Greens co-leader Robert Habeck urged debt relief for pandemic-hit European Union partners, while Volker Wissing, general secretary for the business-friendly Free Democrats, reaffirmed the party's red lines of no tax increases and sticking to constitutional debt limits.

Scholz's Social Democrats will meet with potential allies for 10 hours of discussions on Monday, with four more hours of talks planned for Tuesday. The party remains optimistic that it will be able to reach an agreement before the end of the year, according to Kevin Kuehnert, an SPD board member.

"I think there's enough there to develop a joint desire to govern for the first months, and then there will be crises like in every government," he said in an interview with ARD television on Monday.

"That's totally normal, and why it's so important that the talks are conducted solidly and seriously."

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## Ecological protection efforts bolster rural tourism in NE China

"WE'VE heard so much about the beautiful maple leaves here. It's definitely worth the journey," said Du Juan, a woman visiting the Fenglin Valley in Huanren Man autonomous county, Benxi, northeast China's Liaoning province.

Du, a tourist from Benxi's neighboring city Shenyang, came to the tourist attraction with her family. She was so attracted to the beautiful scenery that she could not stop snapping after entering the scenic area.

Maple leaves are a character of Benxi's tourism, while the city's development highlights greenness.

Benxi was historically extremely polluted as part of China's old industrial base in the northeast. Huge environmental improvements have occurred as a result of the city's tireless efforts.

In recent years, Benxi has prioritized environmental conservation, steadfastly developed its industry, and vigorously pushed forward the cultural and tourism sector. The city sees huge gains in both ecological conservation and tourism development as it strikes a balance between environment and tourism.

"We probably have the most beautiful maple leaves in the entire Liaoning province," said Zhang Chunyou, an employee of the Fenglin Valley, and pride was shown on his face when he said it. No one would imagine that the scenic area was once an remote tree farm, he added.

Zhang started working at the tree farm in 1980. At that time, the farm was ringing with the sound of motor saws all day. According to him, over 5,000 cubic meters of trees were felled annually, and almost all the trees there were chopped down eventually.



Visitors enjoy the sight of maple leaves at the Dashi Lake in Benxi, northeast China's Liaoning province. File photo

This resource crisis unquestionably sounded an alarm for the tree farm. Therefore, the farm, upon discussion, decided to establish a tourism company. After three years of planning and a massive "refill" of trees, the scenic area was opened to the public in June 2013. The June-December revenue that year equaled to the whole-year income from lumbering, and now the Fenglin Valley currently earns over 20 million yuan (\$3.1 million) every year.

The story of the Fenglin Valley is a miniature of Benxi's green development. As a forest city at the national level, Benxi has forest coverage of 76.31 percent.

In recent years, it has rolled out a series of regulations to safeguard the ecology, develop green coal mines and conserve its maple trees. Besides, it has also been working to fight air pollution. As a result, the ecological environment in the city is significantly improved.

Wang Guangchao is a resident of Heping village, Xianguang township, Huanren Manchu autonomous county, located near the Fenglin Valley and Hugu Valley, another scenic spot in the county. He told People's Daily that the scenic areas have not only offered jobs for his fellow villagers, but also boosted the local B&B business.

Wang, who runs a small resort, gets new bookings practically every day. "I have to dish up for a huge group of tourists today, and some 30 of them are going to stay here tonight," he said.

In Tongjiangyu, a village near the Benxi Water Cave in Xiaoshi township, Benxi Man autonomous county of Benxi, the agritainment business is blossoming. The village has made the Man culture its prominent attraction and built a featured resort.

"The villagers used to subsist on their crops, and sometimes they took part-time jobs. Their annual income was only several thousand yuan," said Bai Jinghua, Party chief of the village. Now the development of rural tourism

provides massive jobs for surrounding villagers, with some of them earning 3,500 yuan a month, he added.

Gao Zhifa, chief of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Xiaoshi township committee, told People's Daily that the local government, by calling on the operators of agritainment facilities to establish integrity alliances, has well regulated the market and improved their services.

Meanwhile, the local government has invested over six million yuan renovating 45 stores, including 22 agritainment facilities in Tongjiangyu village, to make the village more attractive.

According to Wu Lan, secretary of the CPC Benxi municipal committee, Benxi will keep holding the vision of "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets," turn resources into great projects, and accelerate the fostering of leading tourism projects and brands to drive the high-quality development of the city's tourism industry.

People's Daily

## Albanian PM's statement on unification with Kosovo unacceptable – Russian Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

MOSCOW views the statement made by Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama on unification of Kosovo as absolutely unacceptable, official spokeswoman of the Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova said in a comment.

"We consider the statement of Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama on the unification of Albania and Kosovo as absolutely unacceptable. Promotion of 'Greater Albania' creation grossly contradicts provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 and undermines stability in the region," Zakharova said.



Russian Foreign Ministry Maria Zakharova

It is particularly strange to here that violation of the document that is fundamental for Kosovo settlement "is declared as the key goal in the political career of the leader in one of countries in the Balkan Region," the

spokeswoman noted.

