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● Private operators invited, DART handed fare collection task

By Romana Mallya

TREASURY Registrar Nehemiah Mchechu has outlined three strategies to revive the ailing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services, including importing 100

buses that are expected to get into the country anytime from now. Addressing editors in Dar es Salaam yesterday regarding preparations for the public or-

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Treasury Registrar Nehemiah Mchechu addresses editors at a breakfast meeting held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

TIC obtains \$6.5bn FDI flows, hints at reaching \$5bn during FY 2024/25

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) registered 707 projects valued at \$6.561bn during fiscal 2023/24, compared to 369 projects pegged at \$5.394bn registered for fiscal 2022/23.

Gilead Teri, the TIC executive director said at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that 38.19 percent of the projects belong to local investors, 42.86 percent were initiated by foreign companies and 19.38 percent are joint ventures.

In their designs, the projects could generate up to 226,585 jobs compared 53,871 jobs for projects registered in the previous financial year, he said, noting that there was an increase in registered projects by 91.60 percent, showing a more modest capital surge by 21.6 percent from \$5,394.83m to 6,561.09m, he said.

The manufacturing sector was leading with 313 projects pegged at \$2.462bn, with transportation next at 128 projects valued \$1.035bn, he said, noting a sharp rise in registration of commercial buildings projects, with 76 projects registered pegged at \$1.079bn, while tourism was a rather distant finisher with 75 projects likely to attract \$349.4m in capital inflows.

Agriculture attracted a significant number of projects at 56, potentially raking in \$710.02m, dwarfing the tourism sector by far during the period, he pointed out.

The increase in projects related to various initiatives put in place by the government, including the launch of a digital platform at TIC enabling investors to register projects in a day or at most three days wherever they are, he said.

TIC has also launched a one stop service centre for obtaining documents like permits within 24 hours of lodging an application, he said, praising reviewing the law on investments back in 2022.

It has facilitated investment, he said, adding that TIC expects that the

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Azam confirm final pre-season plans as they tour Morocco

Samia's 'no' to requests for new Katavi districts

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has turned down requests for the division of districts, as there are many such requests while implementation of such needs requires a lot of money.

Addressing residents at Kibaini area of Mpimbwe District, Katavi Region while on a working tour of the region, the president responded to a request made by former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda.

Pinda had requested that the government divide the region

and create another district as the region is too big to manage, which the president deferred to another time.

On a different note, she promised to hand 1.6bn/- to obtain land to build residence halls for students of the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) at its new Mizengo Pinda Campus at Mlele District, earlier part of Mpanda District.

The president said that the government needs more time to work on establishing another district in the region, citing a plurality of requests to divide the regions into new districts.

"We work according to the economy we have and the way we produce. If we sell and get more income we'll do so," she explained.

The 1.6bn/- promise was similarly requested by the ex-premier, to pay compensation for people who will vacate their areas for the construction of SUA hostels, to relieve the higher learning institution of inconveniences in accommodating students.

Samia also said that she had received a request to promote Katavi National Park in a second edition of the 'Royal Tour'

documentary, to make the south western national park more noticeable within and outside Tanzania.

Established 50 years ago, the park is relatively remote, vast and natural, among pristine parks in Africa acknowledged for a wide range of unique plant species and abundant wildlife resources.

President Samia praised the regional and district defense and security committees along with religious leaders, art groups and the media working to do the most on the tour since it started.

TCU opens admissions window for 2024/2025

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened the admission applications window for Bachelor's degree applicants for the 2024/2025 academic year.

Prof Charles Kihampa, the TCU executive secretary, stressed in remarks at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday that applicants need to take precautions against being cheated by freelancers claiming to be TCU agents or consultants. He demanded that prospective students avoid seeking out

those who claim to provide services on how to join higher education institutions, noting that applications will be received August 10, in just over three weeks.

"TCU would like to inform the public, institutions of higher education and all stakeholders that this window is open, so applicants with qualifications of the form sixth, diploma or comparable qualifications. There are also qualifications of the preliminary certificate of the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) which can be used for application, he elaborated, asking applicants to study the

criteria shown in TCU admission application handbooks.

Applications should be sent directly to universities or colleges that the applicant wishes to join in study programmes of the candidate's own choice, he said, underlining the importance of carefully reading and understanding the admission guide and the specific instructions indicated by universities or colleges before seeking admission.

Applicants with certificates issued by examination boards abroad should submit their certificates to the National Ex-

aminations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) for secondary education certificates or the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) for diploma to get testimony of matching qualification before filling admission forms.

As of February 2024, approved university institutions operating in Tanzania stand at 49, with 19 being public entities and 30 privately owned, he said, reaffirming that TCU is mandated to oversee both private and public university institutions.



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organisations CEOs Forum 2024 slated for Arusha city late next month, he said that BRT services have grossly failed to meet public expectations, "so the government has put in place bold strategies to ensure that the services are a relief to the city's residents".

"When the buses arrive, they will be concentrated on the main road first and not minor roads," he said, referring to the pivotal route from the Kimara suburb to the city centre and terminating at Gerezani and Kivukoni, respectively.

The second strategy is to invite at least four other investors to place buses on the routes, Mchechu said, noting that co-opting the other investors would make service delivery easier.

"It will also help regulatory authorities to understand which service provider provides appropriate services," he added.

He gave the third strategy as strengthening the revenue collection system, reaffirming that the task would be left to Dar Rapid Transit (DART) - "as these will manage and improve the fare collection system".

DART has until next month to complete the process of setting up an improved revenue collection system that will do better in eliminating thefts, the registrar said, adding that the government holds 85 per cent of UDART shares, the holding company run by the city's authorities.

"The public sector CEOs Forum 2024 (in Arusha city) will bring together board chairpersons and chief executive officers from 253 public institutions and organisations," he said.

He elaborated that the top executives would share experiences on how to strengthen the performance and management of institutions for intended productivity and efficiency.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to grace the opening session of the forum, which is set to ad-

dress themes on public and statutory corporations' business strategies inwardly and to the outside world, according to the Treasury Registrar.

He explained that the theme is focused on encouraging public institutions and organisations to look more at opportunities to invest or expand the scope of services outside Tanzania, adding that this supports instructions given by President Samia during the CEOs 2023 forum.

He recalled that the president had instructed the CEOs to lay out ways for public institutions and organisations to do business or seek to deliver their services outside the country.

So far, the Treasury Registrar's office oversees 309 public institutions and organisations, with 56 companies where the government has minority shareholding.

Mchechu elaborated that with the president's 4Rs platform, oversight and reform of public institutions has registered significant progress.

The Treasury Registrar's office is focusing more on reforms and rebuilding, he said, citing the tabling (in the National Assembly) of the Public Investments Bill with vital amendments to existing legislation, like board members being obtained through competition.

"Increase in the productivity and efficiency of investments in companies where the government is a minority shareholder plus broadening autonomy in commercial and strategic institutions is expected," Mchechu said, adding that this would go alongside merging some agencies and dissolving some institutions lacking efficiency.

He was emphatic that at the Arusha forum, participants would be updated on improvements made "as well as ongoing and future plans and the government's expectations on their role in increasing efficiency and productivity".

The CEOs would similarly discuss ways of improving the capital bases of organisations for enhanced operational efficiency and competition capacity, he added.



August Matutu (with microphone), Azania Bank Limited's head of agribusiness, briefs President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the bank's pavilion at an exhibition to mark Parents Week celebrations held in Katavi Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CCM: EALC will not weaken local businesses

By Guardian Reporter

THE ruling CCM has said that the East Africa Commercial and Logistics Centre (EALC) will not weaken local businesses as it is perceived but will stimulate money circulation and cement the relationship between Tanzania and China.

Amos Makalla, party's Secretary for Ideology, Publicity, and Training expressed the sentiments yesterday in Dar es Salaam

after touring the project which is implemented by Ubungo municipal council.

Makalla, who is on a tour of Dar es Salaam region said the project will stimulate economic activities and strengthen the diplomatic relations between Tanzania and China.

"I have been asking how our people received this project and I was told that there are fears that their businesses will be taken, but let me assure you that

this will further strengthen businesses," he said.

"Business people will reduce the time they use to import goods from China, and this project Tanzania will be the headquarters for East Africa," he said.

Makalla said the centre will also see the sale of food crops, saying President Samia Suluhu Hassan decided to revive the project after examining its potential.

Makalla pledged the party's full support for the

construction of the modern commercial and logistics center which is invested by a Chinese company in Dar es Salaam, the economic hub of Tanzania.

The mega project, known as East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center, is aimed at transforming Tanzania's economy. It is being developed by the East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center (EALC), whose holding company is Weihai Huatan Supply Chain Man-

agement Company Ltd.

Speaking while at Palestina Hospital, Sinza in Dar es Salaam where he inspected the Out Patient Department (OPD), Makalla said he was impressed by the changes made.

The party official also called upon the Ubungo municipal council to use internal funds to finalize the construction of stairs for patients to access upper wards of the hospital.



Ali Said Bakari (gesturing, with microphone), Director General of the Zanzibar Stone Town Conservation and Development Authority, briefs Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi yesterday on the memorial tower located in a garden in Unguja's Mnazi Mmoja District. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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legislation will be seen as sufficiently attractive to garner more investors and foreign direct investments (FDI).

An investment capital threshold for local investors to access tax waivers reduction to \$50,000 was similarly to attract more local investors, he said, alluding to TIC campaigns for local investors to register with the centre.

The campaign facilitated an increase in the number of locally owned projects by 106.11 per cent compared to fiscal 2022/23, he said, reminding the public that 2024 is a year of investments

TIC has dedicated the month of July to promoting investment in the manufacturing sector with value addition in agriculture, livestock, fisheries and forestry products, as during fiscal 2024.25 it envisages to register 1,000 projects valued at \$5bn in FDI flows and \$3.5bn from among local investors, he added.

Global immunisation coverage stalls in 2023, increasing risk of disease outbreaks

By Guardian Correspondent

GLOBAL childhood immunisation coverage stalled in 2023, leaving 2.7 million additional children under-vaccinated compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019, according to WHO and UNICEF data.

The latest estimates highlight the urgent need for catch-up efforts and system strengthening to close the immunization gap.

UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell emphasized the necessity for global efforts and investments in primary healthcare to

ensure every child gets vaccinated. The data revealed that the number of children receiving three doses of the DTP vaccine stalled at 84 percent, with 14.5 million children missing their first dose.

More than half of the unvaccinated children are in fragile

settings, vulnerable to preventable diseases due to disruptions in health services. Despite some progress, global immunization coverage has not returned to 2019 levels, with ongoing challenges like healthcare service disruptions, vaccine hesitancy, and access in-

equities.

Measles outbreaks, driven by low vaccine coverage, have impacted 103 countries, highlighting the need for improved immunization efforts. Conversely, strong HPV vaccine coverage saw an increase, particularly in Gavi-

supported countries, reaching 27 percent of adolescent girls globally in 2023.

To meet the Immunization Agenda 2030 targets, increased investment in innovation and collaboration is essential, along with robust political and community support.

TRA working on govt's directives

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) has suspended all arbitrary arrests at the Kariakoo International Market and other areas in the country including stopping the E-Fiscal Devices (EFDs) until August, this year.

Yusuph Juma Mwenda, TRA commissioner general unveiled this in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking to journalists on the actions taken by the authority to respond to the directives made by the government during the stakeholder meeting to find solutions to the businessmen's crisis at Kariakoo market in Dar es Salaam and traders in the upcountry regions.

Mwenda said: "During this time TRA will be holding meetings with community leaders, businesses of Kariakoo and regions. We'll also increase efforts to provide education to the public about tax issues and tax improvements being made to facilitate increasing awareness for businesses about tax issues in the country."

He also stated that all relevant public institutions as well as business councils should be fully involved at all levels.

TRA also planned to educate more taxpayers and the general public on various issues related to taxes through seminars, door-to-door, using social networks to educate, including WhatsApp groups, car advertisements, and various brochures and stakeholder meetings.

"We'll also increase advertisements on TV, Radio, Newspapers and use artists or celebrities," he said, noting that TRA will set up a good system that will facilitate the delivery of important purchase documents during the importation of products in the country from July 2024.

Kariakoo International Market is strategically located within the radius of Dar es Salaam harbour and crossroads between Southern, Central, Eastern, and Southwestern Africa. The market serves business persons from all regions in Tanzania and approximately 11 countries in Africa.



The United States Ambassador to Tanzania, Dr Michael Battle (2nd-L), AHEAD [Adventures in Health, Education, and Agricultural Development], Inc CEO Dr Donna Williams-Ngirwa (L), Health ministry assistant director Dr Ahmad Mohamed (3rd-L) and former World Health Organisation assistant Director General Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho are taken through documents on the 50th anniversary of AHEAD, Inc. it was at the opening of this year's edition of the Healthcare Excellence Symposium held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. AHEAD, Inc is a qualified non-profit and NGO based in the US. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Use your skills to form small-scale industries, college graduates urged

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

COLLEGE graduates have been advised to use their skills in establishing small-scale industries, which will enhance their competence in various fields but also facilitate employment.

Bebylon Mwakymbile, director of Kyela-based Edible Covenant Oil said

this here during a graduation ceremony of the Manyara College.

"You have graduated here in various courses, you can employ yourselves through the knowledge you have gained while in college instead of waiting for employment from the government alone," he said.

Mwakymbile also promised to

contribute to the construction of the college's permanent residence so that it moves away from renting.

Director for the college, Brayton Magige said the college was established in 2010 saying this was the 10th graduation noting that the college has been renting over the years.

"There are 12 youths graduating to-

day but I have already secured them jobs because it has been the norm by this college to look for jobs before they graduate so we believe the college contributes to government efforts in job creation," he said.

One of the graduates who is a resident of Singida rural said she joined the college after reading online about

its qualities saying she is expected to open up her own saloon.

Hindu Muhammed, another graduate and resident of Dar es Salaam said after graduating from the college she is now expected to get employment in the wildlife sector.

A resident of Mwanza who also graduated from the college Zabron

Zuberi said after graduating she is expecting to operate her own organization.

He said the college consists of students mostly from Mwanza, Njombe, Singida, Kigoma, Dodoma, Zanzibar, and Dar es Salaam saying they are expected to increase the enrollment capacity.

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Embrace decent cultures to remove immorality in girls

By Correspondent Rose Ngunangwa, Bagamoyo

TANZANIANS have been told to embrace its traditional cultures such as initiation for girls in a bid to curb immorality in Tanzania.

Pili Jamla, qualified trainer in initiation teachings among the Wakwere and Wadoe tribes in Bagamoyo District, Coastal Region said here over the weekend that their teachings have over the years evolved to adjust to education needs where girls are now trained for initiation from 18 years old and during school holidays with great emphasis for them to focus on education before they can engage in marriage.

"Girls are taught about husbands, discipline, and morals about them and how to grow. They are taught issues about cleanliness and that they should not become thieves, liars, indiscipline, or sleep in their mother's bed," said Pili.

According to her, in the Wakwere and Wadoe tribes, a mature girl is normally protected and is not allowed to go to the night dance or music let alone hang around.

Another trainer Halima attributed the failure of married couples to remaining committed to ignoring

the old teachings where a girl was trained during the initiation ceremony how to be a good wife and assume all of the responsibilities as a wife.

"We should never ignore the old teachings as a woman who has undergone initiation can never misbehave in her marriage. There is a need to go back to our roots to impart the good traditions and customs such as initiation to our girls for them to grow as adults with morals," said Halima, who like her colleagues is now 72 years old.

Initiation is a ritual meant to impart traditional customs and norms as well as morals to girls in a bid to prepare them to become civilized adults with morals.

This practice is conducted by Wakwere and Wadoe tribes from the Coast region and Bagamoyo district and is normally accompanied by a traditional dance called Mtilili as well as local brew.

Globalization coupled with assimilating the Western culture is reported to have seen children misbehave and lack respect towards the elders something which a person who has gone through teachings such as Unyago according to experts can never engage in disrespectful behaviours.



Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (L) has a word in Shinyanga municipality yesterday with Shinyanga regional commissioner Anamringi Macha, with whom he exchanged ideas on peace and security. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chinese medical team treats 10m Tanzanians for 60 years

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A TOTAL of 10 million people have benefited from the medical services offered by the Chinese medical team over the past 60 years.

Zhang Jungiao, team leader of the 27th Chinese medical team unveiled this in Dar es Salaam yesterday when explaining the achievements recorded since the first batch arrived in the country in 1964.

He said that the medical team includes anaesthesiology, cardiac surgery, cardiology, intensive care medicine, respiratory medicine, paediatrics, orthopaedics, and neurosurgery.

Jungiao said that during the collaboration, the medical team shared their experience as well as training the generation of local doctors on how to use new equipment to deliver quality healthcare services. "We

did our concerted efforts to bridge the gap through knowledge sharing to local doctors and nurses to rescue the life of Tanzanians by ensuring the provision of high and standard quality healthcare," he said.

Liu Yimin, cardiac surgeon from the team appealed to Tanzanians to adhere to regular medical check-ups to diagnose disease on time.

He said that during years of diagnosis, treatment, and

observation by the Chinese medical team, many diseases plague the health of Tanzania's people, many of which are caused by late examinations or delayed treatment for other reasons.

Minor diseases have become a major problem, and there are also many congenital developmental defects and hereditary diseases that necessitate the need to see a doctor promptly and have timely prenatal care.

Yimin also called Tanzanians to eat a balanced diet and change their lifestyle to prevent the increase in the number of people reported suffering from Non-Communicable Disease (NCD)

"NCDs are on the rise in Tanzania. Therefore, we must avoid unhealthy lifestyles as individuals or families to be free from diseases," he said.


When comparing, Yimin said that in China cardiovas-

cular disease is mostly diagnosed in people aged 70 to 80 years while in Tanzania the disease was found much in young people aged 25 to 35 years.

He commended the China and Tanzania governments for the initiative of establishing the cardiovascular institute in the country adding that it has become the largest and most advanced cardiology diagnosis and treatment center in Tanzania, and even

in the whole of East Africa.

In recent years, the Chinese government launched a China-Africa medical cooperation programme, allowing more Tanzanian doctors to receive medical training in China, sending medical teams to African countries to carry out free diagnosis, treatment programmes, training camps, and donating a large number of medical supplies to Tanzania people.



