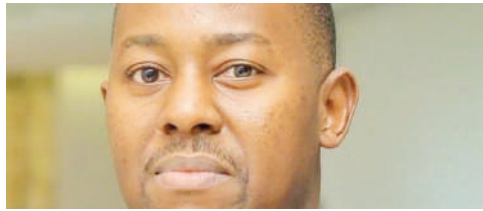




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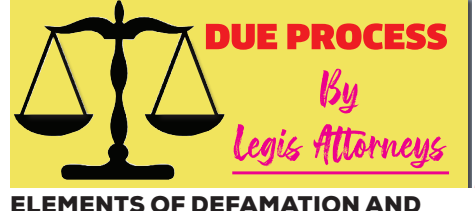
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Business was practically back to normal in Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo International market zone yesterday - and here is the evidence - after Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's intervention on Wednesday that saw him meet hundreds of traders based in the area to end an "indefinite" strike they had called. They were protesting hikes in various taxes and levies as well as what they described as untoward treatment by some tax collectors. Photo: Correspondent Imani Nathaniel

Values: Govt de-registers 4000 NGOs for breaches

By Getrude Mbagu, Dodoma

FORMAL registration has been revoked for over 4000 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for violating laws, rules and regulations, a move that has affected non-tax collections and the relevant ministry's income expectations, the government has stated.

Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special

Groups minister, made this affirmation when presenting the ministry's estimates for fiscal 2023/24, noting that from July 2022 to April 2023, upwards of 10,000 micro and small scale projects were taken up, stimulating local level development.

The minister asked the House to approve a total of 74.2bn/- for the 2023/24 financial year, where 43.7bn/- is meant for recurrent

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Royal Tour: Tanzania attracts 1.7m visitors

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TOURISTS visiting Tanzania since the launch of the "The Royal Tour" documentary starring President Samia Suluhu Hassan has lately clocked 1.7m.

Mohamed Mchengerwa, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, made this affirmation here yesterday at the airport upon receiving a business group of 40 Chinese tourism sector stakeholders.

The group involved tour operators, travel agents, journalists and influential individuals on tour from May 11 to May 23, by invitation of the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) and the Zanzibar Commission for Tourism (ZCT).

The delegation toured various parts of Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam regions, the minister noted, elaborating that the delegation held various meetings with senior government officials, especially on

investing tourism within the country.

He said the number of tourists coming to Tanzania has increased, with some of the latest trends still being compiled in a periodic statistical outlook, he said, noting that tourism agencies had registered 1.7m tourists in the past year, heading towards 1.8m visitors.

Anderson Mutatemba, the deputy permanent secretary, said the government was working to coordinate accelerated tourism activities, citing apparent inadequacy of facilities to serve tourists.

Higher tourist flows enhance revenues, with the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) shifting from collecting \$140m to \$160m until last month, he stated.

He linked the successes with efforts by President Samia through the Royal

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'Satellite best answer to tower proliferation'

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday made public the government's intention to launch an operational earth observation satellite, enhancing broadcasting technology in particular.

Speaking at an event to launch digital terrestrial transmission services by Azam Media Group in Dar es Salaam, the president said the technology will uplift the broadcasting sub-sector, cutting on the use of towers now proliferating all over the country.

The government will set up a space agency to coordinate satellite operations, she said, noting that the matter is still just a plan, but the government has firm



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intention of launching a satellite. "This will become a reality," she stressed.

Observers noted that last month Kenya launched its first earth observation satellite into space after two aborted attempts.

The satellite, Taifa-1, was among satellites on the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, lifting off from Vandenberg space force base in California.

The rocket's launch had to be scuttled twice earlier due to bad weather, with data from the satellite expected in the coming months, reports noted, explaining that a team of analysts will handle the flow of information for free distribution to government agencies, while private companies will be charged "a reasonable

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Govt puts order for eight deep-sea fishing vessels

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

SPONSORED by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Agriculture and Fisheries Development Programme (AFDP) operating under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) is working with the Zanzibar Ministry of Blue Economy and Fisheries on a deep sea fishing vessels procurement drive.

Salim Mwinjaka, the PMO coordinator for the programme, made this observation at a

press conference here on Wednesday, as the PMO team was in Zanzibar to inspect areas cited for implementing the project.

The project is in its final stages of implementation regarding the purchase of eight fishing vessels to be used in deep sea fishing for both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

The Policy, Parliamentary Affairs and Coordination division at PMO is supervising the joint project, grouping PMO, Livestock and Fisheries portfolio as well as Agriculture, plus the Blue Economy and Fisheries portfolio in Zanzibar.

Enhanced availability of quality seeds for sunflower, maize and beans was the key issue in relation to agriculture, with deep sea fishing as an additional priority, he said, noting that when the vessels are delivered, four shall conduct fishing on the Mainland coastline and four on the islands.

Ordering the vessels was preceded by

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan presses a knob to launch the implementation of Digital Terrestrial Television (or Transmission) project at Azam Media Ltd studios in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnessing the event (from-L) are Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Albert Chalamila, Azam Media Group CEO Dunstan Tido Mhando, Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye, and Azam Media Ltd managing director Abubakar Bakhresa. Photo: State House



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expenditure and 30.6bn/- for development projects. The estimates were adopted later in the evening.

She said a total of 800 community development officers will be hired in the next fiscal year, meanwhile as the country is still facing acute shortage of this cadre of the workforce.

The government is looking for ways to fully address the shortage, she said, noting that hiring 800 new staffers will raise their availability to 71 percent from 56 percent earlier.

The ministry was coordinating initiatives aimed to strengthen child rights protection, working with their Education colleagues to ensure that children stay safe in all environments, from homes, streets or schools.

This must be supervised to ensure that they fulfill their educational expectations by staying free from being molested or discouraged from study, she said, noting that a total of 20,057 social welfare officers are needed for the task.

Areas with intense shortage of such staff include regional referral hospitals, district hospitals, health centres and dispensaries, while the government works to cover the gap by more recruitments, she said.

Private institutions including corporate entities, higher learning institutions, industries, mining firms and other employers need to appreciate the importance of enrolling social welfare officers in addressing the challenges facing the communities they serve, she further asserted.

A total of 3.1bn/- has been set aside in the current estimates for renovation of infrastructure in social welfare colleges like Tengeru, Monduli, Misungwi and Uyole, she said.

The ministry has also set aside 1.8bn/- to facilitate provision of social services for elderly people, plus rehabilitating facilities in elders' settlements in Misufini, Mwanzange, Ipuli and Bukumbi, she said.

Similarly, 3.6bn/- has been set aside for providing support for children living in difficult environments,

monitoring services in children's settlements, orphanages, renovating infrastructure at the Upanga juvenile detention centre in Dar es Salaam.

Such centres in Arusha, Mbeya, Moshi and Tanga will be renovated, along with finishing the construction of a juvenile detention centre in Mwanza, she said, hinting that child labour has decreased by 38 percent in the wake of conflicts between couples declining by 27 percent in the past fiscal year.

The positive change stemmed from government and stakeholder efforts in collaboration with stakeholders to solve issues leading to discord in families, the minister explained.

The National Elders Policy was being finalised to incorporate current needs among this group of the population and improve service provision, she stated.

From July 2022 to April 2023, about 148 orphanages were set up, adding up to 2,833 centres of the sort, holding 175,039 children, she said, referring to efforts to set up 200 social centres for children's development, making the total number of centres reach 3,033 at present, she said.

The ministry allocated 22.9bn/- for provision of soft loans to small business operators during fiscal 2022/23 but altered instructions that such funds be provided through the banking system pushed the ministry to observe the relevant procedures.

Small traders, household mothers, youths employing themselves by motorcycle ride services and taxi drivers are expected to receive the loans via bank accounts, she said.

Loan provision tied up with entrepreneurship education for small-scale risk takers is being assisted by banks, thus from July 2022 to March 2023 upwards of 1.05trn/- was issued to 41,073 small-scale entrepreneurs, she said.

Facilities used for the purpose include group loans through the Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB), Jikwamue Loan Scheme through Azania Bank, plus agricultural and business loans accessed through NMB Bank, the minister added.

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fee."

The satellite was designed by Kenyan experts and manufactured at Endurosat in Bulgaria, costing Ksh50m (\$371,000), the reports noted.

At the same event, President Samia doubled the motivation package to 20m/- for each goal that Young Africans SC score in the CAF Confederation Cup final matches.

She said that the government will provide a flight for the players and a section of supporters to cheer the team in their second leg tie with USM Alger in Algeria.

The move follows Yanga's win over South Africa's Marumo Gallants 2-1 in the second match, to secure a place in the final.

Yanga collected a 40m/- bonus in the two semifinal matches against

the South African side from the presidential package, with four goals scored, each fetching 10m/- from the presidential package.

Nape Nnauye, the Information, Communication and Information Technology minister, said work was in progress to review media laws, praising President Samia's approach as having stabilized the industry.

Reviewing media laws has helped to make the sector more assured, and in a position to make more positive contributions to the public agenda, he said.

Among the burning issues was the license fee for online televisions, now reduced from 1m/- to 500,000/-, he said.

Elaborating on the satellite launch project, he said it would cost about 50bn/- and will facilitate digital communication in all regions.

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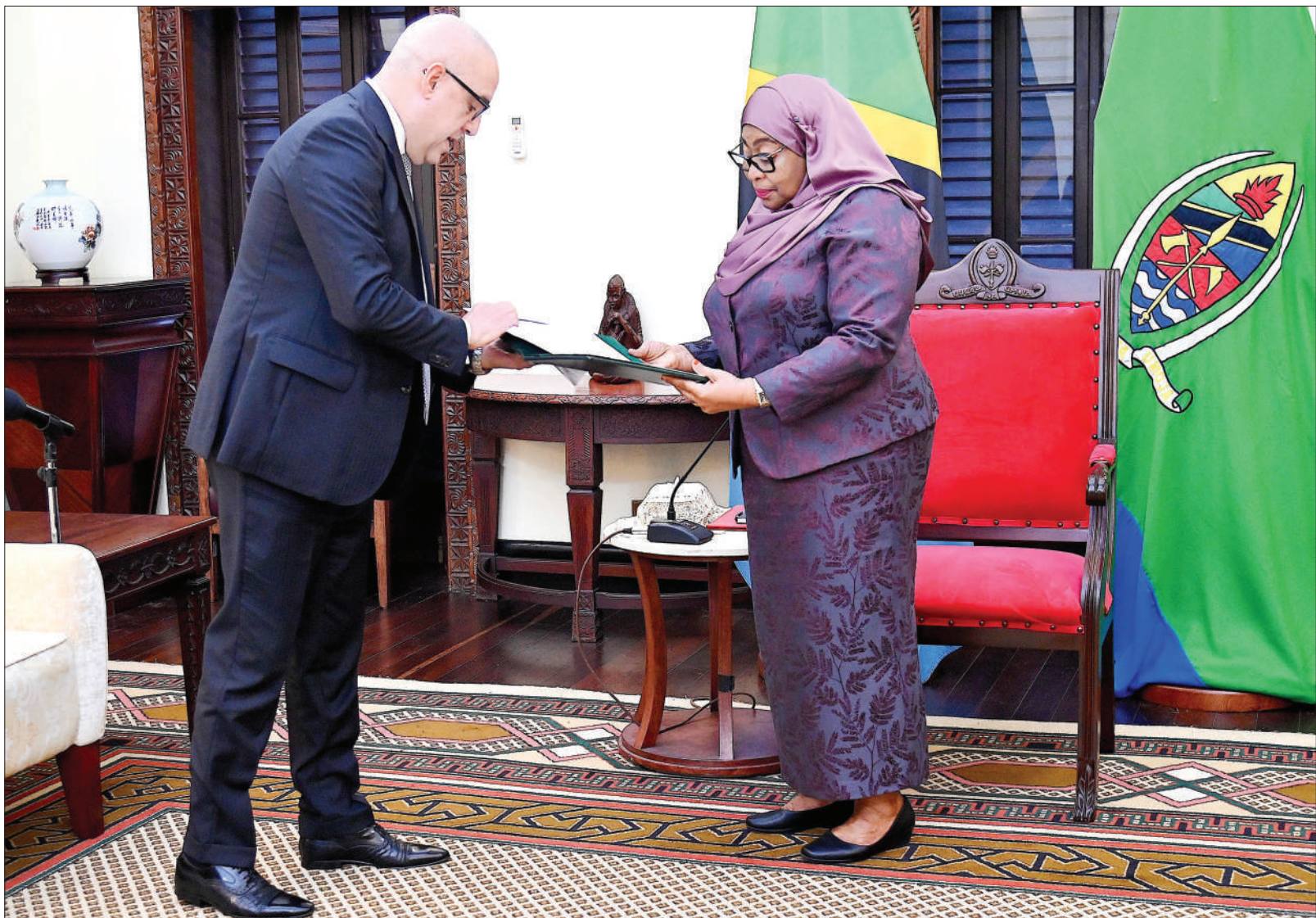
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feasibility studies to determine the level at which the vessels are likely to bring about expected results, along with possible environmental effects, he said.

"When these issues are addressed the process to build the vessels will start," he specified, elaborating that feasibility studies would determine the sizes and capabilities of the vessels, with expectation that delivery is likely by June next year.

Dr Aboud Suleiman Jumbo,

the Blue Economy and Fishing permanent secretary, said the programme is geared at boosting the fishing sector by increasing the catch, improving fishing infrastructure and widening facilities in the fish value chain and for other marine products.

An AFDP-IFAD delegation also visited Zanzibar North Region at Fungate village where AFDP has lined up a fish processing factory and ice making equipment, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassani receives a special message from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi as presented to her at State House in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday by Egypt's Housing minister, Assem el Gazzar. Photo: State House

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Tour film. He said the government works with stakeholders to ensure construction of enabling infrastructures, including hotels.

Mutatemba also stated that his ministry will issue investment guidelines, which will identify investment opportunities in the tourism industry.

He said the guidelines will be

on investment inside the reserve, whereas areas will be identified in collaboration with the district councils bordering reserve areas.

Dr Miraji Ussi, a consular liaison officer for the Chinese embassy,

said the embassy invited tourism stakeholders from China to increase the visibility of Destination Tanzania. "We also want Tanzanian products to be sold in China," he added.



Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima presents her ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2023/2024 in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

MPs urge stern law on violence against children

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

Members of Parliament have urged the government to enact and enforce legislation to effectively prohibit, prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children. Some forms of violence against children'

Unfortunately, most children are not yet fully protected by law from all forms of violence in all settings.

The law must convey an unequivocal message that children's right to freedom from all forms of violence must be safeguarded everywhere and at all times.

The lawmakers want the area of children welfare to be given priority by strengthening cooperation between the government and stakeholders, implementing strong strategies to fight the increasing wave of violence acts against women and children.

They were contributing to the debate of the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups budget estimates for the 2023/24 financial

year.

Dr Thea Ntara (Special Seats) "Our children are now not safe in schools, we have witnessed a number of incidents of teachers or people abusing, raping or defiling school children, this should end and we need to enact laws that will tighten laws that protect children rights following a rise in incidents of child abuse."

She wanted the government to review laws and pose death penalty for those who will be convicted of rape and defile offences.

She was echoed by Ramadhan Suleiman Ramadhan, Chake Chake MP who said Zanzibar has strengthened its legal frameworks something which has greatly helped reduce incidents of rape, torture and defilement of children.

Sophia Mwakaganda (Special Seats) said that many violence acts are also contributed by family breakup cases where many women are leaving their marriages due to various reasons including being tortured by their partners.

Prof Shukrani Manya (nominated

MP) wanted parents and the public in general to fulfill their responsibilities of taking good care of their children and ensuring that they grow up having all the ethics while protecting them from harm.

He acknowledged that the number of violence cases especially child abuse were on the increase something which needs combined efforts to ensure that children are protected.

Prof Manya said a good number of children are currently reported to be exposed to harm where most of the violent actions are being conducted at family level.

"Most of the cases as rape and the implementers of the incidents are reported to be family members, neighbors. Parents should strengthen the security of their children while at home, this is a very big challenge, we need to be closer with our children to keep them safe," he said.

Earlier, while presenting views of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Services and Development, Katani Katani

(Tandahimba, CUF) called on the government to increase budget allocation for the ministry as the current one was still insufficient to facilitate implantation of various key development initiatives.

He said the committee has also found that the government isn't sending the whole approved budget to the ministry thus affecting progress of the ministry with most of the ministry's community development colleges and servants' infrastructure being in a devastating situation.

Winding up with debate Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima assured the lawmakers and the general public that the government will continue implementing various strategies to strengthen social welfare as well as fighting against all forms of violence.

She said the government will not turn a blind eye to or agree to any act of violence against children and asked the community to cooperate in the war to ensure that children stay safe and protected.



National Assembly deputy Speaker Mussa Hassan Zungu (2nd-R), who doubles as legislator for Dar es Salaam's Ilala constituency (R), pictured in the city yesterday receiving 2m/- worth of personal protection items including caps and shoes all donated by Cozy Traders (T) Ltd for use by security guards in the city's Upanga ward. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kariakoo traders finally end strike

By Guardian Reporter

TRADERS from Kariakoo and other areas in Dar es Salaam have agreed to open their businesses following Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa's intervention on Wednesday promising to address their complaints.

Majaliwa met with the traders for the second time as an opportunity to listen to their complaints after his earlier decisions were largely ignored.

During his second intervention he pledged to address their various complaints including one regarding warehouses registration and the TRA task force which he disbanded.

Thereafter, Majaliwa who was speaking on behalf of President Samia Suluhu Hassan pleaded with the traders to open their shops they had closed since Tuesday, the request that was unanimously accepted.

A Kariakoo mobile phone trade along Swahili Street, Malaki Msigala said they agreed to the Prime Minister's request to open their shops after he pledged to address their complaints.

"Yesterday the Prime Minister did a great job, he addressed our complaints on the spot, we do not want politics, we want implementations, and he did that."

"Another issue was that he castigated bribery and bad language from the TRA to us, including the one saying the President's statement was political unless they see an official letter, including seizures of their goods in violation of the laws."

Another Kariakoo Trader, Ajuza Musa said the government has restored happiness among the traders stressing that they used to have a hard time.

"We have struggled a lot to get justice, we like to pay taxes for the country's development but that should be peacefully and justly,"

she said, and added that for traders agreeing to sit in the sun for hours to wait for the Prime Minister shows that they had tolerated a lot, as no trader wants to sit idly without earning income.

Another trader, Zakaria Juma said they have agreed to reopen their shops because the Prime Minister formed an inclusive committee comprising traders and government officials.

For his part the Secretary of Kariakoo Traders Association, Uroki Ombeni said they have been satisfied with the government's decision saying as now they harbour no doubts in regard to the implementation of what was agreed at the meeting.

This paper also witnessed all shops opened and business going as usual.

“Another issue was that he castigated bribery and bad language from the TRA to us, including the one saying the President's statement was political unless they see an official letter, including seizures of their goods in violation of the laws”

President Samia appoints six judges of the Court of Appeal

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has appointed six judges of the Court of Appeal.

A State House statement issued yesterday by the Director of Presidential Communications,

Zuhura Yunus said the appointment was effective April 28th, 2023 and that the appointed judges will be sworn in on a date to be announced later.

Those appointed are the Presiding Judge of the Integrated Justice Centre in Temeke District,

Judge Zainab Goronya Mruke and judge of the High Court of Tanzania and Principal of the Tanzania Law School, Dr Benhaji Shabaan Masoud.

The also appointed former Presiding judge of the High Court of Tanzania in Tabora Region who

is currently serving in Shinyanga Region at the same capacity, judge Amour Said Khamis and High Court Judge from the Dar es Salaam General Registry, Leila Edith Mgonya.

Others are Chief Justice of the High Court of Tanzania in Dodoma Region, Gerson John Mdemu and Chief Justice of the High Court of Tanzania (Land Division), Agnes Zephania Mgeyeko.

Following the new appointment, the number of judges of the Court of Appeal had increased to 32 from 26.

Foreign prospective investors to register online using TeIW

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) will soon open an online registration window (TeIW) to allow a prospective investor to register

with the centre from any point on earth.

This was said here by the TIC executive director, Gilead Teri, after attending a special 43th and extraordinary session of the Executive

Committee of the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) held here on Monday. The system will be known as Tanzania electronic Investment Window (TeIW).

Teri said the system is in the final stages of its establishment, adding that a prospective investor will be able to register online with the centre, apply for permit, licence and even be awarded a certificate upon completing all formalities. The system, he said, seeks to save time and resources for the applicant and further add value to TIC's world class services.

The TIC already has in place the Online Work Permits Applications and Issuance System (OWAS). OWAS is linked with immigration and labour departments. So an investor is issued with a work and residence permit within days of submitting all necessary documents. OWAS eliminates verification by the National Examination Council of Tanzania, National Council for Technical Education and the Tanzania Commission for Universities.


TeIW will enable the prospective investor to get services of the TRA, BRELA, NIDA, Land Department and of course our own TIC services," Mr Teri explained. The applicant, he said, will no longer be required to visit offices of departments he accessed in the TeIW.

Teri could not say how soon TeIW will be operational, but said "we should be able to launch the system after successful trials this month." He called on Tanzania to regularly visit the TIC website for updated information.

“we should be able to launch the system after successful trials this month”



Peter Mwakalasya (R), a student of Dar es Salaam's Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy, briefs a resident of Arusha city yesterday on how a smart electric meter is used in switching on and off lights at home without using the LUKU device as well as in displaying information on power consumption or issuing alerts on cell-phone when electricity is about to run out. This was at the Education and Vocational Training exhibition in progress in the city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Request for Proposals

Provision of Consultancy services to Support in Country Adolescent Well-Being Commitment Review/Scoping

RFP No. PIT/CO/106/FY23

- Plan International Tanzania is an International humanitarian child-centered development organization without religious, political or government affiliation. Plan's mission is to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of vulnerable children through a process that unites people across cultures and adds meaning to their lives. Plan Tanzania has a physical presence and implements projects in the following Regions: Dar Es Salaam, Coast, Morogoro, Geita, Dodoma, Mwanza, Rukwa, Katavi and Kigoma regions (Refugees Emergency Program in Kibondo, Kasulu districts). Plan Tanzania directly supports more than 2.4 million people in the program areas. Plan Tanzania also works with other stakeholders in various projects countrywide.
- Plan International Tanzania has set aside funds for provision of consultancy services to support in country adolescent wellbeing commitment review/scoping. The Interested eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including an email address to tenders@plan-international.org Attn: Head of Procurement and Logistics. Bidding documents in the English language will be sent to interested bidders by email. Plan International Tanzania will not be held responsible for any costs related to printing or submission of the bid documents.
- Bidders are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals each to be enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
- Bidders must submit the proposals in a sealed envelope by hand or post to: The Country Director, Plan International Tanzania, Plot no. 496 Mikochei Light Industrial Area, P O Box 3517, Dar es Salaam before 14:30 Friday 02 June 2023, marked the respective RFP number. Not to be opened before 14:30 Friday 02 June 2023. Electronic and Late bids will be rejected.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF ROTARY AIR BLAST (RAB) DRILLING SERVICES IN THE DODOMA REGION, TANZANIA.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration Ltd ("the Company") will embark on a process of procuring RAB Drilling Services and is therefore inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of the services.