"Such detrimental cases absolutely do not fit the context of cooperative efforts of Belgrade and Tirana on creation of a common market, undertaken by them in the context of the Open Balkans regional initiative, the joint one with Skopje," she said.

"We look forward to an appropriate response of Western tutors of the Kosovo 'nation-building' project to this brazen provocation. We are highly surprised they miss such undermining calls, while they direct criticism against Belgrade in connection of its 'Serbian world' humanitarian concept, justified and consistent with the international law," Zakharova noted.

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## UK police: No further action over Prince Andrew, Epstein allegations

LONDON

BRITISH police said yesterday they would be taking no further action after conducting a review of evidence relating to sex crime allegations against Queen Elizabeth's son, Prince Andrew (pictured), and the late US financier Jeffrey Epstein.

London's police chief, Cressida Dick, said in August that detectives would look at the allegations for a third time although they would not start an investigation, after Virginia Giuffre filed a US lawsuit accusing the prince of sexual assault which he has always denied.

She had said at the time that "no one is above the law".

"As a matter of procedure MPS (Metropolitan Police Service) officers reviewed a document released in August 2021 as part of a US civil



action," the police said in a statement on Monday. "This review has concluded and we are taking no further action."

In her civil lawsuit, Giuffre, 38, has accused Andrew of forcing her to have sex when she was underage at the London home of Epstein's long-time associate Ghislaine Maxwell.

She also said Andrew, 61, abused her at Epstein's mansion in Manhattan, and on Epstein's private island in the US Virgin Islands.

The British royal, the ninth in line to the throne, has always denied those allegations or having any relationship

with Giuffre.

He was forced to step down from royal duties over his friendship with Epstein, who committed suicide in a Manhattan jail cell in 2019 while being held on sex-trafficking charges.

The Sunday Times had reported this week that London police had spoken to Giuffre regarding her allegations.

"The Metropolitan Police Service continues to liaise with other law enforcement agencies who lead the investigation into matters related to Jeffrey Epstein," the police said in their statement.

Last week, lawyers for Andrew, the queen's second son, were given permission to examine a confidential 2009 agreement between Epstein and Giuffre which they hope will absolve him from all liability in the case.

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## Electoral commission: Turnout in Iraq's election reached 41%

BAGHDAD

INITIAL turnout in Iraq's parliamentary election on Sunday was 41 percent, the Independent High Electoral Commission said.

Electoral commission officials had indicated earlier that the election drew one of the smallest turnouts for years, with the low participation suggesting dwindling trust in political leaders and the democratic system brought in by the 2003 US-led invasion.

The established, Shi'ite Islamist-dominated ruling elite whose most power-

ful parties have armed wings is expected to sweep the vote, with the movement led by populist Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who opposes all foreign interference and whose main rivals are Iran-allied Shi'ite groups, seen emerging as parliament's biggest faction.

Such a result would not dramatically alter the balance of power in Iraq or the wider Middle East, say Iraqi officials, foreign diplomats and analysts, but for Iraqis it could

mean that a former insurgency leader and conservative Islamist could increase his sway over the government.

Two electoral commission officials told Reuters that nationwide turnout of eligible voters was 19 percent by midday. Total turnout was 44.5 percent in the last election in 2018.

Turnout was low at polling stations in several parts of the country visited by Reuters. Polling stations closed at 6 pm.

(1500 GMT) However, Iraqi elections are often followed by protracted talks over a president, a prime minister and a cabinet. It appeared to be the lowest turnout in any election since 2003, according to electoral commission counts at polling stations that Reuters visited across the country. In Baghdad's Sadr City, a polling station set up in a girls' school saw a slow but steady trickle of voters. Election volunteer Hamid Majid, 24, said he had

voted for his old school teacher, a candidate for the Sadrist.

"She educated many of us in the area so all the young people are voting for her. It's the time for the Sadrist Movement. The people are with them," Majid said.

The election was held several months early under a new law designed to help independent candidates - a response to widespread anti-government protests two years ago.

"Jockeying and government

formation will look the same - the same parties will come to either to share power and not provide the population with basic services and jobs and on top of that will continue to silence dissent. It's very concerning," said Renad Mansour of the Iraq Initiative at Chatham House.

The United States, Gulf Arabs and Israel on one side and Iran on the other compete to influence Iraq, which provides Tehran with a gateway to back

armed allies in Syria and Lebanon.

The 2003 invasion toppled Saddam Hussein, a Sunni Muslim, and catapulted to power majority Shi'ites and the Kurds, who were oppressed under the autocrat. It unleashed years of sectarian violence, including the takeover of a third of the country by Islamic State between 2014 and 2017.

High school teacher Abdul Ameer Hassan al-Saadi said he boycotted the election, the first parliamentary polls since the 2019 protests and subsequent crackdown.

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# SPORT



Yanga players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for 2021/22 NBC Premier League, and Azam Sports Federation Cup. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Yanga head coach unhappy with attackers' profligacy

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

YANGA head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, has said he is not happy with the way his team is not making the most of chances to score so the outfit's current camp seeks to address the weakness.