The bank that listens

NOTICE FOR ASSETS DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS BANK ASSETS

CRDB Bank PLC (the Bank) is an African Bank and a leading financial services provider in Tanzania with a current presence in Tanzania and Burundi, East Africa. The Bank intends to sell the below items to any interested buyer:

A. ICT EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT MABWEPANDE

SN	ITEM NAME	QUANTITY	LOCATION
1	USED ATM	54	MABWEPANDE
2	UPS SKVA STABILIZER (LARGE)	22	MABWEPANDE
3	UPS-6KVA GAMATRONIC FOR HOSPITAL	39	MABWEPANDE
4	ICT SERVER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT	10 BOXES	MABWEPANDE
5	MAGAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT	16 BOXES	MABWEPANDE

B. FURNITURE LOCATED AT MABWEPANDE

SN	ITEM NAME	QUANTITY	LOCATION
1	TREASURY TABLE	12	MABWEPANDE

C. GENERATORS LOCATED AT MABWEPANDE, KILOSA, NYERERE, KAKONKO, UDOM BRANCH, CHAMWINO SOKONI, DIDIA, KISHAFU AND ISAKA.

NO	TYPE/MAKE	MODEL	CAPACITY	CURRENT LOCATION
1	GHADDAR	PT 60	60 KVA	MABWEPANDE
2	MARAPCO	MP66E	66 KVA	MABWEPANDE
3	MARAPCO	MP66E	66 KVA	MABWEPANDE
4	GHADDAR	PT12.5	12.5 KVA	MABWEPANDE
5	FG WILSON	P27	27 KVA	KILOSA BRANCH
6	ELLEMAX	P40	40 KVA	NYERERE HYDROPOWER PROJECT
7	GHADDAR	PT13	13KVA	KAKONKO BRANCH
8	FG WILSON	P40	40 KVA	MABWEPANDE
9	STERLING	SGP22PR	22 KVA	MABWEPANDE
10	ELLEMAX	SH6500EX	6.5 KVA	MABWEPANDE
11	ELLEMAX	SH6500EX	6.5 KVA	MABWEPANDE
12	ELLEMAX	SH7600EX	7.6 KVA	MABWEPANDE
13	ELLEMAX	SHT11500	11.5 KVA	MABWEPANDE
14	FG WILSON	P40	40 KVA	MABWEPANDE
15	ELLEMAX	GX200	5.5 KVA	UDOM BRANCH
16	ELLEMAX	GX200	5.5 KVA	CHAMWINO SOKONI
17	ELLEMAX	GX200	5.5 KVA	DIDIA
18	ELLEMAX	GX200	5.5 KVA	KISHAFU
19	ELLEMAX	GX200	5.5 KVA	ISAKA
20	SKVA STABILIZER (LARGE)		22 KVA	MABWEPANDE
21	UPS-6KVA GAMATRONIC FOR HOSPITAL		39 KVA	MABWEPANDE

D. ELEVEN MOTOR VEHICLES LOCATED AT ADA ESTATE (DAR ES SALAAM), ZONAL OFFICE ARUSHA, MOSHI, TURIANI (MOROGORO), NGARA (KAGERA), SAUTI (MWANZA), LUPATINGATINGA (CHUNYA) (MBEYA)

SN	Registration Number	REG No.	CHASSIS No.	YOM	ASSET No.	LOCATION
1	Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top	T424 BTY	NI	6/2/2011	500000859	ADA ESTATE
2	Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top	T123 ALW	JTER-87J400043477	9/2/2014	500000980	ADA ESTATE
3	Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top	T492 BDU	NI	24/01/2014	500000754	ZONAL OFFICE (ARUSHA)
4	Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top	T496 BDU	JTER-87J400049409	25/01/2014	500000857	MOSHI (KILIMANJARO)

E. THREE PLOTS LOCATED AT MSIJUTE DANGOTE AREA -MTWARA, NANYAMBA - MTWARA, AND CHAKE CHAKE LUSHOTO - TANGA.

S/N	Plot No.	Location
1	Plot No. 88 Block A Mtwarra (3.75)	MSIJUTE (DANGOTE AREA MTWARA)
2	Plot No. 38 Block A (2.120)	NANYAMBA
3	Plot No. 97 Block E (2.708)	CHAKE CHAKE (LUSHOTO TANGA)

The Bank intend to sell the above items to any interested buyer under the below conditions:

- The sale of the items will be conducted in line with the Bank's Procurement Policy and Procedures. The selection will be conducted based on the highest evaluated bidder.
- All interested bidders are requested to visit at the mentioned location. The site visit can only be done on weekdays during normal working hours (0900 hours to 1500 hours) from July 16th, 2024 to July 31st, 2024.
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- The purchaser will be liable for all taxes relating to this purchase.
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- Opening of the submitted bids/quotes will be conducted online via a link to be found on the Bank website. The opening is scheduled to be done on July 31st, 2024, at 1500 hrs.
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16 July, 2024

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- During the site visit all bidders will be required to come with their own PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes **Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat, and helmets.** Static Reflective vests are not allowed onto site. Bidders without PPE will not be allowed onto the site.
- Bids MUST be submitted in hard copies only in envelopes sealed with postal seals or fire seals. Softcopies of bids should be submitted via a USB flash driver embedded in the hardcopies of bid submitted. No bid should be submitted by email.
- All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO.TP/07/2024/NCB/S/020 FOR PROVISION OF MANPOWER SERVICES.** All bids must be delivered physically to: **The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.**
- The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 4.00 P.M. local time on 26 July, 2024.
- There shall be NO public opening of bids.
- Late bids, a portion of bids, and electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

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

200 villagers receive free medical services in Z'bar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE 33rd batch of the Chinese medical team provided free medical services to more than 220 patients in rural areas of Zanzibar over the weekend.

Villagers from Migombani Village on Unguja Island obtained free medical consultations from Chinese doctors in several clinical departments, including internal medicine, surgery, Gynecology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and traditional Chinese medicine, as well as received medical services such as blood pressure measurement and blood sugar testing.

Maryam, head of Migombani Village, expressed gratitude to the Chinese medical team for delivering health-care services to villagers' doorsteps, adding that "the Chinese medical team came to our doorstep and provided convenient treatment for many villagers, especially those with eye diseases, stomach diseases, hypertension, and diabetes."

Jiang Guoqing, director of the Chinese medical team, said he was delighted to visit the village, offer free medical treatment, and safeguard the health of the villagers.

"The Chinese medical team will always pay attention to the health of the people in Zanzibar and strive to enhance the health standards of the local people," said Jiang.



Geoffrey Mnzava (C), the leader of this year's ongoing Uhuru Torch race, cuts the ribbon yesterday to launch a 41.2bn/- water project in Mbulu District meant to benefit 21 villages. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

'Serial killer' arrested after bodies found in Kenya dump

NAIROBI

KENYAN police have arrested a man who they have described as a "serial killer" suspected to have been behind the gruesome murder of nine women whose mutilated bodies were found in a disused quarry used as a rubbish dump.

Police say Jomaisi Khalisia, 33, confessed to having killed 42 women since 2022, including his own wife.

The suspect was arrested at a bar early on Monday morning as he was watching the Euro final.

There has been shock and outrage in Kenya since the first of the dismembered bodies were found

on Friday at the Mukuru quarry in the capital, Nairobi.

"[He] confessed to have lured, killed and disposed of 42 female bodies at the dumping site, all murdered between 2022 and as recent as Thursday," said Mohamed Amin, head of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

He said that after his arrest, the suspect led police officers to his house, about 100m (yards) from the crime scene.

The police displayed to the media some of the items said to have been recovered from the suspect's house, including 10 phones, a laptop, identity cards and personal female clothing.

They also found a machete they "believed was being used to dismember the victims", and nine sacks like the ones used to dispose of the bodies.

Since Friday, police have cordoned off the dumpsite where the bodies were found in various stages of decomposition.

The victims were aged between 18 and 30 and were all killed in the same way, according to the police.

Police said they were still interrogating the suspect to establish the motive for the killings and he would be arraigned in court on Tuesday.

They said his arrest followed

a "forensic analysis" of a mobile phone that belonged to one of the victims, Josephine Mulongo Owino, "where some mobile money transactions were conducted on the very day [she] went missing."

Post-mortem examinations on the bodies were being conducted, the police said.

They have asked families "who believe that their beloved ones may have fallen prey to these macabre murders" to report to the police.

"It is crystallising that we are dealing with a serial killer, a psychopathic serial killer who has no respect for human life,

who has no respect and dignity," Amin said.

A second person with a phone belonging to one of the victims has also been arrested and would be treated either as an accomplice or suspect, he said.

Kenya's police watchdog earlier said it was investigating whether there was any police involvement in the crimes as the dumpsite is close to a police station.

The officers working there have been transferred, to ensure "fair and unbiased investigations" into the "heinous" deaths, the acting police chief, Douglas Kanja said earlier.

The Independent Police Oversight Authority said "widespread allegations of police involvement in unlawful arrests [and] abductions" meant it was undertaking a preliminary investigation to establish whether there was any police connection.

Human rights groups have accused the police of shooting dozens of people who were demonstrating against planned tax rises earlier this month, some of them fatally.

On Friday, Kenya's police Chief Japhet Koome resigned, a day after President William Ruto fired his entire cabinet in the wake of the deadly protests.

WRAIR supports data centre at Lugalo military college

By Guardian Reporter

THE Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) has supported the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) and launched the Health Information System (HIS) data centre at Lugalo Military College of Medical and Allied Sciences.

The support is through the implementing partner Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (HJFMRI-Tanzania).

The data centre will provide real-time data across all the 21 health facilities supported within the TPDF, which launched HIS data centre which is also integrated with the Ministry of Health DHIS2 has been supported with funding from PEPFAR through WRAIR.

The idea is meant to strengthen the provision of HIV services by having a one-stop data overview for a more efficient and effective programme planning, management, monitoring, and integrating results attained from data into decision-making in improving the health system and sustaining HIV epidemic control in

Tanzania.

Mark Breda, WRAIR Country Director in Tanzania said the launch of the HIS within the TPDF Health facilities is a great milestone as it will add value to the country's initiative especially in the realization of the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals and the HIV treatment cascade, including diagnosis, enrolment, ART initiation, and adherence to treatment as we move toward epidemic control.

Brig. Gen. Charles Mwanziva, Director of Medical Services with TPDF appreciated the WRAIR support and said that the investment will help to strengthen the provision of quality health-care services across the supported 21 TPDF health facilities and since it is linked with the Ministry of Health DHIS2, it will also help the ministry to access real-time data to enable the country plan and respond accordingly to HIV challenges.

He added that with the available real-time data across 21 TPDF health facilities, healthcare providers will be able to respond timely to patient needs by pro-

viding solutions to any challenges such as the need for viral load tests and evaluation of patient treatments, which will add value for the programme to deliver effectively.

The collaborative idea of having a centralized data centre to collect and analyze data within the TPDF health facilities was seen as an opportunity for the TPDF to strengthen the provision of HIV services and respond to the country's priorities, especially on ensuring healthcare professionals intervene timely in any challenges observed through available data.

HJFMRI with funding from WRAIR has successfully invested more than 900bn/- through the procurement of data center equipment, installation of fiber optic network connectivity to 21 TPDF facilities through TTCL, designing of the TPDF-HIS and conducting capacity building to TPDF team commissioned to the University of Dar es Salaam, Server and power backup upgrading and facilitation of all consultative meetings with other stakeholders.



Dr Hussein Abradha (R), Kilimedair Aviation Company's Director for Medical Services, briefs Moshi Urban constituency legislator Priscus Tarimo at the Moshi airstrip yesterday on how they commonly deploy helicopters in rescuing and otherwise attending to tourists climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Entrepreneurs drilled on goods verifications

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 200 entrepreneurs have been trained on the best ways to verify the quality of their products before getting into markets.

The training was provided by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) to traders, producers, distributors, and ordinary people who visited the standard body booth at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF 2024).

Francis Mapunda, TBS acting manager- eastern zone told reporters at the just-ended DITF 2024 that

in these shows they have achieved great success, as they have provided education to stakeholders and solved the challenges they were facing.

He said the stakeholders have been educated about the various services they provide, including confirming the quality of products, management systems, testing services, and others.

Mapunda also said that citizens and participants were educated about the inspections that are carried out by the organization, including the inspection of products from

abroad.

"So all those who wanted to import products from abroad, when they arrived at our booth, they got information about the procedures for importing products from abroad," Mapunda said, adding: "We also provided education on how to test products in our laboratories to help people who want to get the services of the equipment that is used for testing in factories."

The TBS official unveiled that at this year's DITF there was an increase in the awareness of producers who wanted to certify their

products, and most of them wanted to know the procedures to follow to certify their products and finally be able to use the quality mark.

"Every citizen got the services he/she needed, including those who want to open their factories," he said.

Neema Mtemvu, TBS Public Relations Officer said through the exhibition they have visited more than 200 entrepreneurs, as well as encouraging them to come forward to prove the quality of the products they produce to expand the market scope of their products in the country

as well as in the countries of the East African Community (EAC).

She said the service to verify the quality of entrepreneurs' products is paid for by the government, so what they need is to go through the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) and get an identity letter.

According to Mtemvu, once the entrepreneurs get an identity letter, TBS starts the process of verifying their products for free.

Mtemvu also said that they used the exhibition to educate the public about banned cosmetic products

including the steps to follow so that they can confirm the quality of their products.

She urged Tanzanians to make sure that the products they buy are those with the TBS quality mark and that those who do food and cosmetics businesses make sure they register their premises.

She tasked cosmetics traders to ensure that they produce, import, distribute, and sell cosmetics that do not contain toxic ingredients; as such cosmetics are harmful to the health of consumers.

Mtemvu also stressed that they



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PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2024

(Amounts in million shillings)	Current Quarter 30.06.2024	Previous Quarter 31.03.2024
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	7,905	7,303
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	57,254	39,933
3. Investment in Government Securities	53,228	53,480
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	38,817	35,335
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	89	89
6. Interbranch float items	266	349
7. Bills negotiated	3,634	4,863
8. Customer liability on acceptances	4,737	7,128
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	203,742	209,104
12. Other Assets	3,488	2,918
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	545	581
16. TOTAL ASSETS	373,705	361,083
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	308,563	295,076
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	5,905	5,789
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	82	119
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	5,691	6,190
24. Acceptances outstanding	4,737	7,128
25. Inter branch float items	281	274
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	1,880	1,769
28. Borrowings	0	0
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	327,138	316,345
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (16 minus 29)	46,567	44,738
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	1,948	2,396
33. Retained earnings	37,910	37,700
34. Profit (Loss) account	3,720	1,689
35. Other capital accounts	388	353
36. Minority Interest	0	0
37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	46,567	44,738
38. Contingent liabilities	86,758	73,700
39. Non performing loans and advances	3,639	4,423
40. Allowances for probable losses	154	(182)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	12.46%	12.39%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	1.75%	2.06%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	66.15%	71.40%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	55.66%	59.50%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	79.15%	82.51%
(vi) Deposits Growth	4.52%	-1.07%
(vii) Assets growth	3.50%	-0.87%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2024

(Amounts in million shillings)	Current Quarter 30.06.2024	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 30.06.2023	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2024	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30.06.2023
1. Interest Income	7,981	6,529	15,855	12,745
2. Interest Expense	(4,323)	(3,740)	(8,337)	(7,330)
3. Net Interest Income/(minus 2)	3,658	2,789	7,518	5,414
4. Bad Debts Written Off	0	(3,608)	0	(3,608)
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	154	11	(28)	8
6. Non-Interest Income	1,396	1,118	2,766	2,193
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	361	180	839	371
6.2 Fees and Commissions	472	397	839	777
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	563	541	1,089	1,044
7. Non Interest Expenses:	(2,972)	(2,514)	(5,747)	(5,049)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,631)	(1,487)	(3,271)	(3,049)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(98)	(58)	(167)	(112)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(1,243)	(969)	(2,309)	(1,888)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	2,236	(2,204)	4,509	(1,041)
9. Income Tax Provision	(600)	(450)	(1,200)	(900)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	1,636	(2,654)	3,309	(1,941)
11. Other Comprehensive Income (Itemise)	395	242	411	506
12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	2,031	(2,412)	3,720	(1,435)
13. Number of Employees	75	74	75	74
14. Basic Earning Per Share	781	(1,021)	1,431	(747)
15. Number of Branches	4	4	4	4
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.44%	-1.50%	0.90%	-0.89%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	3.56%	-11.71%	7.32%	-6.97%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	31.69%	32.88%	30.86%	33.80%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	2.56%	4.14%	5.09%	4.02%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30.06.2024

(Amounts in million shillings)	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Total
Current Year 2024						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	37,877	2,398	288	43,162
Profit for the year	-	-	3,720	-	-	3,720
Transfer from/to Regulatory Reserve	-	-	450	(450)	-	-
Transfer to/from Other reserve	-	-	(100)	-	100	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(316)	-	-	(316)
Balance as at the end of June 2024	2,600	-	41,630	1,948	388	46,567
Previous Year 2023						
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	33,238	4,833	220	40,892
Profit for the year	-	-	3,434	-	-	3,434
Transfer to statutory Reserve	-	-	2,235	(2,235)	-	-
Transfer to other Reserve	-	-	(68)	-	68	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(480)	-	-	(480)
Dividend paid	-	-	(500)	-	-	(500)
Others	-	-	17	-	-	17
Balance as at the end of the year	2,600	-	37,877	2,398	288	43,162

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2024

(Amounts in million shillings)	Current quarter 30.06.2024	Previous quarter 31.03.2024	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2024	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30.06.2023
I. Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	2,031	1,889	3,720	(635)
Adjustment for:				
Impairment/amortization	(88)	(156)	(245)	94
Net change in loans and advances	5,382	(14,979)	(9,617)	(4,456)
Gain/loss on sale of Assets	0	0	0	0
Net change in deposits	13,603	(3,248)	10,355	40,523
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(2,828)	5,972	3,144	(27,408)
Net change in Other Liabilities	(418)	(665)	(1,083)	730
Net change in Other Assets	1,587	57	1,625	(4,753)
Tax paid	(600)	(600)	(1,200)	(900)
others (Specify)	(27)	(114)	(141)	0
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	18,601	(12,044)	6,557	3,296
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend Received	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(22)	(161)	(183)	(267)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Others(specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(22)	(161)	(183)	(267)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	0	0	0
Net change in Other Borrowings	0	0	0	1,000
Others(specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	0	0	0	1,000
IV. Cash and cash equivalents:				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	18,580	(12,205)	6,374	4,029
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	76,889	89,194	89,194	63,719
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	95,568	76,989	95,568	67,748

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2024

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
S. S HASAN RIZVI (Managing Director)		09.07.2024
EPHRAIM MKONDE (Finance Manager)		09.07.2024
MWARABU HAJI (Internal Auditor)		09.07.2024
We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.		
Name	Signature	Date
1. ZAIN HABIB		09.07.2024
2. VAZIR A BUKHARI		09.07.2024

DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014 MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE	
SAVING ACCOUNTS		
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly	US\$ 14.50 /Gbp 10/Euro 10 half-yearly
Temporary Statement	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page
Interim Statement	Tsh.2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL	No such Charges	No such Charges
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil	0.06% of the amount	Maximum 1.20% of the amount
Cash deposit Charge	No such Charges	FCY-small denomination 5%
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges	No such Charges
Passbook/Card replacement	No such Charges	No such Charges
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00	US\$ 25.00
Dormant account activation	TZS 15,000.00	US\$ 15.00
CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PERSONAL)		
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees	TZS 35,000.00 monthly	US \$ 35.00/Gbp 25/Euro 25 monthly
Temporary Statement	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a	No such Charges
Interim Statement	Tsh. 2,000.0 per page	US \$2.00 per page
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 10.0 MIL	1% of amount above 10M	0.06% of the excess amount
Cash deposit Charge	No such Charges	FCY-small denomination 5%
Closing account	TZS 30,000.00	US\$ 30.00
Bank Drafts	No such Charges	US\$ 35.00
Bank Draft cancellation charge	No such Charges	US\$ 60.00
Cheque book	Tzs 35,000	US\$ 35.00
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges	No such Charges
Bulk cash deposit below TZS 100M (Bulk Cash Counter) Charges	Tzs 5,000	US\$ 5.00
Bulk cash withdraw below TZS 100M (Bulk Cash Counter) Charges	Tzs 5,000	US\$ 5.00
Stop Payment orders	TZS 35,000.00	US\$ 35.00
Standing orders (within bank)	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges
Standing orders (to other bank)	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 per certificate	US\$ 30.00 Per certificate
Letter of introduction	TZS 30,000.00	US\$ 30.00
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00	No such Charges
School fees deposits	No such Charges	No such Charges
TRA collection	No such Charges	No such Charges
Safe custody charges	No such Charges	No such Charges
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges	No such Charges
TISS transfers	TZS 10,000.00	No such Charges
Dormant account activation	TZS 25,000.00	US\$ 25.00
Retrieval of Old document more than a year	TZS 100,000.00	No such Charges
Incoming EFT	Tzs 1,500	No such Charges
Outgoing EFT	Tzs 1,000	No such Charges
Clearing charges	Tzs 1,000 per cheque	No such Charges
SMS Alert charges	Tzs 25 per sms	No such Charges
Non utilization fee on loans	1% of loan amount unused for over 6months	1% of loan amount unused for over 6months
Fund Recall charges	TZS 10,000.00	US\$ 10.00
EFT Manual posting charges for incorrect details	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges
Blocking of Lost cheque leave/book charges	TZS 25,000.00	No such Charges
Previous year statement charges	Tzs 1,000 per page	US\$ 1.0 per page
Printing Old statement charges	Tzs 1,000 per page	US\$ 1.0 per page

Foreign Remittance Charges	Telex / Swift	Commission	Total (USD)
LCY To FCY	70.00	NIL	70.00
FCY to FCY (USD or Equiv)			
Up to 10,000	50.00	50.00	100.00
From 10,001 to 25,000	50.00	100.00	150.00
From 25,001 to 50,000	50.00	150.00	200.00
From 50,001 to 100,000	50.00	175.00	225.00
From 100,001 to 250,000	50.00	250.00	300.00

Please note that the above charges may vary at the discretion of the management approval

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
Inwards foreign transfers - customers	US\$ 20.00
LC Opening commission (cash covered)	1.75% per quarter
LC Opening commission (no cash covered)	2.00% per quarter
LC Advising commission (Inward/Export)	US\$ 200.00
Foreign Document Bills for Collection (Inward & Outward)	1.2% of LC Value
LC Acceptance commission	commission 2.00% per qtr + swift charge US\$ 70.0
LC Payment/Settlement commission	1.2% per quarter+\$120
LC Amendments	US\$ 75.00 + US \$70.00 Swift
Special clearance-LCY	Not applicable
Special clearance-FCY	Not applicable
Outward Foreign Bankers Cheque (OFBC)	Not applicable
Treasury bill bid charges	Tsh. 100,000.00 per bid
LG issuance	1.50% to 2.00% per quarter
Export letter of credit confirmation	Tzs 25,000
Bankers Cheques	
For US Dollars	US\$ 30.00 per bankers cheques
For Tanzanian shillings	Tsh. 30,000.00 per bankers cheques
US\$ bankers cheques cancellation	US\$ 15.00 per bankers cheques
Shillings bankers cheques cancellation	Tsh. 15,000.00 per bankers cheques
Return Cheques	
Cheque return unpaid-LCY	US\$ 50.00 per cheques
Cheque return unpaid-FCY	Tsh. 50,000.00 per cheques

Indicative Tzs Rates	ABOVE TZS 50M-100M	100M TO 500M	500M-1000M
TIME DEPOSITS			
a) 1-Month	1.25%	1.50	

Kenya set to cut spending by nearly 2pc in revised budget

NAIROBI

KENYA plans to reduce its 2024-25 spending by 1.9 percent and widen the fiscal deficit to 3.6 percent of GDP, following the rollback of tax hikes due to protests.