The primary purpose of the RAB Drilling Services is to obtain accurate and complete drilling samples relating to the rocks and minerals penetrated in the correct sequences, properly related to the drilling depth, at the places and times required by the Company. Dependent on the ground conditions, the Company may need to switch to AC drilling during the drilling campaign and thus will require a multi-purpose provider.

Scope of work:

SCOPE OF WORK	
EOI REFERENCE NUMBER:	GCLE00293
SERVICE DESCRIPTION	Provision of RAB Drilling Services
LOCATION	The Company's Mchanga project, situated 70 km from the city of Dodoma, located in the Dodoma Region, Tanzania.
REQUIREMENT	Rotary Air Blast Drilling - 6,000 meters, including all equipment and personnel.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade License	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having a Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2022)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above where applicable)	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA - Provision of RAB Drilling Services	
Drilling production, i.e., RAB/ AC drill meters per 12-hour shift - Evidence	5%
Expected monthly rig availability (%) - Evidence	5%
Standard operation procedures include but are not limited to sampling, manual rod handling, and rod break-out	10%
Drill Equipment - Rig Type/ Suitability/ Capability	10%
Technical specifications of other equipment, e.g., support vehicles and LVs	5%
Sampling Systems - Type, QAQC	10%
Onsite resources - Supervision, Mechanical support, Safety Rep, Drill Team resources, Experience/Capabilities	5%
Maintenance regime - Procedures	5%
Management of critical stores	5%
Camp management procedures	5%
Skilled personnel: Training records/ Procedures	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the services they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration office via e-mail at tendersgsc@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **17:00pm on 30 May 2023** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline) without copying any individual from AngloGold Ashanti. EOI submission should not exceed 10MB per email, documents should be submitted in PDF format (documents should NOT be submitted via a link). In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email. In case the applicant does not comply with the EOI Submission Requirements, the Company shall not be liable for not considering the applications that have been compromised.

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Expert: Reckless use of antibiotics can lead to antimicrobial resistance

By correspondent Mary Kadoko

MUHIMBILI University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) has officially presented its findings revealing how irrational use of antibiotics has caused antimicrobial resistance, increase in diseases, high mortality rate, likewise economic consequences.

Prof Mecky Matee, working with MUHAS Microbiology and Immunology department revealed the findings on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam during the 10th MUHAS University Wide Research Dissemination Symposium dubbed: Combating Antimicrobial Resistance: Leveraging Evidence Based Practice to support the National Action Plan 2023-2028.

He said findings have shown that one of the main drivers to antimicrobial resistance has been irrational use of antibiotics that has led a large number of people in the country to take antibiotics without doctors' prescriptions.

"Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health, food security, and development today. A growing number of infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea and salmonellosis are becoming harder to treat as antibiotics used to treat them become less effective," said Prof Matee.

He said findings in Moshi Municipality, showed that 92 percent of 82 retailers dispensed antibiotics without prescriptions. On top of that among 960 consumers in Dar es Salaam marking 70 percent responded that they stopped using antibiotics after dose completion while 42 percent are willing to use the same antibiotic if a friend or family.

He said the main challenge on developing new antibiotics is that it can take 10-15 years and over \$1billion to develop a new antibiotic adding that clinical trials, which usually run in three phases, are even more expensive and complex-require resources, infrastructure and expertise that can only be provided by large pharmaceutical companies.

Prof Tumaini Nagu, Chief Medical Officer said citizens ought to wave out the increased consumption of antibiotics as per findings anticipation showing the increased rate of antimicrobial resistance if further action will not be taken.

"Antimicrobial resistance is currently an international disaster affecting health and economic sector growth. Evaluation shows that, reaching 2050, approximately 10 million people will have antimicrobial resistance if measures won't be taken, the time to act upon is now," she explained.

She warned that missing a dose, according to the doctor's prescription, is among the causes of antimicrobial resistance.

Dr Agricola Joachim, MUHAS lecturer under Microbiology and immunology said research held in several health institutions in support of the health ministry has revealed that antimicrobial resistance not only exists in humans but also animals.

The findings exposed how hospital environments including doors, trees, and floor are also exposed to antimicrobial resistance therefore it becomes possible for an admitted patient to contact and spread antimicrobial resistance to other patients if there is poor hygiene. "Since this scenario is a vicious cycle its time community and stakeholders such as Ministry of Health, Ministry of livestock and fisheries look at ways on how they can control the spread as findings show that much there is a direct link of antimicrobial environment from human, animals and the environment at large," she said.

The research findings anticipated that mortality rates by 2050 due to AMR in different regions will be 4,730,000 in Asia, 4,150,000 in Africa, Europe carrying 390,000, Latin America 392,000, North America 317,000 and 22,000 for Oceania.



Legal and Human Rights Centre executive director Dr Anna Henga, (2nd-L), Capacity Building and Accountability director Felista Mauya (L), Company Accountability and Environment Desk senior officer Joyce Komanya (2nd-R) and Climate Change expert Erneus Kaijage display copies of a report on climate change effects on human rights after it was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Provide loans to youth who complete vocational training, VP advises banks

By Guardian Reporter, Ngorongoro

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called on financial institutions especially banks to provide loans to young people who have completed their training at various vocational colleges to enable them to procure necessary equipment for development of their activities.

Dr Mpango made the remarks on Wednesday when addressing various leaders and residents of Ngorongoro District in Arusha at the opening of the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) at Samunge village in Ngorongoro District.

He said the government aims to build VETA colleges in every district, hence the need for financial institutions to consider providing loans to skilled youth to enable them to start businesses.

The Vice President commended residents of Samunge village for their commitment to development, especially decisions to establish the vocational college as well as other development projects.

He said the college will be a saviour for the people of Ngorongoro District as it gears to fulfill the government's ambitions of ensuring students completing primary and secondary education are enrolled at VETA.

Dr Mpango noted that the acquired skills will help youth to employ themselves, thus contributing to the nation's development.

He added that the government is implementing the ruling party's election manifesto that emphasizes the importance of education by ensuring investment is made in human resources.

In another development, the Vice President addressed residents at Wasso area in Ngorongoro District before his departure, urging them to be patient as the government works to resolve their disputes with game reserves.

He said the government is closely monitoring the matter, including claims that some livestock have been seized by game wardens. He said the government will organize a debate involving game managers and villagers to discuss the matter.

The Vice President stressed that the country's laws prohibit pastoralists from grazing within game reserves, insisting domestic animals to be found within the park will be seized.

He asked the residents to avoid taking the law into their own hands, a situation that sometimes leads to injury of some game wardens. He urged them to respect the country's laws, and make sure their animals do not cross to the game reserve.

Review of laws on irrigation and extension services to offer opportunities for private sector, Bashe tells MPs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PLANS are underway to review laws governing irrigation and extension services in an effort to open up more opportunities for the private sector to provide the services, Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe said yesterday.

He said after the review of the law in the 2023/2024 financial year, the government will see how to incorporate those with extension and agriculture expertise on how to provide the service.

Bashe added that the aim is to see how to use those who are undertaking extension services training at different institutions and those who have attained agricultural training too.

"It is the government's aim to increase provision of extension services through participation

of the private sector by enabling individuals with expertise to help farmers," said the minister.

The minister was responding to a question raised by the Mafinga Urban MP, Cosato Chumi (CCM) who had wanted to know how the nation benefits from agriculture graduates who attend practical training in Israel.

In response, the minister explained that Tanzania and Israel agreed to cooperate in practical training for those who have graduated in university education and tertiary training as well as agriculture and livestock keeping in Israel.

He said the aim of the programme is to improve skills and modern technologies in different fields, including agriculture. Bashe told the Parliament that some 261 Tanzanians have attended the

agricultural programme from 2015 to date through collaboration with the Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation-MASHAV, through Agro studies.

He noted that the government has started engaging those who acquired practical training in Israel through the recently launched Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) programme and block farms where they share with others, knowledge gained in Israel.

According to the minister, some 79 youths that attained the training in Israel are among the 812 young Tanzanians currently undergoing training at different parts of the country. After the training they will have the opportunity to practice commercial farming through block farms under the BBT programme.



L-R: ALP East Africa head Francis Gimara, ALP East Africa Knowledge partner Herry Onoria, East African Court of Justice registrar Christine Mutimura, ALP Nigeria partner Solagbade Sogbetun, Standard Chartered Bank CEO and MD Herman Kasekenda and Leaf Tobacco and Commodities director Claude Ndahangarwa display scan report on East African Community Common Market capital, services and goods shortly after its launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday by ALP's East Africa wing. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'About 67 percent of townships unqualified to be town councils'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ABOUT 67 percent of the townships in the country do not meet the expenditure budget demands, thus do not meet the requirements for upgrading to town councils, the Parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Deogratius Ndejemi told the lawmakers that the government has no immediate plans for new councils as most of the suggested areas fall short of the criteria.

He made the statement in response to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Subira Mgalu (CCM), who had wanted to know when the Bagamoyo Township would be upgraded to town council.

The deputy minister explained that in the 2018/19 financial year the ministry received a request for Bagamoyo to be upgraded to town council but after scrutiny, it was realized that the township does not meet the requirement for upgrading.

"At least 67 percent of the townships in the country do not meet the threshold to be upgraded

to town councils and only 33 percent can be upgraded," he said, adding that when the time comes, the government will consider upgrading them.

Last month the government acknowledged that most of the administrative institutions in the country face infrastructural challenges, declining to open new ones.

Deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Deogratius Ndejemi, told the Parliament that the government was aware of the challenges and is working on improving the existing institutions.

He made the statement while responding to a question raised by the Busanda MP, Tumaini Magesa (CCM), who had wanted to know if the government had plans to create a new district as agreed in the district and regional consultative meetings.

"When shall the Busanda constituency residents get the proposed Busanda district as agreed during the DCC and RCC meetings in Geita region?" asked the lawmaker.

In response, the deputy minister said on 24th February, 2021, the

Geita regional authority submitted a request for the establishment of a new Busanda district from the existing Chato and Geita districts.

He said the ministry analyzed the proposal and realized a lot of limitations including the fact that establishment of a new district would merge three wards of Buseresere, Butengoromasa and Iparamasa within Chato district, reducing the area as indicated in the government guidelines.

The deputy minister noted that this would reduce the district by 2,398.40 square kilometers, equivalent to 48 percent, a situation that might affect development of Chato district.

"Since most of the new administrative institutions have a lot of challenges including poor infrastructure, administrative offices, social services, the government has prioritized improving the existing infrastructure rather than creating new ones," said the deputy minister.

He added that upon completion of the ongoing renovations, building and equipping the current administrative offices, the government will continue creating more new administration areas.

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

DODOMA Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule has met and held talks with stakeholders in grapes crop aimed to address challenges facing the crop in order to boost its production.

The meeting, held here on Wednesday brought together farmers and buyers of the crop, was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture Anthony Mavunde, Deputy Minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) Deogratius Ndejemi, Bahi MP Ally Gugu and the Dodoma Region's three district commissioners from Chamwino, Bahi and Dodoma Urban.

Senyamule called on the meeting participants to make sure they collaborate to spur development in

Grape stakeholders convene to address production challenges

Dodoma Region and the nation in general.

"Cooperation is the best hope in pooling joint efforts to boost up agriculture, hence you must all go to implement what has been agreed on as if we cooperate we shall make huge strides," she said.

The RC also called on grape farmers to employ modern expertise to go in tandem with the obtaining environment in order to fight the effects of climate change by adhering to the directives from farming experts.

She commended Jambo Food Products for the good job it was doing in grapes processing and pledged to provide the firm with a land plot in Dodoma for the grapes processing factory.

Also, Deputy Agriculture minister Anthony Mavunde has called to abide by the directives from extension officers as the crop's value has increased owing to government efforts in finding reliable markets thereof.

Speaking at the meeting, Jambo Food Products Marketing Manager, Emmanuel Ngusa thanked the Regional Commissioner for her intentions on the crop and added that his company's goal this year is to enhance the solidarity with farmers by starting to purchase the crop which they plan to purchase in time. He said in the current season his firm plans to purchase 3,000 tonnes of grapes from farmers in Dodoma Region.

Maurel and Prom to purchase Wentworth Resources stakes in Mnazi Bay Gas Field

By Guardian Reporter

ENERGY Minister January Makamba has held discussions with Indonesia Ambassador in Tanzania, Tri Yogo Jotmiko and other officials of Pertamina, Indonesia based global investment firm including its President John Anis.

The talks held on Tuesday this week in Dar es Salaam dwelt on the issue of Maurel and Prom that is 100 per cent owned by Pertamina to purchase Wentworth Resources shares, a partner of the Mnazi Bay

Gas field in Mtwara region.

Makamba told the firm that Tanzania has put in place a friendly environment in the entire issue of investment, hence in regard to their request, he has directed relative institutions, including Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA) to hold a meeting to look into the issue and advise the government.

Other officials who participated in the meeting included Tanzania's Ambassador to Indonesia, Macocha

Tembele, TPDC managing Director, Musa Makame and other senior PURS officials.

Maurel & Prom has expressed intention to buy stakes in Wentworth Resources, a joint venture partner of Mnazi Bay Gas Field.

If executed, the purchase will spur changes of control of the gas field and increase Maurel and Prom shares from 48 per cent at present to 80 per cent.

Another shareholder in the venture is TPDC with 20 per cent of the shares.

NEMC, stakeholders discuss ways to control noises

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) yesterday held a meeting with government institutions and stakeholders who produce as well as those suffering from music played above specified parameters to discuss ways to control the noise.

Speaking in Dodoma yesterday, NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the meeting brought together government institutions and stakeholders whereas among other things they will educate them on the Environmental Act of 2014 as well as regulations governing playing of music and vibrations.

"We have been educating people on the Environmental Act of 2014 as well as regulations governing playing of music and vibrations, but yet some of them are not aware of them and wish to know more. People also wanted to know how these laws work and the kind of actions that could be taken against people

violating them," said Gwamaka.

He said the council will educate them on its regulations different from those under the National Arts Council (BASATA), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), The Copyright Society of Tanzania (COSOTA) and other authorities. He said that environmental regulations of 2015 relate to some rules formed by TBS, COSOTA, BASATA and the Weigh and Measure Agency (WMA).

"There are institutions responsible for managing artists, others are responsible for providing copyright and standards. We need to educate officers from all these institutions to be able to speak in one voice," he said.

BASATA Secretary, Dr Kedman Mapana said it is important to work together in the management of laws and even when improvements are made to them.

COSOTA's Copyright Officer, Judith Komba said they will continue to involve stakeholders to ensure they control voice.

Acting Dar es Salaam Administrative Secretary, Dr Elizabeth Mshote asked NEMC to continue providing capacity building training to stakeholders and cooperate with local government authorities to ensure people adhere to the rules and regulations governing playing of music at public places.

"The issue of noise in the streets is a big challenge; people always look at the institutions that have provided licences; we need to work together to end the problem. This will end if we all play our roles," she said.

Mshote said it is important for responsible officers to monitor people who have been given licenses if they are adhering to conditions indicated in their licences. She said violators of the laws should be punished accordingly.

"COSOTA, BASATA and NEMC should work together in monitoring licensed bar operators. They must operate in accordance with the issued guidelines," she added.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL TANZANIA

No. HPI/2023/02/21/01 - Consultant to conduct Living Income Benchmarking (LIB) study
A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A LIVING INCOME BENCHMARKING (LIB) STUDY

Background

Heifer Project International (HPI) is an International Non-Governmental Organization working with smallholder farming communities to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Heifer believes that it significantly contributes to feeding the world and securing sustainable livelihoods by enhancing the capacity of vulnerable and smallholder farmers. This is accompanied by sound approaches [Value Based Holistic Community Development (VBHCD) and market systems] and innovative solutions that drive transformative processes towards sustainable reduction of the living income gap among smallholder farming households. For more information about HPI, please visit www.heifer.org.

Heifer International (HI) incorporates the Living Income approach to measure success. The approach was developed by Anker and Anker (2017) and adapted by Heifer International's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning team to fit Heifer's project implementation context in remote, rural agricultural zones in underdeveloped areas of countries. Multiple external sources were reviewed as part of the development of the benchmark process, which included the Anker Living Wage methodology and other approaches. The standard Heifer LIB methodology builds on, while not exactly replicating, the Ankers' approach. The Living Income Benchmark is a regional point of reference for the minimum income people need in order to be able to afford a decent standard of living; it is composed costs of a nutritious diet, decent housing, other basic needs (like education and healthcare), savings for future shocks/needs (resilience), and, sometimes, supporting people outside the household. This study will explore the informative aspect of the Living Income Benchmark (LIB) for smallholder farmers in rural areas. Both primary and secondary data will be used to define "decency" and cost for each component of the LIB.

The first step is to establish the parameters of the geographic area to which the LIB will apply. Next, use a desk review of secondary sources – like national survey data – to estimate an expected range of values for a given component. Then, to ensure that the measures are accurate and representative of the specific region, primary data is collected from local residents, vendors, the marketplace and key informants. In most cases, the data from primary and secondary sources will be similar. In cases where the primary and secondary data differ greatly, it is important to examine the potential causes of this and use your best judgment to reconcile the difference and choose an appropriate value. When the cost of each component has been added together to find the LIB, any portion of it that falls outside Heifer's expected range should be double-checked and then corrected or explained. Finally, the LIB, key data and any assumptions are compiled into a standardized report; HPI will guide the consultant. The Living Income approach recommends using fixed principles and assumptions, along with detailed documentation of all the assumptions and decisions made at each step of the process to ensure the transparency and continuity of the practice.

Heifer International (Tanzania) intends to conduct the assessment to determine/establish the minimum Living Income Benchmark for smallholder farmers. The study will take place in four major zones: the Southern Highlands (Mbeya and Njombe regions), the Central Zone (Dodoma, Singida, and Manyara regions), and the Lake Zone (Kagera, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita, and Mara regions) while focusing on dairy, sunflower, poultry, red meat, and horticulture value chains. The organization is looking for a qualified consultant to conduct the Living Income Benchmark study and assess the decent living standards of smallholder farmers in the selected regions. The findings will inform HIP Tanzania's strategic plan for closing the living income gap for smallholder farmers for selected value chains. The Proposal will be accepted soft copy through email and mentioning the subject line; "Living Income Benchmarking Data Collection" to procurement-tz@heifer.org on 31st May 2023, by Close of Business. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be considered. For more information about the assignment please visit the link below. For any inquiries, please contact us via procurement-tz@heifer.org. <https://www.heifer.org/about-us/inside-heifer/procurement-and-contracting-services.html>

Azania Bank, Selcom team up to boost digital financial payments for bank's clients

By Guardian Reporter

CLIENTS of Azania Bank Limited can now transact digitally through Selcom Tanzania digital outlets countrywide thanks to a partnership entered by the two companies yesterday.

Addressing a news conference in Dar es Salaam, Azania Bank's head of digital channels, Vinesh Davda and Selcom Tanzania's general manager for business services, Geoffrey Mwakamyamba said the agreement will enable delivery of improved digital services for the bank's customers.

"This service has been further improved to allow use of many local and international bank cards enabled with Visa, UnionPay, Mastercard and American Express to improve delivery of services to our customers but also reduce cash transactions," Davda said.

He explained that through the new partnership, the services has been broadened and widened to further advance financial inclusion as Azania Bank customers can now use merchant payment when shopping or paying for services.

"This is a continuation of the bank's efforts to improve digital services that allow customers seamless transactions and shows our appreciation for their support," he noted, saying the pension funds owned bank is quickly spreading its services throughout the country.

The digital platform services will also enable remote based Tanzanians who have no access to physical bank branches to access financial services easily at the convenience of their homes or business premises.

Selcom's managing director,

Geoffrey Mwakamyamba said the partnership with Azania Bank is a continuation of the digital solutions company's efforts to advance financial digital solutions.

"For the past 20 years, Selcom has been in the forefront in delivering banking and payment services through agency banking which involves agents spread throughout the country," Mwakamyamba said.

He said the deal with the Dar es Salaam based bank will also speed up financial inclusion as envisaged by the government. "The world is currently going digital hence cash transactions are being shelved for digital payments which is the best in terms of security and efficiency," he underlined while commending Azania Bank's management for the decision to go digital.



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The head of Azania Bank Limited's digital channels, Vinesh Davda (2nd-R), and Selcom's general manager for business services, Geoffrey Mwakamyamba (2nd-L) officiate at yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of a partnership enabling the bank's customers to use Selcom's digital financial platform. They are with Azania Bank marketing manager Allan Msaliwa (R) and the bank's relations manager for government agencies, Angela Odhiambo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Council chair gives three weeks to his director to complete farm land transfer

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

KILOSA District Council Chairman, Wilfred Sumari has given three weeks to his District Executive Director, Kisenia Mabuba to speed up the process for the completion of the takeover of 2,500 acres, instead of the original 3,000 acres from the farm belonging to Nazir Karamagi in order to develop cashew nuts production as well as the establishment of a cashew nuts factory.

Sumari issued the directive at the

ordinary councillors meeting last week.

He also said the District Council has plans to increase revenue sources following the central government's move to transfer revenue from guest houses to tourist hotels that saw the council's fall in revenue collection this year by 76 per cent after a shortfall of 10lm/-.

He said already they have written a letter requesting the return of some guest houses under their jurisdiction saying many do not have tourist status.

One among the Councillors,

Amani Sewando said they do not see any benefit for the cashew nuts investor to remain with a reduced farm area which could make him fail to develop it including the construction of a factory.

Earlier, Kilosa District Executive Director, Kisenia Mabuba said the entire area within the Magomeni ward totals 13,000 acres but 500 acres were taken up by the residents and had immovable infrastructures built on it, hence, he added, for the government to say it should not be touched and the investor to remain with 12,500 acres while they needed 3,000 acres and the investor

wanting 10,000 acres became the entire issue for contention and raised eyebrows.

He said in the circumstances they saw it better for the investor to be allocated another area and to assure herders in the farm are removed to pave way for the district's development.

Meanwhile, Kilosa District Commissioner, Shaka Hamdu Shaka called on the councillors to get and use booklets regarding the district's four strategic plans to help them to spur development strides in the district.

He said the strategic plans, including the one on addressing land conflicts pitting farmers, herders and other land users, is designed to greatly reduce land conflicts.

Over 200 students benefiting from scholarship programme

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 200 students from farming communities who wish to pursue agricultural courses have benefited from a scholarship programme by Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), an initiative aimed to improve employability and livelihoods.

Rispa Hatibu, SBL Communications and Sustainability Manager said that under the 'Kilimo-Viwanda' scholarship programme, the brewer has been issuing scholarships to students from farming communities who wish to pursue agricultural courses.

"Since its inception in 2020, over 200 students from farming communities have benefited from the scholarship programme," he said.

Hatibu said under the company's sustainability pillar, SBL has included education as one of the key components which is referred to as 'Learning for Life' whereas the brewer will invest in not only support students in agriculture and Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses, but also other sectors which are significant in socio-economic development.