The NBC Premier League outfit had recently contemplated having a camp in Arusha at a time the domestic top flight was on a break, giving room for international matches.

The Jangwani Street-based outfit's leadership thereafter opted to let the players have a camp in Dar es Salaam to avoid inconveniencing the team's footballers that have been called up to their countries' national teams.

The Tunisian tactician said he is not happy with the way the strikers wasted clear chances in the two games his side took part in NBC Premi League and he has decided to work on the weakness early.

"I want to work on the shortcomings I saw in my team in the training, one of them is failure to make the most of chances, we are creating a lot of chances but exploiting them is a problem and that is why you see we have won one goal in every game," the tactician revealed.

Nabi revealed he still believes in his players and after the camp, they will return to the league with a bang and do what he wants.

"The league is very tough, every team is organized so we have to be very careful to make good use of every opportunity we create in fixtures," Nabi noted.

He said the team will set up camp for at least 10 days to camp and will

travel to Songea for its top-flight tie against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

KMC FC, the match's host, has opted to play at Majimaji Stadium in Songea, Ruvuma, as per the NBC Premier League regulations.

Yanga emerged victorious with a 1-0 win in their first two matches against Kagera Sugar, which took place at Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba, and against Geita Gold FC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam thus reaping six points in the fixtures.

In another development, KMC FC assistant coach, Habib Kondo, has said that sending the side's top-flight fixture against Yanga to Songea gears towards entertaining football followers in the region.

KMC FC will host Yanga on October 19 in the top flight tie, which will be the third match for both clubs.

Kondo disclosed they are continuing to prepare to face Yanga which has posted a victory in their two league games.

He said entertaining Songea District and surrounding regions' soccer followers is the main reason for sending the game to the place, given they have no club that is taking part in the top flight.

"The stadium is not even ours, we are going there to entertain the locals, technically we are still preparing for the game, we are not afraid of Yanga but we respect it like other top-flight outfits this season," Kondo noted.

Kondo's statement was echoed by the side's official, Walter Harrison, who insisted they have opted to play the clash in Songea because they want to entertain the locals.

The tactician disclosed they have not started the league well in the first two games but that does not bother them as the league is still in the early stage.

"It's a mistake we continue to work on to make sure we start getting good results, the league is still in early stage," Kondo pointed out.

KMC FC conceded a 2-0 loss to Polisi Tanzania in the first tie, which took place in Arusha.

The Kinondoni Municipal Council-owned club thereafter was held to 0-0 draw by Tanga's Coastal Union in the following clash, collecting one out of possible six points in two games.

## Betting company spends 961m/- to award winners, Yanga fan wins 104m/-

By Guardian Correspondent

BETTING company, M-Bet Tanzania, has spent a total of 961m/- to reward various football followers, who accurately predict the results of various league matches in the world through the company's games, dubbed 'Perfect 12', and 'Jackpot Bonus'.

M-Bet Tanzania Marketing Manager, Allen Mushi, stated at the prize handover ceremony to Stephano Ndundulu from Njombe, who won 104.3m/-.

Mushi said that Ndundulu is the 10th winner of the 'Perfect 12' draw this year.

He said that they feel very proud to continue changing sports lovers' lives and empowering them through their sports betting.

Mushi revealed: "Apart from changing the lives of our winners through sports betting, we are also proud to contribute 20% of the winning tax that goes directly to the government."

"We are good government taxpayers and we contribute to the nation's development," Mushi disclosed.

He said that out of that amount, 791m/- is a direct prize for the 'Perfect 12' winners while 200m/- is a prize for the 'Jackpot Bonus'.

Ndundulu, who is an avid Yanga fan, said that he did not believe in winning that amount of money by spending only 1,000/- to place his bet.

He pointed out: "I am a farmer, I have been participating in betting several times and managed to win a small amount of money."

"When I got a call and was told I had won more than 100m/-, I couldn't believe it and thought it was a dream."

He said he would use the money for conducting modern agriculture and providing jobs for other people.

## SPORTS

## Taifa Stars rebound in fantastic style



Senior national football side 'Taifa Stars' striker, Simon Msuva, dribbles past Benin national team's defenders as the two teams locked horns in a 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier game which took place in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: TFF

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipoke

AFTER having their tails tucked between their legs in their 1-0 defeat to Benin in a 2022 World Cup qualifier last Thursday, the Taifa Stars rebounded fantastically well as they claimed the scalp of Benin in a 1-0 victory last Sunday.

Indeed, in what was a stunning role reversal, the Stars bounced back brilliantly last Sunday to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the 2022 World Cup, which would be a historic milestone if they manage to pull it off.

However, given recent results, the Taifa Stars can ill-afford any more slip-ups as they bid to progress to their very first World Cup finals in history.

At this juncture, it is crystal clear that if the Stars lose more matches, this could well imperil their prospects of qualifying for the World Cup next year.

Thus, as the pressure continues to mount in these world cup qualifiers,

which are invariably a high-stakes affair, it is hoped that the Stars will tread warily but self-assuredly as they continue to proceed to what would hopefully be their maiden appearance at the World Cup finals next year.