In response to protests demanding his resignation and reforms, President William Ruto dismissed nearly all his entire cabinet and promised a more inclusive government.

To address a \$2.7 billion budget gap caused by the withdrawn tax hikes, Ruto proposed spending cuts and additional borrowing.

Next week, lawmakers will debate the supplementary budget, which outlines a total spending of 3.87 trillion Kenyan shillings (\$30 billion), down from 3.99 trillion. Recurrent expenditure is set to drop by 2.1 percent and development expenditure by 16.4 percent.

Despite retracting the tax hikes, the road maintenance levy was increased to 25 per litre of fuel from 18 shillings.

Ruto faces pressure from international lenders like the IMF to cut deficits while managing a population struggling with high living costs. The IMF is assessing Kenya's recent developments and will adjust its approach accordingly.

Recently, Ruto dismissed of almost his entire cabinet and consultations to form a "broad-based government" following widespread anti-government protests.

Ruto said his decision would apply to all ministers, including the attorney general, but it excluded Foreign Minister Musalia Mudavadi.



Business in progress yesterday at a Dar es Salaam-based jeans factory which members of the national advisory committee on the implementation of the Gender Equality Programme toured at the weekend and commended for observing a gender-sensitive employment policy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Healthcare meeting kicks off in Dar to explore cutting-edge technologies

By Guardian Reporter

ADVENTURES in Health, Education & Agricultural Development (AHEAD) has organized a two-day symposium dubbed 2024 Healthcare Excellence that brings together various health stakeholders to mark 50 years of service in Tanzania.

Opening the two-day meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr Donna Williams-Ngirwa, AHEAD director said: "It has been a wonderful journey as a family recount how they relocated to Tanzania from the United States in July of

1974 and subsequently their parents."

Dr Williams-Ngirwa and Irving Williams formed the organisation—a non-profit centred around three pillars of development including health, education, and agriculture.

"We as the children of the founders of AHEAD Inc. are continuing the work that our parents started ensuring that the life-sustaining programmes get to the most remote and resource-scarce areas and become sustainable. In marking 50 years of all these milestones we are proud to today

host this Healthcare Excellence symposium under the theme, Advancing health through leadership, diplomacy, innovation and collaboration," she said.

According to Dr Williams-Ngirwa, the symposium's objectives include discussing and sharing insights on effective leadership strategies in health and health diplomacy, emphasizing the role of leaders in driving positive change and promoting health equity.

The symposium will also, according to the Director, explore cutting-edge technologies, medical advancements, and innovative

practices that are shaping the future of health delivery and fostering partnerships and collaborations among healthcare providers and organizations, governmental bodies, and international stakeholders to address global health challenges.

"The symposium aims to be a catalyst for transformative change in the healthcare sector in Tanzania, emphasizing the importance of providing the best healthcare services to our people by our people," she said. "Tanzania has excellent healthcare providers. How do we ensure that all citizens

obtain excellent quality of care?"

The symposium got endorsements from the Ministry of Health and the United States Embassy in Tanzania both applauding AHEAD Inc.'s role in fostering development within the health sector and organizing the symposium.

Topics covered by different speakers at the symposium included mental health, oral systemic health, paediatrics, radiology, and mental health with the keynote address being done by Dr Winnie Mpanju-Shumbusho who is the former Assistant Director General, World Health Organiza-

tion and founder of AHEAD Tanzania.

While bringing hundreds of volunteers to work in the rural villages, AHEAD Inc. has been a model for fostering improved people-to-people diplomacy, while simultaneously being instrumental in significantly contributing to Tanzania's efforts in reducing maternal mortality, increasing immunization rates, and supporting numerous other projects working in the rural villages in the districts of Meatu, Kishapu, Kisarawe, and their current projects in Maruku, Bukoba.



Apparently for lack of an ideal site where to conduct business, fruit vendors move to try it out at this unauthorised roadside in Dar es Salaam's Kimara Mwisho suburb on Saturday. But they were soon ordered out to pave the way for the ongoing rehabilitation and expansion of Morogoro Road. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Programme launched to spur exchanges between Chinese, African children

BEIJING

A Programme aimed at promoting communication between Chinese and African children has been launched in Beijing, China

A welcome ceremony held at the China National Children's Center saw dozens of children from Namibia, South Africa, Somalia, Uganda and the Central African Republic gather together with children from China.

A variety of activities were organized for the children, including games, dance and martial arts performances, and a group painting session.

In the centre's intangible cultural heritage area, they experienced the charm of traditional Chinese culture as they made scented pouches and shadow puppets.

Huang Xiaowei, vice president of the All-China Women's Federation, said that children carry the future and hopes of China and Africa, and those exchanges between children will inject new vitality into the continued development of the China-Africa friendship.

The programme is being hosted by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the All-China Women's Federation. Over the next six days, children from China and the five African countries will also visit sites such as the Palace Museum in Beijing, as well as cultural sites in central China's Henan Province.

By Guardian Reporter

Kampala to host this year's EAIGF

THE East African Community (EAC) in partnership with the Internet Society - Uganda Chapter, are set to host the 11th edition of the East Africa Internet Governance Forum (EAIGF) in September, this year.

According to the EAC, the forum will take place from 11th to 12th September, 2024 in Kampala, Uganda, under the theme "Building our Multistakeholder Digital Future for East Africa."

The primary objective of the EAIGF is to create an inclusive, multilateral, multi-stakeholder and multilingual discussion platform. The platform addresses crucial issues that enhance Internet development and governance in East Africa.

Speaking about the upcoming Forum, the EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Infrastructure, Productive, Social

and Political Sectors, Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, called on the region's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) industry players and other stakeholders to use the forum as a platform for shaping the digital integration agenda for the region.

"In the rapidly evolving digital landscape, effective Internet governance is crucial for fostering innovation, ensuring security, and promoting inclusivity. As EAC, we are committed to building a multi-stakeholder digital future where governments, private sector, civil society, and academia collaborate harmoniously," said Ariik.

Ariik said that it was only through such collaborations that the region would be able to create an interconnected East Africa that thrives on shared knowledge, ro-

bust infrastructure and equitable access to digital opportunities.

"Our collective efforts will empower our citizens, enhance economic growth, and strengthen regional integration, driving us toward a prosperous digital future," he added. Since its inception in 2008, the EAIGF has served as a pivotal platform for dialogue on Internet Governance issues in East Africa. The forum fosters a multi-stakeholder approach, bringing together representatives from government, media, private sector, civil society and academia to shape the future of the Internet in the region. The EAIGF aims to increase awareness, build policy capacity, and enable meaningful participation in global Internet policy and governance.

Discussion from regional forums such as the EAIGF go on to feed into the Continental Internet Governance Forum, which assembles contributions from across Africa with the goal of realising the multi-stakeholder model at both the continental and global scales. The EAIGF follows a bottom-up multi-stakeholder approach, which begins at the National IGFs that form the building blocks for the regional EAIGF.

The forum is hosted on the premise of enabling the meaningful participation of developing nation partners in global Internet policy development has long been identified as an important priority in achieving an equitable and accessible Information Society. It is in this spirit that the EAIGF brings together multi-stakeholder

representatives in shaping discussions on how the Internet is run.

The EAIGF is part of the global UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) that provides an environment to continue dialogue on public policy issues around with the goal of ensuring the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet.

Last hosted by Uganda in 2016, the EAIGF will also provide an opportunity to showcase Uganda's vibrant digital ecosystem while learning and sharing experiences from other countries on how to make the Internet work for all in the region. Uganda's Internet landscape has seen significant developments in the last 10 years with dynamic and growing digital innovation driven by supportive policies, increasing infrastructure investments and a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Tanzania is ranked good performer in African economic outlook for 2024, 2025

By Telesphor Magobe

IN a new report entitled "African Economic Outlook 2024: Driving Africa's Transformation - The Reform of the Global Financial Architecture" African Development Bank Group surveys 54 African economies.

In this report, East Africa is likely to maintain its position as "Africa's fastest growing region, with real GDP growth rising from an estimated 1.5 percent in 2023 to 4.9 percent in 2024 and 5.7 percent in 2025."

In light of this, Tanzania is ranked a good performer in keeping the inflation rate at bay and in fiscal balance (the difference between government revenue and spending) and a fair performer in real GDP growth and current account balance (the sum of net exports of goods and services, and net primary and secondary incomes) for 2024 and for 2025 respectively, according to African Development Bank (AfDB) statistics.

At least 26 out of 54 surveyed economies are ranked good performers in keeping the inflation rate at bay in 2024 and given the current inflation trend 28 out of 54 countries are projected to be good performers in 2025. In fiscal balance, 24 out of 54 countries are ranked good performers in 2024 and 27 out of 54 countries are projected to be good performers in 2025.

In real GDP growth (in which Tanzania is ranked a fair performer), 11 out of 54 countries are ranked good performers in 2024 and also 10 out of 54 countries are projected to be good performers in 2025. In current account balance (in which Tanzania is also ranked a fair performer) 12 out of 54 countries are ranked good performers in 2024 and 12 out of 54 countries are projected to be good performers in 2025.

The 54 surveyed economies were



Mwigulu Nchemba, Minister for Finance

ranked in three criteria: as good performers, fair performers and weak performers. In this ranking, countries with real GDP growth above 6 per cent were ranked good performers, those with the real GDP growth of 4-6 per cent were ranked fair performers and those below 4 per cent were ranked weak performers. Countries with inflation rates below 5 per cent were ranked good performers, those with inflation rates of 5-9.9 per cent were ranked fair performers and those with double digit were ranked weak performers.

AfDB suggests that "the high rate of inflation across Africa is largely structural, driven by external factors as well as domestic food supply shocks. In such an environment, sustaining high policy rates may not be tenable, without imposing a cost on private sector growth, especially for small and medium enterprises." It also recommends that as African central banks grapple with inflation to remain within acceptable limits, "monetary and fiscal policy coordination should be given a higher priority." Countries with current account surplus are ranked good performers, those with deficits below 5 per cent are ranked fair performers and those with above 5 per cent deficits are ranked weak performers. Countries with fiscal deficits below

3 per cent are ranked good performers, those with 3-5 per cent are ranked fair performers and those with above 5 per cent are ranked weak performers.

With regard to fiscal deficits, AfDB says updated estimates show that the average fiscal deficit on the continent increased slightly from 4.9 per cent of GDP in 2022 to 5 per cent in 2023, mainly due to "the marginal widening of the primary balance from 1.6 percent of GDP in 2022 to 2.1 per cent of GDP in 2023." In this regard, Southern Africa and East Africa experienced an increase in their budget deficits, albeit to a lesser extent, from 3.7 per cent of GDP to 4.1 per cent and from 4.5 per cent of GDP to 4.8 per cent respectively. Tanzania's ranking went as follows: real GDP growth in 2024 was 5.7 per cent and its 2025 projection is 6.0 per cent, inflation in 2024 is at 3.3 per cent and its 2025 projection is at 3.4 per cent, current account balance in 2024 is -4.0 and its 2025 projection is -4.2 and fiscal balance in 2024 is -2.5 per cent and its 2025 projection is also -2.5 per cent.

According to AfDB, economic performance in eight countries, namely Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Djibouti, and Côte d'Ivoire (in descending order) will benefit from increased public investments in major growth sectors (mainly manufacturing and services) and substantial capital outlays on critical public infrastructure, including electricity, transport, and logistics.

AfDB says that since January 2024 Africa's Macroeconomic Performance and Outlook (MEO), 20 African central banks raised their policy rates as 5 lowered them, namely Botswana, Ghana, Guinea, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe. Furthermore, the report says the remaining 15 African central banks left their rate unchanged.

Kagera to reduce maternal, child mortality using new clinic cards

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast

IN a ground-breaking move to enhance provision of healthcare services, Kagera Region has unveiled new clinic cards for expectant mothers and children, a move aimed to significantly bolster government efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality rates.

The initiative, part of a broader government strategy, underscores the region's commitment to improve public health outcomes and ensure every mother and child receive the care they deserve.

Sr MaryGoreth Rusingiza, is the Kagera Regional Reproductive and Child Health Coordinator (RRCHCO), she told The Guardian that between January and June 2024, there were 25 maternal deaths and 109 perinatal deaths compared to 2023 records where there were 56 maternal deaths and 227 infant deaths.

"The number of deaths is going down; we need to do more on still-born babies (macerated stillbirths) which are still high. This kind of deaths occur before pregnant mothers go for labour; it is caused by various diseases especially when the mother had never received proper neonatal care at a hospital or health center," explained Sr MaryGoreth.

On June 25, 2024, the Kagera Regional Administrative Secretary, Steven Ndaki, received 63,473 clinic cards, comprising of 31,411 cards for child growth records and 31,411 for pregnancy health records. The official handover took place at the Regional Commissioner's office.

Ndaki expressed gratitude to the government for addressing the shortage of clinic cards, saying the move would greatly help in reducing maternal and child mortality rates. He urged healthcare providers to use them as intended to improve maternal and child health services.

Kagera Regional Medical Officer, Dr Samwel Laiser said the newly launched clinic cards would be distributed across all eight districts. Laiser challenged health care providers to ensure ethical distribution and proper use of the cards.



Health Minister, Umyy Mwalimu

"The government through the Ministry of Health has provides these cards for purposes of monitoring maternal and child health in our region. We are going to offer them for free, hence the need for the community to cooperate with healthcare providers to ensure they are used as intended," said the official. Health Minister Umyy Mwalimu took a decisive step to ban the sale of clinic cards during a launch event in Dodoma recently. She stated: "This move underscores the Tanzanian government's unwavering commitment to maternal and child health as a top priority, aiming to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mwalimu emphasized improvements of the cards to meet current needs, with an estimated annual requirement of two million pregnant women and new-borns.

Director of Mother and Child Services at the Ministry of Health, Dr Ahmad Makuwani, said a total of 1,200,000 books would be distributed across the country. Of the number, 600,000 cards are for expectant mothers and 600,000 for children.

"The goal is to ensure that important information of the mother during pregnancy is properly taken to the extent that service providers can put their recommendations on what should be done to ensure both, the pregnant mother and the child are

safe," said Dr Makuwani.

Deputy Secretary General in the Ministry of Health, Dr Grace Magembe, highlighted that producing enough clinic cards aims to eliminate a significant barrier for mothers. "Mothers avoided clinics because they were being charged for these cards.

The government has now printed enough cards and will continue to print them annually to alleviate this burden," Dr Magembe explained.

The Kagera region's proactive approach and the government's firm stance against commercialization of the clinic cards highlight their dedication to enhance healthcare outcomes for mothers and children.

Home birth fines and health cards are products of a major global push for increased numbers of institutional deliveries in low and middle-income countries over the last two decades.

The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) and the proportion of women giving birth under skilled care have become a major measurements of maternal health success and failure. Maternal mortality, however, is difficult to count in countries without reliable civic registration systems.

Skilled birth attendance has therefore become an important proxy indicator for MMR and is often seen as the main indicator of maternal health progress in low-resource settings today. Skilled birth attendance, however, is also often difficult to measure.

Despite insufficient evidence, it is often assumed that an increase in the number of institutional deliveries leads to a reduction in maternal mortality. Efforts to combat maternal mortality, aimed at increasing facility births, have become a push for numbers. This push has shifted the focus away from discussions of skilled birth attendance and the quality of care, onto the indicator of institutional deliveries itself.

It has also led to the proliferation of new, localized policies aimed at increasing facility births. A growing body of literature documents sanctions against women who give birth at home in Malawi, Zambia, Burkina Faso, and Tanzania.



Tanzania Health Promotion Support

PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE 2024/2025 AND 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEARS

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) is an indigenous NGO established under the non-governmental Organization Act No 24 of 2002 in 2011. THPS works in partnership with the GoT through Ministries of Health (MOH) in Mainland and Zanzibar; Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups (MCDGWSG); President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Tanzania (PO-RALG), and the Ministry of Home Affairs to ensure accessible high-quality health care services to Tanzanians; through the strengthening of health and community systems. Currently, THPS works to address the following public health burdens HIV/AIDS; Tuberculosis; prevention of GBV; reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health (RMNHCAH) services; laboratory and health management information systems (HIMS) and COVID-19. THPS also implements research and public health evaluation including the national survey on the welfare and health of youth and children.

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) invites applications from eligible, competent, and qualified companies for prequalification to provide the goods and services listed below.

Lot No.	Description of Services
1	Computer Hardware & Consumables.
2	Laboratory, Medical supplies and Equipment
3	Pharmaceuticals
4	Office Stationaries
5	Office Furniture
6	Tyres and Tubes
7	General Printing
8	Print, Photocopy & Binding Services
9	Hotel/Venue/Hall Services/Venue Package in all regions
10	Maintenance of office copiers, Printers and Scanners
11	Maintenance of Computers, UPS and Servers
12	Maintenance of Centrifuge Machines
13	Catering Services
14	Internet/Data Services
15	Vehicles & Motorcycles Insurance
16	Cleaning Services
17	Translation Services
18	Fleet Management/ Tracking
19	Medical Insurance
20	Car Hire and Rental Services in all regions
21	Air Travel Agency Services
22	Provision of Legal services
23	Provision of Audit Services
24	Recruitment Agencies
25	Creative Agencies
26	Courier Services (Parcels and Goods)
27	Generators Services and Maintenance
28	Contractors for Minor repair, Office Upgrade & Renovation
29	Event Management Services
30	Consultants - (Gender, Communications, Family Planning, Capacity Building, Research Services etc.)
31	Interior Design Services.
32	Supply of materials and installation of Solar Systems
33	Supply of Uniforms, Seat Covers, Sport Materials, Textile materials, Mattresses and Tents.
34	Supply of Food Materials.
35	Fuel Supply Services.

Interested bidders may obtain the application forms from THPS Website (www.thps.or.tz) under **Work with us - Jobs & Tenders** section (<https://www.thps.or.tz/jobs-tenders/>).

Prequalification documents will be available for downloading on the website from the same link on **16th July 2024 to 24th July 2024.**

Deadline for submission of applications will be on **Friday 25th July 2024** not later than 2:00PM through our email tenders@thps.or.tz

Applicants will not be required to protect their submitted documents with password.

Applicants will not be required to pay any fee for any service category applied at THPS office.

Existing Suppliers who wish to be considered for THPS list of Suppliers are also required to submit their applications for pre-qualification.

Note:

This is an application for prequalification and not for supply of goods and services. Only registered suppliers will be requested to provide competitive quotations for supply of goods and services as and when needed.

THPS reserves the right to accept or reject any applications, and not bound to give reasons for its decision. Canvassing or giving false information will lead to automatic disqualification.

What are the big security threats coming down the track?

By Frank Gardner

ON the face of it, this past week's Nato summit in Washington has ticked the boxes. The alliance can show it is bigger and stronger than ever, its military support for Ukraine appears undiminished and it has just sent a robust message to China to stop secretly supporting Russia's war on Kyiv.

Sir Keir Starmer's new government has had a chance to position itself as a linchpin in the transatlantic alliance at a time when political uncertainty hovers over the White House and much of Europe.

Back home in Britain, the priorities for this new government are pressing: the economy, housing, and immigration, the NHS, to name but a few.

Yet unwanted threats and scenarios can often have a habit of turning up and upsetting the best laid plans.

So what could be coming down the track during the life of this new UK government?

War in Lebanon

No surprises here, this one is on everybody's radar. But that does not make it any less dangerous, for Lebanon, Israel and the entire Middle East.

"The possibility of a large-scale Israeli invasion of Lebanon this summer should be at the top of the new government's geopolitical risk register."

That's according to Professor Malcolm Chalmers,



Keir Starmer's government could face a range of security issues from a war in Lebanon to Russia winning in Ukraine

the Deputy Director-General of the Whitehall think tank, the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

With the conflict continuing in Gaza and the Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping continuing, Prof Chalmers believes "we could be entering a period of sustained

multi-front warfare in the region, for which neither Israel nor its Western partners will be prepared."

Ever since the Hamas-led raid into southern Israel on 7 October last year, there have been fears that Israel's subsequent military campaign in Gaza could escalate across borders into a full-scale regional war.

Israel's troubled northern border with Lebanon is where such a war is most at risk of igniting.

The daily exchange of fire across this border, between the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) and Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Shia militia, have already resulted in hundreds killed, mostly in Lebanon.

More than 60,000 Israelis have been forced to abandon their homes and livelihoods in the north and an even greater number of people on the Lebanese side.

Domestic pressure is mounting for the Israeli government to "deal with" Hezbollah by pushing its forces north of Lebanon's Litani River, from where they would have less chance of sending rockets into Israel.

"We don't want to go to war," says Lt Col Nadav Shoshani of the IDF, "but I don't think any country could accept 60,000 of its citizens displaced. The situation has to end. We would like it to be a diplomatic solution, but Israeli patience is wearing thin."