"At SBL, we are keen on sustainability, everything that we do from the business standpoint to our investments in our communities, we strive to attain sustainability. It is for this reason that we have taken the same approach when it comes to our investment in education, hence the term 'Learning for Life'. Through this initiative we are planning on expanding our investment in education by issuing our support to the hospitality industry, starting from our 2024/25 financial year," said Hatibu.

She said following a successful 4-year investment in education through Kilimo-Viwanda scholarship programme and STEM apprenticeship which has benefited hundreds of students and young graduates respectively, SBL saw the need to issue financial support to students in hospitality studies.

"In the past four years we have been supporting students in

agriculture and science courses, in the upcoming financial year, we are going to phase out our investment in programmes like Kilimo-Viwanda, and although we will continue to support initiatives in these two sectors we wanted to extend support in the hospitality sector as well, considering that this is one of key sectors that contribute a great deal to our country's economy and improvement of livelihoods."

Hatibu noted that, as the next financial year approaches, SBL will unveil more details about its 'Learning for Life' initiative in the hospitality industry including specifications for eligibility to the programme, the number of students slated to benefit from it as well as colleges and other key stakeholders that SBL will partner with to successfully implement the initiative.

She said SBL will continue to implement community development projects which are embedded in its Society 2030: Spirit of Progress plan. This will entail investing in water projects through its 'Water of Life' pillar as well as investing in its sustainability agenda.



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Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera (L) hosts talks in his office yesterday with Mozambique's Ambassador to Tanzania, Ricaldo Mtumbwido. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

Dr Mpango to grace this year's World Bee Day climax in Singida

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango is on Sunday expected to grace the World Bee Day whose climax at national level will be held in Singida Region.

Singida Regional Commissioner, Peter Serukamba said yesterday that the celebration, which is the implementation of the resolution of the United Nations Council of 20 December, 2017 which aimed to recognise the contribution of the bee insect to food security and conservation, has started in the region from May 18 and its climax is on May 21.

Slovenia proposed that the United Nations (UN) proclaim 20 May as World Bee Day. On 20 December 2017, following three

years of international efforts, the UN Member States unanimously approved Slovenia's proposal and 20 May was proclaimed World Bee Day.

"The slogan of this celebration is Let's Protect the Bees for Environmental Welfare and Food Safety" and Dr Mpango is officiating the world event," he said.

RC Serukamba said that the celebration will include the display of beekeeping products and services where stakeholders will be able to understand the benefits of more than six crops obtained from the bee insect and the campaign of hanging beehives that will be held in Kitaraka village, Itigi District, Singida Region.

He said the aim of the World Bee Day is to build public

awareness about the best method of beekeeping, noting that other events that will be held are special trips organised with the aim of being able to visit the attractions in the Singida Region and seminars that will involve education on important things in beekeeping, such as how to increase the quality of bee products.

The RC said that the celebration of the world bee day in Singida region is an opportunity for stakeholders to be able to learn, among other things, the methods of being able to increase the production of bee products as well, to be able to find markets for bee products.

"Our region has been doing beekeeping activities for a long time and was able to contribute to the income of the people of

this region. Also, as the largest sunflower farmers in the country, we have continued to benefit from the pollination service from the bee insect," he said.

World Bee Day is observed across the world on May 20. On this day, beekeeping events are held to educate the general public about the importance of bees and beekeeping. There is a special emphasis on the role of bees as pollinators and how they help to revive forest cover. Because the bee population is under threat, World Bee Day informs us how to protect bees and other pollinators. The Slovenian Beekeepers' Association took the initiative for World Bee Day, which is now celebrated by environmentalists all over the world.

By Guardian Correspondent,
Morogoro

Moro District to establish fodder farms for herders

MOROGORO District has started implementing its strategies in deeds in making sure herders do not graze their livestock in water source areas and in farms and has resolved to establish fodder farms and provide education thereon to herders.

Another aim for the strategies is fighting the effects of climate change as well as eradicating farmers-herders conflicts that have caused loss of property including deaths.

The remarks were made by Morogoro District Agricultural Officer, Ndelisho Moshi to the visiting Head of the 2023 Uhuru Torch race, Abdallah Saib at Lubungo Village, Mikese Ward during the torch's race in the District.

"Many conflicts happen during dry seasons when their grazing areas are scarce, hence herders send their herds to water sources and people farms for grazing, but now we have decided to eradicate the problem," said Moshi.

He explained that the plan will enable the herders to stay at one place and conduct modern livestock keeping as they will have no excuse for the lack of fodder for their animals.

For his part, Morogoro District Executive Director Rehema Bwasi said the environmental conservation project, the restoration of the natural vegetation and the establishment of a training centre to herders will cost

100m/-, the funds to be supplied by sponsors.

She said so far the project has conserved natural vegetation. Modern beekeeping activities in order to protect the forests, harvesting of rain water and providing education on modern livestock keeping in order to stamp out challenges caused by traditional herding during dry seasons in particular.

For his part the 2023 National Uhuru torch Leader, Kaim said the establishment of the project will help to do away with herders-farmers conflicts while calling on herders to come up with modern livestock keeping practices at the centre.



Innocent Mwandu (L), a health services coordinator with a Mwanza city CSO known as Standing Voice Organisation, symbolically presents special lotion, umbrellas, hats, sunglasses and various other items which children with albinism badly need to keep themselves healthy. Receiving the items at an event held yesterday in Muheza District, Tanga Region, is Habiba Omary of Mlingano Secondary School in Muheza District. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent James Kandoya

Tanzania, UK sign MoU to collaborate in health sector

TANZANIA and the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the field of health.

Dr Seif Shekalaghe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Health said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam at a signing ceremony that brought together research and training institutions and officials from both governments.

He said that all parties will be able to collaborate to improve health systems in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar to attain universal health coverage, address disease threats and facilitate the demographic transition for mutual benefits of both countries.

He said the overall objective of the MoU signed was to enhance and deepen the ties of friendship and cooperation between the parties in the health field sustainably and equitably in order to respond to the needs for development and improvement of medical and health care services offered to the people of both countries.

Dr Shekalaghe said successful implementation of MoU will contribute significantly to Tanzania's development through strengthening the country's health system to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

Others are to help end the preventable deaths of mothers,

newborns and children, and enhance prevention and protection against communicable and non-communicable diseases.

"I would like to reaffirm the government's commitment towards implementation of this MoU. I want to assure you that the government will make close follow-up to ensure that the MoU contents are implemented successfully," he said.

He said in order to make it more practical, Tanzania would like to cordially welcome the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to re-join the preferred pooled funding mechanism known as Health Basket Fund (HBF).

Currently, the HBF is supported by various DPs including World Bank, Canada, Ireland, Switzerland, UNFPA, UNICEF and KOICA.

Dr Shekalaghe said further all development partners have been loyal in funding the HBF instrument and do solve challenges associated with the implementation amicably.

He said by the UK re-joining healthcare services funding mechanism, the performance of the HBF will improve by reducing transaction costs, smoothen availability of funding by promoting achievements of targets set in the Health Sector Strategic Plan V (HSSP

V) towards 'Leaving No one Behind'. Also by increasing resources in the health sector, mainly at primary level in order to reach underserved populations with essential, effective and affordable health services.

He urged technical teams to sit together between today and tomorrow to come up with a road map on how the UK can rejoin the HBF.

UK High Commissioner in the country David Concar said that the MoU focuses on areas of health systems, managing infectious disease, procurement of medicines and research.

"UK has been supporting the Tanzanian government for a number of years but it was not viable, therefore, the framework agreement will make it viable," he said.

Fatma Mrisho, Permanent Secretary, Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, said that higher training institutions in her country will benefit from the agreement and exchanges of knowledge between the country and UK experts.

She pledged cooperation between her government and that of the UK towards the collaborative, effective and efficient implementation of the MoU.

Z'bar UVCCM warns ACT-Wazalendo youth against mudslinging Dr Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR CCM Youth Wing (UVCCM-Zanzibar) has warned the youth of the opposition ACT-Wazalendo to immediately stop being used to mudslinging CCM Vice Chairman, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi following his statement to provide employment to the youth who, for a long time have volunteered in serving the party and its organisations.

President Mwinyi made the remarks last Sunday when winding up his inspection visit to CCM projects in Unguja Urban West Region when he said he would offer jobs to those who volunteered to serve the party.

Addressing reporters here on

Wednesday, UVCCM-Zanzibar Secretary General, Mussa Haji Mussa said the issue of employment in the Zanzibar Government is governed by the Public Service Act (No. 2 of 2011).

"Hence, under the Act there is no issue of discrimination in regard to employment whenever they are advertised because the 1984 Zanzibar Constitution has enlisted qualifications and criteria for Zanzibaris needing employment," he said.

He called on the youth in CCM to refuse to embrace what he termed as disruptive politics that were full of vengeance instead of abiding by issues that had been fully researched. "The remarks of the CCM vice chairman (Zanzibar

stems from the 2020/25 CCM manifesto to create 300,000 jobs in both the public and private sectors.

He said CCM youth have professional qualifications and criteria that give them the right to be employed in the government and the private sector or anywhere else in the world.

Mussa termed statements from ACT-Wazalendo inciting, as they cannot develop the nation in various sectors including education, health and sports from which the opposition also benefit.

However, he appealed to the CCM youth not to be swayed by statements from ACT-Wazalendo youth as their intention is to create political chaos in the country.

He also called on security organs to implement their responsibilities in making sure they control all acts that might incite protests and violence.



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CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED 220kV BENACO-KYAKA TRANSMISSION LINE, SUBSTATION AND RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN KAGERA REGION, TANZANIA
Tender No. PA/001/2022-23/HQ/C/10

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (GoT) has applied for financing from OPEC Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund), Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) and Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) towards cost of 220kV Benaco-Kyaka Transmission Line and Substation and intend to apply part of the agreed amount for this credit to payments under the contract for Provision of Consulting Services for Supervision and Management of the Benaco-Kyaka Transmission Line Project.

The services under this project will entirely include and not limited to the following;

- Review of project documents including tender documents, RAP, ESMP, engineering studies and design based on 2021 Feasibility study;
- Review and approval of detailed and final engineering design of the project prepared by the EPC contractors to ensure technical soundness prior to implementation of works;
- Control and Supervision of the EPC contractors;
- Carrying out supervision of works to ensure compliance with the approved Designs, Drawings, Specifications, Contracts, Tanzania Grid codes, schedule of work and best Engineering practice;
- Supervision of the Project's Environmental and Social Management Plan;
- Coordination of project activities of all parties executing the project to achieving the planned implementation schedule;
- Preparation of Inception Report;
- Assistance to TANESCO during procurement processes (advertisement, clarification, site visit, evaluation and contract negotiations);
- Assistance to TANESCO in Planning and Coordinating of RAP implementations and ESMP activities;
- Assistance to TANESCO in establishing, reviewing and monitoring timeline for project implementation;
- Prepare update time schedule for the project (consultant services as well as the implementation project);
- Supervision of correction for defects under all contracts;
- Collation and preparation where appropriate of Operations and Maintenance manuals, as-built drawings and other design/construction records;
- Coordination of monitoring of RAP and ESMP activities;
- Preparing and submitting periodic and other reports to TANESCO;
- Approval of issuance of acceptance and completion certificates;

The consultant will be stationed where most of the administration works will be conducted. During Phase 2 Construction stage of the project the consultant will be stationed in Kagera at the project site. The Project is planned to be implemented in Two (2) years from the contract commencement date.

Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) Ltd, the project implementation agent, now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services.

The Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, company profile and financial status, etc.).

For the purpose of demonstrating experience in the **expression** of interest, Consultants should list **at least three (3) and at most ten (10)** successful project implementation experiences in the items indicated below:

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- Specific Experience of Consultant in Design and Supervision of Transmission line, Substation and Distribution projects, Transmission Lines and Substations not less than ten (10) years;
- Technical and Managerial Organization of the Firm;
- Experience of the Consultant in sub-Saharan Africa

Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the OPEC Fund/Tanzania Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09.00 - 12.30 hours and 14.00 - 16.30 hours local time (Monday to Friday) excluding public holidays.

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Education spending reflects structure of national income

APPEALS to the government to come up with a plan to ease the acute shortage of teachers in public schools took plenty of time in debate just the other day as the legislature scrutinised the Budget estimates of the Education, Science and Technology portfolio for financial year 2023/2024.

We - at The Guardian - amply documented this situation in the wake of extensive failures in the National Form IV examinations, where the discussion mirrored the pain many legislators said they felt with respect to the issue. However, they fell short of giving viable options.

The legislators demanded that the government come up with an urgent action plan to sort out the crisis, expressing the view that ending the shortage of teachers had to be part of education reform.

That would encompass a review of the country's education and training policy, along with the relevant laws and curricula. A number of legislators also saw offers of free or heavily subsidized school meals helping in uplifting learning.

There is no doubt whatsoever, as a stretch of MPs stated, that the shortage of teachers must end for quality education to be assured.

The data that documentation on the matter carried out as to how far the shortages are prevalent in various subjects were of astonishing proportions.

Indeed, the more recent recruitment plans don't go far enough in plugging the yawning gaps. That the government has recruited just over 10,000 teachers while the number needed exceeds 160,000 shows that the problem is systemic, as to the government's capacity to finance education.

A slew of issues were raised relating to the education policy review now making the rounds within upper government circles before it is brought to the legislature.

The government also risks falling short of strategic designs to uplift

education, being pulled hither and thither by those seeking a relatively simple alternative: reducing all education to vocational training.

If it were that MPs were complaining about failure to recruit teachers on time for the past year, for instance, it would be one thing. But they want the government to recruit ten times the teachers it can actually hire.

That, basically, is a different issue that relates to what experts call 'national income accounting', as to how the government earns money, how it spends it or why that way.

A usable illustration is the Kenyan budget from year to year, where our levels of population are comparable but there is not much else besides that.

Tanzania is about 1.6 times bigger than Kenya, which has a land area of 580,367 sq km, against 947,300 sq km, for Tanzania, 63 per cent larger than Kenya.

Meanwhile, Kenya has a population of upwards of 55.9 million - thus, presumably nearly 6 million people fewer than its southern neighbour. It means that, with appropriate policies, we would have much more vast farms, etc.

Kenya's annual budget habitually has 20 per cent for education, unlike Tanzania's 10 per cent or thereabouts.

Online data indicate that, relative to neighbouring countries, Tanzania's total education spending ratio to GDP of 3.7 per cent dwarfs Uganda, (slotted at 2.52 per cent) and tails Kenya (5.3 per cent).

If we add the fact that Tanzania's total budget is just 60 per cent that of Kenya, it is that Kenya spends nearly three times what we can afford on education.

The vast gap in resources arises from differential economic efficiency, where Tanzania has a much bigger number of public firms, thus curbing investments, credit, jobs, tax flows.

Hopefully, our experts will be busy "computing" the way forward so that our tomorrow gets more rewarding than what we are witnessing and experiencing.

Tanzania's horticulture merits more attention to have meaningful impact

HORTICULTURE in Tanzania has not had a really good time over the years, particularly considering the state of the sub-sector in much more experienced "players" like Kenya.

In Tanzania, the sub-sector has to contend with challenges such as low and unequal capacities in quality management and production techniques, low produce quality and safety assurance, inadequate financial services, unreliable transport and electricity supply as well as high post-harvest losses estimated at between 40 and 50 per cent.

The Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA), a member-based body established in 2004, has been working to tackle several of the challenges in the horticulture supply chain.

The efforts are credited for having led to a rise in horticulture exports. After working with TAHA, many farmers have reported a big reduction in post-harvest losses.

The main reasons for this include the use of low-cost techniques such as screen houses in protecting the produce from pests and charcoal-run coolers in keeping the produce at the required temperatures.

Arguably the main problems facing horticulture in East Africa include inadequacy of refrigeration facilities, which adversely affects the quality and quantity of perishable products.

The others are pests and diseases that destroy crops, as well as stiff competition from better-placed international markets.

The Tanzanian horticultural industry faces several universal

challenges, namely, weak production base, low productivity and quality, invisibility and marginalisation, and limited access to finance especially lack of long-term financing and investment.

The sub-sector employs more than 450,000 people in the country, between 65 and 70 per cent being women.

TAHA has joined forces with Horti-Tengeru College in implementing an ambitious Tanzania Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT-YIA) programme.

The idea behind TAHA supporting the Ministry of Agriculture in initiating the programme is to equip the country's youth with the agri-business skills they need to meaningfully venture into a potentially multi-million-dollar industry.

TAHA's agronomists are currently busy offering practical agri-business skills to scores of youths selected by the ministry to join BBT-YIA.

They have embarked on comprehensive practical training on good agricultural practices through TAHA's proven technologies as well as entrepreneurship and marketing skills.

TAHA chief executive officer Dr Jacqueline Mkindi says they also conduct training on financial literacy, record keeping, contract farming, research and policy advocacy skills.

The package also includes management of post-harvest losses, nutrition and gender inclusion, standards and food safety, as well as the efficient handling of perishable goods.

TAHA is also involved in developing the relevant infrastructure at Horti-Tengeru, one of the national incubation hubs designed for training youths in agribusiness under the BBT-YIA programme.

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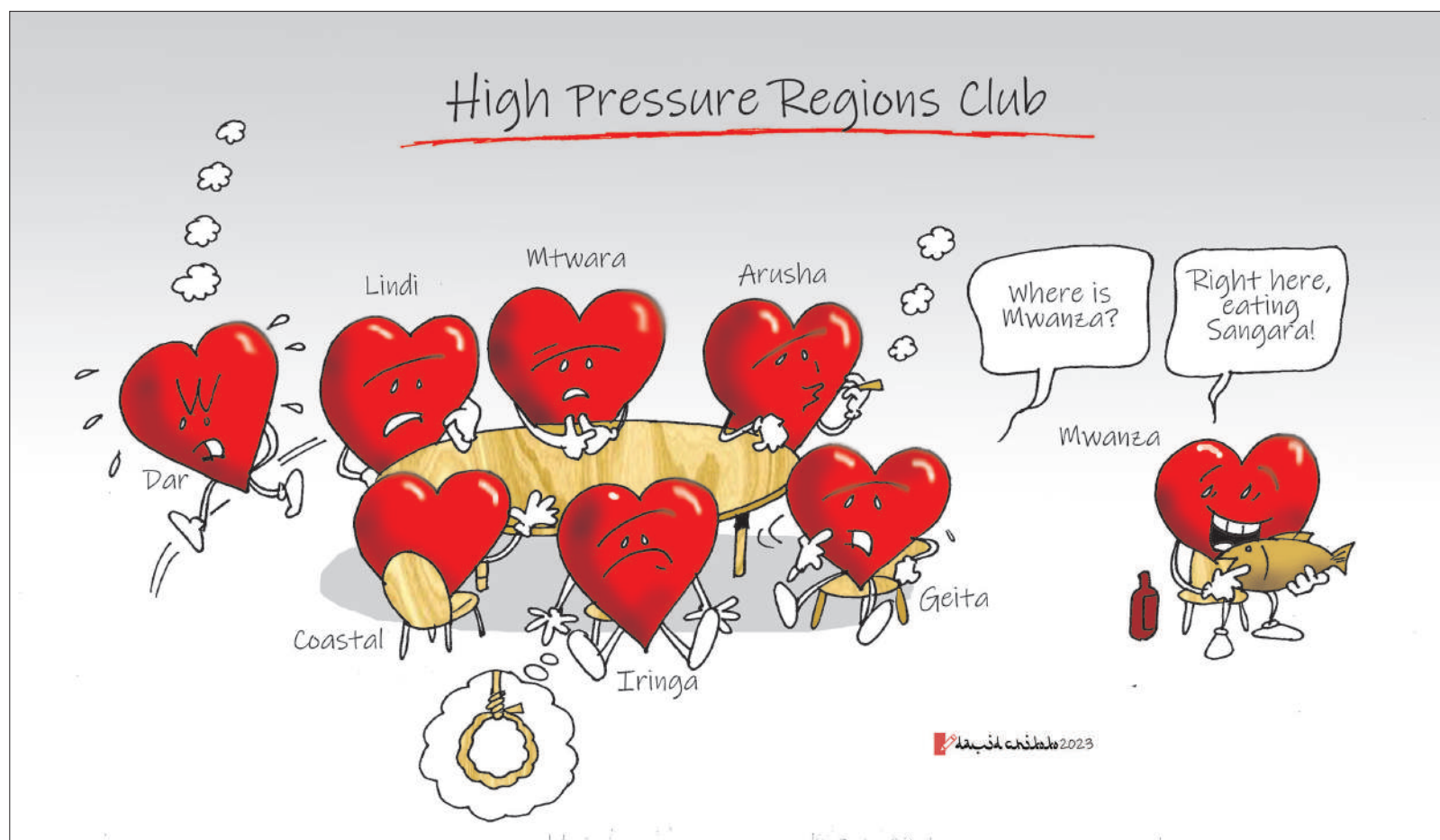
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It's easy to miss signs that you work for a great boss

By Tobias Charles

“IF you can't be happy with a coffee, you won't be happy with a yacht.” That is Indian-American entrepreneur and investor Naval Ravikant speaking.

Now, what's more important: more money, or a better boss? In one study, 65 per cent said they would take the better boss.

But we shouldn't be so quick to be reductive with how we think about life, especially our careers. This is because sometimes it's not external factors that are the problem. It's us. And in an effort to shake out the cobwebs, we ditch where we are in search of greener pastures, only to find that our problems followed us.

Because, no matter where you go, there you are. You're still stressed out. You're still prone to impulsive moves. You're still easily overwhelmed. Work is work at the end of the day. You might not love it, but most people don't.

A wise man is on the record as having once said: “Only about 5 per cent of people have a real vocation in life, and they confuse the hell out of the rest of us.”

You might be thinking about switching jobs right now. But, as stated in Harvard Business Review: “Leaving your job because you're dissatisfied with the work you're doing seems reasonable, but if you haven't given thought to what would actually make you happy, you might end up in the same dissatisfying situation.”

Many quit in the great resignation, only to boomerang back to their old job. So before taking the leap, consider what it is about where you are that you like. Is it the work? The people? Your boss?

Not sure about that last one? Here are some signs that your current boss might already be exactly the person you need right now.

You've seen them own mistakes

A leader who isn't afraid to be wrong sets a hell of an example. That's the kind of culture you want to be in. Ownership is powerful. With it comes the opportunity to grow and develop, as you can't fix what you don't know - or won't admit - is broken.

And the covert angle on this is what it doesn't do. Because if a leader is taking responsibility for an error, it means that someone else doesn't need to. Lessons can be learned without damaging an individual's confidence.

They take some advice from Aretha Franklin. Don't stick with a boss who doesn't show you respect.

Are they polite with their requests? Do they consider the impact of their words? Are they constantly chopping and changing expectations, deadlines and priorities? Even when busy, there's no substitute for basic manners.

They never stop learning. It's incredibly smart to recognize that you're an idiot. In almost everything in life, the more you learn, the less you know - and this because the horizons of your understanding are always moving away from you.

Many people feel anxious about this as if it's a judgment on their value or identity. Their subconscious diverts them away from these feelings by avoiding seeking the knowledge that highlights a lack of understanding.

Leaders can't afford to do this. They must keep growing to stay effective. So they seek the wisdom of others because they recognise that they could always know more than they do right now.