Turning to women's football, the Twiga Stars are presently the toast of the country following their title triumph at the COSAFA Senior Women's Cup last Saturday.

In what was a dogged and arduous battle of a final against Malawi last weekend, the Twiga Stars produced a glittering display as they conquered their opponents 1-0.

Beyond the elation

which their sublime victory elicited from all Tanzanians, though, the triumph of the Twiga Stars also drove home the point that they have enjoyed an uncontested hegemony overall teams in the COSAFA Women's Cup during the past few years.

And, the case for this bold assertion is pretty cast-iron. Indeed, if you will, dwell on this germane truism, last weekend's heroics illustrated that Tanzania has won trophies in all women's categories of the COSAFA Women's Cup such as the U-17, U-20, and now most recently, the senior women's category to boot.

Indeed, following this unchallenged supremacy, one can well imagine in the future that just the mere sight of Tanzania's women's teams in all categories of the COSAFA Cup will be enough to leave all opponents shuddering in fear.

Furthermore, our dominance in this regional football feast unmasks a fact which is at times damagingly ignored, that there is a rich and abundant reservoir of potential in national women's football.

Axiomatically then, one can only hope that those shepherding football on our home patch will act expeditiously to ensure that the plentiful potential in women's football can be realized in the not-too-distant future.

## Simba SC coach eager to strengthen squad ahead of NBC Premier League fixtures

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC head coach, Didier Gomes Da Rosa, has said that he is using the international break well to improve the players' physical and technical ability while training to prepare for the NBC Premier League games as well as the 2021/22 CAF Champions League.

Coach Da Rosa disclosed that they are taking the 2021/22 CAF Champions League's first-round match against Jwaneng Galaxy FC of Botswana seriously and his players are ready to fight to reach the group stage.

The French coach admitted he will miss his star player, Pape Sakho, against Botswana champions in the premier continental club showpiece's clash slated for October 17 in Gaborone.

But he insisted that midfielder Sadio Kanoute and attacker Kibu Denis would boost the side in the coming match as they are in good form.

Simba SC has continued training at its training venue in Dar es Salaam, where Sakho, who sustained an injury in a domestic top-flight clash against Dodoma Jiji FC, is featuring in individual training.

The tactician disclosed: "We are ready for a big and important match for us. I have prepared my players well, to make sure we start well away."

"Pape Ousmane Sakho was seriously injured in our game against Dodoma Jiji FC so it will take him a while to recover, but for some players, it is just a common problem," the French coach revealed.

"I have followed the Galaxy in their two games against Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs, both of South Africa, they are the best team we can't ignore because they are champions," he said.

Simba SC will play against Jwaneng Galaxy in Gaborone on October 17, before the league game against Polisi Tanzania on October 20, and the reverse match against the Botswana side on October 22.

The NBC Premier League defending champions have 14 footballers turning out for their respective countries national teams, namely Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia, and Malawi.

The national teams are in pursuit of qualification for the 2022 World Cup finals to be held in Qatar next year.

Da Rosa also said that fullback Shomari Kapombe is doing well after sustaining an injury in a Premier League tie against Biashara United while expecting his return soon after the league break.

Simba's goalkeeper Jeremiah Kisubi returned to training after suffering an



Simba SC's head coach, Didier Gomes da Rosa.

injury before league matches had begun.

The tactician moreover praised the presence of first-team keeper, Aishi Manula, who was one of the best goalkeepers in Africa in the 2020/21 season.

Da Rosa said he is pleased with the presence of his three strikers, Chris Mugalu, John Bocco, and Meddie Kagere, hoping they would continue to do well.

In terms of Kanoute's development, the tactician pointed out he has returned to training after suffering a knock in the Community Shield fixture against age-old rivals, Yanga, and the midfielder is now back to normalcy and competitiveness.



## Messi's Argentina thrash Uruguay, Brazil lose 100% qualifying record

SAO PAULO

LIONEL Messi opened the scoring as Argentina thumped neighbors Uruguay 3-0 in an entertaining World Cup qualifier on Sunday.

Goals from Rodrigo De Paul and Lautaro Martínez rounded off a successful night for Lionel Scaloni's team in Buenos Aires as they maintained their unbeaten start to the qualification campaign and closed the gap at the top of the single South American table to six points behind Brazil, who drew 0-0 with Colombia.

"We played a great match, I think we're improving a lot," said Messi. "It was a tough match and we had to win it."

"Uruguay sit back and are dangerous. Once we scored the first goal we started to find spaces and many appeared."

The first half was a classic end-to-end thriller with both sides hitting the woodwork before Argentina opened the scoring.

Uruguay's Luis Suárez looked lively early on and had three gilt-edged chances, all from the corner of the six yard box. Two, including an acrobatic volley, were parried by goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez, while his third effort came back off the near post.

For Argentina, Giovanni Lo Celso skewed wide from 10 yards and Lautaro Martínez was narrowly unable to direct De Paul's cross on target.

Lo Celso then broke from deep and rounded goalkeeper Fernando Muslera, but his shot crashed down off the bar onto the goalline before bouncing away to safety.