There are strong reasons for both sides not to go to war.

Lebanon's economy is already fragile. It has barely recovered from the 2006 war with Israel and a renewed full-scale conflict would have a devastating impact on the country's infrastructure and its people.

Hezbollah, for its part, would likely respond to a major Israeli attack and invasion with a massive and sustained missile, drone and rocket barrage that could potentially overwhelm Israel's Iron Dome air defences.

Nowhere in Israel is beyond its reach.

At this point, the US Navy, positioned offshore, could well join in on Israel's side. Which then begs the question of what Iran would do. It too has a sizeable arsenal of ballistic missiles as well as a network of proxy militias in Iraq, Yemen and Syria that could be mobilised to intensify their attacks on Israel.

One way to take the heat out of the tension on the Israel-Lebanon border would be for the conflict in Gaza to come to an end. But after nine months and a horrific death toll, a lasting peace has yet to be achieved.

Iran gets the Bomb

The Iran nuclear deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), designed to contain and monitor Iran's nuclear programme, was the crowning foreign policy achievement of the Obama administration in 2015.

But it has long since fallen apart.

One year after President Trump unilaterally withdrew from it, Iran stopped abiding

by its rules.

Buried deep beneath gigantic mountains, ostensibly beyond the reach of even the most powerful of bunker-busting bombs, Iran's nuclear centrifuges have been spinning frantically, enriching uranium to well beyond the 20% needed for peaceful civil purposes. (A nuclear bomb requires highly enriched uranium.)

Officially, Iran insists its nuclear programme remains entirely peaceful, that it is purely for generating energy.

But Israeli and Western experts have voiced fears that Iran has a clandestine programme to reach what is known as "breakout capability": achieving a position where it has the capacity to build a nuclear bomb, but does not necessarily do so.

It will not have escaped Iran's notice that North Korea, an isolated, global pariah, has been steadily amassing an arsenal of nuclear warheads and the means to deliver them, constituting a major deterrent to any would-be attacker.

If Iran gets the Bomb, then it is almost inevitable that Saudi Arabia, its regional rival, would also go after acquiring it. So would Turkey and so would Egypt.

And suddenly there is a nuclear arms race all across the Middle East.

Russia wins in Ukraine

Russia already occupies around 18 per cent of Ukraine

This depends on what you define as "winning". At its maximalist, it means Russian forces overwhelming Ukraine's defences and seizing the rest of the country including the capital Kyiv, replacing the pro-West government of President Volodymyr Zelensky with a puppet regime appointed by Moscow.

That, of course, was the original plan behind the full-scale Russian invasion of February 2022, a plan which failed spectacularly.

This scenario is currently thought unlikely. But Russia does not need to conquer the whole of Ukraine to be able to declare some kind of "victory", something that it can present to its population to justify the astronomically high casualties it is sustaining in this war.

Russia already occupies around 18% of Ukraine and, in the east, its forces are slowly gaining ground.

Although more Western weapons are on their way, Ukraine is critically short of manpower. Its troops, fighting bravely, often heavily outnumbered and outgunned, are exhausted.

Russian commanders, who seem to care little for the lives of their men, have mass on their side. Russia's entire economy has been placed on a war footing, with close to 40% of the state budget now devoted to defence.

President Vladimir Putin, whose recent "conditions for peace talks" equated to total capitulation by Ukraine, believes he has time on his side. He knows there is a high chance that his old friend Donald Trump will be back in the White House within months and that Western support for Ukraine will start to crumble.

Russia needs only to hang on to the territory it has already seized, and to deny Ukraine the chance of joining Nato and the EU, to declare a partial victory in the war it has portrayed as a fight for Russian survival.

China takes Taiwan

Again, there are plenty of warnings that this one might be coming.

China's President Xi Jinping and his officials have stated on numerous occasions that the self-governing island democracy of Taiwan must be "returned to the Motherland", by force if necessary.

Taiwan does not want to be ruled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in Beijing.

But China considers Taiwan a renegade province and it wants to see it "reunited" well before the centenary of the founding of the CCP in 2049.

The US has adopted a position of what it calls "strategic ambiguity" over Taiwan.

It is legally bound to help defend Taiwan, but Washington prefers to keep China guessing as to whether that means sending US forces to fight off a Chinese invasion.

China would almost certainly prefer not to invade Taiwan. It would be hugely costly, in both blood and treasure. Ideally, Beijing would like Taiwan to give up on its dreams of full independence and volunteer to be ruled by the mainland

TAZAMA PIPELINES LIMITED



OPEN NATIONAL BIDDING (ONB)

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EXCAVATORS, LINE PIPES, AND COATING MATERIALS

TAZAMA Pipelines Limited owns and operates a Pipeline System that runs for 1,710km from Dar-es-salaam in Tanzania to Ndola in Zambia. The Pipeline System transports and delivers Low Sulphur Gas Oil (LSG) to Ndola Fuel Terminal, Ndola, Zambia. The system includes a Tank Farm at Kigamboni in Dar-es-Salaam comprising of Six (6) Tanks with a Total Storage Capacity of 230,000m³, Seven (7) Booster Pump Stations and Seventeen Piggings Stations.

TAZAMA intends to procure Excavators, Line Pipes, and Coating Materials as planned for in the 2024 Annual Procurement Plan. Therefore, TAZAMA seeks to engage Suppliers to deliver Goods indicated below.

- > **LOT 1 - Supply and Delivery of one (01-Qty) Crawler Excavator and Two (02-Qty) 4X4 Wheeled Excavators**
- > **LOT 2 - Supply and Delivery of Line Pipes and Coating Materials**

Interested Citizen Owned or Local Companies in Zambia and Tanzania (including those intending to partner with Foreign Companies as a Joint Venture) may obtain Bidding Documents per Lot from the Manager - Procurement and Supplies (via email) after presentation of Proof of Payment of non-refundable fee of ZMW 1,000.00 in Zambia or TSH 100,000.00 in Tanzania into the accounts below and obtaining Official Receipt from Cashiers based at TAZAMA Head Office, TAZAMA House, Moffat Road, Ndola (in Zambia) and Regional Office, Kigamboni, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

ZAMBIA

Account Name:	TAZAMA Pipelines Limited	SWIFT:	ZNCOZMLU
Account Number:	0056157500197	Branch:	Ndola West (054)
Bank Name:	ZANACO	SORT code:	010154

TANZANIA

Account Name:	TAZAMA Pipelines Limited	SWIFT:	ECOCITZTZXXX
Account Number:	TZS 7080000308	Branch:	Msimbazi (079)
Bank Name:	ECOBANK (T) LTD	SORT code:	041079

The Closing Date for the Bid submissions is Wednesday 7th August 2024 at 10:00 Zambian Time / 09:00 Tanzanian Time for Lot 1 and 11:00 Hours Zambian Time / 12:00 Tanzanian Time for Lot 2. The Bid Submissions will be opened immediately after Closure.

TAZAMA reserves the right to accept, reject bids or cancel the Bidding Process at any time without liability or recourse to the bidders.

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AGRA: Tanzania's food systems to undergo major transformation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) has expressed its commitments towards transforming Tanzania's food systems across various critical aspects.

Hailemariam Dessalegn, Former Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and board chair of AGRA made the commitments in Dar es Salaam recently when speaking at the Tanzania Food Systems Partners Dialogue and Workshop, which brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, private sector representatives, farmer organizations, and development partners.

The forum focused on identifying key priorities and investment opportunities to transform Tanzania's food systems and marked a significant milestone in the nation's journey towards a more robust and sustainable food system.

One of the event's most important highlights was the launch of the "Agenda 10/30 Investment Roadmap for Accelerating Agricultural Growth in Tanzania," which is expected to be a key focus in the upcoming AFS Forum, the world's premier forum for African agriculture. The forum will bring together stakeholders in the agricultural landscape to commit to agricultural transformation across Africa in Kigali.

"Following the dialogue in Dar es Salaam, AGRA has committed to supporting Tanzania's food systems across various critical aspects," noted Dessalegn underscoring AGRA's robust commitment to transforming Tanzania's food systems.

According to him, AGRA pledged \$40 million to support Tanzania's agricultural and livestock sectors under the government's "Building a Better Tomorrow" initiative. This substantial investment aims to drive growth and development within these crucial sectors.

In partnership with the government and the National Seed Investment Plan, AGRA is dedicated to ensuring the delivery of sustainable

technology for future farming systems. This collaboration aims to enhance productivity and efficiency, fostering a more resilient agricultural landscape.

AGRA's strategy emphasizes the importance of inclusive markets, trade, and finance to enhance food security, create jobs, and build resilience. The overarching goal is to help Tanzania feed its population while generating a surplus for others, contributing to both national and regional food security.

AGRA supports the Agricultural Transformation Office (ATO) and the Presidential Fertilizer Advisory Council (PFADC) to improve resource generation and coordination. President Samia Suluhu Hassan's championed increased government budget allocation is expected to act as a catalyst for private sector investment, helping to achieve the ambitious goals set out in Agenda 10/30.

"We are committed to supporting Tanzania's efforts in building a more sustainable and resilient food system," Dessalegn said, noting: "Through financial support, sustainable technologies, inclusive markets, and sector support, AGRA aims to play a pivotal role in transforming Tanzania's agricultural landscape and ensuring food security for future generations."

Dessalegn called for strategies to attract more young people to agriculture by modernizing the sector.

"Our agriculture deserves to be smarter; we must have modern agriculture where young people will adapt to the current technological changes to ensure they do productive agriculture," he said.

Dessalegn emphasized that modernizing agriculture to meet international standards would make the sector more profitable and sustainable. "Africa is currently unable to export many products for various reasons, including failing to meet international standards. Still, if young people are persuaded to enter agriculture, they will know how to produce high-yield and standard products," he noted.

The dialogue and workshop provided a platform to review Tanzania's



progress, discuss emerging strategies, and strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration around priority initiatives. Building on the momentum of recent major events, including the 2023 AFS Forum, Africa Climate Summit, and COP28, the workshop aimed to accelerate progress on public-private flagship initiatives to be showcased at upcoming milestones such as the 2024 AFS Forum, Sustainable Development Impact Summit, and COP29.

A central theme of the workshop was the vital issue of youth engagement in agriculture. Participants emphasized the need to address four significant challenges hindering young people's entry into farming: limited access to land, lack of appropriate technology, inadequate financial capital, and unreliable markets. These barriers prevent aspiring young farmers from acquiring fertile land, utilizing modern tools and techniques to enhance efficiency, securing affordable financing, and establishing stable channels for selling their produce.

The workshop also highlighted the importance of building a sustainable food system capable of coping with climate change and ensuring food security for future generations. Participants emphasized investing in productive agriculture, water conservation, and sustainable farming methods. They also called for stronger collaboration between the government and the private sector to create a better business environment for farmers.

Dr Hussein Omar, Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of

Agriculture emphasized the importance of achieving these goals through a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector and strong coordination of stakeholders. "With cooperation and appropriate investment, Tanzania can build a sustainable food system that ensures the well-being of its society today and for future generations," said Dr Omar.

The total cost of implementing the Agenda 10/30 initiative is estimated at 33trn/-. This cost will be split between the government, the private sector, and donors.

The Tanzanian government will be responsible for 18 trn/-. primarily covering fertilizer, improved seed subsidies, and mechanization and irrigation costs. This represents the largest share of the investment, at 54 percent. The private sector is expected to contribute 15 trn/- or 44 percent of the total cost. This investment will be directed towards fertilizers, improved seeds, mechanization, pesticides, and storage solutions.

Donor contributions are estimated to be 348bn/-. constituting a small fraction of the overall investment at 1 percent. These funds will be allocated towards farmer mobilization and registration, extension services, marketing and branding efforts, and research initiatives.

Apart from the launch of the 10/30 Agriculture Investment Agenda Investment Map, the workshop was used to present the priorities of the new Tanzania National Agriculture Master Plan, which aims to transform the country's agricultural sector. These initiatives are designed to enhance resilience, increase productivity, and ensure sustainable food systems in Tanzania.



Request for Proposals

RFP Title: Procurement of Reusable Sanitary Kits and Education subsidies
RFP Number: 2024-PACT/07/01
Date of Solicitation: July 15, 2024
Closing Date and Time: July 29, 2024, 11:00 am EAT (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Bid Opening Date and Time: July 29, 2024, 11:30am EAT (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by July 23, 2024
Estimated Delivery/ Performance Date: August 31, 2024

Introduction to Pact and ACHIEVE Project

Pact is an international nonprofit that works in nearly 40 countries, building solutions for human development that are evidence-based, data-driven, and owned by the communities we serve. Founded in 1971, Pact works with partners to build resilience, improve accountability, and strengthen knowledge and skills for sustainable social impact. Since 2001, we have been working in Tanzania to help people and communities build their own capacity to generate income, improve access to quality health services, and gain lasting benefit from the sustainable use of natural resources around them to benefit future generations. For more about Pact, visit www.pactworld.org

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Overall Objective

Lot	Description	Specifications
Lot No. 1	Procurement of Education subsidies	Available in the TOR
Lot No. 2	Procurement of Reusable Sanitary kits	Available in the TOR

Scope of Work

Interested vendors should download the full Terms of Reference (ToR) through <https://www.pactworld.org/country/tanzania>

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Education Subsidies or Reusable sanitary kits: (Name the LOT, Eg: LOT 1)" before COB July 23, 2024

Eligibility

- The service provider must be currently legally operating in Tanzania and the proposal must clearly express ability of the Provider to meet or exceed the requirements/ specifications outlined above.
- Ability to deliver the required services.
- Ability to deliver the required goods.

Submission Instructions (In accordance to individual Terms of Reference)

Interested bidders should submit their bids physically to Pact Tanzania, addressing to: -

**The Tender Committee,
 Pact Tanzania,
 Plot 1486, Msasani Peninsula (Masaki Area)
 P. O. Box 6348,
 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.**

Note:

- Pact will open all bids on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 11:30 am in the presence of Bidder's Representatives who choose to attend.
- Quotes must be in Tanzanian Shilling and must include taxes separately.
- Proposals must be submitted electronically to Pact Tanzania.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted.
- As mentioned above, all quotations and delivery dates shall be valid for at least 60 days following submission.

Terms and Conditions - Disclaimers

- Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.
- The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers value for money, shall be considered for the competition.
- Pact may cancel solicitation and not award.
- Pact may reject any or all responses received.
- Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute a contract commitment by Pact.
- Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on the offer or failure to follow the solicitation instructions.
- Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
- Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.
- Pact will not compensate Vendors for their response to the solicitation.
- Pact may choose to award only part of the required items in this solicitation or to issue multiple awards for the same Lot.
- Pact reserves the right to change the total quantity before a PO is issued.



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- **Inspection and Further Information**:** Inspections and additional information about the items to be auctioned will be available at the WFP warehouses in Nala and Kizota, Dodoma, from Monday, 15 July 15 2024, to Friday, 26 July 2024, during office hours (0900am to 0300pm). All items will be sold ****AS IS****, and it is the responsibility of the buyer to inspect and purchase the items in their current condition. Neither Greenlight Auction Mart Ltd nor WFP will be liable for the condition of the items.
- **Entrance Fee**:** Buyers must pay an entrance fee, which will be refunded within three working days if no items are purchased. The fee structure is as follows:
 - Two Million Tanzanian Shillings (TZS 2,000,000/=) for those interested in buying tractors, forklifts, trailer, milling machines, or large generators
 - Two Hundred Thousand Tanzanian Shillings (TZS 200,000/=) for all other items.

This fee will provide participants with an identification number for the auction. Entrance fee payments will be managed by Greenlight Auction Mart Ltd from 15 July 2024 to 26 July 2024.
- **Payment Terms**:** Auction winners must pay the full purchase amount on the auction day or within 72 hours after the auction. Entrance fees can be applied toward the purchase price with the buyer's consent.
- **Failure to Pay**:** If a buyer fails to pay the full amount within the specified time in section (3), or withdraws from payment, the entrance fee will be forfeited, and the sale will be canceled.
- **Tax and Duty**:** If the buyer is not tax-exempt, they must pay all applicable taxes and duties on the purchased items to gain ownership and receive transfer documents. Upon payment, the buyer will receive the necessary documents to pay these taxes and customs duties. Buyers will have five (5) days to complete these payments. Failure to do so within this period will result in the buyer being responsible for storage costs.
- **Removal of Items**:** Purchased items that do not require the payment of taxes or duties must be removed from the auction site within five (5) working days from the auction date, following full payment and receipt of the necessary documents. An exception applies to milling plants, which must be removed exactly 15 days after the auction.
- **Reserve Price**:** All sales will be subject to reserved prices.

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By Calvin Manika

Desperate Zimbabweans crossing Zambia border for cheaper healthcare, medicines

AT 5pm at the Victoria Falls border post, Margaret Tshuma - who has a 24-hour day pass to be in Zambia - is in a rush to return home to Zimbabwe before dusk.

This is not the first time Tshuma, 53, has travelled from her rural home in Diki village, 120km (75 miles) away, to cross into Zambia for the day. It has become a routine trip she makes monthly to buy medication for her husband who has scleritis - an inflammatory condition that affects the outer covering of the eye.

The prescribed medication is barely available on the shelves of pharmacies in Hwange district, where she lives. Of what is there, the high cost makes it inaccessible to many, she said.

"The same medication is expensive back home. If you add transport and medication costs altogether, it is still cheaper to come to Zambia. Also most times, some of this medication is not readily available which risks the patients' lives," said Tshuma.

Buying the medicines in Zimbabwe costs Tshuma about \$85 a month, whereas just across the border in Livingstone she pays 320 kwacha (\$13). Even with travel, it works in her favour, as a two-way trip from Hwange to Livingstone costs \$14.

Zimbabwe's economy has been hit hard by decades of economic crises and soaring inflation. Many basics are not as easily available or affordable, and Zimbabweans themselves have lost confidence in the local currency.

At the border, Tshuma follows a small queue, before officials check her luggage and papers without much trouble and stamp her 24-hour pass - a process that takes less than 10 minutes.

Speaking to Al Jazeera, Mike Muleya, a commuter bus operator who ferries passengers back and forth to the border area, said a significant number of people make the daily trip from Hwange - a community of some 21,300 people - to buy medicines or visit hospitals in Zambia.

"My first early morning trip from Hwange, I carry at least six to nine passengers going to Victoria Falls to cross to Livingstone. We chat along the way and I find that five to seven are going for medical-related trips," he said.

"In the evening, on my last trip, I literally park near the border as they will be calling me to take them back to Hwange. In between, I will be carrying one or two, so it's a big number [making the daily trip], given that it's not me alone in the transport business."

The cost analysis

According to a 2023 report by the local advocacy group Community Working Group on Health, most Zimbabweans do not have access to quality and affordable healthcare. The group has called on the government to prioritise primary healthcare to achieve universal health coverage.

Poor Zimbabweans who depend on state healthcare struggle significantly more to obtain treatment than wealthier citizens, who can turn to more expensive private services. In addition to difficulties in obtaining care, many complain of long queues at public hospitals - often requiring four to seven hours of waiting.

In Matetsi Ward 1 in Hwange Rural, 20km (12 miles) from Victoria Falls, Mercy Khumalo recounted the ordeal of taking her aunt to Zambia for treatment.

It was not an easy situation for the family, Khumalo said. Using their meagre savings and the money from selling a cow, they were finally able to get enough to afford to see a specialist at a private hospital in Zimbabwe. But after doing a cost analysis, they chose to go to Zambia instead.

"We had consulted locally and got some quotations from various specialists. Aunt was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Our neighbour told us that treatment was affordable and a pure public service in Zambia. We saw that, with the money we had, it will have been spent within a month at a private doctor locally; yet, in Zambia, we will save a lot as we monitor the situation," she explained.

"Foreigners are allowed to use the public healthcare system in Zambia and are generally free as long as you have your passport and health records in order," Natasha Chola Mukuka, a public health practitioner and student of medicine at Levy Mwanawasa Medical University in Lusaka, Zambia, told Al Jazeera.

Although specialists and surgery cases do attract a cost, Zimbabwean patients told Al Jazeera they find it more affordable than at home.

5 Miles Hospital still miles away Matabeleland North province, home to Victoria Falls and Hwange, is historically marginalised despite it being a tourism hub that also houses the largest colliery and the biggest national parks. Locals bemoan the lack of



A man shops at a pharmacy in Zambia



Margaret Tshuma at the border post between Zambia and Zimbabwe

tangible infrastructural development, including health facilities.

The construction of the 5 Miles Hospital - named for being 5 miles (8km) from Hwange Town Central Business District - gave hope to residents and villagers. However, when it was nearly complete in 2018, construction stopped.

"The government started to build some hospitals to demystify that the region is marginalised but the structures have remained white elephants for decades," said Fidelis Chima, the coordinator of the Greater Hwange Residents Trust.