And because they believe in learning, they'll be able to help you on your journey. They act as both something to aspire to, and a well to draw from.

When you find someone like this, grip tight and do not let go. They are like taking a limitless pill. Your ability to grow by their side is 10X what it would be without them.

They step out of the spotlight. Putting the light on others and avoiding it themselves: this is the truest sign that you've got a good leader on your hands.

If they're hogging the credit or limelight, ask yourself why. Is it insecurity? Impostor syndrome? Ego? All these are anathema to development. Both yours and theirs.

But if they turn the light on you, embrace it. This is your chance to build the competence and confidence you need to thrive.

It's easy to communicate with them (and they listen). Good communication is the most essential leadership skill, because without it none of the other skills matter.

Clear boundaries, expectations and instructions are a hell of a drug. It's liberating to know exactly what you need to do and how to do it.

But it's not just about you being able to understand them. Do they understand you? So few people are good at listening that when you encounter someone who is, it can

make you a little light-headed. It can be addictive. Because it really stands out.

And a leader who is taking the time to listen to you, really listen to you, is someone who is going to be able to get the best out of you - and is letting you know in no uncertain terms that you matter. But it's not just that they listen to you...

They ask for input (and act on it). The best bosses want you to be included. They value you and your contribution. They do this with more than lip service: they seek it, then they use it (and let you know!) They recognise that even if not everyone can get a vote, we can still have a voice.

They take the time to get to know you as well as your strengths and weaknesses. So when they're coming to you, it's because they genuinely think you've got something to contribute.

And, by following up and acting on people's input, they build solid bonds. It forms a culture of shared purpose, inspiring an upward trajectory.

They're not a leaky vault. Brené Brown, an American professor, author and podcast host known for her work on shame, vulnerability and leadership, talks about this concept in her book *Dare to Lead*.

In an effort to hot-wire connection, people can sometimes use gossip or the sharing of secrets. But a leader should be a vault. Leaders should have a good sense for what information is theirs to share and what's not. This is because they need to keep people's confidence, as this will build the trust essential for ongoing support, development and connection.

It's because, let's face it: regardless of whether we suspect that someone is trustworthy or not, we're going to think twice about being open with him or her when we've heard him or her share other people's secrets with us.

They understand how to utilise both extrinsic and intrinsic motivation. People should be financially rewarded for their hard work. This is one of the core reasons for any of us to have a job.

Companies will always try to get away with paying as little as they can. A good boss knows this and finds a way to make sure people are getting paid their worth.

But people need more than a pay cheque to do their best work. Good bosses don't just say “thanks”. They show it. Again and again. With praise, notes, recognition, taking an interest in people and their lives,

and investing in those in their care. Money and financial rewards are great. And they are important. But it's what leaders do between the pay cheques that keeps us sticking around and giving our best.

They are good to people who can't do anything for them. Let's never forget that, generally speaking, a boss will come into contact with exponentially more people each day than any other employee will.

As a result, bosses can often struggle to form bonds with anyone outside of their immediate circle. By extension, they'll need to use a lot of their personality and charm trying to keep those people motivated and cooperative.

So bosses who take the time to be nice to everyone, no matter what's in it for them, demonstrate their humanity. It shows how they truly value others. That they care about respect and positivity, and showing people their best side. And it implies that they're taking care of those people's stress and mentality.

Leadership is hard. It taxes and tires people out. So if bosses can still be friendly, even when there's nothing directly to gain, it shows that they've got a good balance. Or that they enjoy what they do. Or that they're simply and genuinely nice people.

All that makes them worth sticking with. You can probably learn a lot from them about any of these things.

Albert Einstein's wisdom comes in handy here: “I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university.”

Sometimes it's the right time to move on. But it might be worth thinking twice if you've got a good boss and are still learning from him or her and growing as a person.

What's a good boss? Good bosses admit it when they are wrong. They treat people with respect. They never stop learning. They shine a light on others.

Good bosses are good communicators. They seek input and feedback from others. You can trust them. They know how to motivate you properly. They treat people the same regardless of status.

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Elements of defamation and conditions for claiming damages

EVERY person is entitled to protection of his or her reputation from being defamed by another person while at the same time continues to enjoy freedom of speech as guaranteed in our constitution.

Defamation can be on the person or things that result in damage of reputation which can be business or any artworks prepared by a person who owns the same.

Of recent, there have been claims of defamation from various people within our country whereby people claim to have been defamed while in fact upon assessment of facts and the law, no defamation was found within the meaning of the law.

This article addresses some few relevant or basic issues regarding the above subject to enable our readers grasp key issues that are useful.

Generally, defamation means matters which tend to lower reputation of other people (plaintiff or claimant) in the estimation of any right-thinking members of the society.

In the case of *Sim vs Stretch* (1936)2 All ER 1237 or in Civil Case No 4 of 1990 between Dr Richard Kisenge vs Julius Mutalemwa and T.H.B, the High Court of Tanzania described defamation to mean "the publication of a statement which reflects on a person's reputation and tends to lower him in the estimation of the right-thinking members of the society or tends to make him be shunned or avoided."

Here, one needs to note that for someone to successfully pursue a defamation case, there must be three people involved in that process: the claimant, the defendant and the third party. Transmission of the defamatory words is important for the purpose of making the statement defamatory.

Defamation can be in two forms: libel and slander. Its distinction is that libel covers publication in permanent form while slander is in spoken words.

For someone to claim damages, libel is actionable per se while for slander, claimant is required to prove existence of the said words. Due to advancement of technology, libel defamation now covers a wide scope, including social media platforms as well as television, radio and

internet or any electronic means.

Before we look into conditions to be proved for the claimant to be awarded damages, it is imperative to look into parties who are eligible for damages occasioned by defamation.

As a matter of general practice, it is people who are capable of being defamed and can take a dispute to court for damages and clearance. Further, a company or corporation with legal capacity to sue which has established its trading goodwill to the public and not its members can prefer defamatory proceedings to court to claim damages.

In the old England case of *South Hetton Load Co. Ltd vs Northern Eastern News Association* (1894) 1QB 133, the court ruled that a corporation can initiate defamation proceedings to claim damages.

However, government bodies or agencies cannot initiate defamation proceeding regardless of their mandate either to sue or be sued. The reason behind this is because government agencies are always subject to criticisms by the people. If they were



allowed to sue, then rights and freedoms to criticize them would not be properly exercised.

However, the case of *Derbyshire CC vs Times Newspaper Ltd* (1993) A.C 534 proves that despite existence of the aforesaid rule on the government, it's aggrieved officers can initiate defamatory proceedings.

It is not every statement made can amount to defamation. For, a claimant is required to be sure of four major items before bringing an action for defamation.

First is false statement purported to be factual. It is a mandatory requirement for the claimant or plaintiff to ensure the statement published does not reflect the truth. Bitterness or reality of a statement, if proved, is not a ground for initiating defamatory proceedings. This is because some defamatory situations may be self-inflicted and the public is entitled to know the truth.

Therefore, there is no way the said information or statement can be withheld without sharing with the public regardless of status of the claimant. In the case of *Naiman Moiro vs Nailejiet Zablou* [1980] TLR 274, sometimes a statement may be defamatory but contains truth made against the claimant and without

malice, therefore, claim of defamation cannot stand.

Second is publication or communication of the said false statement to the third party. As we said in the introduction above, in order for a person to say he or she is defamed, there must be transmission of the said untrue statement to the third party.

The word publication herein refers to communication of the alleged false statement to the third party. Third party can be the public or individuals who obtained the false statement through newspapers television, radio broadcast, WhatsApp group or internet or any other social platform.

In the aforementioned case of *Naiman Moiro vs Nailejiet Zablou*, among the issues taken into account is the importance of communicating the said false statement to the third party. The Court of Appeal of Tanzania ruled that despite the fact that a clause in the letter indicated it was copied to a third party, paramount condition that it was communicated to another person was not proved as there was no evidential materials showing that the said third party was served and received the same. .

Third is that the said false state-

ment was made negligently by the defendant or maker. The law of defamation is one of the branches or aspects within the category of law of tort. One of the paramount principles in the law of tort is duty of care to any person who can be reasonably injured by your act or omission.

In other words, the law requires every person to ensure they take care of any person who can be affected by whatever they do. So, false statement negligently made by other party and without any probable cause and with malice, is sufficient to hold a defendant responsible in a defamation case.

And fourth is claim of damage. Once a claimant or plaintiff manages to prove the above, the law requires him or her to prove damage. The claimant is required to prove that due to the said harm to reputation, he or she suffered certain amount of money, any other loss or opportunity.

The damage can be either general or specific. For the general damage, the court is always granted its discretionary power while for the specific damage the law demands the claimant to provide particulars for loss he or she suffered and prove the same during hearing in court.

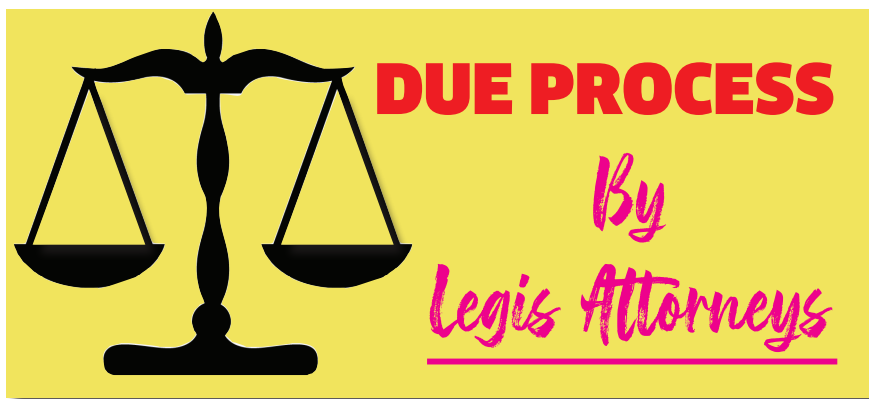
In the case of *Zuberi Augustino vs Anicet Mugabe* [1992] TLR 137, the Court of Appeal clearly stated that: "It is trite law, and we need not cite any authority, that special damages must be specifically pleaded and proved."

Lastly, as pointed out above, the law of defamation is falling within a branch of law of tort. Item six in part one of schedule in the Law of Limitation Cap 89 R.E 2019 requires the aggrieved person to initiate claim on defamation within three years from the date when such cause of action accrued.

Otherwise, upon expiration, the claimant can apply for extension of time to the minister in charge of legal and constitutional affairs under section 44 of the Law of Limitation for examination of application and granting of the same if it meets requirements.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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The case for investing in materials and giving children more time to play

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

PLAY has been acknowledged worldwide as an important arena for holistic child development and is included in the United Nation's Article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as among the basic rights of the child.

Studies throughout the world show that play is important for children's cognitive, socio-emotional and language development.

In recognition of this basic right, Save the Children Tanzania through its humanitarian response department, has been implementing a five-month Play on Project intending among others, to strengthen children's learning outcome, psychosocial well-being and mental health through toy-based plays.

Speaking in an interview with this paper recently in Kibondo District, Kigoma Region, Save the Children's Refugees Response Field Manager Jackson Nsabo said: "Play on is one of the key interventions that contribute to the goal of ensuring children's psychosocial and emotional needs are fulfilled and that they develop and learn skills using toys and games to enhance their psychosocial needs and well-being."

He said that through play, a child can communicate with parents in a closer and more effective way.

"Even for us adults, the best way to communicate with children is through play because we don't know their language," he



said.

According to Nsabo, Play on project which is being funded by Spin Master, emphasises on play as an important component of a child's development.

He said that the project started in October 2022 targeting to reach a total of 13,206 children as direct beneficiaries aged from 3 to 14 years drawn from Nduta Refugees Camp in Kibondo District, Nyarugusu refugees camp in Kasulu District and vulnerable children from the host communities surrounding refugees camps.

He further noted that the 13,206 children are categorised in three groups: ages of three to five grouped in early childhood care and development (ECCD), those from six to nine years studying in primary schools under a programme dubbed Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and ages 10 to 14 years, mainly in school and out of school children who access CFS in the camps.

Nsabo noted that through the project, they have managed to train and orient a total of 2,321 caregivers and parents as indirect beneficiaries who teach their children how to use the provided toys.

"We need these toys to support children's

psychosocial well-being and mental health," he said.

He said that before distributing the toys, they also empowered teachers with skills on how to use them. The goal of using the materials is to improve children in the refugee camps well-being through therapy from mental health issues including trauma and stress.

"We know that through play, a child can improve in different aspects including physical development, social interaction, networking and communication with others," he said.

The project also promotes various skills to these children which make them competent, innovative, creative and problem solvers in their environment. Through play they speak the same language and hence help each other.

"If these children don't have anything to do, they can develop bad behavior because as the adage goes an idle mind is the workshop of the devil," he said.

"We understand most of our public schools don't have enough play materials to accommodate all pupils, so, we normally distribute materials to those who live in vulnerable conditions."

initiatives.

The project also trained ward education officers on supporting pre-primary teachers and school leaders, trained pre-primary teachers on learner-friendly teaching techniques and helped caregivers reduce inter-partner violence and enhanced peaceful resolution of disagreements.

William Nkuhi, Child Psychologist with Save the Children Tanzania based in Kibondo office said that normally children who have undergone various challenges including that of fleeing their country are easily healed psychologically through various plays.

Based on the latest study that was carried out by Save the Children Canada and other researchers who use this model in other countries has shown that there is psychological improvement and mental health to children compared to other social services and psychological measures taken.

For the last three months, after distributing these plays on materials, the project reported improved behaviour and feelings of refugee children and vulnerable children from host communities.

"They have stopped fighting, bullying, abusing and discrimination against each other," he said.

Masebaya Magubiki, Social Welfare Officer with Kibondo District Council commended Save the Children for introducing the project, saying it has changed the behaviour and mental health of children in refugee camps and those in the host communities.

"Plays have opened ways of relationships and freedom for the children and eased their challenges as they now speak openly both in school and at home," he said.

Ndayishimiye Claudine, a parenting trainer at Nuru CFS said that plays have helped a lot to create good relationships among children themselves and between them and parents as well as community members.

The Tanzania National Multi-sectoral Early Childhood Development Programme that was launched in 2021 states that investing in early years of life has a profound impact on brain development, affecting a child's learning, health, behaviour and ultimately, income.

According to UN Convention on Right to Play Article 31, free play is not an optional extra for children; it is fundamental to their physical, social, mental and emotional development and intrinsic to their health and happiness in the present moment. As such, play relates closely to many of the other important articles in the Convention. Play can and should happen in many places, the main ones being home, school and free play outdoors.

Save the Children Tanzania works on seven thematic areas namely child protection, health, nutrition, child rights governance, education, food security and livelihoods and emergencies.

Government financing for Mayan train violates environmental standards

By Emilio Godoy

MEXICO'S development banks have violated their own socio-environmental standards while granting loans for the construction of the Mayan Train (TM), the flagship project of the presidency of Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

The National Bank of Public Works and Services (Banobras), the Nacional Financiera (Nafin) bank and the Foreign Commerce Bank (Bancomext) allocated at least 564 million dollars to the railway line since 2021, according to the yearbooks and statements of the three state entities.

Banobras, which finances infrastructure and public services, granted 480.83 million dollars for the project in the Yucatan peninsula; Nafin, which extends loans and guarantees to public and private works, allocated 81 million; and Bancomext, which provides financing to export and import companies and other strategic sectors, granted 2.91 million.

Bancomext and Banobras did not evaluate the credit, while Nafin classified the information as "confidential", even though it involves public funds, according to each institution's response to IPS' requests for public information. The three institutions have environmental and social risk management systems that include lists of activities that are to be excluded from financing.

In the case of Bancomext and Nafin, these rules are mandatory during the credit granting process, while Banobras explains that its objective is to verify that the loans evaluated are compatible with the bank's environmental and social commitments.

Bancomext prohibits 19 types of financing; Banobras, 17; and Nafin, 18. The three institutions all veto "production or activities that place in jeopardy lands that are owned by indigenous peoples or have been claimed by adjudication, without the full documented consent of said peoples."

Likewise, Banobras and Nafin must not support "projects that imply violations of national and international conventions and treaties regarding the indigenous population and native peoples."

The three entities already had information to evaluate the railway project, since the Superior Audit of the Federation, the state comptroller, had already pointed to shortcomings in the indigenous consultation process and in the assessment of social risks, in the 2019 Report on the Results of the Superior Audit of the Public Account.

The total cost of the TM has already exceeded 15 billion dollars, 70 percent above what was initially planned, mostly borne by the government's National Fund for Tourism Promotion (Fonatur), responsible for the megaproject.

Violations

Angel Sulub, a Mayan indigenous member of the Uk'ichil k Ch'i'ibalo'on Community Center, criticized the policies applied and the disrespect for the safeguards regulated by the state financial entities themselves.

"This shows us, once again, that there is a violation of our right to life, and there has not been at any moment in the process, from planning to execution, a will to respect the rights of the peoples," he told IPS from the Felipe Carrillo Port, in the southeastern state of Quintana Roo, where one of the TM stations will be located.

Sulub, who is also a poet, described the consultation as a "sham". "Respect for the consultation was violated in all cases, an adequate consultation was not carried out. They did not comply with the minimum information, it was not a prior consultation, nor was it culturally appropriate," he argued.

In December 2019, the government National Institute of Indigenous Peoples (INPI) organized a consultation with indigenous groups in the region that the Mexican office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights questioned for non-compliance with international standards.

Official data indicates that some 17 million native people live in Mexico, belonging to 69 different peoples and representing 13 percent of the total population.

INPI initially anticipated a population of 1.5 million indigenous people to consult about the TM in 1,331 communities. But that total was reduced to 1.32 million, with no



Carrying the Mayan flag, members of the Colibri Collective lead a march against the Mayan Train in the city of Valladolid, in the southern Mexican state of Yucatán, in May 2023. CREDIT: Arturo Contreras / Pie de Página

official explanation for the 12 percent decrease. The population in the project's area of influence totaled 3.57 million in 2019, according to the Superior Audit report.

The conduct of the three financial institutions reflects the level of compliance with the president's plans, as has happened with other state agencies that have refused to create hurdles for the railway, work on which began in 2020 and which will have seven routes.

The Mayan Train, run by Fonatur and backed by public funds, will stretch some 1,500 kilometers through 78 municipalities in the states of Campeche, Quintana Roo and Yucatán, within the peninsula, as well as the neighboring states of Chiapas and Tabasco. It will have 21 stations and 14 other stops.

The Yucatan peninsula is home to the second largest jungle in Latin America, after the Amazon, and is notable for its fragile biodiversity. In this territory, furthermore, to speak of the population is to speak of the Mayans, because in a high number of municipalities they are a majority

and 44 percent of the total are Mayan-speaking.

The government promotes the megaproject, whose locomotives will transport thousands of tourists and cargo, such as transgenic soybeans, palm oil and pork - key economic activities in the area - as an engine for socioeconomic development in the southeast of the country.

It argues that it will create jobs, boost tourism beyond the traditional attractions and energize the regional economy, which has sparked polarizing controversies between its supporters and critics. The railway faces complaints of deforestation, pollution, environmental damage and human rights violations, but these have not managed to stop the project from going forward.

In November 2022, López Obrador, who wants at all costs for the locomotives to start running in December of this year, classified the TM as a "priority project" through a presidential decree, which facilitates the issuing of environmental permits.

Gustavo Alanís, executive director of the non-govern-

mental Mexican Center for Environmental Law, questioned the way the development banks are proceeding.

"They are committing internal violations of their own provisions in the granting of credits, in order to give loans to projects that are not environmentally viable and that do not respect the local communities. They are not complying with their own internal guidelines and requirements regarding the environment and indigenous peoples in the granting of credits," he told IPS.

Trendy guidelines

In the last decade, socio-environmental standards have gained relevance for the promotion of sustainable works and their consequent financing that respects ecosystems and the rights of affected communities, such as those located along the railway.

Although the three Mexican development banks have such guidelines, they have not joined the largest global initiatives in this field.

None of them form part of the Equator Principles, a set of 10 criteria established in

2003 and adopted by 138 financial institutions from 38 countries, and which define their environmental, social and corporate governance.

Nor are they part of the Principles for Responsible Banking, of the United Nations Environment Program Finance Initiative, announced in 2019 and which have already been adopted by 324 financial and insurance institutions from more than 50 nations.

These standards address the impact of projects; sustainable client and user practices; consultation and participation of stakeholders; governance and institutional culture; as well as transparency and corporate responsibility.

Of the three Mexican development banks, only Banobras has a mechanism for complaints, which has not received any about its loans, including the railway project.

In this regard, Sulub questioned the different ways to guarantee indigenous rights in this and other large infrastructure projects.

"The legal fight against the railway and other megapro-

jects has shown us in recent years that, as peoples, we do not have effective access to justice either, even though we have clearly demonstrated violations of our rights. Although it is a good thing that companies and banks have these guidelines and that they comply with them, we do not have effective mechanisms for enforcement," he complained.

In Sulub's words, this leads to a breaching of the power of indigenous people to decide on their own ways of life, since the government does not abide by judicial decisions, which in his view is further evidence of an exclusionary political system.

For his part, Alanís warned of the banks' complicity in the damage reported and the consequent risk of legal liability if the alleged irregularities are not resolved.

"If not, they must pay the consequences and hold accountable those who do not follow internal policies. The international banks have inspection panels, to receive complaints when the bank does not follow its own policies," he stated.

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French connection to help local startups tick

By Guardian Reporter

THERE is no arguing that start-ups play an important role in the economic and technological development of any given society in this time and age, with the bonus of creating job opportunities, especially among young people.

And yet even the most passionate and committed entrepreneur in innovation will attest that founding a start-up in this corner of the world is not a promenade at a luxury resort.

Worse still, growing a start-up in Tanzania remains an undertaking of Kafkaesque proportions, and it is a proven fact that many wither on the vine in infancy due to a combination of redundant factors.

Start-ups are mired down by the lack of clear plans for post-acceleration support, leading to the natural death of businesses as seed funds are exhausted for whatever reasons.

The state of affairs is captured in the recently published book "Diary of an African Hub Manager" by Jumanne Mtambalike which offers a glimpse into the workings of the innovation ecosystem not only in the country but the continent at large.

In the book, Mtambalike maintains that there have been many interventions to ensure that post-acceleration support is available for start-ups with the potential to attract impact and commercial investors, some have come close to achieving that goal, but no cigar.

The author, who is also the Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sahara Ventures, imputes the uninspiring venture capital inflow to the country's start-up ecosystem to the lack of post-acceleration support in the form of technical skills and mentorship.

Enter the game-changer in early March this year, the French-Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce (FTCC) and Sahara Accelerator - an impact accelerator supporting early-stage businesses - inked an agreement to support Tanzanian startups.

Incidental to the agreement, 15 start-ups that are part of Sahara Accelerator were selected to partake in the implementation of the program.

The signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) dictates that the partners will engage in promoting business partnerships between FTCC members and the 15 selected start-ups through networking events, marketplace sessions, seminars, webinars, and other events around investment opportunities and innovation.

Furthermore, they will also encourage the exchange of good practices and information in order to support the start-ups and FTCC members in their economic development in France and Tanzania.