Messi had a low shot from the D deflected inches past the post and then broke the deadlock in bizarre fashion.

His chip into the box with the outside of his left boot was missed by Nicolas González, whose presence seemed to deceive Muslera, the goalkeeper also missing the ball as it nestled in the bottom corner.

Muslera flirted with disaster moments later when he dribbled past Martínez in his area but Uruguay's nerves were rattled and Argentina doubled their lead with another scrappy goal. Messi's pass was deflected into the path of Martínez whose miss-kick fell kindly for De Paul to stroke home.

Martínez then had a chance to put the game to bed in first half stoppage time but shot straight at Muslera.

He did secure the win, though, on 62 minutes when left unmarked at the back post to tap in De Paul's cross.

The second half did not match the thrill-a-minute first but Argentina con-

trolled the game.

It could have been worse for Uruguay but Muslera made a fine double save from Ángel Di María and Messi in the last minute.

- Neymar fails to inspire Brazil -

The returning Neymar could not inspire Brazil to victory as hosts Colombia ended their perfect start to the qualification campaign in Barraquilla.

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Coach Tite's side are still almost certain to qualify for next year's finals in Qatar as they maintain a 13-point lead over fifth-placed Colombia, with the top four progressing automatically.

"Neymar did well as the team's leader," said Tite, but "he was well marshalled" by a Colombian side that has "more technical qualities than other teams."

Brazil started brightly and dominated the opening quarter as Colombia goalkeeper David Ospina made saves from Neymar and Lucas Paqueta.

Neymar's cute reverse pass then put Paqueta in one-on-one with Ospina but on the stretch he poked the ball wide. Neymar was at the heart of much of Brazil's attacks but when he teed up a teammate on the edge of the area, it was defensive midfielder Fred who appeared on the scene, and it was no surprise to see him blaze over the bar from 18 yards.

Colombia grew more adventurous in the second half and Brazil goalkeeper Alisson Becker saved efforts from Mateus Uribe and Juan Quintero, while Radamel Falcao had the ball in the net 20 minutes from time but it was disallowed for a foul on Militao.

Raphinha almost fashioned a winner for Brazil when he picked out fellow substitute Antony with a perfect in-swinging delivery, only for Ospina to make a brilliant reaction save from point-blank range.

It was a good day for the bottom two teams in the group as Bolivia beat Peru 1-0 and Venezuela defeated Ecuador 2-1.

Ramiro Vaca's goal eight minutes from time gave Bolivia victory despite having fellow substitute Henry Vaca sent off on 75 minutes.

Goals from Darwin Machis and Eduard Bello either side of a penalty from Enner Valencia were enough to give Venezuela a rare win.

In the late match, goals from English-born Ben Brereton and Mauricio Isla gave Chile, who had Charles Aranguiz sent off, a 2-0 win over Paraguay, who had Omar Aldieret dismissed.

AFP

## Neymar says World Cup in Qatar may be his last for Brazil

SAO PAULO

BRAZIL star Neymar says next year's World Cup in Qatar could be the last of his career.

The comments by the 29-year-old striker were made in the documentary "Neymar & The Line Of Kings," produced by DAZN. An excerpt was published on the channel's Twitter feed on Sunday.

"Man, I think it will be my last World Cup," Neymar said. "I am facing it like the last World Cup because I don't know whether I will be able to, mentally, to endure more soccer."

"I will do everything possible to get there very well," he added. "I will do all I can to win it with my country and realize my dream, the biggest since my boyhood." Neymar played in Brazil's 0-0 draw at Colombia later Sunday in a World Cup qualifying match. The Selecao leads the 10-team round robin competition with 28 points after 10 games. Neymar missed last week's 3-1 win at Venezuela because of suspension.

Brazil coach Tite was asked about Neymar's below-par performance, which included 17 missed passes and 30 losses of possession.

"He is an exceptional player because he makes exceptional plays, he does it exceptionally and not ordinarily," Brazil's coach said. "He is a special player, we know it. And he was also well marked, sometimes by two players."

The match in Barranquilla marked Neymar's first international match since the 2-0 win against Peru on Sept. 10, in which he turned in a key

performance with an assist and a goal. Despite his efforts, Neymar made clear after the match that he is upset with the treatment he gets at home.

"I don't know what else I need to do with this shirt for people to respect Neymar," he said. Local media accused the striker of being out of shape in the 1-0 win at Chile earlier in September, which prompted the striker to walk around shirtless during training in a bid to demonstrate his fitness.

Against Peru, Neymar overtook Romário as Brazil's top goal scorer in World Cup qualifiers, with 12 goals. He is also approaching Pelé's record of 77 official goals for Brazil. The Paris Saint-Germain striker has scored 69 times for Brazil.

Neymar has so far played at two World Cups. In 2014, he picked up a back injury in the quarterfinals against Colombia, which stopped him from playing in the shocking 7-1 semifinal loss to Germany.