"There is nothing to indicate that the hospital will open soon. We have waited for the longest time. People in Hwange depend on Hwange Colliery Company Hospital, but it's a private facility and very expensive. The government wanted 5 Miles Hospital to be a district hospital, covering both Hwange and Victoria Falls," added Chima.

In Hwange district, five hospitals provide services to a population of about 125,800.

But according to Hwange Rural District Ward 12 Councillor Jowani Chuma, four wards are serviced by one hospital, St Marys - a missionary facility run jointly by the government and the Catholic church where patients receive a

combination of free and paid-for services.

Each ward, or subdivision of a district, generally has between 2,000 and 7,000 people. Chuma deems it fortunate that some parts of the district have St Marys, as most wards have no such facility.

"St Marys is better because most of the rural clinics are manned by hybrid personnel, with one or two government registered nurses while the rest are nurse aides or village health workers. In the absence of the senior sister, one is in the care of the inexperienced personnel," said Chuma.

The electoral promise

During campaigning for the 2023 elections, the governing ZANU-PF party said Lupane Provincial Hospital in Matabeleland North - a large 250-bed facility - was set to become the biggest in the country upon its completion and ease pressure on referral hospitals in the south-

ern region.

"The hospital will be the largest in all provinces in the country," said President Emerson Mnangagwa while addressing party supporters at a rally in Binga.

Binga villagers, however, who live in the Zambezi Valley, cross to Zambia every day using canoe boats in search of medication and other basics. Unlike in Victoria Falls, Binga and Zambia are separated by the Zambezi River, and in the absence of a bridge, boats become a mode of transport.

The few functional hospitals from Lupane to Victoria Falls in Matabeleland North are either missionary or private, and both come at a cost for patients who use them.

Despite the government allocating \$47 million for construction of the Lupane hospital in 2023 - and the government promising that the facility would be complete by the end of last year - most patients in the province are still referred to the Catholic-run St Luke's for health services, while the critically-ill are referred to Bulawayo.

To date, people still travel long distances to seek basic treatment. Meanwhile, Matabeleland North, home to some 827,600 people, remains the only province in the country without a provincial hospital.

Averting smuggling

With the influx of people across the Zambia-Zimbabwe border every day, immigration authorities are tightening the requirements for people bringing medication into Zimbabwe.

They now require a prescription from a doctor that is stamped by a medical facility.

Previously, people would cross over to buy drugs without a prescription, a situation authorities say was creating a fertile ground for smuggling and unregulated medical drug businesses within Victoria Falls and Hwange.

"The border is busy on a normal day, mostly its people crossing for same day services ... some are tourists," said a security official at the border who requested anonymity as he is not allowed to speak to the press.

"But the bulk are vendors from Zambia and individuals from Zimbabwe going shopping which includes medical drugs. It's not a lot, but for drugs, we now require a stamped prescription and we check the purchased drugs to reduce smuggling," he told Al Jazeera.

The immigration officer in charge of the border was not readily available when asked for comment.

As Margaret Tshuma makes her way from the border to her home in Diki village, she knows she will be back in a few weeks. But she also looks forward to the day that Hwange has a district hospital and the Lupane Provincial Hospital is complete.

"This will save lives as it will cut distances to Bulawayo referral hospitals," she said, adding that adequate facilities and steady affordable supplies of medicine nearer to home "will be welcome".

RADIO One **RATIBA YA VIPINDI** **JUMATATU - JUMAPILI**

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World stocks mixed after Trump attack, weaker China data

NEW YORK

World shares began the week trading mixed and US futures were higher after the shooting at a rally for former President Donald Trump.

China reported that its economy expanded at a slower-than-forecast 4.7 percent annual pace in the last quarter as its ruling Communist Party opened a once-a-decade policy-setting meeting.

Markets seemed to take in stride the shooting at Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania that is being investigated as an attempted assassination of the presumptive Republican nominee.

Shares in Trump Media & Technology Group Corp. jumped sharply in pre-market trading Monday, gaining as much as 70 percent. They were up 52 percent at \$46.92 a share on the Nasdaq as of 6 a.m. local time in New York.

Germany's DAX edged 0.1 percent lower to 18,721.84 and the CAC 40 in Paris declined 0.4 percent to 7,697.04. In London, the FTSE 100 was down 0.1 percent at 8,249.02.

The futures for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average were 0.4 percent higher.

Investors were watching the four-day meeting in Beijing for measures

to help revive the slumping property market and address huge local government debts.

Annual economic growth fell from 5.3 percent in the first quarter but the 5 percent pace of growth in the first half of the year was in line with the government's forecast for about 5 percent growth for 2024. In quarterly terms, the economy expanded 0.7 percent, down from 1.5 percent in the first quarter.

"The set of economic data releases from China this morning has not been promising ahead of their upcoming Big Plenum, with the data once again pointing to a mixed bag for the world's second largest economy," Yeap Jun Rong of IG said in a commentary.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 1.5 percent early Monday to 18,021.73 on heavy selling of property developers. The Shanghai Composite slipped less than 0.1 percent to 2,970.77.

The central bank left its medium-term lending rate unchanged, as expected, at 2.5 percent. It's the rate for Chinese banks to borrow from the People's Bank of China for 6 months to one year and indirectly affects other benchmark rates that affect interest rates on mortgages and other loans.

Markets in Tokyo were closed for a public holiday.



In Seoul, the Kospi edged 0.1 percent higher to 2,860.92, while the S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.7 percent to 8,017.60. Taiwan's Taixi lost 0.2 percent and the SET in Bangkok shed 0.4 percent.

Friday on Wall Street, US stocks rose after mixed signals on big banks' profits and inflation did little to dent Wall Street's belief that easier interest rates are on the way.

The S&P 500 climbed 0.6 percent to close its fifth winning week in the last six. The Dow rose 0.6 percent and the Nasdaq composite added 0.6 percent. The Russell 2000 rallied 1.1 percent, nearly double the S&P 500's gain, and closed out its best week in eight months.

Bank of New York Mellon

climbed 5.2 percent for one of the market's bigger gains after it reported better profit for the spring than analysts expected. Nvidia and other highly influential Big Tech stocks also helped lift the market.

The latest update on US inflation said prices rose more at the wholesale level last month than economists expected, which was a letdown after data on Thursday said inflation at the consumer level was better than expected.

It's the second straight month such expectations have eased, helping to calm worries about a potential spiral where expectations for high inflation could drive US consumers toward behavior that would push inflation even higher. That in turn could give the

Federal Reserve more of the evidence of slowing inflation that it says it needs to begin cutting its main interest rate, which is at its highest level in more than two decades.

In other dealings early Monday, US benchmark crude oil gained 14 cents to \$82.35 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, the international standard, picked up 7 cents to \$85.10 per barrel.

The dollar fell sharply against the yen for the second straight day, raising questions as to whether Japan was intervening, while a global equities index rose on Friday as investors turned their focus to US Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts.

Gold declines as investors seeking more cues on Fed's announcement

LONDON

Gold prices dipped yesterday as the dollar held firm, while investors awaited economic data and comments from Federal Reserve officials for further cues on the trajectory of US interest rates.

Spot gold was down 0.4 percent at \$2,402.82 per ounce, as of 0653 GMT. US gold futures were down 0.5 percent at \$2,408.50.

The dollar rose on safety bids after an attempted assassination of Donald Trump, which raised the odds of his winning the U.S. elections in November.

A stronger dollar makes gold more expensive for holders of other currencies. "I'm not convinced a Trump victory or loss directly links to a binary outcome for gold's direction in the same way Fed policy expectations have been. But, if Trump stirs up trade wars, then you'd think it builds a good case for gold to perform well under his presidency," said City Index senior analyst Matt Simpson.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell is due to speak later in the day, and a few other officials will speak later in the week. Data sets due this week include U.S. retail sales, industrial output for June and weekly jobless claims.

"If we get another big miss on retail sales, it will reinforce there is a sense of urgency to cut rates, which could help gold. If gold breaks the \$2,450 barrier, then prices will see new record highs," said Ilya Spivak, head of global macro, TastyLive.

Markets see a 93 percent chance of a US cut rate in September, according to the CME FedWatch Tool. Non-yielding bullion's appeal tends to shine in a low-interest-rate environment.

On the physical front, analysts at ANZ said in a note that above-average rainfall and any favourable reduction in import duty will provide tailwinds for Indian gold demand in the short term.

Spot silver fell 0.4 percent to \$30.65, platinum slipped 0.7 percent at \$991.88 and palladium dropped 1.5% to \$954.25.

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China seeks to set direction for troubled economy

BEIJING

After months of unexplained delay, top officials from China's ruling Communist Party are gathering in Beijing this week to signal the direction forward for the world's second largest economy as it faces major economic challenges and friction with the West.

Stakes are high for the meeting, which takes place every five years and is known as China's third plenum. It has historically been a platform for the party's leadership to announce key economic reforms and policy directives.

China is grappling with a property sector crisis, high local government debt and weak consumer demand – as well as flagging investor confidence and intensifying trade and technology tensions with the United States and Europe.

Those challenges were underscored by its latest economic growth data, which were announced Monday. China's gross domestic product expanded by 4.7 percent in the April to June months, compared to the previous year.

That represents a slowdown from the 5.3 percent growth reported for the first quarter and also missed the expectations of a group of economists polled by Reuters who had predicted 5.1 percent expansion in the second

quarter. Economic problems on the back of years of stringent pandemic controls have triggered mounting social frustration, as well as questions about the direction of the country under Xi Jinping, its most powerful leader in decades.

Those questions have been underscored by a recent shake-up in the upper echelons of Xi's government that saw three ministers and a handful of top military officers removed from posts or investigated, a situation that some observers of China's opaque political system believe contributed to the plenum's delay.

How Xi and his top officials choose to address the country's economic challenges will have significant impact on whether they can continue to raise quality of life, and public confidence, within China.

They could also have a broad impact on the country's role in the global economy and how willing foreign investors will be to do business there as uncertainties, including the outcome of the upcoming US presidential election, loom.

About 200 members of the party's Central Committee leadership body as well as 170 alternate committee members are gathering in Beijing to approve a document laying out a



plan on "deepening reform" and advancing "Chinese-style modernization," according to state media.

Past third plenums have delivered sweeping reforms.

The meeting in 1978 was linked to the landmark shift toward the "reform and opening" of China's economy, while Xi's first third plenum as leader in 2013 set in motion the move to dismantle the decades-old one child policy.

But observers of China's opaque political machine don't believe there will be fundamental economic reforms this time around.

Instead, they will be watching for more targeted efforts to address structural economic issues and social problems – and to enhance China's technological self-reliance at a time when it faces a raft of restrictions on access to technology driven by the US.

This is Xi's third time overseeing this meeting

turn, devastated investors, homebuyers and construction workers.

Observers will be watching for fiscal reforms, especially around taxation and government spending, that could reduce pressure on local governments and bolster their revenue.

Many also say the government should take steps to boost consumer spending and increase household income, including potential reforms to change rural land ownership and China's restrictive household registration system, as well as to expand social safety nets in a country grappling with high medical costs and a rapidly aging population.

Xi has acknowledged economic hardship in China, saying in a New Year's speech that "some people" had "difficulty finding jobs and meeting basic needs." In a May speech, he also stressed that the party should "do more practical things that benefit the people's livelihood," adding that reform should give people a sense of "gain."

While chasing rapid economic growth is "no longer Beijing's singular priority," Asia Society Center for China Analysis experts Neil Thomas and Jing Qian wrote last week, Xi likely recognizes that his priorities of national security and tech self-reliance "must co-exist with

economic challenges. The high debt loads held by local governments and their shrinking income, linked to an ongoing property sector crisis, lie at the heart of China's current economic woes. They'll also be looking for signals on a new direction for real estate development and property sector policy in the wake of the industry crisis that's seen dozens of Chinese developers default on their debts, which has, in

Transforming your agency with Artificial Intelligence

By Alley Mtaja

In today's fast-paced digital landscape, advertising agencies must be more innovative to stay competitive. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into digital marketing strategies is a game-changer, offering unprecedented capabilities and efficiencies. This transformation can turn an agency into a cutting-edge digital powerhouse.

Setting clear objectives

Before diving into AI adoption, it's essential to outline clear objectives. Identify the pain points in the current processes, such as campaign management, customer segmentation, or content creation. Establish specific goals, such as improved targeting, higher ROI, or enhanced customer insights, to guide the strategy.

Selecting the appropriate AI platforms and tools is critical. Consider comprehensive solutions like Google AI, IBM Watson, or Adobe Sensei. Marketing automation tools such as HubSpot, Marketo, and Salesforce offer robust AI capabilities that can streamline an agency's operations.

Effective AI deployment starts with quality data. Implement a Customer Data Platform (CDP) to consolidate customer data from

various sources into a centralized system. Ensure this data is clean, accurate, and up-to-date to maximize the effectiveness of AI-driven insights.

AI excels in analyzing customer data to create precise segments based on behavior, preferences, and demographics. Utilize these insights to develop highly personalized marketing campaigns, increasing engagement and conversion rates. AI tools like GPT-4 can transform the content creation process, generating ad copy, blog posts, and social media content with remarkable speed and accuracy. Additionally, AI-powered SEO tools such as Clearscope and MarketMuse can optimize your content for search engines, ensuring maximum visibility.

Predictive analytics can forecast campaign performance, elevating customer engagement and support. Deploy AI-driven chatbots for efficient customer service, lead generation, and initial interactions. Sentiment analysis tools can monitor and interpret customer sentiments on social media, providing valuable feedback for refining strategies.

Case studies: AI in action

Many advertising agencies and brands in the West have successfully deployed AI to enhance their

marketing efforts and achieve significant benefits. Here are a few notable examples:

- McCann Japan implemented an AI creative director named AI-CD (AI-CD beta). This AI analyzes past advertisement data to predict which elements are likely to be effective in new campaigns, helping generate creative ideas and optimize ad content, leading to improved campaign performance and creativity.
- Ogilvy employs AI for sentiment analysis and predictive analytics. By analyzing consumer sentiments on social media in real-time, Ogilvy tailors market strategies and content to better resonate with their audience. Predictive analytics help forecast campaign outcomes and optimize strategies for maximum impact.
- Dentsu Aegis Network uses AI-powered solutions for media planning and buying. AI algorithms analyze vast amounts of data to

identify optimal media placements and audience targeting strategies, enhancing campaign performance, improving ROI, and increasing efficiency in media spend.

- WPP has implemented AI across its agencies for various purposes, including customer segmentation and personalized marketing. AI-driven insights help WPP better understand customer behavior, preferences, and purchasing patterns. This enables them to create more relevant and effective marketing campaigns that drive engagement and conversion rates.

These examples demonstrate how leading advertising agencies leverage AI to innovate their services, improve campaign effectiveness, and deliver superior results for their clients. By harnessing AI technologies, these agencies not only enhance their operational efficiencies but also stay ahead in a competitive and rapidly evolving digital marketing landscape.



Best ways to escape from the clutches of loan sharks

By Kilo Mgaya

Loan sharks, in Tanzania commonly known as "Kau-sha Damu," have become a scourge in many communities, preying on the vulnerable and desperate.

Mwanaija Khamis Shemdoe is one of the many women whose life took a tragic turn after dealing with a loan shark.

Mwanaija, a hardworking mother and wife, ran a small business selling handmade crafts.

When her business faced a financial crunch, she turned to a loan shark, as she could not secure a loan from any formal financial institutions.

The terms seemed simple at first, but the exorbitant interest rates quickly snow balled her debt.

Mwanaija's marriage crumbled under the weight of insurmountable debt. The outrageous interest rates and relentless harassment from the loan shark left her family in financial ruin.

She thought she had no other choice, but to recall with tears in her eyes.

The banks wouldn't lend her the money she needed because her business was too small, and she didn't meet their criteria.

Mwanaija's plight is shared by many women who turn to these unscrupulous lenders out of sheer necessity.

Online loan companies have also worsened the problem, exploiting people's desperation with even higher interest rates.

These companies often violate borrowers' privacy, publicizing their debts and harassing their relatives when payments are delayed. The fear and shame they instill are powerful deterrents to seeking help.

It is high time for financial institutions and the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to address the needs of micro-entrepreneurs who do not qualify for traditional loans.

Women like Mwanaija require a reliable and supportive financial system that understands their unique challenges and provides solutions tailored to their needs.

Fortunately, there are some banks which have established lending programme offering vital support to women and youth micro-entrepreneurs.

The program provides seed capital to these entrepreneurs, primarily women, in groups where the group itself serves as collateral.

This innovative approach has already proven effective, reaching hundreds of thousands women and youth in

Tanzania.

The programme such IM-BEJU has disbursed a total of 10bn/- in seed capital in a little over a year, transforming countless lives of both women and youths.

Debora Njunwa is one of many women whose lives have been transformed by such kind of programs.

"It's not just about the money," Debora explains. "The program has taught me how to invest wisely, manage my business, upgrade my products, and find new markets."

For Debora, the financial education provided by the program was a revelation.

She realized that money was just a small part of the challenge.

Understanding how to manage her business was the key to its growth. She now sees the potential for her business to flourish.

Debora's story underscores the critical need for financial literacy among women who are often the targets of loan sharks and illegal lenders.

Financial education empowers women to make informed decisions, avoid predatory lenders, and build sustainable businesses.

It is imperative that financial institutions invest in such education to protect and uplift vulnerable populations.

By providing not only seed capital but also the knowledge and skills necessary for business success, the women and youth loan programme is fostering a new generation of confident and capable women entrepreneurs.

This holistic approach ensures that beneficiaries are well-equipped to grow their businesses and achieve financial independence.

Financial institutions and regulators must collaborate to create inclusive financial systems that cater to the needs of all citizens, especially women.

By investing in financial literacy and supporting programs, we can break the cycle of debt and dependency, paving the way for a brighter future for all.

The women empowerment programs are not just a lifeline for women like Mwanaija and Debora; they are powerful testimony to what can be achieved when financial institutions prioritize education, empowerment, and inclusion.

Let us build on this momentum and ensure that no woman is ever forced to turn to a loan shark again.

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A step toward inclusive water, sanitation access in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondents

Somewhere deep inside Tanzania, a familiar sight—a mother and child on a long journey for water. This, in fact, is a story of resilience in the everyday struggle for many for a basic human right: access to water and sanitation.

And what if the mother or the child has a disability? The Sustainable Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Program (SRWSSP) is working to rewrite this reality with a focus on inclusivity and equal access for all, especially for marginalized communities and individuals with disabilities.

Access to sustainable water supply and improved sanitation services is a challenge for rural populations in Tanzania. It is even more so for women and for people with disabilities. On top of the distance to travel, what if a waterpoint or a sanitation facility is not designed to be accessible?

The SRWSSP, while structured to cater to the wider Tanzanian population, emphasizes the necessity to ensure inclusivity for all members of communities.

A dedicated and focused approach is vital to genuinely embedding inclusivity within the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) services, by constructing facilities that are accessible to all - including persons with disabilities.

Addressing the practical and cultural challenges

Beyond physical limitations like infrastructure and outdated policies, cultural and social barriers are critical. These obstacles restrict access to essential services and deny fundamental human rights, disproportionately affecting women and people with disabilities.

The integration of a systematic and participatory approach is imperative, whereby all stakeholders, especially from marginalized communities, are deeply involved from decision-making to imple-



Training participants test accessibility and usability of hand washing facilities at a public primary school in Coast Region. Photo: by World Bank

mentation.

To promote this approach, we brought together stakeholders and partners, including WaterAid, UNICEF, and the Tanzanian Federation of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (SHIVY-AWATA) for a workshop.

The group shared theoretical knowledge with invaluable real-life experiences of daily challenges faced by marginalized communities. The mantra "nothing about us without us" is a core principle of this initiative: empowering marginalized communities and ensuring their active participation in decision-making related to the program and complex water and sanitation issues.

A field visit for stakeholders and project implementers demonstrated accessibility and safety audits developed by WaterAid, the World Bank, and UNICEF. Stakeholders and implementers from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Water; the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency; the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) and the President's Office-Re-

gional Administration and Local Government, the key implementing agencies for the SRWSSP, reflected on lingering challenges such as the lack of capacity and awareness, despite government initiatives to make WASH facilities more accessible to achieve universal access.

Visiting facilities, while looking through the lens of users to observe what type of barriers persons with different disabilities may be facing, was eye-opening for all participants, but especially those of us who as civil engineers are typically focused on technical designs on paper. It allowed us to better understand the needs of the most vulnerable users, learning from their experience and perspective.

Using a simple checklist and listening to reactions from participants with disabilities, we could see how seemingly small details in reality make it difficult to use a toilet, waterpoint or handwashing basin. The positioning of handrails, the sloping of ramps, the design and height of door handles and taps, and the width

of paths and doorways are examples of insurmountable barriers for some people.

Understanding these barriers can enable implementers to identify improvements in the design, construction and monitoring of services. Also, they provide opportunities for people with disabilities to voice their concerns and work directly with government officials to address them.

The approach must be inter-sectoral

Inter-sectoral engagement has proven pivotal. The MoEST in Tanzania is committed to making education inclusive for children with disabilities. While they can provide expertise on inclusive education, they need local government administrations and even other ministries responsible for infrastructure to ensure buildings are accessible.