FTCC President Christophe Darmois is of the view that Tanzanian startup entrepreneurs would benefit from much-needed mentorship and exposure to French investors through the implementation of the agreement.



FTCC president Christophe Darmois (R) and Sahara Ventures chief executive officer Jumanne Mtambalike shake hands after signing the Memorandum of Understanding.

"We aim to encourage partnerships between French and Tanzanian companies to boost trade ties and we believe that this partnership will help Tanzanian companies to have easy access to French markets and French companies to access Tanzanian markets," Darmois said during the signing of the agreement at the French embassy in Dar es Salaam.

FTCC was established four years ago with 80 members, 40 being from Tanzania and as many from France. Sahara Accelerator operates under Sahara Ventures which works to build innovation and technology entrepreneurship in Africa by strategically engaging with different ecosystem partners.

With the trade volume between Tanzania and France standing at US dollars 81.1 million (some 186.5bn/-) as of 2021, this pact is a milestone in its own right.

Not only does the partnership prove that it is possible to create networks between mature and nascent innovation ecosystems, but it will also provide exposure to the selected startups and in turn possibly attract more financing for startups in the country's ecosystem.

A report titled Africa: The Big Deal showed that in 2022 Tanzania managed

to attract US dollars 80 million compared to Kenya's US dollars 1.1 billion in startup financing but it also reassures that the ecosystem has the potential to grow and bring in more capital.

EzySoko Tanzania Limited is one of the 15 start-ups that have been selected to implement the agreement. The transport and logistics company was formed to solve long-standing problems in the logistics industry through innovative technological solutions.

The company's Chief Marketing Officer, Naomi Alphonse, said that they started as an e-commerce company to help people buy and sell goods online but with time they came to realize it was not viable because people do not have the culture of transacting online.

"We conducted research and established that 80 percent of our customers prefer delivery of goods to buying and selling online so we morphed to a transportation and logistics business," she said.

The business is growing, she said, but they are still struggling with securing funds for expansion and getting more customers hence being involved in the agreement will go a long way in helping them grow further.

"We currently serve customers in Makumbusho, Mikochehi, Mwenge, and around Magomeni areas and our mode of transport is motorcycles but at times we use mini pick-up trucks, for our business to scale up, we need investors," she said.

Alphonse hinted that the benefits of the agreement include getting the opportunity to receive details of parties interested to invest in Tanzanian start-ups and thus far they have networked with more than five companies.

"It is also an opportunity to get visibility, and this is very important for we believe it will take us further because we also need to increase our customer base," she added.

Another benefit of the partnership is that it would strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries as the French Ambassador to Tanzania Nabil Hajlaoui put it in perspective.

"We will continue supporting this network (FTCC) as much as we can to strengthen our bilateral ties with Tanzania," Mr Hajlaoui said.

He said that the partnership would pave the way for new opportunities for startup entrepreneurs, who would benefit from mentorship and exposure to French in-

vestors, adding that through the partnership, French companies would benefit from the creativity of Tanzanian startups and knowledge of the local market.

"I'm very happy to see that young innovators are going to be included in the French-Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce," he noted.

According to excerpts from "The Diary of an African Hub Manager", at the moment innovators must make the most of anything that comes their way simply because they do not have established channels to access investors at different stages of business growth.

"Angel investing is a relatively new culture and when you are an innovator trying to make inroads into an unforgiving market, you are left very much to your own devices," Mtambalike says in the book.

With interventions such as the partnership between FTCC and Sahara Accelerator, who is to say what is to come next, from a distance, however, a promising future

CPB board members trained on better ways to run public entities

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

THE Cereals and Other Produce Board of Tanzania (CPB) directors have been benefited from the training on the best ways to run public entities by the Institute of Directors in Tanzania (IoDT).

The leadership and good governance training is ongoing in Mwanza and is the second year, since CPB directors were appointed in office.

Speaking here yesterday some of the CPB board of directors explained that the training will help them to guide the board with great efficiency and with the aim of promoting the country's socio-economic development.

Salum Awadh, CPB board of directors' chairman said that they are happy to be given the training because they believe they are going to work with great success.

"In public parastatals, there are leadership challenges in managing public assets, so if you have little capacity, you cannot manage resources, so this training will help the directors of the Board to understand their limits and face leadership challenges," he said.

He said that this training helps to show the boundaries between the Board and Management, so this training has come at the right time in the new leadership so that they can show change.

Awadh also said that previously the Board was doing its work with low efficiency but in this season the Board has planned to improve its efficiency by processing more than 200 tonnes of crops.

He stated that in the past in the industrial side they were not doing well so now they have planned to do it efficiently from 30 percent to 70 percent.

One of the members of CPB board of directors, Kapenjama Ndile described the training as an eye-opener that will help them to run public parastatals by increasing the ability to understand ways to make it productive.

"We are here in Mwanza today, on the fifth day, we are being mentored by training experts. We clearly believe that when we leave here, we are going to make a big leadership revolution in the CPB board," he said.

Ndile also stated that the board exists to help people and promote the



A cross-section of CPB board of directors attending leadership and good governance training in Mwanza city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

country's socio-economic development and outlined some of the CPB priorities, saying it will buy many crops as possible and process them for the benefit of the public.

"This training has helped me to understand that a public parastatal can run itself without lying to farmers, but also run competitively, to get the best products that you can find markets for anywhere in the world," said Ndile.

Another member of the board, Halima Dendego said: "The training will help me in various strides

including ensuring that we get the necessary skills to drive the board competitively."

She said: "The first method is to know yourself when you are doing it, to know your competitors as well as to strengthen yourself financially, all of which will lead you to do well in your work."

"We've come with a new strategy of linking farmers and the government and let's assure farmers and traders that the CPB is in good condition and assure you that those who will work with us will get their funds quickly," said Dendego who is

also the Iringa Regional Commissioner.

IoDT has been providing training throughout the week in Mwanza City to the directors of various public institutions, including the CPB Board, who have received leadership and Good Governance training.

CPB is a government institution established through the Cereals and Other Produce Act No. 19 of 2009 to provide for promotion and development of cereals and other agricultural produce and to provide for other related matters.



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President vs ex-President? New twists and turns in South African politics

By Victoria O'Regan

SOUTH African Presidency said on Friday that it will not waste time considering former president Jacob Zuma's "illogical demands" for President Cyril Ramaphosa to remove Chief Justice Raymond Zondo from his post.

"Beneath Mr Zuma's guise of a self-proclaimed and righteous guardian of our constitutional democracy is a contemptuous denial of President Ramaphosa's leadership of the governing party and the country," Presidency spokesperson, Vincent Magwenya told Daily Maverick.

"Mr Zuma continues to demonstrate his scornful attitude towards democratic processes that do not pander to his desires and whims. His decision towards the country's democratic institutions and legal processes continues unabated and knows no boundaries," he continued.

The Presidency's response comes after Zuma, through his lawyers Ntanga Nkuhlu Inc Attorneys wrote to President Ramaphosa last week, challenging the rationality of the appointment of Judge Zondo as South Africa's Chief Justice.

In the five-page letter, the ex-president's lawyers demand that Ramaphosa remove Zondo as Chief Justice before 11 May 2023.

Additionally, they demand that Ramaphosa provide reasons for, what they claim was an "irrational decision" on Ramaphosa's behalf to appoint Zondo as Chief Justice.

"Failure to comply with any or all of the abovementioned demands will result in our clients instituting urgent legal proceedings in the appropriate court without giving further notice to you."

Responding to the letter, Magwenya said that Zuma "could continue with another frivolous court action if he so desires."

The presidency viewed "this latest missive from Mr Zuma as another element of his broader harassment campaign aimed at the President", he said.

This is one of the former president's many offensives against President Ramaphosa, including a private prosecution where he accuses Ramaphosa of being an accessory to criminal conduct relating to the alleged unauthorised disclosure of medical information in Zuma's private prosecution of veteran prosecutor Billy Downer – who will be prosecuting the Arms Deal graft trial in which Zuma is accused number one – and journalist Karyn Maughan.

Zuma's attempt to drag Ramaphosa before a privately funded court was blocked by the Johannesburg high court in January this year.

Ramaphosa appointed Zondo as South Africa's Chief Justice

in March 2022, with Judge Mandisa Maya his deputy. Zondo had already been acting in the position for several months while Ramaphosa's decision was awaited. He assumed the post with 25 years of experience on the Bench, and is a widely trusted household name; consequence of his work chairing the State Capture Commission, Daily Maverick's Rebecca Davis wrote.

In the letter addressed to the President, Zuma's lawyers said that, "all the three nominees performed far better than Judge Zondo and he was determined to be the least suitable or an unsuitable candidate".

"It is therefore inexplicable and seemingly irrational that you nevertheless elected to ignore or overlook the informed recommendations of the JSC in making the relevant appointment."

Zuma's lawyers claimed that Zondo's appointment was accompanied by "ulterior, illegal and unconstitutional and personal motives" on Ramaphosa's behalf.

The ex-president's lawyers further accused Zondo of prejudice and having violated Zuma's rights by "making adverse findings against him in the report of the State Capture Commission, even though he unlawfully failed to give him a fair hearing." Additionally, his lawyers claimed that Zondo had "gratuitously insulted" Zuma by making "adverse, unjustified and irrational political statements" against him unbecoming of the Chief Justice when giving a recent lecture at the University of Fort Hare.

"Given the former president's publicly announced intention to challenge the findings of the so-called Zondo Commission, such conduct on the part of Judge Zondo constituted the proverbial last straw," his lawyers continued.

This is not the first time Zuma has unleashed a torrent of grievances against the Chief Justice. Days after Zondo handed President Ramaphosa the final part of the State Capture report in June 2022, Zuma claimed Zondo harboured a "hatred" and "deep-seated resentment" toward him.

The Jacob Zuma Foundation spokesperson, Mzwanele Manyi had, at the time, threatened that Zuma's legal team would approach the JSC to institute wide-ranging grievances against Zondo while simultaneously asking the courts to adjudicate on the matters.

"The Judicial Services Commission (JSC) deals with complaints against judges. Mr Zuma can address his complaints directly to the JSC," Magwenya told Daily Maverick on Friday.

JZ Foundation spokesperson ditches ATM, joins EFF

The Jacob Zuma Foundation's letter demanding Zondo's re-



From left: President Cyril Ramaphosa. (Photo: Gallo Images / Brenton Geach) | Former president Jacob Zuma. (Photo: Leila Dougan) | Chief Justice Raymond Zondo. (Photo: Gallo Images / Fani Mahuntsi)

moval as the country's Chief Justice comes amid the Foundation's spokesperson, Mzwanele Manyi's decision to resign from the African Transformation Union (ATM) to join the EFF.

Manyi announced he had joined the Red Berets on Twitter on Friday, to "make a contribution in

freeing South Africa from neo-colonialism; rampant corruption; and to rescue the country from the imminent failed state situation."

Welcoming Manyi to the party on Twitter, EFF leader Julius Malema said his credentials "speak volumes".

The former head of policy at the

ATM was seen marching alongside EFF leader Julius Malema at the party's "national shutdown" march in Pretoria on 20 March this year, alongside other notable figures including former president Jacob Zuma's daughter, Duduzile, and leader of the African Radical Economic Transformation Alli-

ance, Carl Niehaus. Manyi did not wear any of the EFF's regalia, but a black T-shirt branded, "Shutdown".

Daily Maverick sent queries to Manyi but did not receive a response by the time of publication.

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(From left) Vuyolwethu Zungula, Julius Malema, Carl Niehaus and Mzwanele Manyi during their march to the the presidential compound in pretoria on 20 March 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

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NATIONAL MUSEUM EMPHASIZES CULTURE HERITAGE, TREE PLANTING

By Francis Kajubi

THE National Museum of Tanzania has planted two hardwood seedlings at the Dar es Salaam museum village as part of marking the International Museum Day 2023.

At the event which brought together almost 150 pupils from different three primary schools, some of the city residents and diplomats, the key message delivered was a call to the general public to plant trees as a way of fighting the climate change related crisis.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Noel Luoga, director general National Museum of Tanzania said that the commemoration provides a global platform for museum institutions to raise awareness in the role of preserving cultural heritage.

"The commemoration also targets at promoting education and fostering intercultural dialogue. It also helps in promotion of understanding on the value of museums in our societies," said Dr. Luoga.

He asserted that the day also promotes the principle of access and inclusion in museums by encouraging museums to reach out to diverse audiences.

"The day is an opportunity for museums to reflect on our practices and to share best practices with each other in terms of professionalism," he said.

He said this year's theme intends to demonstrate that museums are key contributors of well-being to societies and sustainable devel-



Part of the village museum at Makumbusho in Dar es Salaam.

opment. The event also emphasizes on cultural heritage and transfer to the young generation.

Deputy India High Commissioner to Tanzania Manoj Varma who graced the event as the guest of honor said that the museum is a true testament of mankind in Tanzania.

"I have planted two hardwood trees not only to symbolize the strong everlasting bilateral relationship of our two countries but also to portray the importance of planting trees in the eyes of children so that they grow up with the spirit of planting trees," said Varma.

According to him, planting trees is one of the best ways of protecting the globe from the threat of climate change that has attracted severe droughts in different parts of the world due to shortage of rainfall seasons.

Dr. Soumya Chavan, director Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center Dar es Salaam said that the event also featured the exhibition of paintings that represent Tanzanian culture.

"The unreaching experience

at the village emphasizes the importance of tree planting for sustainable environment protection," said Chavan.

According to the International Council of Museums (ICOM) Museums are key contributors to the well-being and to the sustainable development of our communities.

As trusted institutions and important threads in our shared social fabric, they are uniquely placed to create a cascading effect to foster positive change.

There are many ways in which museums can contribute to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals: from supporting climate action and fostering inclusivity, to tackling social isolation and improving mental health.

It states that all museums have a role to play in shaping and creating sustainable futures, and they can do this through educational programmes, exhibitions, community outreach and research.

Each year since 2020, the International Museum Day supports a set of Goals from the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.



Emilia Siwungwa (L), director of the East Africa branch of the leadership training NGO Toastmasters International, addresses a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday on its annual general meeting to be held in the city. She is with the organisation's president, Matt Kinsey. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Toastmasters in Dar to entice residents into joining the club for leadership skills

By Francis Kajubi

THE Toastmasters East Africa Conference (TEACON) 2023 starts today in Dar es Salaam focusing on international speech contexts and networking among other aspects as the international body president grace the event.

The Toastmaster International President Distinguished Toastmaster Matt Kinsey will be the keynote speaker of the conference that brings hundreds of participants from around the world.

The Toastmasters East Africa Conference (TEACON) is an annual conference that brings together the members of Toastmasters International in East Africa to central location. For the first time in the district's history, Tanzania is hosting it.

Kinsey will spend four full days in Dar es Salaam until Sunday meeting with key Toastmasters officers, engaging local media, making courtesy calls to key stakeholders in the public and private sectors.

"The purpose of the visit is to support the work of the East African district and club officers across the region

and promote the Toastmasters brand in Tanzania and the region," said Kinsey adding.

"I have learnt that to be most successful, you need to lead with your heart and not your head."

According to him, there is no finer program than Toastmasters for helping people build their self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

The Toastmasters 2023 motto is: 'We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.'

TEACON 2023 will be held in person and through a virtual gathering of over 400 members of Toastmasters International. The conference features keynote speeches and educational

sessions and master classes. The conference convener and Edge Life Skills Consultants Director and Curator Sarah Adhiambo told the press yesterday that the conference will shed insights on four speech contexts.

According to her, there will be speeches with evaluation context. Contestants listen to a test speech, and deliver well-structured feedback in a maximum of three minutes, highlighting areas of excellence and growth with clear recommendations.

Humorous context IN WHICH contestants prepare and deliver a speech with a maximum of seven minutes humorous speech that resonates with the audience. Table topics

context; contestants deliver a well-structured impromptu speech in a maximum of two minutes.

"There will be an international context in which contestants deliver a maximum of seven minutes speech with well-structured content and a meaningful message," said Adhiambo.

She asserted that winners of division-level contests will compete for the best speaker prize in each category. The winner of the international speech contest will also have the opportunity to compete at the regional and international levels and vie for the World Championship of Public Speaking.

Over Rwf3bn Nkombo boat to sail in December

KIGALI

THE highly anticipated Nkombo boat, with a budget of over Rwf3.3 billion (\$3 million), is expected to be fully operational by December 2023. This development aims to enhance transportation for the residents of Nkombo Island, according to the Rwanda Transport Development Agency (RTDA).

Nkombo Island, spanning 29.7 square kilometers in Lake Kivu, is one of the 18 sectors in Rusizi District, located in the Western Province of Rwanda.

Initially scheduled for completion in April 2019, as stated in the Auditor General's report on State Finances for the year ended June 30, 2022, the Nkombo boat faced persistent delays. At the time of the audit in October 2022, the boat's supply contract execution was only 56% complete, causing a delay of over three years.

The report warned that the project's anticipated benefits would be postponed if urgent action was not taken.

However, during the budget hearing for the 2023/2024 fiscal year held on May 8, Imena Munyampenda, the Director General of RTDA, reported that the boat's engine had already been shipped into the country, and progress was being made.

RTDA management attributed the delay primarily to budget constraints but assured that the issue had been resolved.

"We aim to have this boat operational by December this year," stated Munyampenda, noting that it would be completed by September, allowing for two months of trials and commissioning.

Additionally, Munyampenda revealed that the feeder boat, which would supply the main boat, had already been completed.

Boat Capacity
 According to the Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA), the large boat is expected to accommodate 150 passengers, carry six vehicles, 10 tonnes of cargo, and travel at a speed of 23 knots (approximately 42.6 kilometers per hour).

The feeder boat, on the other hand, has a capacity of 30 seats and can transport three tonnes of cargo.

Rusizi District Mayor, Anicet Kibiriga, highlighted the challenges faced by Nkombo residents due to the island's isolation. He expressed optimism that the boat would alleviate these difficulties and facilitate economic cooperation between Nkombo and other sectors, such as Nkanka, Gihundwe, and Kameembe.

Kibiriga emphasized that the boat would also enhance social events and visits to friends in neighboring sectors, while promoting economic cooperation, trade, and overall development in the district. The boat's potential usage in other districts, such as Rusizi, Nyamasheke, Karongi, and Rubavu, is being considered but requires further consultations with relevant entities.

Furthermore, the boat will facilitate the transportation of vehicles to the island, improving overall transportation infrastructure, as limited means of transportation had previously hindered car access to Nkombo.

In 2019 it was reported that Nkombo Island inhabitants will have better means to connect to the rest of the country, mainly the districts around Lake Kivu in Western Province, thanks to a new boat that the Government will provide them.

The boat is estimated to cost around \$3 million (about Rwf2.7 billion), according to the Ministry of Infrastructure. The island will also get another small feeder boat.

The 29.7 square kilometre island is one of the 18 sectors making up Rusizi District in Western Province. The Island, which is made up of five cells, is home to 18,700 people, Alain Emmanuel Muganga, its executive officer told The New Times.

Jean de Dieu Uwhanganye, the Minister of State in charge of Transport in the Ministry of Infrastructure, said that the small boat will link the island to the mainland in a safe and comfortable manner.

The bigger boat, Uwhanganye said, will enable to transport vehicles that would be needed on the island while generating income to the community through supporting development initiatives.

"The boat will mainly address safe and reliable Lake Kivu transport in general, particularly connectivity to Nkombo," he observed.

Capacity
 Uwhanganye said the big boat has capacity of 150 seats, and can carry six vehicles and 10 tonnes of cargo. It has a speed of 23 knots (about 42.6 kilometres per hour), meaning that it can take 4.5 hours to travel from Rusizi to Rubavu.

The small feeder boat has the capacity of 30 seats and has a cargo capacity of three tonnes, the minister said.

Muganga said that the boats will promote socioeconomic cooperation between the Island dwellers and other parts of the country, especially the nearby areas.

RWANDA, UGANDA SET TO DEEPEN ENERGY TIES

KIGALI

POWER trading between Rwanda and Uganda could start soon, Rwanda Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) it has been revealed. EDCL is a subsidiary of Rwanda Energy Group (REG) mandated to increase investment in the development of new energy generation projects, develop appropriate transmission infrastructure, and execute energy access projects to meet the national access targets.

Theoneste Higaniro, Director of Generation and Transmission at EDCL, said that the projects to enable power trading between the two countries include the Shango Substation and the Mirama-Shango-a 220kV Transmission Line, connecting Rwanda to Uganda with a length of 93.5km.

"These two projects are already completed and ready for power interconnection," he said.

Initial power trading through the lines between Uganda and Rwanda was planned to commence in 2020.

However, he noted that during the final testing of communication between the Shango Substation in Rwanda and the Mbarara Substation in Uganda, it was noticed that a communication booster was needed at Shango Substation for the signal to reach Mbarara Substation. "As we speak, the booster has already been procured and is on-site, only waiting for the engineer from the manufacturer to come for the installation. We expect that all installations and testing will be completed by mid-June 2023," he said.

The interconnection projects, such as the Shango Substation, are vital for regional power exchange and trading across borders, thus providing access to cheaper power sources.

"The constructed Mirama-Shango 220kV transmission line is a double circuit line with a capacity of carrying up to 400 MW; therefore, we will be trading up to the capacity that is settled between dealings of the two utilities," Higaniro said, adding that Rwanda can buy power from Uganda, as Uganda can also buy power from Rwanda.

Shango Substation was built to interconnect the electric grids of Rwanda, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Tanzania.

The substation has two line bays to interconnect with Uganda networks, two line bays to interconnect with the Northern Eastern DRC network through the Rubavu substation, and two line bays to the Western Tanzania network through the Regional Rusumo Falls hydropower plant.

Now, the Shango substation is ready for interconnection with the Uganda network, and the two other networks, one from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the other from Tanzania, will also be interconnected once completed, officials said.

The project seeks to improve the living conditions of the people and the quality of the socio-economic development environment of the region, based on the availability

of affordable electricity and increased access to electricity through cross-border electric power trade.

Rwanda aims to have 44 substations by 2024 and generate 556 MW to meet the rapidly growing demand from the industrial sector, and to achieve 100 per cent access to electricity.

The interconnection project is one of the strategies in place to ensure that the country will meet future demand, according to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

The Shango Substation was constructed with the support of development partners, particularly the African Development Bank, the German government through KfW, and the government of the Netherlands. The total estimated cost of the project is \$14.8 million.

The construction of the Shango Substation falls within the Power Interconnection Program, which aims to interconnect the electric grids of the Nile Equatorial Lakes (NEL) countries, including Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda.

"The commissioning of the Uganda-Rwanda line awaits the installation of communication boosters on the Rwandan side," Uganda's Energy Ministry Permanent Secretary, Irene Pauline Batebe, told The East African recently.

Richard Okou, the technical director of Uganda's Electricity Regulatory Authority, said that both sides are awaiting the installation of adequate electrical equipment and a communication link.

The two countries have been exchanging power at the Cyanika border since 1995, which serves Kisoro in Uganda and Gatuna.

Both countries produce more power than they can consume, but they are constrained by low-power distribution networks. The regional project consists of constructing 930km of overhead transmission lines with 17 substations, and the implementation is ongoing.