In the most recent edition of the tournament, Neymar had just returned from a serious foot injury and turned in an unimpressive performance in Brazil's 2-1 quarterfinals defeat to Belgium. He left Russia 2018 amid heavy criticism for his apparently exaggerated reaction to being fouled.

Neymar won the 2013 Confederations Cup title with Brazil, and also won the gold medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. He was injured before the 2019 Copa America, which Brazil won at home.

AP

# Nigeria avenge shock loss, Tanzania win away

JOHANNESBURG

NIGERIA centre-backs Leon Balogun and William Troost-Ekong redeemed themselves by playing key roles in a 2-0 World Cup qualifying away victory over the Central African Republic on Sunday.

They had been criticised for allowing Karl Namnganda to score in the final minute three days ago as the Central African Republic snatched a stunning 1-0 Group C triumph in Lagos.

Balogun from Scottish Premiership giants Rangers was first to make amends, scoring in the 29th minute of the second meeting to put the Super Eagles ahead.

Troost-Ekong, who plays for Premier League outfit Watford, atoned in first-half added time by setting up Napoli sharpshooter Victor Osimhen for the second Nigerian goal.

Nigeria top the table after four rounds with nine points, two more than Cape Verde, who snatched a 1-0 home win over Liberia thanks to a 90th-minute goal from captain Ryan Mendes.

No one was more relieved after Nigeria turned the tables on the Wild Beasts than coach Gernot Rohr as many Super Eagles supporters had demanded his immediate sacking following the Lagos loss.

"I received a very good reaction from my team. Everybody wanted to avenge what happened on Thursday," said the 68-year-old German who has been in charge of Nigeria since 2016.

"We altered the system, playing three defenders, and it worked. The leadership of Ahmed Musa was also vital and congratulations to him for winning his 100th cap.

"Central African Republic were difficult opponents. They committed



Ibrahima Kone (C) celebrates scoring for Mali in a World Cup qualifying victory over Kenya in Nairobi on Sunday (AFP)

many fouls, which made it hard for us to create rhythm."

- Musa milestone -

Forward Musa is only the third Nigerian to reach the 100-cap milestone after former Everton defender Joseph Yobo and goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama.

Nigeria visit Liberia and host Cape Verde next month, and the table toppers will join nine other group winners in play-offs during March to decide the five African qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Tanzania, the fifth lowest ranked team among the 40 who qualified for the group stage, won 1-0 in Benin through an early Simon Msuva goal to

regain the Group J lead.

They are ahead of Benin on goals scored with top seeds the Democratic Republic of Congo two points adrift after losing 1-0 in Madagascar, whose second-minute winner came from Njiva Rakotoharimalala.

Mali retained a two-point advantage over Uganda in Group E after both countries achieved 1-0 victories to eliminate Kenya and Rwanda from the race to finish first.

Ibrahima Kone, whose hat-trick triggered a Malian goal blitz against the Kenyans last week, netted early in the second half to earn the Eagles maximum points in Nairobi.

Fahad Bayo was another forward to score in successive qualifiers, follow-

ing up his winner for Uganda in Rwanda three days ago by netting the only goal of the return match in Entebbe.

After scoring 10 goals against the Seychelles in a two-leg preliminary tie, Rwanda have struggled at the higher level of the group stage, notching just one in four outings.

Group B leaders Tunisia failed to defeat Mauritania for the first time in a World Cup qualifier, drawing 0-0 in Nouakchott after winning five previous meetings spanning 21 years.

Former African champions Zambia continue to disappoint in the same section, surrendering a second-half lead given to them by Rangers' Fashion Sakala in a 1-1 home draw against second-place Equatorial Guinea.

AFP

## France wins Nations League with late goal from Mbappé

MILAN

KYLIAN Mbappé scored late as world champion France came from behind to win the Nations League with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the final on Sunday.

Mbappé netted with 10 minutes remaining as France was again forced to fight back, just as it had done in the semifinals against Belgium.

There were few chances in a cagey final in Milan but the match burst into life shortly after the hour mark.

Moments after France hit the woodwork, Mikel Oyarzabal fired Spain in front but its lead lasted less than two minutes before a magnificent finish from Karim Benzema.

"This is the first piece of silverware I've won with France so I'm very proud and delighted," said Benzema, who only recently returned to the France squad after a five-year absence.

"We played two top-level performances. We went out there to win the trophy so I'm delighted for the team as a whole and I'm proud as an individual."

There was a video review for a possible offside on Mbappé but the goal was given as Spain defender Eric García was the last to touch the ball as he attempted to intercept the pass to the France forward.

"I'm used to not talking about referees and I concentrate on what I can control," Spain coach Luis Enrique said. "I don't think I've ever talked bad about referees."

"I've got nothing to say. I concentrate on trying to make my teams play the best way and accepting wins and losses."

European champion Italy beat Belgium 2-1 in the third-place match earlier Sunday.

Spain beat Italy 2-1 in their semifinal game with Ferran Torres netting both goals. There had been doubts about Torres' fitness but he recovered to start the final. Midfielder Adrien Rabiot was absent for France after testing positive for the coronavirus.