There are also statutory bodies within government that are responsible for addressing disability issues across all sectors. Their awareness and expertise is an essential ingredient for truly inclusive WASH service.

CURRENTNEWS



Trump's platform won't support dollar's global reserve currency role

By Mark Sobel

The Republican convention platform to 'Make America Great Again' with 'a return to common sense' is out, with a staccato list of 20 promises, frequently devoid of the supporting policy details to ascertain whether delivering on the promises is realistic. Among them, number 13 stands out: 'Keep the US dollar as the world's reserve currency.'

Dollar incumbency has sound foundations. The alternatives don't look especially appetising. But even if dollar dominance diminishes at an accelerated rate, it would take more than four years to become a gallop. Point number 13 will be met for the next four years, no matter who is in office.

Looking at other aspects of the platform and at Donald Trump's conduct during his term in office, however, a Trump 2.0 presidency may fray the foundations for dollar dominance.

Why? Dollar dominance reflects the US global leadership role; the massive size of the US economy with around 25 percent of global gross domestic product; the enormous depth, openness and liquidity of US capital markets and their ability to channel capital movements with little transaction cost or market impact. Not only that, but a relatively decent record of past macroeconomic management has played a significant part, as well as an innovative economy, strong financial institutions and good rule of law. Many of these pillars, such as the US' colossal economic size, innovation

and superior financial system, are strongly rooted and durable.

But on geopolitics, the global order built by the US through alliances and multilateralism continues to fragment amid greater dispersion in global economic weight, the rise of China, US/China tensions, Russia's barbaric war on Ukraine and a more prosperous global South seeking to avoid being caught between the US and China.

'Trump-proofing' Europe and Nato

Trump's past threats to leave Nato, the abandonment of the Iran nuclear deal, Paris Climate Accord and Trans-Pacific Partnership and questions about whether he would back Ukraine given his perceived closeness to Russian President Vladimir Putin, are reportedly leading to widespread discussion among key allies about how to Trump-proof Europe and Nato. Some three-quarters of foreign government holdings of US safe assets are held by countries with some form of military tie to the US. Despite the platform's assertion that alliances will be strengthened, will the US remain a trusted partner? Can its strong ties persist?

The growing use of financial sanctions is related. If the US imposes financial sanctions multilaterally, with our allies - for example, blocking Russian central bank and oligarch assets - any fallout should be contained. But if the US unilaterally deploys sanctions with much greater frequency - let alone extraterritorially - that could accelerate any decline in the dollar's global status. The Trump presidency was more unilateral in applying financial sanctions than President Joe Biden's team.

US economic management soundness



brought into question

The fiscal trajectory is dreadful. While the US can finance excessive massive deficits of over 6% of GDP per annum for the next decade, continued mammoth deficits will cause US debt levels to soar in coming decades - especially as America ages, entitlement costs soar and interest costs surge. Against that awful baseline, the Republican platform calls for 'large tax cuts for workers and no tax on tips!' and no cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

The platform doesn't mention debt and deficits. Republicans have already called for extending expiring tax provisions from 2017,

which could add well over \$4tn to US debt over the next decade. (US annual GDP is now \$28tn.) Under Republican plans - based on what the platform says and doesn't - US fiscal management becomes even more the antithesis of sound.

The platform mentions restoring price stability, but otherwise doesn't discuss the Federal Reserve or monetary policy. Yet, Trump's presidency openly criticised the Fed, pressuring for lower interest rates and calling Fed independence into question, notwithstanding copious evidence that independent central banks are able to secure better outcomes. In any case, a return

to the Fed's 2 percent inflation objective is already now well in sight.

On trade, Trump's call for 10 percent across-the-board tariffs and 60 percent higher tariffs on China goes unmentioned. According to the Peterson Institute, these would cost a typical middle-income household about \$1,700 each year. Economists of all stripes believe the tariffs would be inflationary. The Biden administration has maintained much of the Trump presidency tariffs and been protectionist in its own right.

Immigration has been a large contributor to US growth. The Congressional Budget Office estimated US GDP would be 2 percentage points higher in 2034 because of it. The Republican platform calls for mass deportation, however.

Putting the Republican platform and Trump's policy orientation together, what does it mean for the dollar's future reserve role? While dollar dominance remains entrenched, both the platform and Trump policies would mean less confidence and trust in American leadership, weakened macroeconomic management and enormous burdens on markets to finance a large supply of Treasuries. That would also mean a boost to the term premium, higher inflation and less growth. In short, this does not augur well for buttressing sustained dollar dominance.

Mark Sobel (pictured) is US Chair of OMFIF, an independent think tank for central banking, economic policy and public investment, providing a neutral platform for public and private sector engagement worldwide.

Ensuring safety, enjoyment on Kilimanjaro, Meru mountains

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

To enhance the safety and enjoyment of mountain climbing on Mount Kilimanjaro and Meru, Tanzania's Goodwill Ambassador for Tourism in the US, Macon Dunnagan, has initiated a special acclimatization program via the Mweka route.

Before his 51st Mount Kilimanjaro climb in July this year, Dunnagan emphasized the importance of acclimatization in mitigating risks like hypothermia and Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS).

"I began this acclimatization program with professional mountain guide Edwin Kilawe from ZARA tours last year to prepare for our expeditions. It has proven beneficial," Dunnagan explained. He stressed the need for acclimatization to reduce high-altitude sickness risks.

Tourists, including American Kent Kysar (68) from Atlanta, Georgia, Macon Dunnagan's nephew Willy Dunnagan, and friend Spencer Cathey, shared their experiences.

Kysar, on his first visit to Tanzania, expressed his goal to reach Mount Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak (5,895m ASL). He planned the climb since meeting Dunnagan in April 2022 at a travel show in Atlanta, Georgia.

Both Willy Dunnagan and Spencer Cathey appreciated the Tanzanians' kindness, good food, language, and natural environment.



Moshi Urban Legislator, Priscus Tarimo, listens to Dr. Hussein Abradha, Director of Medical Services at KILIMEDAIR Aviation Company who was discussing on rescue and medical services for Mount Kilimanjaro climbers at Moshi Airport recently. Photo: James Lanka

KILIMEDAIR Aviation Company, a Tanzanian-owned firm, offers helicopter search and rescue services to ensure climbers' safety on Mount Kilimanjaro and Meru.

Sales and Marketing Officer Abel Casimir Shoki detailed their services, including high-altitude evacuation and medical treatment at Kilimeditary Wilderness Medicine Clinic in Moshi.

They also provide scenic flights to various destinations like Lake Natron, Mount Kilimanjaro, Zanzibar beaches, and

the Serengeti Wildebeest migration.

Dr. Hussein Abradha, Director of Medical Services at KILIMEDAIR, highlighted their medical evacuation services using EMS 138-configured helicopters.

They also offer helicopter charters for VIP transfers, aerial surveys, crew transfers, filming, photography, precious cargo transfer, anti-poaching, hunting, personal events, and marketing promotions. Shoki emphasized their specialization in mountain medicine, diving medicine,

emergency medicine, traveler and tropical medicine.

KILIMEDAIR provides doctor en-route services, pre and post-climb consultations, and general medical consultations, ensuring reliable and effective helicopter services from their base in Moshi, Tanzania.

The growing need for private air taxi services in tourism, entertainment, and various sectors underscores KILIMEDAIR's commitment to convenient, affordable, and professional services.

SA consumers expect the biggest spending hike

JOHANNESBURG

South African consumer companies must consider six key imperatives in order to shrink the consumer trust deficit

More than three quarters (77 percent) of South African consumers expect the most significant increase in spending in the next six months to be on groceries.

At the same time, 75 percent of local consumers rank inflation as the number one risk they believe could impact the country over the next year, followed by macroeconomic volatility (55 percent) and social inequality (40 percent).

These key insights are reflected in PwC South Africa's Voice of the Consumer Survey 2024: South African findings report.

Locally, 1,009 South Africans participated in the global survey which reflects the insights and perspectives of more than 20,000

consumers across 31 countries and territories on a wide range of issues, including finding value for money, caring for the environment, embracing AI and being open about their data.

Anton Hugo, PwC Africa Retail Industry Leader, says: "While consumers largely accepted the price increases of the COVID-19 era, they are showing little tolerance for continued rises, especially as they turn their attention to mounting non-discretionary spending. This has resulted in consumers searching for better value for their money, with 44 percent saying they would consider switching from their preferred brands to more affordable options, while only 7 percent said they would buy a luxury item with their leftover income after paying for bills and essentials."

Data indicates that consumers have evolving expectations for a dynamic mix of online and

offline experiences—therefore, brands and retailers need to embrace a more flexible omnichannel strategy to meet these expectations.

It indicates that 83 percent of consumers say they slightly or strongly agree to comparing prices of items between apps, while 75 percent of consumers say they slightly or strongly agree that if they need to buy items from more than one store, they would rather physically go to the shops.

Also, 69 percent of consumers slightly or strongly agree to using apps to view the pricing of goods, but then buy them in store.

Nqaba Ndiweni, PwC Africa Consumer, Industrial Products and Services Industry Leader, says: "Not all retailers are offering alternatives to the physical store yet, as consumers enjoy freedom-of-choice conveniences when shopping in a physical store.

Physical stores provide a sensory experience that other platforms don't. However, retailers need to make a shift to differentiate themselves and reinvent their ways of interacting with customers—this means providing customers with more than just goods to promote a positive and memorable experience, but offering an experience in a physical (physical and digital) world that seamlessly blends digital and physical shopping. For this to be executed successfully, retailers need to rethink their strategy, operating model and capabilities to match evolving customer needs and exceed their expectations."

The report indicates that South African consumers have mixed feelings about social media, with consumers ranking the social media industry second lowest (5.8 on a scale of 0-10) among 12 industries. Key consumer insights include:

MV Liemba to spend 33bn/- on 24 months' maintenance

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

The government has officially handed over the MV Liemba, the world's oldest operating passenger ship, for significant repairs.

Croatian-based M/S Brodosplit JSC and Dar es Salaam Merchant Group (DMG) will undertake the maintenance at a cost exceeding 33 bn/-.

The MV Liemba, in service since 1915, has been transporting 200 tonnes of cargo and 600 passengers between Kigoma, Tanzania, and Mpulungu, Zambia.

The extensive refurbishment project is expected to be completed by July 2026.

At the handover ceremony, Kigoma District Commissioner Salum Kalli emphasized the importance of timely completion as per the contract.

DMG's Rayton Kwembe assured adherence to the 24-month timeline and promised high-quality repairs, backed by collaboration with the Croatian contractor.

Kwembe expressed gratitude to President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan's government for their continued trust in DMG and pledged not to disappoint.

Kwembe highlighted DMG's extensive experience in ship maintenance and construction, supported by strong financial relationships with institutions ensuring timely funding.

Since 2017, DMG has focused on shipbuilding and maintenance to address challenges in the blue economy.

Allen Mtembelo, representing the CEO of the Shipping Services Company (MSCL), confirmed the readiness of contractors to commence the project.

M/S Brodosplit JSC Managing Director Radovan Nacinovic committed to adhering to the project timeline, aiming for early completion.

Project Manager Engineer Elias John Kivala urged contractors to expedite the work, highlighting the government's approval for 24-hour operations to ensure timely completion.

MV Liemba, originally named the Graf von Götzen, was constructed in 1913 in Germany and later reassembled on Lake Tanganyika.

It played a significant role during World War I before being scuttled and subsequently salvaged by the British.

The ship was renamed MV Liemba and has since been a crucial link between Tanzania and Zambia, contributing to regional trade and connectivity.



Mv Liemba

VIEW FROM THE TOP

WORLD

Suspect came within inches of killing Trump, but left few clues as to why

BETHEL PARK, Pennsylvania

THE portrait pieced together so far of the 20-year-old nursing home aide who allegedly tried to assassinate Donald Trump at an election rally reveals frustratingly little about why he would make such an attempt - or how he managed to come so close to killing the former president.

The early details that have emerged about Thomas Matthew Crooks, who was shot dead by law enforcement, show a young man working an entry-level job near his hometown in Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school in 2022 with a reputation as a bright but quiet classmate. His high school counselor described him as "respectful" and said he never knew Crooks to be political.

The FBI said on Sunday that Crooks' social media profile does not contain threatening language, nor have they found any history of mental health issues. They said he acted alone and have not identified a motive.

What is unique about Crooks - when compared to other recent shooters who opened fire at schools, churches, malls and parades - is that he came within inches of killing a presidential candidate.

On Saturday afternoon, Crooks slipped onto a rooftop location 150 yards (140 meters) from the stage where Trump was speaking in Butler, Pennsylvania. He then began firing an AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle, purchased by his father, officials said.

The gunfire killed a 50-year-old man, critically wounded two other spectators, and struck Trump's ear - an assassination attempt that has further inflamed an al-

ready bitter US political divide. The FBI said it was probing the shooting as "an assassination attempt and potential domestic terrorism".

A resident of Bethel Park, about an hour away from where the shooting occurred, Crooks was a registered Republican who would have been eligible to cast his first presidential vote in the Nov 5 election in which Trump is challenging President Joe Biden. Public records show his father is a registered Republican and his mother a registered Democrat, and that as a 17-year-old Crooks made a \$15 donation to a Democratic Party cause.

The suspect was a member of a local shooting club named Clairton Sportsmen's Club, the club confirmed to the media on Sunday while condemning the shooting and calling it a "senseless act of violence."

Crooks was employed as a dietary aide at a nursing home at the time of the shooting, the home's administrator said in a statement.

"We are shocked and saddened to learn of his involvement as Thomas Matthew Crooks performed his job without concern and his background check was clean," said Marcie Grimm, administrator of the Bethel Park Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Never known to be political

Two years ago, Crooks graduated from the local high school, where he showed no particular interest in politics, according to one classmate who asked not to be identified. Crooks' interests centered on building computers and playing games, the classmate said in an interview.



Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump reacts following an assassination attempt at a campaign event in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Saturday. AP

"He was super smart. That's what really kind of threw me off was, this was, like, a really, really smart kid, like he excelled," the classmate said. "Nothing crazy ever came up in any conversation."

Jim Knapp, who retired from his job as the school counselor at Bethel Park High School in 2022, said Crooks had always been "quiet as a churchmouse," "respectful" and kept to himself, although he did have a few friends.

He rarely came across Crooks because "he wasn't a needy type kid," Knapp said. Crooks was content to occasionally eat lunch by himself in the school cafeteria, said Knapp, who would engage such students to see if they wanted company.

"Kids weren't calling him names, kids weren't bullying him," Knapp said.

Knapp said he never knew Crooks to be political in any way, even as other kids would sometimes wear Trump or Biden attire. He added that he couldn't recall Crooks ever being disciplined in school.

"Anybody could snap, anybody could have issues," he said. "Something triggered that young man and drove him to drive up to Butler yesterday and do what he did."

Residents near the Crooks' home described feeling shocked and unsettled that an assassination attempt has been linked to a person from the sedate city of 33,000 people.

"Bethel Park is a pretty blue-collar type of area, and to think that somebody was that close is a little insane," said Wes Morgan, a 42-year-old who works at an

investment management company and bikes with his children on the same street as the Crooks' residence.

A couple standing on the porch of their nearby brick ranch-style home was left processing the events and spotlight on their neighborhood.

The officials said "a suspicious device" was found in the suspect's vehicle, which was inspected by bomb technicians and rendered safe.

"There's never been a gun issue. There's never been the police being called," Mary Prisela, 67, said alongside her husband. "You kind of have to wonder what didn't he get in life? What led to this extreme?"

Crooks' gun - an AR-style-5.56 caliber rifle - had been legally bought, the FBI officials said, adding that the FBI believed it had been purchased by the suspect's father. The officials said "a suspicious device" was found in the suspect's vehicle, which was inspected by bomb technicians and rendered safe.

Bruce Piendl, owner of Allegheny Arms and Gunworks in Bethel Park, said guns were part of the culture in the area. "You have to understand in western Pennsylvania we have a rich tradition of hunting and fishing and outdoor stuff," he said. "Within 10 miles (16 km) of here, there are a ton of gun clubs."

Piendl said his record show he did not sell any firearms to the shooter but declined to say whether he sold any to his family.

"That's between me and God," Piendl said.

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'Security for Putin remains tight amid assassination attempts on other leaders'

MOSCOW

THE security of Russian President Vladimir Putin is always being bolstered regardless of assassination attempts on other leaders and everything necessary is being done to ensure it, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"For obvious reasons, security has already been boosted regardless of aforementioned events," Peskov (pictured) said, replying to a question on the necessity to increase measures on Putin's protection following attempts on the lives of ex-US President Donald Trump and Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico.

"The protection of the head of state is ensured at an appropriate level, everything necessary is being done, considering, of course, the international escalation of tensions in general," the Kremlin official stressed.

An armed attack on Fico took place in the western Slovak town of Handlova on May 15. The politician suffered gunshot wounds and had to undergo several surgeries. The attacker was arrested. An assassination attempt on Trump took place at a pre-election rally in Pennsylvania on July 13. The former president was wounded but his life is not in danger: the bullet tore off a small piece of his ear. One of his supporters was killed in the shooting. The attacker was killed by the Secret Service.

Also, on July 13, Ukrainian Defense Ministry Main Intelligence Directorate (GUR) Head Kirill Budanov (deemed a terrorist and extremist in Russia) spoke about plots to assassinate Putin. Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova, while commenting on this statement, said these attacks were being sponsored by the US.



'Don't expect anything from PM... want House to remain impartial'

NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Budget Session, Congress MP from Jorhat Gaurav Gogoi and deputy leader in the Lok Sabha yesterday hoped that the House would remain "impartial", adding that he does not "expect" anything from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the union government from the Budget.

Speaking to ANI, Gogoi alleged that parts of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's statements made in the House were removed from the record.

"We want the House to remain impartial. It is unfortunate that our party leader Rahul Gandhi's remarks were removed from the record in the last session. When he said that PM Modi, BJP, and the RSS do not represent a complete Hindu society, you saw and heard these important things on your camera, which got removed from the record. To date, we don't know why it was removed. Rahul Gandhi wrote a letter also, but people in BJP are spreading misconceptions among the people. The people gave a befitting reply to the BJP in Badrinath. The Leader of the Opposition is a constitutional post. Whatever Rahulji says as the Leader of the Opposition, he does so with responsibility. The weight of his words must show in parliamentary records," Gogoi said.

Gogoi further said that the nations thought process is the same what Rahul Gandhi says in Parliament.

"Hindus are not violent; they are powerful, but they don't use their power in the wrong way. A Hindu walks on the path of truth and does not resort to lies. Yahi Hindu Dharam ki shiksha Ayodhya ke logo ne BJP ke logo ko di. And the same people of Badrinath again taught them the lesson," he said.

Notably, in the recently concluded by-elections, the Congress's Lakhpat Singh Butola won the Badrinath seat against the BJP's Rajendra Singh Bhandari by a margin of 5224 votes.

Meanwhile, the BJP lost the Faizabad Lok Sabha constituency, which includes Ayodhya, in the recently-concluded Lok Sabha polls. SP leader Awadhesh Prasad defeated BJP leader Lallu Singh.

When asked what the Opposition demands from the government as Budget session is going to start, Gogoi attacked Prime Minister Modi and said that he has time to attend Ambani's wedding, but he doesn't have time for poor and middle-class people.

ANI

Xi Focus: Inspiring China's reform with vivid metaphors

BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has articulately used adages, idioms and metaphors to discuss a new round of reform to drive the development of the world's second-largest economy since 2012.

In a distinct fashion, Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, vividly communicates the country's reform goals and methods to audiences both at home and abroad.

The following are some examples.

VENTURING INTO THE MOUNTAIN DESPITE KNOWING THERE ARE TIGERS

In April 2014, Xi delivered a speech at the College of Europe during his state visit to Belgium.

China needs to "venture into the mountain despite knowing there are tigers," as its reform has entered a "deep water zone" where tough challenges must be addressed, Xi said.

Ahead of a visit to Latin America about three months later, Xi once again invoked the expression to proclaim to the world China's unwavering determination and courage in furthering reform.

"We will advance reform with the political courage and wisdom of 'venturing into the mountain despite knowing there are tigers,' and with great dedication to working hard and achieving tangible results," he said.

PLAYING THE PIANO WITH ALL 10 FINGERS

In an interview with a Russian TV station in February 2014, Xi said that Chinese leaders must "play the piano with all 10 fingers," emphasizing the need to plan for the bigger picture while keeping all moving parts in play.

Since assuming the Party's top post in November 2012, Xi has made "coordination" a keyword in the CPC's endeavors to deepen reform so as to improve and develop



socialism with Chinese characteristics and modernize China's system and capacity for governance.

Amid changes in the domestic and global landscapes, China's reform is confronting challenges on an unprecedented scale, involving a wide range of complex issues.