Shango substation, a new power transmission facility worth Rwf13.8 billion launched in Gasabo District on Thursday will connect Rwanda and the rest of the region and expand the country's electricity market, officials said on Thursday.

The facility, the largest in the country so far, has the capacity to transmit 220/110 kilovolts.

It will enable Rwanda to receive and share power with Uganda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where there is currently poor infrastructure.

Currently, the facility whose construction took seven months has two transmission lines to interconnect with Uganda through Mirama Hills, and north eastern DRC network through Rubavu substation.

Two more other lines will interconnect Rwanda to the western Tanzania network and Burundi through the regional Rusumo Falls hydropower project, which is currently under development.

The Minister of Infrastructure, Claver Gatete believes the project will be vital for regional power exchange and trading across borders, as well as significantly accelerate



access to cheaper power sources.

"This is the first international substation that we have, linking us to the neighbouring countries. It has a high voltage of 220 kilovolts which we need for the entire region to be able to interconnect in terms of energy," he said.

Rwanda is pursuing a number of power generation projects, one of which is the 70-megawatt peat to power project in Gisagara District expected to complete in July next year, and 56-megawatt Shema Power Lake Kivu to be completed in 2021.

Once this power is added on grid, Gatete said, it will be transported by the high voltage facilities like Shango substation to be supplied not just domestically but to other countries.

The Minister said Rwanda's growing industrial sector increases energy demands, and that the interconnection project is one of the strategies to make sure the country meets that increasing demand.

The inauguration of the new power station brings the total sub-

stations countrywide to 28 with a target to have 44 by 2024.

Similarly, the installed capacity today is 225.5 megawatts with a target of having 556 megawatts in the same period.

It is part of the Power Interconnection Programme aiming at interconnecting the electric grids of the Nile Equatorial Lakes (NEL) countries, including Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, DR Congo and Rwanda.

The project is meant to improve the living conditions of the people, as well as the quality of the socio-economic development of the region, based on the availability of affordable electric energy.

It is a result of the partnership between Rwanda, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the KfW Development Bank (German government-owned development bank).

Martha Phiri, AfDB Country Director, stated that the new substation is among many energy projects the bank is funding, designed to promote the regional electricity inte-

gration and availability of affordable power.

"It will facilitate the country's access to surplus power from the regional market, so as to reduce reliance on fossil fuel generated power which is expensive. This could eventually benefit consumers in Rwanda through increased availability and reliability of power," she said.

Phiri added that it was also aligned with the bank's five priorities of lighting up and powering Africa, a reason AfDB is currently financing several projects in the country at a tune of euros 400 million.

Germany Ambassador to Rwanda, Thomas Kurz highlighted that the project is one of the strategic areas his government supports to facilitate regional interconnection of electricity grids.

"By increasing the stability of availability and affordability of electric energy in communities, this project seeks to improve the living conditions of the people as well as socio-economic development of the region," he said.

Manufacturers challenge govt over recession in sector

LAGOS

THE Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, MAN, has warned that the country's manufacturing sector is in acute recession, adding that the 2023 Fiscal Policy Measures (FPM) recently released by the Federal Government may lead to the total collapse of the sector, especially the non-alcoholic beverages sub-sector.

In a statement made available to Vanguard yesterday, MAN President, Francis Meshioye, said the exponential increase in excise duty in the 2023 FPM is coming at a time when

the manufacturing sector was already immersed in unprecedented crisis.

His words: "The increase is coming at a time when the manufacturing sector is immersed in unprecedented crisis and an acute recession, due to extraordinary challenges, namely: sustained scarcity of naira (which has led to a crash in consumer purchases); limited access to foreign exchange (which has led industry to purchase foreign exchange from the parallel market, thereby increasing costs); record inflation (which further drive-up cost of operation and prices of products) and a struggling economy."

"These extraordinary challenges have led to a massive decline of 169% in profit before tax for the brewing sector in Q1 2023. Industry turnover for non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco declined by 15%, while gross profit and profit before tax

declined by 31% and 96% within the same period, respectively.

"The Naira scarcity and limited access to foreign exchange have exacerbated the continued impact of systemic challenges such as high cost of operations, multiplicity of taxes, limited electric power supply and infrastructural challenges.

"For instance, the Nigerian manufacturing sector recorded a 36% downturn in profit margins from 2021 to 2022 and over 400% increase in energy costs, further constraining growth of the sector.

"In addition, the tobacco sector has actively begun to reduce its export production from Nigeria as it has over N39 billion trapped in Export Expansion Grant incentive not yet released to it by the federal government to manage its operations. Thus, this is not the time to impose additional increases in excise."

Meshioye further stated that the manufacturing sector has been struggling with crashing sales, mainly attributable to the sustained naira scarcity.

He added, "A continuing decline in sale volumes will necessitate production cuts and a re-evaluation of investments in the sector.

"Specifically, if sales proceeds can no longer sustain business overheads and operating expenses, businesses will be forced to scale down their operations which would result in factory closures, job losses, a decline in exports and much more."



PPI: Siemens to review investment agreement

LAGOS

THERE were strong indications, yesterday, that Nigeria's next administration and Siemens Energy will have to review the agreement governing the implementation of the nation's Presidential Power Initiative, PPI, as it has become impossible to complete the project under the current plan.

Under the PPI implementation agreement signed by Siemens Energy and the Bureau of Public Enterprises, in the presence of President Muhammadu Buhari on July 22, 2019, the initiative was structured in three phases from about 5,000 MW to 7,000 MW by 2021, increase capacity to 11,000 MW by 2023 and 25,000 MW by 2025.

Investigation by Vanguard showed that these timelines have not been met, due to many issues and problems, including the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2019 and 2020, which disrupted manufacturing globally as well as prolonged delays of imported components at the Lagos port.

It was gathered that of the 10 transformers Siemens Energy shipped to Nigeria; two were released and installed while eight were yet to be cleared from the Lagos port.

A reliable source close to the project, who pleaded anonymity, said: "The original manufacturing, shipping, installation and inauguration timelines are no longer relevant. This has also affected costing and requires review. The next administration

should and Siemens Energy should review the project."

Also exclusively to Vanguard, the Managing Director of FGN Power Company, Mr. Kenny Anuwe, that put phase one implementation at 80 per cent, stated:

"The Pilot Project is a quick-win intervention strategy, which will unlock immediate constraints in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) through the deployment of Ten (10) Power Transformers and Ten (10) Mobile Substations across the country.

"FGN Power Company has received delivery of about 80% of the equipment for the pilot projects, which are being deployed to critical sites across the country to improve power transmission capacity. Some of the sites include Apo, Ajah, Okene, Nike Lake, Kwanar Dangora, Maryland, Omouaran, Ojo, Amukpe, Ihovbor, Potiskum, Bimin Kebbi, amongst others.

"The successful implementation of projects under Phase 1 will culminate in the delivery of an additional 2000MW, 2 million new connections to the national grid, training of over 5000 engineers to operate the system network, and improved electricity access to millions of Nigerians.

"The installation of the 60MVA Siemens power transformer at Apo Transmission Substation, Abuja was widely publicized, and it is enough evidence that the project is going and will continue to deliver upgraded and expanded electricity supply for the socio-economic benefit of Nigerians."



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RWANDA LAUNCHES COOPERATION GOVERNANCE CENTRE

KIGALI

RWANDA Cooperation, on May 17, launched the Rwanda Cooperation Governance Centre. The former acts as a hub for foreign partners interested in understanding the innovative development initiatives (home-grown initiatives and good practices) that have propelled Rwanda's transformational journey.

"In an effort to advance the implementation of the SDGs and African Agenda 2063, the establishment of this knowledge centre will serve as a platform for knowledge sharing for all foreign parties interested in learning more about Rwanda's experience and expertise through study visits and coordination of training programmes on various themes and subjects," said Christine Nkulikiyinka, CEO of Rwanda Cooperation.

The hub will also serve as a space for national, regional, and international events and conferences for all stakeholders involved in South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

She stated that the centre has fully equipped conference rooms to accommodate a large number of foreign visiting delegations seeking to benchmark and learn from Rwanda.

"It signifies a milestone in our collective pursuit of promoting opportunities for greater exchange of knowledge, and it stands as a catalyst for innovative ideas for even better governance," she noted.

At the inauguration of the centre, the International Training Centres for Local Authorities and Local Actors Network (CIFAL) Kigali was also launched to serve as a gateway into Rwanda's experience and expertise in various fields related to multilateral diplomacy and development cooperation, with Rwanda as a case study.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vincent Biruta, reiterated that the governance centre will serve as a hub of learning, a place where ideas are shared, and an opportunity to learn about Rwanda's innovative development initiatives.

"Throughout history, centres of knowledge and excellence have been



Christine Nkulikiyinka, the newly appointed CEO of the Rwanda Cooperation Initiative

of great importance. They are homes to ideas that change the world, to the starting points of revolution, science, technology, and philosophy. We believe that the newly unveiled centre will continue to enrich the lives of generations to come," he noted.

Biruta said the new centre is in line with Priority Area 3 of the National Strategy for Transformation, and added that it is to strengthen diplomatic and international cooperation in order to accelerate Rwanda's and Africa's development.

"It is to strengthen diplomatic and international cooperation to accelerate Rwanda's and Africa's development," he said.

To be able to achieve this goal, he said, the government of Rwanda put in place a mechanism to promote Rwanda's home-grown initiatives that support development.

"Through the cooperation governance centre and CIFAL Kigali, we are creating a platform that will support our ongoing efforts to meet various targets and goals of the UN 2030 agenda and African agenda 2063," he added.

Ozonnia Ojelo, the UN Resident

Coordinator in Rwanda, commended that the home-grown initiatives should be embraced.

"It was recognised that Rwanda's home-grown solutions have contributed substantially to the ability of families to access health care, consume nutritious food, improve educational achievement and literacy, and in some cases decrease poverty," he said.

Five of the 13 home-grown solutions were selected for the National Human Development Report (NHDR): Girinka Program (one cow per family), Vision 2020 Umurenge Program (VUP), Community-based health insurance (CBHI), Imihigo (performance contracts) and Umuganda (community work).

He cited an example of collective work projects, and Umuganda's contribution to Rwanda's development from 2007 to 2016 is estimated at more than \$127 million.

"Another crucial aspect of the Rwanda Cooperation is the focus on human capital development. Rwanda understands that investing in its people is vital for sustainable growth and societal progress. The promo-

tion of gender equality and women's empowerment has been a fundamental principle of this initiative, leading to increased female representation in all sectors of society," he noted.

He added that the government's emphasis on national unity, truth, justice, and reconciliation has been a remarkable example for other countries grappling with similar challenges.

"The Rwanda Cooperation has shown that forgiveness, understanding, and collective effort can overcome even history's darkest chapters," Ojelo said.

Nkulikiyinka who served as Rwanda's diplomat for the past 12 years tweeted "with a deep sense of gratitude" thanking President Paul Kagame who entrusted her with new responsibilities.

Formerly Rwanda's ambassador to Germany, Nkurikiyinka, who studied in the same European country is a marketing and human resources management expert.

In an interview with The New Times, she said she valued the new assignment as a renewed opportunity to continue serving "our nation and people" and noted that she will dedicate all her energy and enthusiasm to the new office.

Asked what her plan is, Nkulikiyinka told The New Times that: "Guided by the ideas and principles that led to the creation of the RCI and leveraging my diplomatic background, I intend to build on the achievements made so far and; one, promote and strengthen the south-south cooperation which, I am convinced, represents an immense opportunity."

"We can do even more through highlighting the fact that our home grown solutions are really game changers, particularly due to the fact that they are rooted in our culture! In the process, exchanging on best practices is key."

Secondly, she said, she intends to win new partners in different fields, as "another priority on my agenda," as well as deepening good collaboration with all stakeholders.

Repair all collapsed bridges, not just Katonga, govt urged

KAMPALA

MEMBERS of Parliament have urged the government to repair all collapsed bridges and fix all deteriorating roads in the country, not just Katonga.

They made the plea during Tuesday's plenary session where they made submissions on the poor state of roads in their respective constituencies.

Led by Speaker Anita Among, the legislators said it was important that the government does good quality work while repairing the roads.

"Truth be told, the quality of work is poor. People just want to get and eat money," Ms Among said.

She ordered the government to provide a statement on how they are dealing with the current crisis of poor roads and collapsed bridges caused by flash floods.

Leader of Opposition in Parliament Mathias Mpuuga said he would wait for the government to give its statement and prepositions before providing his personal alternative solutions to the problem.

Mr Abed Bwanika (Kimaanya-Kabonera Division MP) said: "The route to Masaka is a connection to four nations that do trade in this country. That route connects Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and Congo [but] right now we are cut off."

Mr Geofrey Ssolo Kayemba (Bukomansimbi South County) said: "My issue is on the quality [of work] from the contractors. That bridge [Katonga] I think was rehabilitated in 2018 [but] as we speak now, it has been washed away."

Mr Ronald Nsubuga (Nakawa Division East) said the government should quickly resolve the issue of poor roads because of the effect they have on lives.

"I am an accident victim. I lost my leg and it was simply because of a pothole that was in the middle of the road. Government has spent over Sh570 million to procure for me an artificial leg, therefore, it is important for us to re-think our roads," he said.

Meanwhile, the National Unity Platform (NUP) Women's League has asked the government to provide alternative sources of income to the business community on the Kampala-Masaka Highway, whose activities were crippled by the closure of the road due to the collapse of Katonga Bridge.

Kassanda District Woman MP Flavia Kalule said several women who were transacting business along the road, could no longer fend for their families after losing their daily incomes.

These include roadside market vendors and other stop centres such as Kayabwe (Equator) and Lukaya.

"People were surviving on the proceeds from their daily sales along the roads. Government should find out the life status of the mothers who were vending eats and drinks at Lukaya market who have now spent a week without any earnings," she said during a press conference at the party offices Wednesday.

Kenya to roll out 1m locally assembled smartphones

NAIROBI

KENYA plans to roll out the first consignment of one million locally-assembled smartphones in two months at a unit price of Sh5,484 (\$40), in a bid to foster digital access and inclusion.

ICT Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo said the affordability of smart devices has been a major hindrance to digital inclusion, hence the need to produce the gadgets locally.

He said the low-cost smartphones are being assembled at the Konza Technopolis in Malili, Machakos County and will retail at \$40 (Sh5,484 at the current exchange rate).

"Based on feasibility studies undertaken, we can locally assemble smartphones at a unit cost of about \$40. We've partnered with the private sector to ensure in the next two months, we can roll out our first consignment of low-cost smartphones," said Mr Owalo during the official launch of the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) week at the Nairobi Safari Park on Wednesday.

"We are aware of the affordability crisis of smart devices as a potential hindrance to the ability of citizens to tap the full potential that this sector presents and we have actively engaged stakeholders in private and manufacturing to produce low-cost smartphones."

Media has asked for access to the assembling plant to independently verify the operations and have access to prototypes, but the ICT officials are yet to grant the request.

The CS also declined to reveal the exact firms assembling the phones. The CS also did not disclose the companies the government has partnered with.

The only firms the state has direct control of are Telkom and Safaricom. If the deal goes as planned, then the State will have found a way to rekindle hopes in the Konza City dream which has failed to attract enough investors to support its take-off.

In 2013, 14 firms expressed interest in the first stage of the Konza City project, dubbed the African Silicon Savannah, which was set to be carried out in four phases of five years each.

These firms included Safaricom and Wananchi Online- a Kenyan internet service provider. Foreign companies were Chinese firm Huawei Technologies, Korean electronics giant Samsung and Telemac of the US among others.

Attempts to reach the Principal Secretary for Telecommunication Prof Edward Kisiang'ani to respond to our questions on the firms behind the local assembly of smartphones failed.

In March 2022, Kenya inked a three-year deal, dubbed the Economic Innovation Partnership Program, with the Korean government to fast-track the actualisation of the Konza City dream.

Official data from the Communications Authority of Kenya (CAK) show that penetration of feature phones or non-smartphones is 68.1 per cent as of the end of December 2022.

Smartphone penetration in the country stands at 60.2 per cent.

"The number of mobile subscriptions increased from 65.5 million reported last quarter to 65.7 million during the reference period, representing a penetration rate of 133.1 per cent," said CAK in the latest quarterly report. The low uptake of smartphones, Mr Owalo said, has hindered the uptake of other government and financial services.

The government also plans to accelerate digital inclusion through an initial 5,000km of the planned 100,000km of fibre optic cable by June this year, a project partially funded by the World Bank.

The CS said Sh68.5 billion (\$500m) from the World Bank is meant for digital inclusion for fibre connection across the country.

"We have received \$500 million from the World Bank towards the digital transformation agenda, under the Kenya digital economy acceleration programme," said Mr Owalo.

"We have a target of rolling out 5000km of optic fibre by June 30. We have onboarded contractors and reached out to other government agencies including the Kenya Power and Lighting Company, Kenya Pipeline Company, Kenya Railways Corporation, Kenya Electricity Transmission Company and we're good to go."

Residents worry as Lake Nakivale starts drying up

KAMPALA

THERE is growing tension and fear in the sub-counties of Rushasha, Rugaga, Kashumba, Ngararama and Isingiro Town Council in Isingiro District as Lake Nakivale starts disappearing.

The situation is already making access to water difficult.

"About a week ago, we woke up early in the morning and found the lake waters are no more, the previous lake section now covered with thick papyrus and other grasses.

This has been our major source of water, but also for livelihood like fishing," Mr Asanasio Kambamu, a resident of Mirambiro in Rushasha Sub-county, said.

Mr Julius Bireme, another resident of Mirambiro, whom we found trying to dig trenches from the already drained lake near his farm, said they are going to face serious livelihood challenges.

"Right now, I don't have any sources of water for my animals. We are digging trenches such that we can tap some water. We pray that as the previous lake becomes submerged and covered with grass and papyrus, the water source does not dry completely," he said.

The chairperson of Mirambiro Parish, Mr Francis Kafeero, said the low water levels have affected mainly children and women. "Most of the domestic chores like fetching water in our communities are done by children and women, this was just a few kilometres away to the lake, but they will now have to foot miles away," he said.

He added that besides the long distances women and children endure to search for water, they also become victims of sexual harassment while some learners miss school.

Ms Kefeza Daudenta, a resident of Bijubwe in Kashumba Sub-county,



said the lake has been boosting livelihood programmes.

"I have been in the fish business for a long time. We would buy fish from fishermen here and sell it in the villages and trading centres. A single day, I would earn at least Sh10,000. I have been using the proceeds to pay for my four children school fees and meet other family needs," she said.

Bukanga North County MP Nathan Byanyima said communities around the lake, especially where the water source is drying quickly, need to be provided with alternative sources of

water. "I am going to report to the Ministry of Disaster Preparedness and Refugees and Parliament about the disappearing water sources. Right now, what is urgent is proving alternative sources like boreholes," he said.

Mr Byanyima said if the problem is not addressed, it is likely to fuel conflicts between refugees and the local communities.

The environment officer for Isingiro District, Mr Abdu Kamoga, attributed the water crisis to environmental destruction caused by human activities

"We are going to do an assessment to establish the cause of the lake drying up, but partly, this could be natural," Mr Kamoga said.

Affected population
 Isingiro is one of the water-stressed districts in the country and Lake Nakivale is the major source of water for domestic use and livestock.

About 150,000 refugees and local communities in the Sub-counties of Rushasha, Rugaga, Kashumba, Ngararama, and Isingiro town council, largely depend on the lake.

WORLD

Prince Harry, Meghan involved in a 'near catastrophic' car chase

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prince Harry, his wife Meghan and her mother were involved in a "near catastrophic" car chase with press photographers after attending an awards ceremony in New York, Harry's spokesperson said on Wednesday.

The incident involved "a ring of highly aggressive paparazzi" in half a dozen cars with blacked out windows, driving dangerously and putting the lives of the couple and Doria Ragland in danger, the spokesperson said.

"This relentless pursuit, lasting over two hours, resulted in multiple near collisions involving other drivers on the road, pedestrians and two NYPD (New York Police Department) officers," the spokesperson said in a statement.

The couple – the Duke and Duchess of Sussex – were shaken by the incident but otherwise unharmed.

The NYPD, which said it had assisted the private security team protecting them, made the incident sound less serious.

"There were numerous photographers that made their transport challenging," Julian Phillips, the NYPD's chief spokesperson, said in a statement. "The Duke and Duchess of Sussex arrived at their destination and there were no re-

ported collisions, summonses, injuries, or arrests."

The Washington Post quoted taxi driver Sukhcham Singh, who said he drove the group and a security guard for around 10 minutes before returning to the police station he had picked them up from at the security guard's request.

"I don't think I would call it a chase," Singh was quoted as saying, adding that two vehicles had followed them and come next to the car, taking pictures and filming.

"I never felt like I was in danger. It wasn't like a car chase in a movie. They (the couple) were quiet and seemed scared but it's New York – it's safe."

Pictures on social media show Harry, Meghan and her mother sitting in the back of a New York taxi which their spokesperson said showed "a small glimpse at the defense and decoys required to end the harassment".

Media reported the couple had switched to the taxi to try and shake off the photographers, after the car they left the Ziegfeld Ballroom in midtown Manhattan in was pursued.

'Highly intrusive'

The prince has long spoken out about his anger at press intrusion which he blames for the death of his mother



Prince Harry (right) and Meghan Markle, Duke and Duchess of Sussex visit the track and field event at the Invictus Games in The Hague, Netherlands, April 17, 2022. (PHOTO / AP)

Princess Diana, who was killed when her limousine crashed as it sped away from chasing paparazzi in Paris in 1997.

The couple's spokesperson said the chase on Tuesday could also have been fatal and involved paparazzi driving on the sidewalk, running red lights, and driving while taking pictures.

Those involved were confronted by police officers multiple times, according to the spokesperson.

Chris Sanchez, a member of the couple's security team, told CNN he was concerned members of the public could have been hurt.

"I have never seen, experienced anything like this," he said. "What we were dealing with was very chaotic. There were about a dozen vehicles: cars, scooters and bicycles."

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said he had received a briefing that two NYPD officers could have been injured in the incident.

"I don't think there's many of us who don't recall how, how his mom died," Adams told reporters. "And it would be horrific to lose an innocent bystander during a chase like this and something to have happened to them as well."

He said he would be given an in-depth briefing later, but that he found it hard to believe there would have been a two-hour high speed chase.

"If it's 10 minutes, a 10-minute chase is extremely dangerous in New York City," Adams said.

The Ms. Foundation for Women, the organiz-

ers of the awards ceremony where Meghan was honored for her work, said it was horrified by the episode.

"Everyone, especially the media, must do better," the statement said.

Buckingham Palace had no comment.

The couple, who live in California with their two young children, had been staying at a private residence but decided against returning there as they did not wish to compromise their host's safety, according to their spokesperson.

Harry has never hidden his dislike for the press, fueled by the treatment his mother received and by his own experiences, particularly when he was young.

In his memoir Spare, the couple's Netflix documentary series and TV interviews, he has railed against British tabloid newspapers invading his and his family's privacy – one of the main reasons he and Meghan gave for stepping down from their royal roles in 2020 and moving to the United States.