France started well and almost took an early lead as Benzema rounded Spain goalkeeper Unai Simón and attempted to roll across for Mbappé but the ball was cleared by César Azpilicueta.

Spain went closer five minutes later as Torres threaded the ball through to Pablo Sarabia but his fairly tame shot



French players react with their trophy after defeating Spain to win the UEFA Nations League final soccer match at the San Siro stadium, in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021. (AP)

was an easy catch for France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris.

Spain dominated possession but created few chances. It was the only side to have a shot on target in the first half though.

Theo Hernández had scored the last-minute winner for France against Belgium and he ignited Sunday's final when his effort crashed off the underside of the bar and out in France's first real sight of goal in the 63rd minute.

Moments later, however, it was Spain which broke the deadlock as

Oyarzabal raced onto Sergio Busquets' ball over the top and fired into the bottom right corner.

Oyarzabal had set up both of Torres' goals in the semifinal match.

But France was swiftly back on level terms as Benzema cut in from the left and curled a sumptuous effort into the top right corner.

And the stage was set for Mbappé to score the winner as he and France continue their revival. Mbappé was judged to have sprung the offside trap as he raced onto Theo Hernández's

through ball and placed it into the bottom right corner.

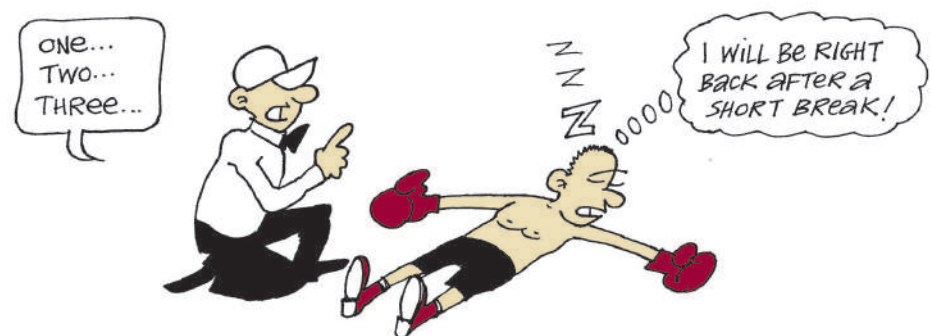
Lloris pulled off two great saves from point-blank range to deny first Oyarzabal and then Yeremi Pino as France survived a late siege by Spain.

Mbappé has now scored in successive matches, after two goals in his previous 13 internationals.

It was the third straight victory for France.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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**Nigeria avenge shock loss,  
Tanzania win away**

## Super Middleweight boxer resorts to rest

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

PROMINENT Tanzanian Super Middleweight boxer, Abdallah Pazi 'Dullah Mbabe', has said he has chosen to rest after losing a non-title Super Middleweight fight against the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)'s Tshimanga Katomba in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Pazi, the number two boxer in the Super Middleweight division in Tanzania, pointed out the decision to rest aims at offering him an opportunity to regroup.

The outspoken pugilist was earlier set to trade punches with Katomba's compatriot, Alex Kabangu that could though not feature in the fight because of the issues he experienced.

"Next year I think I'll be back, but for now let me rest first, calm down, reorganize myself so that I can have a new vigour when I get back on the ring," he said.

He said since he was beaten by compatriot, Twaha Kassim, he did not get enough time to rest.

"I spent a lot of energy to prepare for the bout, I had also prepared to travel to Germany to take part in a fight, although the fight was postponed, then I faced the Congolese."

"All that time I spent a lot of energy starting from preparation, so I need to rest for this season's remainder," he said.

Pazi moreover apologized to his fans for the last weekend's defeat, insisting it is part of the game.

"You should keep on supporting me this season when I will be out of action until next year when I come back with new strength and enthusiasm," he noted.

This is the pugilist's second defeat in high-profile fights, which have taken place in Dar es Salaam. The pugilist previously lost to Kassim.

Kassim, another popular local pugilist in the Super Middleweight division, recently made it clear that his fight against Pazi was exhausting.

Morogoro-based Kassim, now the division's leading pugilist domestically, moreover disclosed he did not expect the number two boxer, who is as well his long-time rival, to be beaten by Katomba.

Kassim was seen watching the fight on television in Morogoro, the pugilist was time and again holding his head in disbelief whilst watching it.

"I'm hurt, I felt like I was the one taking part in the fight, there were times I wanted to shout but that's the game, Pazi's fight has hurt me a lot," he said.

He said he followed the fight from start to finish and there were times he overcame his temper and felt like he was on the verge of collapsing.

Kassim revealed that Pazi lost the fight because of failure to get enough time to rest after the August bout against the former.

"When I heard he was fighting again, I was shocked, because our bout was tough, so he needed time to rest before returning to the ring."

"Since that fight, I officially started training on Monday, I rested because it was difficult, Pazi chose to feature in the fight, I believe that also played the part."

"He is a good boxer but he has lost the fight, he nevertheless has time to prepare and become stronger," he disclosed.

He stated that before the fight he called Pazi and talked to him two or three times and wished him all the best.