"It is crucial to enhance the coordination and mutual support among reform measures, ensuring that reforms across different fields and sectors align and synergize to maximize overall effectiveness," Xi said in his inspection tour of east China's Shandong Province in May this year.

CLEARING THE CAGE FOR NEW BIRDS

During his tenure as Party chief of Zhejiang Province, Xi put forward the expression "clearing the cage for new birds" to shed light on the transformation of a relatively exten-

sive model of growth in the eastern province, which boasts a strong private sector.

Since he became general secretary of the CPC Central Committee in 2012, Xi has made use of this expression on multiple occasions. In March 2014, when taking part in deliberation in the annual national legislative session with lawmakers from Guangdong Province, China's economic powerhouse and a pioneer in reform and opening up, Xi used the expression to stress the importance of deepening reform in all areas and promoting structural adjustments.

Xi called for efforts to advance industrial upgrading, give full play to the role of innovation in propelling progress, and embrace green development.

Three years later, also during the annual national legislative session, Xi mentioned the phrase again in a discussion with lawmakers from Liaoning Province, one of China's earliest major industrial bases, emphasizing the necessity of replacing old industries with new ones amid the country's economic transformation drive.

TWO WINGS OF A BIRD, TWO WHEELS OF A CART

Xi referred to the roles of reform and the rule of law in propelling China's development as "two wings of a bird or two wheels of a cart" while

addressing senior officials during a meeting in February 2015.

"Reform should be promoted under the rule of law and the rule of law should be enhanced in the process of reform. This is why we refer to them as 'two wheels,'" Xi stressed.

ENGINE IGNITER

"If innovation is the new engine for China's development, reform is the indispensable igniter," Xi said in his address at the APEC CEO Summit held in Beijing in November 2014.

"To comprehensively deepen reform, we need to broaden the path for innovation," Xi stressed in his address, pledging to enable the engine of innovation to run with full power.

China has reformed its talent evaluation system for years to boost creativity among sci-tech professionals. Provinces including Anhui, Shandong and Sichuan have introduced pilot programs to shift away from overemphasizing academic papers, professional titles, degrees and awards.

"In a new round of global growth, only reformers can advance, only innovators can thrive, and only those who reform and innovate will prevail," Xi said.

Xinhua

India-Central Asia rare earth collaboration may change cooperation trajectory

NEW DELHI

DEEMED as crucial for India, all five Central Asian countries are abundantly endowed with natural and mineral resources. Kazakhstan possesses large, commercially viable quantities of various minerals including coal, oil, gas, uranium, gold, lead, zinc, iron ore, tin, copper, manganese, chromite, bauxite, and more.

Turkmenistan holds the world's fourth-largest natural gas reserves and also has

significant deposits of cotton, uranium, petroleum, salt, and sulfur. Uzbekistan is rich in gas, uranium, cotton, silver, and gold.

Both Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have considerable fresh water supplies with untapped potential. Additionally, Kyrgyzstan has notable reserves of gold, uranium, mercury, and lead. The exploitation of these resources varies across the five countries.

During the Second India-Central Asia NSAs meeting, India proposed creating

an India-Central Asia Rare Earths Forum. This initiative aims to strengthen collaboration in the rare earth and strategic mineral sectors, promoting partnerships founded on mutual benefit, transparency, and long-term objectives.

These minerals are not just essential for the present time, they also hold the key to a brighter future. They drive the transition towards a low-carbon economy and reduce dependence on fossil fuels, signalling a hopeful path to

sustainability.

Dependence on other countries for critical minerals poses a significant national security risk. Ensuring a reliable and secure supply of these minerals is vital for maintaining military strength, defence capabilities, and infrastructure resilience. Promoting domestic production and diversifying supply chains can mitigate vulnerability to international tensions and trade conflicts.

Critical minerals are fundamental to economic growth

and competitiveness, fueling innovation, industrial expansion, and job creation. Industries reliant on these minerals are the backbone of economic activity across various sectors, including manufacturing, technology, energy, and transportation.

Central Asia is a treasure trove of critical minerals, holding a substantial share of the world's essential resources. This region possesses 38.6 per cent of the world's manganese ore, 30.07 per cent of its chromium, 20 per cent of

its lead, 12.6 per cent of its zinc, and 8.7 per cent of its titanium, among other valuable minerals, making it a strategic powerhouse.

In September, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev described critical minerals as the "new oil." The vast mineral reserves in Central Asia have attracted major global powers, leading to complex geopolitical dynamics and competition. The presence of these minerals underscores their global importance and highlights the

need for strategic action.

India faces an energy shortfall despite its abundance of energy and natural resources, particularly in certain regions. The potential for collaboration between India and Central Asia is clear. However, a significant challenge remains in efficiently transporting these resources from landlocked areas to India.

The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline initiative aims to tackle this issue.

ANI

Egypt to drill oil, gas wells worth 1.2 bln USD in current fiscal year - minister

CAIRO

EGYPT is planning to drill 110 exploratory wells for gas and oil, with a total investment of 1.2 billion U.S. dollars during the current fiscal year 2024/2025, Egyptian Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources quoted Minister Karim Badawi as saying in a statement on Sunday.

In a meeting with a parliamentary committee reviewing the new government's program, Badawi (pictured) said that Egypt will have 586 exploratory wells for gas and oil drilled, with a total investment of 7.2 billion U.S. dollars by 2030, said the statement.

Regarding exploration activity, the minister explained that there are currently 145 commitment agreements in force in the field



of research and exploration for oil and gas, which have been concluded with 40 partners, it added.

He pointed out that there are challenges in exploration activity, most notably regional

competition to offer investment opportunities and accompanying economic incentives, as well as the slow implementation of research and exploration activities.

The minister said there are plans to overcome these challenges, such as setting new incentives for current and future opportunities, including unconventional reservoirs, preparing a global marketing plan to attract new investments, and offering global bids through the Egypt Exploration and Production Portal.

Egypt aims to become a regional trade hub for oil and liquefied natural gas after major discoveries were made in the country over recent years, including the Zohr gas field in the Mediterranean, which holds an estimated 30 trillion cubic feet of gas.



Ex-US President Trump is sure to win American presidential election, says Medvedev

MOSCOW

FORMER US President Donald Trump has won in advance at the upcoming presidential election in the United States, Deputy Chairman of Russia's Security Council Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday.

"He has certainly won. Only if he is not assassinated," Medvedev wrote in his X social network account and attached a picture of Trump, when he was formally arrested in August 2023.

On July 13, Trump survived an assassi-

nation attempt during his campaign rally in Pennsylvania. The Republican was wounded. According to recent reports, he is safe, he received a minor injury - the bullet pierced his right ear.

The shooting left one person killed and two injured. The shooter was killed by officers of the US Secret Service, which is responsible, in particular, for protecting the top officials of the state.

The FBI are investigating the shooting at Trump's rally as a possible domestic terrorism attack and assassination.

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Pakistan clinches IMF bailout deal, agrees to raise tax on farm income

KARACHI

PAKISTAN and the International Monetary Fund yesterday reached a staff level agreement (SLA) for a \$7 billion, 37-month loan programme with tough measures such as raising tax on farm income, sending the country's benchmark share index to a record high.

The deal caps negotiations that started in May after Islamabad completed a short-term, \$3 billion program that helped stabilize the economy, avert a sovereign debt default, and set challenging revenue targets in its budget to get IMF approval.

The benchmark share index has almost doubled since Pakistan signed its last SLA for the \$3 billion standby arrangement, and is up more than 10 percent since Pakistan presented its annual budget.

"The market has grown used to the IMF deal being a highly politicized, news event and the IMF asking Pakistan to do more. This time it was a silent agreement between the government and the IMF staff," said Adnan Sami Sheikh, assistant vice-president of research at Pak Kuwait Investment Company.

The new agreement introduced increased tax on agricultural incomes, underscoring the need to increase government revenue and reduce recurrent deficit to win the lender's approval.

The IMF said it had got assurances from Pakistani authorities - provincial and federal - that



People stand outside the Parliament house during a budget session in Islamabad, the capital city of Pakistan, June 26, 2024. File photo

they would bring taxation on agricultural incomes on par with corporate and other tax rates.

Agricultural income has historically been taxed much lower than other sectors, despite contributing 23 percent to the GDP, employing 35 percent of the labor force, and bringing in an annual income of around 9 trillion Pakistani rupees (\$32.37 billion).

Under the IMF deal, the highest effective tax rate can rise to as much as 45 percent from the current 15 percent. It will be implemented from 2025, a move that was termed "unprecedented" by brokerage and investment banking firm JS Global.

"These changes could contribute to inflation, particularly in food prices, affecting consum-

ers nationwide," said Ghasharib Shaokat, head of product at Pakistan Agriculture Research, adding that larger farmers will be affected more.

Inflation averaged close to 30 percent in FY23 and 23.4 percent in FY24, which ended on June 30.

Pakistan has been struggling with boom-and-bust cycles for decades, leading to 22 IMF bailouts since 1958. Currently the IMF is fifth-largest debtor, owing \$6.28 billion as of July 11, according to the lender's data.

The latest economic crisis has been the most prolonged and has seen the highest ever levels of inflation, pushing the country to the brink of a sovereign default last summer before an IMF

bailout.

The conditions of the program have become tougher. The latest bailout is aimed at cementing stability and inclusive growth in the South Asian country, the IMF said.

A source close to negotiations with the IMF told Reuters that the agriculture income tax was agreed weeks ago, but was deliberately not highlighted by the government because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The IMF has said the SLA agreement is subject to approval by its executive board and the confirmation of necessary financing assurances from Pakistan's development and bilateral partners.

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France's left-wing parties struggle to unite, Socialists' leader says

PARIS

FRANCE'S left-wing parties still plan to form a joint government after they emerged as the strongest bloc in parliament in a snap election, but any pact is unlikely to come this week, the head of the Socialist Party (PS) said on Monday.

"Nothing will happen before July 18," Olivier Faure told France 2 television, referring to the date the newly elected National Assembly

is due to convene for the first time.

The New Popular Front (NPF), a hastily assembled alliance ranging from socialists and Greens to the communist party and the hard-left, euro-sceptic Unbowed France (LFI), won the parliamentary election earlier this month but fell well short of a majority.

"We will take our time, don't worry," Faure said.

His comments, coming after a week of fruitless talks within the

bloc, marked a shift in tone.

Following their surprise election win on July 7, Faure and other leaders said they were prepared to form a government and would come up with a name for the prime minister's seat within days. However, no progress has been made since then.

President Emmanuel Macron last week urged the mainstream parties in France's hung parliament to form a coalition able to

muster a "solid" majority, putting pressure on the more moderate parts of the NPF to ditch LFI and join Macron's centrists.

Even if the left manages to agree on a name to put forward as government chief, it was still unclear if Macron would accept to appoint a premier from its ranks as any such government would lack roughly 100 seats in parliament to form a stable majority.

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Britain's King Charles and Britain's Queen Camilla (right) arrive for the Royal Family's traditional Christmas Day service at St Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham in eastern England, on Dec 25, 2023. AFP

Hamas says it has not left ceasefire talks after Israeli attacks

CAIRO/JERUSALEM

A senior Hamas official said on Sunday that the Islamist group has not withdrawn from ceasefire talks with Israel after this weekend's deadly attacks in Gaza that Israel said had targeted the group's military leader Mohammed Deif.

But Izzat El-Reshiq, a member of the political office of Hamas, accused Israel of trying to derail efforts by Arab mediators and the United States to reach a ceasefire deal by stepping up its attacks in the enclave.

Saturday's strike in the Khan Younis area of Gaza, in which at least 90 Palestinians were killed, according to local health authorities, has put the ceasefire talks in doubt.

There had been increasingly hopeful signs in recent days that a deal could be reached to halt fighting and return hostages held in Gaza.

Two Egyptian security sources at ceasefire talks in Doha and Cairo said on Saturday that negotiations had been halted after three days of intense talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to convene his close circle of ministers later on Sunday to discuss the talks.

The strike on Saturday which targeted Deif killed Rafa Salama, commander of Hamas' Khan Younis



Palestinian children are evacuated from a site hit by an Israeli bombardment on Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip on Saturday. AP

brigade, the Israeli military said on Sunday, but there was no confirmation about the fate of Deif.

"The strike in Khan Younis was a result of surgical intelligence," the head of the Shin Bet domestic security service said in a video released by

the service from Rafah. He said 25 Hamas operatives who took part in the deadly Oct 7 attack in southern Israel that triggered the war had been killed in the past week.

On Saturday, a senior Hamas official denied that Deif had been killed

and the group said Israeli claims were aimed at justifying the attack.

Israel's military chief said on Sunday in a televised statement that Hamas was concealing the truth about Deif's fate, but stopped short of confirming whether he was alive or dead.

Israeli forces pressed ahead on Sunday with aerial and ground shelling of several areas across the Gaza Strip, home to 2.3 million people, most of whom have been displaced by the war. A strike on a UN-run school in Nuseirat camp, one of Gaza's eight longstanding refugee camps, killed 15 Palestinians and wounded dozens more, Hamas media and health officials said.

The Israeli military said the site was used as a base for Hamas fighters to attack Israeli forces and said numerous steps were taken to limit the risk of harming civilians, including the use of precise munitions and intelligence.

Residents said two missiles targeted the upper floor of the school, not far from the camp's local market, usually

busy with shoppers, where displaced families have also taken shelter nearby.

Earlier on Sunday, Israeli airstrikes on four houses in Gaza City killed at least 16 Palestinians and wounded dozens of others, medics said.

The Gaza health ministry said at least 38,584 Palestinians have been killed and 88,881 others injured in Israel's military offensive since Oct 7.

It added that 141 Palestinians were killed by Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip in the past day, the biggest one-day death toll in many weeks.

Gaza's health ministry does not distinguish between combatants and non-combatants but officials say most of the dead throughout the war have been civilians.

Israel says it has lost 326 soldiers in Gaza and says at least a third of the Palestinian fatalities are fighters.

The war began after a Hamas-led attack inside Israel on Oct 7, that killed 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and saw around 250 taken hostage to Gaza, according to Israeli authorities.

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Azam confirm final pre-season plans as they tour Morocco

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM headed to North Africa again as they seek to sharpen themselves ahead of a challenging season ahead.

They jetted out of the country on Sunday in preparation for the upcoming 2024/25 campaign.

Players and members of the technical team will spend two weeks in Morocco, where they are expected to train and play friendly matches.

Azam have already played against Zanzibar's Zimamoto and fans got to see what they can expect from the squad that has seen several changes with incomings and outgoings.

So far this transfer window, Azam have confirmed five arrivals with attacking midfielder Franck Tiesse, defender Yoro Mamadou Diaby, midfielder Ever Meza, striker Jhonier Blanco, striker Adam Omar Adam and midfielder Nassor Saadun, all coming through the door at Chamazi Complex.

Head coach Youssouph Dabo confirmed they will play five friendly matches while in Morocco as part of their third and final pre-season plans.

"The first step was at Chamazi, the second was in Zanzibar and we are now in the third step, the last one in Morocco for two weeks



Azam FC midfielder Feisal Salum is pictured when the team was leaving their camp at Chamazi and heading to the Julius Nyerere International Airport on Sunday ready for their pre-season tour in Morocco. Photo: Courtesy of Azam FC

with three friendly games. We need to continue to help the new players adapt. Some

of them need more time than old players who already understand how we play.

"For the old players, it will be something to remind them about last season. For the new players, it is the moment for them to adapt, understand their teammates, and also their teammates to understand them.

"In our plan, we need to play five games before we start the competitions. We will play three games in Morocco and one when we return before the Community Shield.

"On Friday we played one game in Zanzibar. We had good reactions from the new players especially, I liked their mindsets, and behaviours in some situations that we worked on before. But we still need time to be ready," said Dabo.

Azam have not won a trophy since 2019 and are under pressure to break their barren run under coach Dabo who is beginning his second season with the team.

The last season's NBC Premier League runners-up are scheduled to face APR of Rwanda in the CAF Champions League preliminary rounds.

Azam will host the first leg at Chamazi Complex before travelling to Kigali for the return leg.

If the Ice Cream Makers proceed to the next stage, they will face either Zanzibar's JKU or Egyptian giants Pyramids.



Alliance Caravans' cricketer Akhil Anil (L) receives the Ras Logistics Man of the Match prize from Toyota Automark Company's official, Mohammed when the club locked horns with Park Mobile Lions in a 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup tournament's Super 4 stage match in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Alliance Caravans start Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup Super 4 stage convincingly

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

ALLIANCE Caravans' cricketers have stepped up their pursuit of the top honour in the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup tournament, having clobbered Balakrishna Foundation Aces by 64 runs in the Super 4 phase tie in Dar es Salaam last Saturday.

In what turned out to be the opening match of the Super 4 stage of the Petrofuel TCA Caravans Cup, Alliance Caravans, also the tournament hosts, confronted Balakrishna Foundation Aces at the Leaders Club ground.

Opting to field first after winning the toss, Balakrishna Foundation Aces dealt an early blow to Alliance Caravans as the latter's key player, Prakash Nair, was dismissed on just the second ball of the innings with no runs on the scoreboard.

Balakrishna Foundation Aces celebrated jubilantly, seizing the opportunity to assert dominance over their opponents again.

Despite wickets falling regularly, Alliance Caravans' veteran all-rounder Kassim Nassoro provided stability with a resilient 36 runs off 38 deliveries.

Adersh Dileep bolstered the innings with a quickfire 27 runs off 15 balls, nailing three fours, and Ganesh Giri had a good day after posting 21 runs.

By the end of their 20 overs, Alliance Caravans managed 144/9, with Salum Jumbe, Arun Yadav, and Jatin Prajapati claiming two wickets each for Balakrishna Foundation Aces.

Balakrishna Foundation Aces, having exhibited confidence in their chase, initially celebrated their prospects from the dugout.

However, their optimism was short-lived as Alliance Caravans' bowlers dominated the proceedings.

Yadav was the top run-getter in the chase with a brisk 25 off 15 deliveries before falling to Alliance Caravans' skipper Akhil Anil, courtesy of a spec-

tacular catch by Dileep.

Alliance Caravans' bowling attack continued to dismantle the Balakrishna Foundation Aces batting unit, dismissing the latter for a mere 80 runs in 16.5 overs.

Nassib Kelvin, Aisah Chibanda, and Ally Mpeka were the other members of the Balakrishna Foundation Aces batting unit that got back to the pavilion with two-digit figures, having scored 13 runs, 12 runs, and 10 runs respectively.

Skipper Anil emerged as the game-changer for Alliance Caravans, claiming four wickets for just six runs in his four-over spell that had seen the performer post the 1.50 economy rate.

Jerry Mathew's three wickets in the clash propelled him to the top of the tournament's wicket-takers list and earned him the Automark Purple Cap.

Anil's exceptional bowling performance earned him the Ras Logistics Man of the Match award, while Dileep's crucial catch was hailed as the Medinova Moment of the Match.

The tournament is an annual T20 cricket showdown organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo AKSC, Delaware Upanga SC, Balakrishna Foundation Aces, Flashnet Strikers, Park Mobile Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, Econo Lodge Lions, Azania Bank Pak Stars, and Generics Gymkhana are taking part in the showdown.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors of this tournament include Alliance Insurance, Ras Logistics, Medinova Healthcare, Automark, Pepsi, Ashton Media, MFI-Vertiv, Jiuzhou, SmarDTV, Intek-Korea, ASAS, Colourflex, and Delaware.

Aurobindo, Balakrishna Foundation, Park Mobile, Harab Motors, Flashnet, Generics, Econo Lodge, Azania Bank, Horizon Teleports, TATA, The Works, MO Bajaj, and Seaciff Hotel are also the showpiece's sponsors.

PSSSF donates 10m/- to support fight against cervical cancer through Dodoma Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has donated 10 million shillings to support the fight against cervical cancer for mothers through the NBC Dodoma Marathon.

The donation was announced yesterday during a ceremony held at the PSSSF sub-head-

quarters in Dar es Salaam.

Yesaya Mwakifulefule, PSSSF's Public Relations and Member Education Manager, emphasized that PSSSF, as a public institution, aims to support the government's "Man is Health" (Mtu ni Afya) campaign.

He highlighted the importance of collaboration in achieving this

health goal, stating: "We, as PSSSF, have many of our members all over the country. If we could do it alone, we would need a lot of money to achieve this goal.

"However, in collaboration with our colleagues who are on the front line to achieve the government's agenda of the 'Man is Health' campaign, about 180

employees of PSSSF will participate in this year's NBC Marathon in Dodoma."

Godwin Semunyu, NBC Bank's Head of Relations and Communications, expressed gratitude for PSSSF's support, noting that it will benefit mothers and provide educational sponsorships for midwives.

"The goal of the NBC

Dodoma Marathon is to raise funds to support the fight against cervical cancer for mothers and to provide scholarships for midwives to reduce the shortage of midwives in the country," he explained.

The marathon is scheduled to take place later this month in Dodoma.