The prince is currently involved in numerous court cases in London where he has accused newspapers of using unlawful methods to target him and his family. While papers reject nearly all his allegations, one publisher last week apologized for unlawfully seeking information about him in 2004.

He is also seeking to overturn a decision by the British government to take away his specialist police protection when he is in Britain.

Agencies

Museums can act as mediums for global cultural exchange - PM Modi

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that museums are not just visiting places for youth, they are career opportunities and can act as the medium of global cultural exchanges.

The government, he said is continuously working to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the country and building cultural infrastructure. Prime Minister said that the focus has been put on building local and rural museums.

Addressing the inauguration of International Museum Expo 2023 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, the Prime Minister said, "Today's occasion will bring a huge turning point in the world of museums in India.

Museums are not just visiting places for our youth anymore. They are a career opportunity. They can act as the medium of global cultural exchange."

"Many of our manuscripts and libraries were burnt during the period of slavery, it was a loss not only of India but of the whole world and the whole of mankind," he added.

PM Modi said that in the Amrit Mahotsav, a new cultural infrastructure is being created along with efforts to preserve India's heritage.

"In the Amrit Mahotsav, along



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the International Museum Expo (IME) 2023 in the presence of Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy, Meenakshi Lekhi and the newly appointed Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi yesterday. ANI

with preserving India's heritage, we are also building a new cultural infrastructure. In these efforts of the country, there is also the history of the freedom struggle and there is also a heritage of thousands of years," he said.

He said that after Independence the right efforts to preserve the country's heritage were not taken and this led to it led to a lack of awareness among the people.

"Unfortunately, the efforts that should have been made to preserve our heritage after independence could not be done, the lack of awareness among the

people about the heritage increased even more... It has been announced that the main thing is pride in our heritage," said PM Modi.

Addressing the gathering he said that a museum has been built dedicated to the journey and contribution of all the former Prime Ministers of India.

"We have built a PM museum dedicated to the journey and contribution of all the former Prime Ministers of India in Delhi. Today, people from all over the country are coming to the PM Museum to witness India's development journey after indepen-

dence," Modi said. "We are building 10 special museums to immortalise the contribution of our tribal community in the freedom struggle. This is such a unique initiative in the whole world in which a comprehensive glimpse of tribal diversity is going to be seen," he added.

The International Museum Expo is being organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to celebrate the 47th International Museum Day (IMD).

The IMD theme for this year is "Museums, Sustainability and Well Being".

The Museum Expo is designed

to initiate a holistic conversation on Museums with museum professionals to enable them to evolve as cultural centres that play a pivotal role in India's cultural diplomacy.

The Prime Minister has also unveiled the mascot of the International Museum Expo, a graphic novel titled 'A Day at the Museum', the Directory of Indian Museums, a pocket Map of Karnataka Path, and museum cards.

The Mascot of the International Museum Expo is a contemporary version of the dancing girl made of wood in the Chennapatnam art style.

During the programme, PM Modi also inaugurated a virtual walkthrough of the upcoming National Museum at the North and South Blocks. The Museum will highlight and showcase the country's rich civilizational culture, historical events, personalities, ideas, and achievements.

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Chinese, Kyrgyz presidents hold talks, elevate bilateral ties

XI'AN

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday held talks with visiting Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi province, where the two presidents announced the elevation of the bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership for a new era.

Japarov is in China for the China-Central Asia Summit and a state visit.

Xi welcomed Japarov to China for the summit and the state visit. He recalled their two meetings last year, which produced important common understandings on China-Kyrgyzstan relations and cooperation in various areas. These common understandings are being implemented effectively, providing strong momentum for bilateral relations, Xi said.

Xi said Japarov has been working tirelessly to develop the economy, improve people's well-being, and promote reconciliation between different political forces since assuming office, which won him the support of the Kyrgyz people.

Xi expressed confidence that under the leadership of Japarov, Kyrgyzstan is bound to achieve new progress in all undertakings.

Noting that the China-Kyrgyzstan relationship has traveled a 31-year journey, Xi said China is ready to work with Kyrgyzstan to build a China-Kyrgyzstan community with a shared future of good neighborliness and shared prosperity, carry out cooperation in all dimensions, and contribute to the development and vitalization of both countries.

Xi said China and Kyrgyzstan should strengthen mutual support, particularly by giving unequivocal and strong support to each other on issues concerning their respective core interests.

Xi called for advancing pragmatic cooperation in various fields with joint high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative.

He spoke of the need to deepen cooperation to enhance connectivity and start the construction of the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan railway at an early date.

China is willing to increase the import of quality agricultural products from Kyrgyzstan and encourage more Chinese companies to invest and do business in Kyrgyzstan, Xi said.

Xi called for strengthening security cooperation to provide a safe and sound environment for jointly advancing Belt and Road cooperation and the development of the two countries.

Japarov said he believes that China will surely gain new and glorious achievements in various fields under President Xi's strong leadership and that China will play an even more important role in the world.

The China-Kyrgyzstan relationship is now at its best in history, Japarov said, adding that Kyrgyzstan firmly supports China's position on issues related to Taiwan, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and other core interests.

Kyrgyzstan supports the Global Security Initiative and the Global Development Initiative, and stands ready to work with China to jointly boost the security and development of the two countries and the region, Japarov said.

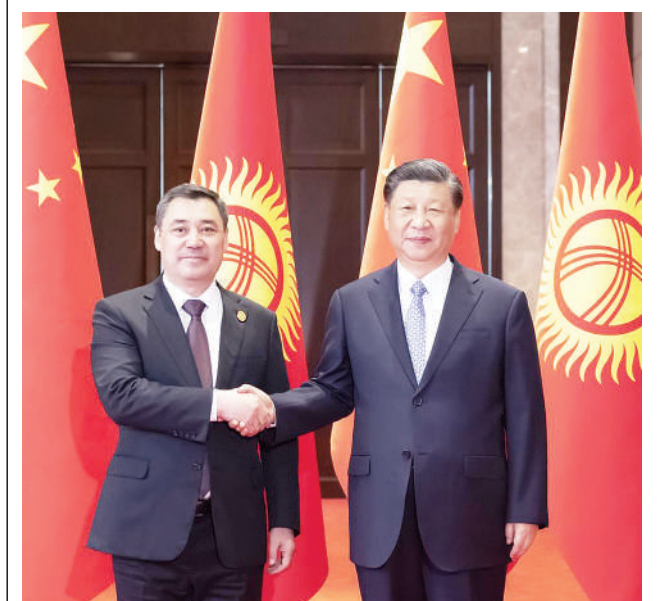
The Kyrgyz president said Kyrgyzstan will spare no effort in providing a safe and sound investment environment for Chinese companies.

He said the elevation of bilateral relations will take the China-Kyrgyzstan mutually beneficial cooperation across the board to a new level.

Japarov said he is willing to work with China to jointly build the China-Central Asia Summit into a new platform for forging closer bilateral and regional cooperation between Central Asian countries and China.

After the talks, the two presidents signed a joint declaration on elevating the bilateral relationship and witnessed the signing of multiple bilateral cooperation documents in fields such as economy, trade, industrial development and investment, customs, agriculture and culture.

Cai Qi, Wang Yi and Qin Gang attended the events. XINHUA



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov in Xi'an, Shaanxi province, yesterday. XINHUA

TOKYO

AHEAD of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Hiroshima for the G7 Summit, the Indian ambassador to Japan has said the two countries enjoy a special strategic and global partnership that was established during PM Modi's visit in the year 2014 with the then Japan PM Shinzo Abe.

"As you are aware, it is a special strategic and global partnership established during the visit of PM Modi in 2014 with his counterpart, the then Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

And now with PM Kishida (pictured), this relationship is getting reinforced," Sibi George, the Indian envoy said in an interview with ANI. The envoy said the city of Hiroshima looks forward to the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

India, Japan have special global partnership

who will arrive in the Japanese city on Friday and participate in the G7 summit and meet with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida.

He also said that PM Modi is going to unveil a bust sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi.

"Prime Minister of Japan, Fumio Kishida had invited PM Modi personally to come for the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, which is held in this historic city of Hiroshima. PM Modi will be here tomorrow to participate in the G7 Summit and also for bilateral meetings and a few other meetings scheduled during the visit," the Indian envoy said.



Speaking on the commendable work done by India after it assumed the rotating presidency of the G20, George said, "India, as the chair of G20 has taken a lot of initiatives.

As you know, there are more than 200 meetings scheduled to be held in India on G20 and there has been active participation from Japan in that meetings.

And when it comes to India's participation, India is here as an important partner, partner of peace, stability, security and economic progress."

Explaining the significance of holding the G7 summit specifically in Hiro-

shima at a time when the world is facing the Russia-Ukraine war, the envoy said, "Hiroshima is a city of peace. India is a country of peace.

And our position on Ukraine Russia issue has been well articulated by our leadership on various occasions, including in the United Nations when we were a member of the UN Security Council, that India stands for peace."

"Our Prime Minister has made it clear that this is not an era of war. This is an era of peace. That continues to be our position, and we look forward to active participation in the G7 Summit and also for other deliberations

and discussions," the Indian envoy said. The Indian ambassador also said that the Indian government is working on various initiatives to improve people-to-people between the two countries.

"As you are aware, recently we have launched this India-Japan era of tourism with a focus on connecting the Himalayas with Mount Fuji.

So that program is also under progress and we look forward to connecting with the community of the people to people connect of the two countries and of course the Indian diaspora in Japan," George said.

PM Modi will embark on a three-nation visit on Friday. During his six-day tour, he is scheduled to visit Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

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India leads G20, fueling Asia's economic ascendancy

NEW DELHI

AS the trajectory of rising economies shifts more towards Asia, the recent G20 meetings have come into the spotlight since December 2022 when India took on the presidency role of the same.

India's G20 presidency holds immense importance in advancing the notable accomplishments of the past 17 presidencies, given its status as the largest democracy globally and the rapidly expanding economy.

The G20 is held annually with a rotating presidency. The motto of this G20 meeting is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which translates to "The World is One (my) family".

Formed in 1999, the G20 comprises 19 nations and the European Union, serving as a platform for Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to engage in discussions regarding global economic and financial matters.

The G20 nations collectively represent nearly two-thirds of the world's population, 75% of global trade, and 85% of the global GDP.

In the aftermath of the worldwide financial and economic crisis in 2007, the G20 was granted the status of the premier forum for international economic cooperation by elevating it to the level of Heads of State and Government.

The G20 operates through two primary channels of involvement: the Finance Track, involving finance ministers and central bank governors, and the Sherpa Track. Leading the G20's activities are the Sherpas, designated as personal representatives of the leaders from member countries. These Sherpas are entrusted with the task of managing year-round negotiations, shaping the summit's agenda, and coordinating the substantive efforts of the G20.

India's top priorities during this G20 meeting will be topics such as Green Development, Climate Finance, Accelerated & inclusive growth, Progressive measures on sustainable development, Technological advancement & Transformation, Digital Infrastructure, Multilateral institutions for the 21st century, and women-led development.

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UN chief welcomes Russian decision to extend Black Sea grain deal

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday welcomed Russia's decision that would allow the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which allows the export of Ukrainian grain and other agricultural products from Black Sea ports.

"We have some positive and significant developments: confirmation by the Russian Federation to continue its participation in the Black Sea Initiative for another 60 days. I welcome this decision," said Guterres. "The continuation is good news for the world."

Outstanding issues remain, but representatives of Russia, Ukraine, Türkiye and the United Nations will keep discussing them, he told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York. "I hope we will reach a comprehensive agreement to improve, expand and extend the initiative, as I proposed in a recent letter to the presidents of the three countries."

The importance of the Black Sea Grain Initiative -- and the parallel memorandum of understanding between the United Nations and Russia on the facilitation of exports of Russian food and fertilizer -- is clear. These agreements matter for global food security. Ukrainian and Russian products feed the world, said Guterres.

Under the Black Sea Grain Initiative, more than 30 million tons of food have been exported. Vital food supplies are reaching some of the world's most vulnerable people and places, including 30,000 tons of wheat that just left Ukraine to feed hungry people in Sudan, said the UN chief.

The agreements matter because the world is still in the throes of a record-breaking cost-of-living crisis. And they matter because they demonstrate that, even in the darkest hours, there is always a beacon of hope and an opportunity to find solutions that benefit everyone, he said.

Guterres noted that over the last year, global food markets have stabilized, volatility has been reduced and global food prices fell by 20 percent.

"Looking ahead, we hope that exports of food and fertilizers, including ammonia, from the Russian Federation and Ukraine will be able to reach global supply chains safely and predictably -- as foreseen in both the Black Sea Initiative and the memorandum of understanding on Russian food and fertilizer exports, the implementation of which the United Nations is fully committed to support," he said.

The Black Sea Grain Initiative was signed separately by Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul with Türkiye and the United Nations on July 22, 2022. The deal, initially in effect for 120 days, was extended in mid-November 2022 for another 120 days till March 18, 2023. At that point, Russia only agreed to extend the deal for a further 60 days, till May 18, 2023.

Xinhua



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (R, Rear) speaks at a press conference on the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative at the UN headquarters in New York, on May 17, 2023. Guterres on Wednesday welcomed Russia's decision that would allow the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which allows the export of Ukrainian grain and other agricultural products from Black Sea ports. Xinhua

US banks rethink social media as a threat, not a marketing tool

NEW YORK

BANKERS are beefing up risk management, monitoring and emergency procedures around the use of social media after an internet-fueled run toppled Silicon Valley Bank two months ago and sparked turmoil in the industry.

In board rooms across the United States, executives are devising programs and plans to counteract online threats including rumors around the health of the banks that could lead to deposit outflows or weigh on the stock, according to seven banking industry executives and analysts.

The efforts, which have not been previously reported, underscore banks' urgent efforts to adapt to changing times, prevent depositors from sparking a bank run or stop online attacks on their shares by short sellers.

Lenders are taking action, rethinking social media's role as a potential risk rather than marketing tool, after tweets questioning SVB's financial health prompted nervous customers to pull \$1 million per second from their accounts before the bank failed on March 10.

"Social media risk was primarily reputational, but now it has led to deposit flight risks, which are existential," said Sumeet Chabria, founder of ThoughtLinks, a consulting and advisory firm that works with banks.

Greg Becker, the former CEO of Silicon Valley Bank, blamed social media as an "unprecedented" factor in the lender's demise. Depositors withdrew \$42 billion from SVB in 10 hours, he wrote in testimony to the Senate Banking Committee on Monday.

SVB's swift downfall stunned markets. On March 8, the lender announced it was selling securities and raising capital. As concerns about its financial health escalated, clients in the Bay Area tech industry tweeted about their worries and pulled out funds via mobile apps or online banking.



Former Silicon Valley Bank CEO Greg Becker arrives before a House Committee on Financial Services hearing on oversight over regional bank failures on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Wednesday. AP

The former CEO of First Republic Bank, Michael Roffler, also blamed social media for its collapse two months later.

"It has been a wake-up call for some smaller lenders who are now working on updating their emergency response and risk capabilities, along with business continuity plans to tackle this threat," Chabria said.

Bank executives and directors have ordered their companies to add social media

to risk-management programs, according to regional bank executives who declined to be identified because the discussions are private.

Risk departments "have been pulled in to detail out a plan which allows banks to measure internet-related risk, prepare for it and respond to it," one of the executives said.

"Nip it in the bud" Banks are also contacting customers who

complain on social media to address their issues quickly.

"We want to nip it in the bud," the second executive said.

What played out at SVB could easily happen elsewhere, said Greg Hertrich, head of US depository strategies at Nomura.

"Any bank that doesn't pay attention to their social media presence, and the effect it might have on deposit behavior is doing themselves, their stakeholders and most importantly, their depositors, a pretty significant disservice," Hertrich said.

Smaller lenders are focused on identifying who their depositors are and tapping into influential community members to counter any misinformation, said Lindsey Johnson, CEO of the Consumer Bankers Association, an industry group whose members hold \$15.1 trillion in assets, or about 68 percent of the US total.

Belt & Road Initiative conducive to Central Asia-China cooperation, says Kyrgyz expert

BISHKEK

THE Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is of "key importance" for Kyrgyzstan and other Central Asian countries as it promotes mutually beneficial cooperation with China, a Kyrgyz expert has said.

"Thanks to the BRI and the road transport corridors in the Central Asian countries, very beneficial relationships are being built between Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan with their major trading partner, China," said Sheradil Baktygulov, a foreign affairs consultant at the Kyrgyz National Institute for Strategic Studies.

"The BRI is very important for Kyrgyzstan since it is primarily conducive to ensuring food security in the country, providing citizens with jobs and so on," he told Xinhua in a recent interview, adding that the Belt and Road cooperation allows Kyrgyzstan to have access to sea routes through China.

By implementing the initiative, China can deliver goods via the territories of the Central Asian countries to the Middle East and Southern Europe, while the Central Asian countries can supply products to Southeast Asian countries through Chinese ports, he said.

The initiative, he said, also promotes people-to-people and cul-



This aerial photo taken on Oct. 27, 2020 shows the construction site of the second phase of the north-south highway built by China in Kyrgyzstan.

tural exchanges and deepens the understanding of different peoples.

"When we talk about the BRI, one must evaluate not only the economic effect but also the foundation that is being laid for long-term cooperation between countries and peoples," he stressed.

In Baktygulov's view, Kyrgyzstan sees China as "a good neighbour" and intends to strengthen its friendship and cooperation with China.

The China-proposed Global Development Initiative is fair as it takes into account the opinions, wishes and characteristics of all countries in the world, he said, adding that Kyrgyzstan supports China's peace initiatives "not in words, but in deeds" since peace is key to prosperity.

However, the expert is worried that some large countries located far from Central Asia are seeking to initiate processes that could lead to disruption of the peaceful balance in the region established over the past 30 years.

"China deserves respect and support" for contributing to peace, friendship and cooperation in Central Asia and for advocating mutually beneficial cooperation and peaceful development among all countries, he said.

"China does not force the Central Asian countries to take side in confrontation. It is a responsible country that respects the choice of the Central Asian countries, unlike the Western states," he added.

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AFP deserts its ethical obligations in handling Algerian news, persists in reserving coverage against Morocco

RABAT

AGENCE France Presse (AFP) deserts its professional, ethical and deontological obligations in the handling of Algerian news and persists, on the contrary, in reserving an incriminating and tendentious coverage against the Kingdom of Morocco, writes the daily "Le Matin" in its Monday edition.

In an editorial under the title "Flagrant offence: the French State News Agency (AFP) persists in exonerating the Algerian regime and charging Morocco", the newspaper stresses that it is increasingly worrying to note that AFP persists in sparing Algeria by reserving it, unlike Morocco, a preferential and most accommodating treatment and this, despite the adoption, Thursday in Strasbourg, of a resolution condemning the Algerian regime.

Recalling that the European Parliament (EP) condemned, last Thursday, by an overwhelming majority of votes (536 for, 4 against and 18 abstentions) Algeria, guilty of repressing the freedoms of the press and expression, as evidenced by the case of journalist Ihsane El Kadi, sentenced last April 2 to five years in prison, the publication writes that AFP had, in its news article on the incongruous EP resolution on Morocco, deliberately used very critical language towards the Kingdom, through presenting the MEPs as having "strongly criticized" and "demanded" action against the country.

On the other hand, adds the newspaper, the French Agency slips, in its news article on the resolution of the EP condemning Algeria, in a grid of language more

watered down, merely stating that the MEPs "have requested" and "called" Algeria.

"This different treatment in the choice of terms is intended to lead to a misperception of the real situation in the two countries," says the daily.

The newspaper notes that the contrast between the said resolution and the AFP article aroused the astonishment of observers, who point the finger at this systematic relentlessness and this blatant bias of the Agence France Presse against Morocco and its interests and wonder, once again, about the reasons for its bias while handling Moroccan news.

According to the publication, AFP's biased treatment of Morocco is in line with the French political and media pressure to soften the content of the EP resolution against Algeria.

In this regard, "Le Matin" explains that the usual maneuvers carried out in the halls of the legislative institution and in some European capitals have not had the expected success, to the great displeasure of some MEPs and other French political and media circles, which have visibly spared no effort.

The editorial, which recalls that French media of reference had stated, without being contradicted, that the presidency of the Renew group in the EP, close to the French power, managed, initially, to withdraw the draft resolution against Algeria from the agenda of the EP, specifies that this information has been confirmed to other media by two political sources within the European institution.

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Sudan's RSF welcomes mediation by South Sudan to end fighting

JUBA

SUDAN'S paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), led by Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, on Wednesday welcomed mediation efforts by neighboring South Sudan to end the month-long fighting with the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF).

Youssef Izzat al-Mahri, the political advisor to the RSF, said they are willing to implement the cease-fire agreed upon on May 11 with the SAF in the coastal city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

"We welcome South Sudan; we know President Salva Kiir has more understanding of the crisis in Sudan in general, and he has a role to

play to stop the war. We welcome the contribution of South Sudan in stopping the fighting and attaining peace in Sudan," Izzat said during a press conference held in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

Despite the two warring factions signing the Declaration of Commitment to Protect the Civilians of Sudan to facilitate the delivery of emergency humanitarian aid and guarantee the safe evacuation of civilians, heavy fighting as well as air and artillery bombardment continue in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital.

"We have agreed on a cease-fire to end the conflict that has now taken a month and two

days; as RSF, we have to play a role in implementing the signed cease-fire and the beginning of the political process," Izzat said.

He denied accusations that the RSF was using civilians as human shields in ongoing fierce fighting with the Sudanese military since April 15, adding that the RSF has been protecting foreign embassies and assisting civilians exiting Khartoum.

Izzat called on Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, the head of the SAF, to respect the cease-fire that was initiated recently by the two sides with mediation from Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Deng Dau Deng, South Sudan's acting min-

ister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, said Wednesday that Kiir called upon both parties to respect the cease-fire deal.

He said Sudan's neighbors like South Sudan, Egypt, Chad, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Eritrea, and Libya are currently grappling with the huge refugee influx across their borders.

"We are the neighboring countries to Sudan, and he (Kiir) talked on their behalf to give this appeal to the representative of the RSF, and also he has been communicating with Chairman of the Sovereignty Council of Sudan Abdel Fattah al-Burhan," Deng said.

SPORT



A music instructor from the Bagamoyo Arts and Cultural Institute (TaSuBa), Heri Kaare (L), conducts training for some members of the Sabbath church located at Mbezi Luis, Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

TASWA out to restore annual awards for Dar athletes

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Sports Writers Association (TASWA) has disclosed it is expected to bring back the annual awards ceremony organized by the association to honour the country's best-performing athletes.

The association's secretary-general, Alfred Lucas, stated the body's executive committee that met in Dar es Salaam on April 30 resorted to restoring the monthly Best Sportsman Award handed over to the best athletes in various sports disciplines in the past.

The award, Lucas noted, is set to be contested in July and the winner will be found the following month.

The official revealed the ceremony will involve all sportsmen and women now playing in Tanzania, whose sports are recognized by the National Sports Council (NSC), and Tanzanian sportsmen and women plying their trade outside the country.

According to Lucas, after finding a monthly winner for the whole season-2023/24- TASWA will organize the Best Tanzanian Sportsman Award ceremony for the year.