"I also posted it on my Instagram page, Pazi and I are just rivals, after the bout, we are friends, I'm very hurt by the results because I like to watch fellow boxers enjoy success when they fight foreign pugilists."



Petrofuel (T) Limited's Managing Director, Satish Kumar (L), hands over the Colourflex Man of the Match award to Nandakishan Pottachira of Alliance Caravans cricket side for the latter's crucial innings in a 2021 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's tie against Balakrishna Strikers, which took place in the city last weekend. Pottachira's exploits helped his team secure progression to the showdown's knockout stage. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

## Alliance Caravans make it to knockout phase in 2021 DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

THE 2021 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament hosts, Alliance Caravans, took on Balakrishna Strikers at Leaders Club venue in the city last Saturday.

A win in the duel would have ensured the hosts' qualification for the knockout phase, with Balakrishna Strikers having already been knocked out of the showdown.

Alliance Caravans won the toss and elected to bat first, notching 163 runs losing six wickets in 20 overs.

The opener, Nandakishan Pottachira, was the pick of the batsmen, scoring 52 runs in 38 balls.

By the end of the 20th over, Alliance Caravans registered the 163 runs total, which was massively supported by captain Sreejith Kumar's quick 23 runs in 13 deliveries.

In return, Balakrishna Strikers struggled to find a decent partnership, with wickets falling at regular intervals.

Nyenje Hashim tried to fight back with 34 runs in 18 deliveries.

However, it was a little too late for the chase, with Balakrishna Strikers being skittled for 124 runs, falling 39 runs short of the target.

This win secured the passage of Alliance Caravans to the knockout stage of the competition.

With this match over, the domestic cricket fanatics' eyes would be set on the match between Alliance Caravans and Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, which had been set to be played on Sunday.

The duels' winners were expected to progress directly to the first semi-final, termed as 'qualifier', and losers would have to play the dreaded play-off, dubbed 'eliminator', against in-form Harab Motors Pak Stars.

For his exploits, Pottachira was awarded the Colourflex Man of the Match award.

The DC Caravans T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This year's tournament features the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga are the other contenders.

Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jibusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and GI Security.

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## Taifa Stars' triumph over Benin impresses sponsors



Tanzania's senior national team 'Taifa Stars' players pose for a picture ahead of their African qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup match against Benin, which took place in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: TFF

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA'S senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' sponsors, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), courtesy of the firm's famous beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager, have hailed the squad's impressive performance against Benin.

A Simon Msuva strike was all 'Taifa Stars' needed to defeat Benin by a solitary goal to reclaim the top position in Group J's qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup in a tough away match, leaving Benin in disbelief.

Benin, alias 'Squirrels', had won the initial meeting against Taifa Stars away by a solitary goal, and they came into Sunday's match at Friendship Stadium as favourites, but things turned upside down.

Taifa Stars were nevertheless a side that made its intentions clear after just six minutes.

A great run by Msuva past two 'Squirrels' defenders put him in a good position, and he unleashed a rasping shot that flew into the back of the net.

Msuva's efforts summarized the rest of the 'Taifa Stars' squad's spirited play under the tutelage of head coach, Kim Poulsen.

The hosts tried to get an equalizer soonest, pushing forward with every opportunity they got, but they were not given a chance due to solid defense by Taifa

Stars.

The win, which saw Taifa Stars maintain its top position in Group J, has been hailed by SBL's Senior Brand Manager Mainstream Beer, Wankyo Marando.

Wankyo congratulated the team for posting a victory and expressed high hopes that the national squad will also cruise over Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the remaining group qualifying matches that will enable Taifa Stars to proceed on to the final qualifying round.

She revealed: "We congratulate Taifa Stars for their great showing in their match against Benin. As the team's main sponsors, we are happy that it managed to beat such a strong team at their home ground."

"We are optimistic that the team will continue to perform well in its remaining fixtures against Madagascar and DR Congo and after that go into the next step," Wankyo stated, affirming the brewer's steadfast support for the team.

Wankyo was referring to the continued support that SBL has been according to the senior national team since 2017, courtesy of its award-winning beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager.

The firm first signed an agreement with the Tanzania Football

Federation (TFF), the custodian of Tanzanian soccer, to prop up the senior national team.

The SBL pumped 2.1 bn/- into the team and further renewed the contract last year with an additional 3bn/- kitty.

SBL's sponsorship has radically rejuvenated Taifa Stars. It has progressively registered a string of creditable achievements.

A notable success is a historic qualification for the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) showpiece held in Egypt in 2019, which came about after almost four decades.

Further, the senior national squad early this year participated in the African Nations Championship (CHAN) in Cameroon, whereby they gave a good account of themselves.

Besides sponsoring Taifa Stars, SBL, demonstrating its love for soccer and its commitment to developing sports in the country, is also the main sponsor of the Mainland Women's Premier League.

This first-of-its-kind sponsorship through its 'Super-Brands' award-winning beer brand, Serengeti Lite, effectively becomes the first-ever company to assist the previously low-key league.

The financial boost has revamped the league, and it is now at its most competitive ever.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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