PSSSF's Manager for Public Relations and Member Education, Yesaya Mwakifulefule (R), hands over a dummy check worth 10 million shillings to the NBC Bank's Head of Relations and Communications, Godwin Semunyu, to support the campaign against cervical cancer for mothers through the Dodoma Marathon. The handover ceremony was held at the PSSSF sub-headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent

National tennis team competes in Botswana for Davis Cup qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA's national tennis team is currently in Botswana, competing in this year's edition of the Davis Cup qualifiers.

The tournament, which began yesterday, is part of Group V and features 15 countries vying for two promotion spots to the Davis Cup.

Head coach Salum Mvita stated that the tournament will conclude on Friday, with Tanzania represented by four players:

Hamis Omary, Rahim Salehe, Yusuph Laurent, and Japhet Panclas.

The delegation is led by Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) president Rajabu Borry.

Mvita listed the participating nations: Ethiopia, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Seychelles, Tanzania, Mauritania, Lesotho, Djibouti, Uganda, Sudan, Libya, and host Botswana.

He also expressed confidence in the team's preparation for the tournament.

"Yes, it will be very difficult as all the countries are looking for the two Davis Cup places from Group V, but my players are ready for the tournament and hopefully we can qualify for the two places," he said.

The Davis Cup, one of the top tennis tournaments, is exclusively for men. Last year, Tanzania's team did not qualify in the

tournament held in the DRC.

In contrast, the women's team, competing in the Billie Jean King Cup Africa, has performed well.

Last year, the team, consisting of Barbara Mollel, Naitoti Singo, Shana Mao, Ester Nankulange, and Edna John, secured second place in the tournament held in Rwanda.

They lost 3-0 to Madagascar in the finals.

'A good thing for football' - Spain's victory caps off perfect campaign

By Emlyn Begley

FOOTBALL often divides opinion - but everyone was united to hail Spain's Euro 2024 success as fully deserved.

La Roja won all seven games without needing penalties, a record at a European Championship. A 2-1 win over England in the final made them European champions for an unprecedented fourth time.

And they did it the hard way, beating every other European nation who have ever won a World Cup - Italy, Germany, France and England, plus beaten 2018 finalists Croatia - on the way to glory in Berlin.

In Rodri they had the player of the tournament. In teenage sensation Lamine Yamal they had the young player of the tournament. Dani Olmo shared the Golden Boot. Yamal had the most assists.

It is easy to forget they did not come into the tournament as one of the absolute favourites, with England and France the two tipped for glory. Even England boss Gareth Southgate admitted Spain were deserved champions.

"Congratulations to Spain. They deserved a win not only tonight, but across the whole tournament," he told BBC Radio 5 Live.

"A win for football?"

It was not the same style of Spain team which dominated football more than a decade ago - winning Euros 2008 and 2012, and the 2010 World Cup.

That team was based on passing teams off the park - with geniuses Xavi and Andres Iniesta in midfield - but wingers are crucial to this team.

Nico Williams scored the opener and substitute Mikel Oyarzabal netted the late winner - with Yamal setting up Williams' goal.

Williams and Yamal, good friends, had their birthdays on Friday and Saturday - turning 22 and 17 respectively.

Barcelona's Yamal is the youngest player to ever play at, score at, assist at and win a European Championship.

Former Celtic striker Chris Sutton, who won one cap for England, said on BBC Radio 5 Live: "It is a good thing for football that Spain won the tournament with the brand they have played."

BBC Match of the Day presenter Gary Lineker, who used to play for Barcelona, said: "It is a hard defeat for England to take but in some ways, it is a victory for attacking football."

Former Spain midfielder Juan Mata, on BBC One, added: "We played great football, always tried to win the games and I think we deserve to win this tournament."

"We have young players and older players. It is not only a team for the present, but also a team for the future."

"They are playing such a high level now."

"We are so proud of them and really believe they can keep growing and believing and keep winning trophies."

Spanish football journalist Guillem Balague said: "Spain surprised me again."

"They said 'we are going at it without fear by being brave and courageous' - that is what has won them the tournament."

"Spain a team compared to the individuals of England"

England boss Southgate was criticised for his perceived negative tactics at times this summer - although dissenting voices quietened as they went deeper into the tournament.

They changed formation midway through the Euros and often improved when players like Ollie Watkins and Cole Palmer, who scored big goals, came off the bench.

Southgate had the Premier League's player of the year Phil Foden, La Liga's player of the year Jude Bellingham and the Bundesliga's top scorer Harry Kane in his squad.

Spain, in contrast, had two centre-backs who will be playing in Saudi Arabia next season and several players from sixth-placed La Liga side Real Sociedad. Marc Cucurella, much-maligned at Chelsea, ended up being the tournament's best left-back.

Only one player from each of Real Madrid and Barcelona were in Spain's starting XI.

Sutton said: "Spain played the beautiful game and England didn't. Spain are a team. England are bits and pieces."

Ex-England defender Micah Richards agreed: "What's great about this Spain team, they know their roles and how to fit in. With England at times, we're sort of just getting our best players on the pitch."

"This Spanish side just managed to find a way and pick the players who are going to impact in this system."

Former England defender Matt Upson, who scored against Germany at the 2010 World Cup, said: "Spanish subs come on and you see more of the same - it is a system."

"We want an English player to come on and change it - that speaks a lot for the two teams."

"De la Fuente deserves much credit"

This is the peak of Luis de la Fuente's career for sure.

BBC

Spain wins record fourth European Championship title by inflicting another painful loss on England

BERLIN

SPAIN is the king of European soccer for a record fourth time. For England, it's another agonizing near-miss in the team's decades-long tale of underachievement.

Completing a tournament the team dominated from start to finish, Spain beat England 2-1 in the European Championship final on Sunday with Mikel Oyarzabal the unlikely match-winner in the 86th minute.

Oyarzabal, a backup striker who came on as a substitute for captain Alvaro Morata, slid in to poke home a left-wing cross by Marc Cucurella, just when the game at Berlin's Olympiastadion seemed destined for extra time.

England, the birthplace of soccer, is still without a major title in the men's game since winning the 1966 World Cup and its players watched on forlornly as Morata raised aloft the silver trophy to backdrop of confetti and fireworks inside the stadium built for the 1936 Olympics.

Add 2024 to the titles won by Spain in 1964, 2008 and 2012.

"Here we are, champions of Europe," said Nico Williams, whose opening goal for Spain in the 47th minute was canceled out by England substitute Cole Palmer in the 73rd.



Alvaro Morata lifts the Henri Delaunay trophy after Spain defeats England in the Euro 2024 final. (Agencies)

"We are thrilled and hope this can keep going and we can go for the (2026) World Cup."

Lamine Yamal, the prodigy who turned 17 on Saturday and is the youngest player to have appeared at a European Championship, set up Williams' goal with an inside run before passing across the face of the area. The two wingers have become the poster boys of an exciting, multicultural team that reflects Spain's changing demographics.

Yamal's mother is from Equatorial Guinea and his father is from Morocco, while the 22-year-old Williams has Ghanaian parents who made the long journey to Europe looking for a better life. To make it to Spain, they had to ride on the back of a crowded truck and walk barefoot through the Sahara desert.

"I believe there is a historical change, we are really grateful," said Williams, the player of the match with his darting runs and his second goal of Euro 2024.

"My parents have suffered a lot to get here. They are the ones who have suffered the most and they have instilled this sort of respect and loyalty in me," he said. "I'm really happy because we are making history."

Unlike his brother Inaki, who is a Ghana international, Nico chose to play for Spain and will now be regarded as a national hero there.

Spain is back as a major player in senior soccer after winning both the Women's World Cup - also against England - and the men's UEFA Nations League in 2023.

Since 2001, Spanish men's teams have won 23 consecutive major fi-

nals in club and international soccer.

"I said before the tournament, nobody can hang with us," Williams said.

Spain won all seven games at this European Championship - an unprecedented feat - and broke the record for goals scored in a single tournament, with 15.

There were joyous scenes after the final whistle, with defender Dani Carvajal piled on by jubilant teammates after slumping to the ground. Spain coach Luis de la Fuente was thrown into the air by his players. Both Cucurella and Yamal led Spain's players in jumping over the advertising boards to reach the red-and-yellow-clad Spanish fans in the stadium's east end.

"This is the best (birthday) gift I could have asked for," Yamal said. "It is a dream come true."

Argentina now beats Colombia 1-0 in Copa America final after crowd control issues cause match delay

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.

ARGENTINA defeated Colombia 1-0 in the Copa America final Sunday evening in a match that was delayed more than an hour because of crowd issues, including fans breaching security gates.

Hours before Argentina won its record 16th Copa America title, fans got past the gates at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, one of the host sites for the 2026 World Cup.

Video posted on social media showed fans, mostly wearing Colombia's yellow and red colors, jumping over security railings near the southwest entrance of the stadium and running past police officers and stadium attendants. Screams could be heard in the background.

A handful of people could be seen receiving medical treatment and asking for water in the sweltering South Florida heat. Officers were able to push the crowd behind the gates and lock down the entrance so that no one could get inside, although plenty of fans with tickets had already made it to their seats before then.

Security initially appeared to open gates slightly to allow only a handful of fans in at a time, while other angry attendees pushed against the railings. After reclosing the

gates, security began letting fans in slowly around 8:10 p.m., with the new kickoff time set for 9:15 p.m., but the commotion did not stop. Fans again broke through the railings, so many filing in that security scanners rocked back and forth from the force.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava and chief public safety officer James Reyes released a statement during the game saying the county assigned more than 550 police officers to the stadium detail, plus other personnel from neighboring departments.

"Let's be clear: This situation should have never taken place and cannot happen again," read the statement. "We will work with stadium leadership to ensure that a full review of tonight's events takes place immediately to evaluate the full chain of events, in order to put in place needed protocols and policies for all future games."

Fans wearing gear from both teams started running in multiple directions, some carrying children on their shoulders. Tickets were not being scanned and few police officers or stadium officials could be seen in the sea of people.

Some fans started climbing over fences to get in. Three police officers were seen plac-

ing handcuffs on a fan with a Colombia flag on a ramp that leads to the stadium's seats.

A fan named Claudio, who traveled to the game from Mendoza in Argentina, spoke of not being able to breathe as police attempted to subdue the chaos.

"They can't organize a World Cup! It's impossible," Claudio said in Spanish. "People stuck against the gate for hours, unable to breathe. There was a senior citizen, look at him, look at him (motioning at his young son), left without water. No water, nothing."

Players took the pitch at 8:38 p.m. to begin warming up.

"It is tough to explain what happened before the game," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said through an inter-

preter. "We had players waiting for their family members to get into the stadium, waiting for an hour. We had to start a match without knowing where our family members were. I think the players for Colombia were going through the same thing. It was very weird."

Hard Rock Stadium issued a statement after the game, saying that the stadium "takes pride in hosting world-class events year-round in a safe and successful manner." The venue noted that it worked in collaboration with CONMEBOL, CONCACAF and local law enforcement agencies for the Copa America final. Security measures included an increase in the number of law enforcement officers and security at and around the stadium,

After getting his medal, the teenager turned and shook his fist in celebration, stuck his tongue out and showed off a beaming grin. By then, Yamal and his team mates were wearing Spain jerseys with "Kings of Europe" and the number "4" on the back.

Meanwhile, fans who had watched the game on a big screen in Madrid celebrated wildly, chanting "champions, champions" in Spanish. It was a great sporting day for the nation, with Carlos Alcaraz winning the Wimbledon men's singles title for a second straight year hours before the Euro 2024 final.

As for England, the men's team has now lost back-to-back Euro finals - it was defeated in a penalty shootout by Italy on home soil in the final in 2021 - and this was another painful loss for a team that will have gone six decades without a major title by the next World Cup.

England's women have been more successful, though, winning the European Championship in 2021 and reaching the World Cup final two years later.

"This time it just wasn't meant to be," Prince William, who attended the final alongside other dignitaries including Spain's King Felipe, wrote on social media. "We're all still so

proud of you."

It was the fourth straight game that the English came from behind since the group stage, but their resilience wasn't rewarded this time.

A team that has produced big moments when it really mattered at Euro 2024 - including Jude Bellingham's 95th-minute overhead kick against Slovakia in the round of 16 - couldn't deliver another one, with Spain midfielder Dani Olmo clearing the ball off the line at a corner in the 89th minute.

"It has been a difficult ride, we have done extremely well to get here, but ultimately we are going to be judged on this game," England captain Harry Kane said.

"It's extremely painful," he added. "It's going to hurt for a long, long time."

England coach Gareth Southgate, who has been in charge for eight years and also led the team to the World Cup semifinals in 2018, said it wasn't the time to make a decision on his future. His contract expires in December.

"Most of this squad are going to be around not just for the World Cup but the next Euros as well," Southgate said. "There's a lot to look forward to but at this moment that's not any consolation."

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Simba's Che Malone braces up for tough 2024/25 campaign

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA defender Che Malone Fondoh believes they will do well in the 2024/25 campaign but warned his teammates to prepare for a tough challenge.

Simba ended last season in third place behind league winners Young Africans and Azam, having enjoyed an underwhelming campaign that also saw them eliminated in the Federation Cup, CAF Champions League, and African Football League.

They had prepared for the previous campaign with a trip to Turkey and Che Malone (pictured) is hoping that this camp in Egypt is more productive for Simba.

Simba arrived in Ismailia last week ahead of a three-week pre-season training camp that will see them play five build-up games against Egyptian opponents as they gear up to take part in five different competitions next season.

Che Malone said they are not going to the new season blindfolded instead they expect it to be tougher than the last one which was underwhelming.

"The training is good. We have now trained for five days and every single day there is an improvement. I believe the work we have done in these five days will happen this year because everyone is willing to work to achieve this season's goals.

"The new technical team is there to push us, to support in order to move forward and attain our objectives this year.

"They give us the necessary advice we need, directives we need in order to move forward towards the objectives.

"We have five trophies to partake in this season and I believe with the training sessions we are doing everything will go well, but we need to be determined because it will not be easy.

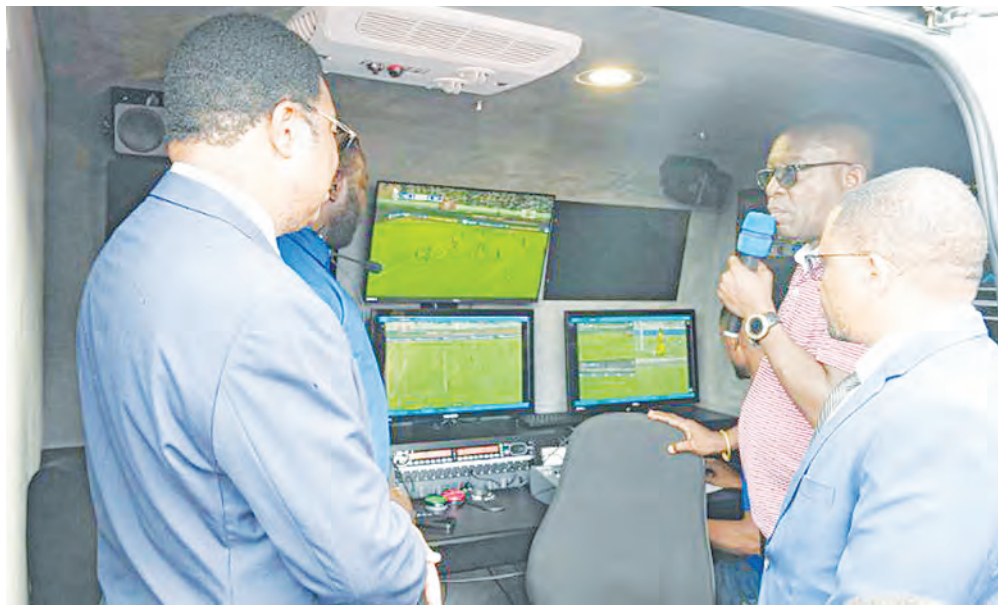
"I believe this season will be tougher than the last so we just need to work together, train harder and everything will go well," he said.

Simba will start the 2024/25 season with Community Shield engagement on August 8.

The NBC Premier League will follow suit a week later.

In September, Simba, who were among the 12 exempted clubs to feature in the first preliminary rounds of the CAF Confederation Cup, will face the aggregate winner between Zanzibar's Uhamiaji and Libya's Federation Cup winners in the group stage playoffs round.

Karia: VAR to reduce refereeing errors and enhance league quality



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa inspects a special vehicle equipped with a Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system after its unveiling at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday. (Photo: PMO)

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa officially launched the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

This landmark event marks a significant step forward in enhancing the accuracy and fairness of football officiating in the country.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), in collaboration with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and Azam Media Limited, will see VAR technology implemented in the Tanzanian Mainland Premier League starting from the 2024/25 season.

In his address during the launch, TFF president Wallace Karia emphasized the critical role VAR will play in minimizing refereeing errors

and improving the overall quality of the league.

"VAR will reduce fouls and human error," Karia stated. "We, as TFF, have written a letter to CAF to request permission to use VAR in our league."

Karia further highlighted the numerous benefits that VAR brings to the game, not only in terms of reducing mistakes but also in fostering a more competitive environment.

The launch event was a momentous occasion for Tanzanian football, symbolizing a commitment to embracing technological advancements in sports.

VAR, a technology already in use in several major

leagues around the world, allows referees to review decisions made on the field with the help of video footage. This system aims to correct clear errors in match-defining situations such as goals, penalties, red cards, and cases of mistaken identity.

The first practical use of VAR at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium occurred during the CAF Confederation Cup quarter-final match between Simba SC and Orlando Pirates, setting a precedent for its future application in domestic league matches.

The introduction of VAR in the country's top-flight football is expected to not

only enhance the integrity of the game but also to elevate the league's standards, making it more attractive to international audiences and investors. As the new season approaches, clubs and officials are preparing to adapt to this significant change, with training and education sessions planned to ensure a smooth transition.

He also acknowledged the ongoing debate among stakeholders regarding the number of foreign players allowed in the league, affirming the decision to maintain the current cap of 12 foreign players per team.

"Despite opinions from stakeholders about reducing the number of foreign

players, we have decided to maintain the current limit due to the benefits these players bring to our league and clubs," Karia explained. "The success we have achieved is largely because of foreign players. Before their arrival, we were not performing well in international championships."

Karia pointed to statistics demonstrating that out of the approximately 600 players participating in the league, fewer than 70 are foreign. This, he argued, underscores the need for local players to step up and compete at higher levels rather than reducing the number of foreign players.

The move aligns with a broader trend in global football where technology is increasingly being integrated to support refereeing decisions and improve the overall fan experience. The implementation of VAR in Tanzania is seen as a progressive step, positioning the country alongside other nations that have embraced such technological innovations in sports.

As the 2024/25 season nears, anticipation is building among fans, players, and officials alike. The use of VAR promises to bring a new level of precision and fairness to the Premier League, reflecting the country's dedication to advancing its football infrastructure and competitive edge.

Arusha wins third round of Lina PG Tour golf tournament

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Arusha region has emerged as the overall champion in the third round of the Lina PG Tour golf tournament, with its representatives Nuru Mollé securing first place and Elisante Lemeris taking second place in both professional and amateur categories.

The tournament, organized by the Nkya Family and the Tanzania Ladies Golf Union (TLGU), featured numerous professional and amateur players, honoring Lina Nkya, who passed away on January 19, 2021. Lina was a former player and leader of TLGU.

The 72-hole tournament took place at the Arusha Gymkhana Club from Thursday, July 11, to Sunday, July 14, and saw Arusha golfers dominating the top spots in both professional and amateur categories.

Mollé, the professional winner, took home TZS 6.8 million, while Elisante Lemeris, who finished second, earned TZS 4.3 million. Both hail from Arusha.

Amateur golfers Jay Nathwani, Aliabass Kermali, and Garv Chadhar, who secured the top three positions, also hail from Arusha.



Arusha Gymkhana Club golfer Nuru Mollé (L) receives a cheque of TZS 6.8 million from Said Nkya after winning the Lina PG Tour, the golf tournament honoring former women's national golf team player Lina Nkya. Photo: Correspondent

"I fought hard, especially on the last day, to win with a final score of +8. But the competi-

tion was incredibly tough," said Mollé, adding: "The Nkya family has done a tremendous

job, first by offering such great prizes for the winners. This makes the game of golf highly

competitive and will attract more players. I have great faith that future tournaments will see even more participants."

Lembris, who led for three consecutive days, finished in second place with a score of +11. Isack Wanyache took third place with a score of +27, earning TZS 3.4 million in prize money.

Other cash prize winners included John Saidi, who finished fourth with a score of +30, earning TZS 2.7 million, while Frank Mwinuka, who also scored +30, secured fifth place with TZS 2 million.

Fadhil Nkya took sixth place with a score of +32, receiving TZS 480,000.

In the amateur category, Arusha shone again, taking the top three spots through Jay Nathwani, Aliabass Kermali, and Garv Chadhar.

"I thank God for allowing me to perform well because the competition was very tough," said Nathwani, attributing his success to his experience on the course.

This was the third round of the Lina PG Tour series, following the previous rounds held at TPC Moshi and Morogoro.

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