Lucas noted that the overall winner of the honour will be obtained from the monthly winners.

The official stated TASWA will also reward other sportsmen and women who have done well in all sports recognized by NSC in 2023/24.

Lucas disclosed that sportsmen and women should have competed either nationally or internationally and appear to be worthy of awards.

The responsibility of coordinating the

monthly awards, as well as the annual award, will, according to the official, be managed by TASWA Awards Committee which has already been formed and will be announced soon.

In another development, TASWA has congratulated NBC Premier League's champion, Yanga, for qualifying for this season's CAF Confederation Cup final.

Yanga booked a place in the continental showdown's final with a 4-1 aggregate victory over Marumo Gallants of South Africa in the semi-finals.

The last-four's first leg involving the outfits that took place in Dar es Salaam last week had Yanga hammering Marumo Gallants 2-0 and the rematch, which took place in South Africa on Wednesday, culminated in a 2-1 win for Yanga.

TASWA noted it is proud of the success of the Tanzanian team, reminiscing on a similar feat the country's other club, Simba SC, achieved in 1993- making it to the then CAF Cup showdown's final.

Lucas stated his association gives Yanga kudos for making the country proud and making the most of the motivation that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has offered to the country's sides.

The TASWA leader said the President was from early on closely monitoring the country's sides that were competing in this season's continental showdowns.

The official stated his association is confident Yanga will not be either complacent or satisfied with making it to the finals, instead, it will prepare well for the two final games against Algeria's USM Alger and emerge victorious.

training sessions for youths are important because the approach has produced many new young golfers.

TGU outlines plans for developing golf in Tanzania

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TO develop golf in Tanzania, Tanzania Golf Union (TGU) Chairman Gilman Kasiga has said long and short terms strategic plans are needed.

He said golf is one of the world's most well-known sports played in many parts, bringing together famous people.

There is, therefore, a need for golf stakeholders in Tanzania to vouch for cooperation to see to it local golf players battle it out in competitions outside the country.

"Strong, productive strategic plans are needed in golf to bring development," Kasiga pointed out.

According to the official, some of the strategies include exploring golf talents among youths and developing them, adding steps that have already been taken to work on the program.

He revealed TGU is adamant that golf

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We decided to test and affirm our youths' competence in the sport by allowing them to participate in the All Africa junior tournament held in Uganda to give them experience

SPORTS

Yanga in CAF CC dreamland, shrugs off its preliminary stage exit

By Correspondent John Kimbute

CITY rivals Dar Young Africans SC, also known as Yanga, and Simba SC have come within a whisker not just of the semi-finals of the continental tourneys but even having one of the titles in sight.

This was the big change in this year's tournaments, as neither club earlier expected anything more than a Group Stage appearance, as the sponsorship math is square with the group stage, largely. Nothing could be planned beyond that stage.

The reason is evidence that the higher one goes up the ladder of either tournament, the more experienced and well-resourced opponents are likely to be brought up, to an unavoidable undoing of a poorer club.

It is a well-known rule in football that the richest clubs do not always win but they are inevitably the sides to beat, as they have what it takes, routinely, to beat any side that comes their way.

The city rivals are not quite at that stage in continental soccer but are distinctively focused this season.

Yanga, dropping to the second-tier tournament, have incessantly been talking of a continental title since subduing Rivers United at the quarterfinals stage.

They then obtained a good result against Marumo Gallants in the home first-leg match, while Simba SC has never been in a position to talk about the title.

The Group Stage was in any case sufficiently hard to guard against any quick talk of clinching a spot in the quarterfinals, and when it was done, it was a matter of luck whom it had earned.

Decidedly indulgent commentary has been voluptuously crediting Yanga with its breaking 'the quarterfinal curse' into the semi-finals while casting their next street rivals in a negative stance for exiting at the quarterfinal stage.

This preoccupation with stages rather than the clubs the two sides met was sort of amusing at the very least, especially as Simba SC fell to the reigning champions only on a penalty shootout.

Eclipsing Rivers United and being eliminated by Wydad Athletic Club are not equal.

Yet that is the 'big lie' sweeping the city and even at upper organizational levels, to see Yanga as more successful, whereas their task next season is daunting from a psychological point of view.

While Simba SC has the luxury of trying to figure out how to keep the side intact instead of grey on the edges next season, Yanga still has to prove that they



Tanzania's Yanga midfielder, Mudathir Yahya (R), outfoxes South Africa's Marumo Gallants midfielder Lucky Mohomi (C), and fullback Lesiba Nku when the clubs took on each other in the return leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final that took place at Royal Bafokeng Stadium in South Africa on Wednesday. Yanga hammered Marumo Gallants 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

are not simply among the best 'also-rans' in this season's continental tourneys.

The only big club they faced, Al Hilal, beat them in Sudan after recording a draw in the first leg match, thus neatly eclipsed, which was not the case with Simba SC against Raja Club Athletic, then Wydad Athletic Club.

In that case, the sort of perspective emerging in Dar es Salaam that Yanga is Africa's title side unlike Simba SC is maverick, to say the least, but is anchored in a reasoned position, a sort of despair about making it to the Group Stage in the CAF Champions League.

In that mood of resignation, they then sink into a strategic brainstorming session as to how to win the second-tier tourney, if not this year then the next.

But assuming they can defend their 2-0 lead against Marumo Gallants, there is all likelihood of playing in the final, and who knows? They may as well excel against highly rated 'also rans'.

This farcical celebratory mood makes Yanga a bit of a misfit as presumed local league champions for they do not have continental ambitions in the proper sense of the term.

Simba SC has, on the contrary, shown that it can put up a redoubtable fighting spirit at that stage, as a 3-0 away loss to Raja Club Athletic was not emphatically repeated at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, popularly known as 'Estadio Lupaso', as it earned a goal.

The other Casablanca side, at a higher level of the tournament, just sailed past Simba SC after losing to the Msimbazi Street side in the first clash. Yanga ought to examine if they have a side to beat any big club next season.

This is the hard question that the mainstream soccer pundits and the fans especially are not posing, for the reason that the fan base does not want to confront the perennial accusation by their next-street rivals that they shake things at the local stage but are nowhere good enough at the continental stage.

This year's continental appearance by the side was essentially a repeat of the past in its demonstrated lack

of ability to transmit the preliminary stage of the top-tier tourney. They even detest it.

In that case, the city rivals are still tied down to the usual game of hide and seek, where Yanga is now celebrating huge achievements among those who failed to move past the preliminaries.

With this surreptitious achievement behind them, they will scarcely be under fan base pressure to rebuild or strengthen their side to sort of excel in the top-tier continental tourney, the CAF Champions League.

In that case, only Simba SC is in a position to think of such issues, but the climbing will be steep as the 3-0 and then 3-1 result shows clear weakness before a side like Raja Club Athletic, yet sort of stood the test with Wydad Athletic Club.

The Msimbazi Street side will seek an uplift but as it is tied to middle-level players on the continental stage, it will require plenty of scouting, and where necessary, raising the cash profile a bit.

The Tigers Queens' run fizzles out as JKT Queens clinch Women's Premier League trophy

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

FOR the third time in a row, Dar es Salaam-based women's soccer outfit, JKT Queens, has clinched Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL) title.

National Service-owned JKT Queens has also set another record, namely emerging the overall victors of this season's women's top flight without losing any match.

JKT Queens is now the official 2022/23 SWPL winner after thrashing Iringa's Mkwawa Queens 7-2 in a league match played at the CCM Samora Stadium in Iringa on Wednesday.

The army club's ultimate triumph in one of the league's last-round fixtures had the team notching 46 points, topping the entire line-up of 10-team SWPL.

Simba Queens, previous season's SWPL winners, settled for the runner-up spot in this season's women's top flight

having ended with 45 points.

Third-placed Fountain Gate Women's FC collected 41 points, while Yanga Princess ended fourth having recorded 34 points.

Mwanza's Alliance Girls made the top-five bracket with 27 points, whereas Baobab Women's FC took the sixth spot having collected 22 points.

Ceasiaa Queens took seventh place with 21 points, while the Amani Queens were positioned eighth after collecting measly eight points.

Unfortunately, The Tigers Queens of Arusha- also with eight points- and Mkwawa Queens of Iringa that notched three points kissed the Women's Premier League goodbye having ended in the last two places.

"Winning the league without losing a single game is not new to JKT Queens," a delighted JKT Queens' coach, Ally Ally, stated.

Ally pointed out they achieved the same feat twice in the past when he was a soccer coach at the National Service.

"I am very proud to have achieved this victory and going into records as the coach whose team has managed to stamp three consecutive triumphs in the Women's Premier League," Ally stressed. JKT Queens' skipper, Anastasia Katunzi, said the secret behind their series of victories includes unity, dedication, and the players' love for sports coupled with the spirit of competition and support from the National Service leaders.

"We are now starting preparation to participate in the forthcoming CAF Women's Champions League," Anastasia stated.

The skipper noted they were also confident that JKT Queens will make Tanzania proud with their anticipated victory on the continental women's showdown.



Players making Dar es Salaam's JKT Queens and the outfit's officials celebrate with a trophy once the club triumphed in this season's Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League (SWPL), cruising to 7-2 victory over Mkwawa Queens in the league's last round tie on May 17. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Pep Guardiola: 'The Treble is there now - we can think about it'

By James Ducker

PEP Guardiola told his players to "visualise" winning the treble after hailing the greatest performance of his seven-year reign as Manchester City manager.

City crushed Real Madrid 4-0 at the Etihad Stadium to reach a second Champions League final in three years after channelling the "pain" of last season's agonising defeat to the Spanish giants.

Inter Milan now stand between them and an elusive first European Cup in Istanbul on June 10, when Guardiola's men could also become only the second English side in history to win the treble.

City will clinch a fifth Premier League title in six seasons if they beat Chelsea on Sunday - assuming Arsenal do not first gift them the trophy by losing at Nottingham Forest the day before - and also face Manchester United in the FA Cup final next month.

And Guardiola has urged his players to seize the chance to become history makers.

"We are there now and the players can think about it, visualise it," he said. "We are three games away. One in each competition. We can do it."

"We need to win one more game in the Premier League, then we have our neighbours in the Cup and a Champions League final against an Italian side."

"The pleasure of being there and playing against Inter Milan is incalculable and we are going to enjoy the occasion."

City's stunning victory over Real - which Guardiola described as "the highest" of his tenure at the club - came 12 months after a dra-

matic late semi-final collapse at the Bernabeu.

"We still had that pain in our stomach from last year and we brought it all out today... we had the energy after so much pain last year," he said.

"It was so hard and tough last season when we played quite similar to today and I remember Toni Kroos gave an interview saying they could have lost 10-1 or 10-2 [in the first leg] at the Etihad."

"Kroos is one of the best players I have ever seen and trained and when he says that it means we were there and it was really tough losing the way we lost. In that moment, we had to swallow poison but football and sport always gives you another chance."

"When the draw was Madrid, I said 'Yeah, I want it'. I wanted it because I think today everything was there - the energy we had from a year of being criticised as players for not having character when we lost because it was football."

"Today it was there and I'm pleased for the whole organisation - for the chairman, owner, staff and especially all the players because we accepted the defeat and today we were there. "One year later, we are in the final of the Champions League. Football and life always give you opportunities if you don't give up."

Carlo Ancelotti, the Real coach, admitted his side had been well beaten but expressed no concerns over his future as manager. "No one doubts me, the president has been quite clear two weeks ago, there are no doubts about my staying on," he said.

THE TELEGRAPH

World Cup 2026 teams to be based in 'clusters' - Infantino

LOS ANGELES

TEAMS at the expanded 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be based in regional clusters during the early rounds to ease travel, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said on Wednesday.

Speaking in Los Angeles to unveil the official logo and branding for the tournament, Infantino said the move was prompted by the scale of the 2026 finals.

For the first time the next World Cup will include 48 teams - up from 32 - and will be co-hosted by three countries, another first.

"The challenges will be the whole logistics around it," Infantino said. "It's a continent - three countries and not three small countries either - three big countries."

"The distances, the time zones, the climatic differences too - altitude in Mexico, sea level in other parts."

"So for us it's important to create the right environment for the teams and the fans to be put in the best possible conditions."

"Meaning not having to travel too much, especially at the beginning. So we will create some clusters where teams will be based depending on the draw and then they will play their games in that particular cluster."

Infantino said travel, and the move towards basing teams in regions, had been discussed at a meeting in Doha last week of the 32 coaches involved in last year's World Cup.

"This was one of the advantages of the World Cup in Qatar, where a

player, one hour after the game, was in his bed," he said.

"(In 2026) there will be some travel involved but we will coordinate that and make sure that it will be the best possible conditions for the teams."

Infantino meanwhile hopes the tournament can build on the success of the 1994 finals in the United States, which helped establish Major League Soccer in North America.

Asked what he wanted the legacy of 2026 to be, Infantino told AFP: "That soccer will be the number one sport in North America."

Infantino's remarks came as FIFA rolled out a "green carpet" for celebrities and former players at the Griffith Observatory overlooking Los Angeles.

The gala event was held to unveil the official branding for the 2026 tournament.

Among the guests was former US international Alexi Lalas, one of the stars of 1994.

Lalas backed Infantino's pledge to base teams in regions.

"At the risk of 'grumpy old-man-ing' it, it's not like these guys are sitting in the middle seat in economy on a budget airline or anything," Lalas told AFP. "They're on charter aircraft all over the place."

"But having said that, we're obviously talking about six-hour trips, time-zone changes. For a lot of players around the world that fundamentally changes the competition, so a regional type of situation makes sense."

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Guardiola's masterpiece puts Man City on brink of ending Champions League wait

MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER City's time to conquer Europe may have finally come after Real Madrid were slayed by the English champions on Wednesday to reach their second Champions League final.

City thrashed the Spanish giants 4-0 at the Etihad for a 5-1 aggregate victory that exacted revenge for a dramatic semi-final exit to Madrid 12 months ago.

Pep Guardiola's men are not just closing in on the trophy the club's owners have desired since an Abu Dhabi backed takeover in 2008 began pouring billions of pounds of investment into the club.

Victory against Inter Milan in Istanbul next month could complete a treble of Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League, matching local rivals Manchester United's historic achievement in 1998/99.

A fifth league title in six seasons appears a foregone conclusion with City needing a maximum of three points from their final three games.

United will have their chance to protect their record as the only English club to do the treble in the first ever Manchester derby FA Cup final on June 3.

But City appear to have cleared the biggest hurdle standing between them and immortality by killing off the Champions League monster that is Madrid.

Carlo Ancelotti's men produced a series of thrilling escape acts to win the competition for the 14th time last season.

This time City made sure to twist the knife when they had the defending champions on the floor.

"It was so painful last season," added Guardiola. "We had what hap-



Bernardo Silva tormented Real Madrid and scored two of Manchester City's four goals.

pened in our stomach for one year. I think today everything came out."

- Courtois denies Haaland -

The collective brilliance of Guardiola's side shone through on a night when stars Erling Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne were kept scoreless.

Only a hat-trick of stunning saves by Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to deny Haaland his 53rd goal of the season saved the visitors from a historic humbling.

Bernardo Silva's first-half double was the least City deserved from a near flawless first-half.

Even when they took their foot off the gas after the break, Manuel Akanji's deflected goal and Julian Alvarez's cool finish in stoppage time gave the scoreline a fair reflection.

Guardiola said on the eve of the game that his legacy in Manchester was "already exceptional".

But a failure to win the Champions League at City has always been a stick to beat the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich boss.

Guardiola's last lifted the European Cup 11 years ago, with a 3-1 win over Manchester United at Wembley the high point of his glorious four-year spell in charge of Barca.

Seven years into his reign at the Etihad, City got their equivalent as the might of Madrid were made to look mediocre.

"One of the highest," said Guardiola on where the performance ranked in his managerial career.

The style, as much of as the success, of that Barcelona team was why City

built an entire sporting structure to lure Guardiola to the Etihad.

His former colleagues at the Catalan giants Ferran Soriano and Txiki Begiristain were installed as the club's CEO and sporting director to entice Guardiola to England.

The marriage of seemingly infinite resources from the Gulf and one of the greatest managers the game has ever seen is bearing fruit.

"You cannot always win, but you can try," said Guardiola. "We have elevated this club to be there every year. This is what makes a big team, that come May or June you are always there fighting for titles."

Already the dominant force in English football, City stand just one match away from finally scratching their Champions League itch.

AFP

Watching Pep Guardiola is to savour the work of a footballing virtuoso

By Oliver Brown

IT takes a particular kind of sorcerer to reduce Real Madrid, the lordly silk-stockings of the Champions League, to a pitiful collection of rag dolls. It takes a choreographer so masterful, so obsessive, so utterly impossible to satisfy that even Kevin De Bruyne feels compelled to tell him to shut up, to swat aside the 14-time winners with such elan that there is barely even a moment of jeopardy. It takes a virtuoso called Pep Guardiola, who is now barrelling towards the singular feat of winning a treble with two different teams.

All through Guardiola's 12-year wait to seize a third European crown, the cavil has been that he could not do so without Lionel Messi. This remorseless filleting of the reigning champions laid bare the fatuousness of that logic for all to see. Give Guardiola the tools and he will deliver you a masterpiece. The composition might be painstaking, but the product is always worth the wait. Just ask Jack Grealish, or Erling Haaland, or any of the Manchester City players who have thrived so spectacularly under the care of the game's ultimate perfectionist.

As the blue-and-white flags fluttered in unison in the euphoric aftermath, the stadium announcer took a moment to record how Guardiola had reached 100 Champions League wins in just 160 games, by far the fewest of any manager. Carlo Ancelotti, whose Real side were vanquished so ruthlessly here, had needed 180. Sir Alex Ferguson? 184. It is a measure of the company that Guardiola is leaving in his wake. Should he extend his contract at City beyond 2025, he could yet command a category of greatness all his own.

Guardiola specialises in slaughters of the aristocrats in all-white. At Barcelona, the apogee was a 5-0 shredding in 2010 of Jose Mourinho's Real, a sparkling evening when Messi consigned Cristiano Ronaldo to impotent fury, and when crowing Catalan fans held up all five fingers to drive home the margin of victory. This occasion also earned its place in the canon of Guardiola's greatest nights. For it was a performance forged in his own image: frantic, unrelenting, unconditional in its commitment to the highest aesthetic standards.



Pep Guardiola, Manager of Manchester City, celebrates during the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg match between Manchester City FC and Real Madrid at Etihad Stadium on May 17, 2023 in Manchester, England.

Such levels have never been reached in English football before. Never mind struggling to escape their own half, Real could hardly advance beyond their own defensive third in the first half, with each Thibaut Courtois clearance triggering a fresh sky-blue swarm. At times, Guardiola seemed to be asking City supporters for more, to encourage them to appreciate the beauty of what they were watching. And with good reason, as his players pressed, countered, overlapped and tracked back as if their careers depended on it, leaving their ageing Real opponents in a befuddled daze.

Studying Guardiola on the touchline is a psychological seminar in itself. He harangues, he hectors, he harrumphs, mostly at lapses so tiny that they are all but invisible to those lacking his omniscience. One rare heavy touch by De Bruyne was enough for him to stalk back towards the dugout in molten rage. It is exhausting to look at, let alone to experience, but you sense his stars would not have it any other way. De Bruyne and his manager shared a tender embrace when the Belgian finally made way for Phil Foden, as if mutually acknowledging how their masterplan had come to fruition.

There are elements of the City project about which it is easy to be cynical: the state-backed largesse, the Tunnel Club ostentation, those pesky 115 alleged financial irregularities, all vigorously denied. But Guardiola is not one of them. He is a leader of the purest pedigree, a manager of such devilish tactical astuteness and such a magnetic cult of personality that he elevates everything he touches. Plus, he never forgets. He recalled only too keenly the agony of the two last-gasp Rodrygo goals that derailed the European dream 12 months ago, and he channelled it all into neutering the continent's most decorated club. "I had a feeling that we had a year of pain in

our gut," he said.

It is an attitude he needs to sustain until June 10, when only a limited Inter Milan stand in City's way. Anyone who values the hallmarks of genius should hope that he does so. A third title would draw Guardiola level with Zinedine Zidane and Bob Paisley, leaving him one behind Ancelotti. But these numbers alone scarcely do justice to the effect he creates. He helps propel Haaland to the status of minor deity in nine months. He nurtures Grealish so scrupulously that all doubts over that £100 million price tag have evaporated. And he times his substitutions so expertly that Foden, Riyad Mahrez and Julian Alvarez, three of the late entrants against Real, all had a hand in the fourth goal.

"We've got Guardiola," the City fans chanted, to the tune of "Glad All Over" by the Dave Clark Five. They have every justification for feeling glad all over today, for straining to believe their luck that Guardiola has chosen to devote the largest portion of his managerial life to their glory. The most daunting test for Guardiola was always to see whether he could conjure his alchemy outside Barcelona. He had his high points at Bayern Munich, but seldom in Europe. Now, at City, he is demonstrating to his last remaining detractors that he is no one-club wonder.

Of Guardiola's century of Champions League victories, 47 have been for City. How maniacally he will now dedicate himself to the task of securing No 48 at Inter's expense. The odds are overwhelmingly in his favour, and the accomplishment would be nothing left than his gifts merit. For to savour football in the age of Guardiola is, quite simply, the rarest privilege.

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Guardiola's masterpiece puts Man City on brink of ending Champions League wait

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Colourflex Man of the Match prize's winner, Rishen Patel of Azania Bank Upanga SC (R), receives the cheque from Aurobindo Company's Country Manager, Vipin Abraham, after the cricketer's team had taken on JiuZhou Gymkhana in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament tie that took place last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Azania Bank Upanga SC overcomes JiuZhou Gymkhana in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

AZANIA Bank Upanga Club made short work of JiuZhou Gymkhana, beating the latter by 48 runs in this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup match which took place recently.

It turned out to be the last game of the first match week of the showdown, taking place at Leaders Club.

Azania Bank Upanga won the toss and elected to bat first whilst the openers had to depart early, finding it difficult to deal with JiuZhou Gymkhana's tenaciousness.

Kishen Kamania and captain Vikram Rathore could not end with two-digit figures, having been dismissed by JiuZhou Gymkhana's Chakar Khan and Mohammed Yunus.

Rishen Patel's 53 runs (51) stabilized the innings with support from Maker Mukesh who posted 32 runs (23) and Sanjay Bom who made his way back with 27 runs not out (16) taking the team's total to 160/4 in 20 overs.

JiuZhou Gymkhana's bowling unit thereafter struggled to unsettle the opposition after having rattled the latter early on in the innings.

In return, JiuZhou Gymkhana struggled to chase down the 161-run target, as the team's captain Amit Raghuvanshi, who notched 34 runs (20), often found himself alone in the center trying to successfully help his club chase the total.

In the end, the game was relatively easy for Azania Bank Upanga who limited JiuZhou Gymkhana to 112/9 in 20 overs, winning the game by 48 runs.

It was Rishen Patel's bowling figure of 3-17 in four overs and Sanjay Bom, who posted 3-13 in four overs, who led Azania Bank Upanga SC's bowling onslaught.

For his all-round exploits, Patel was adjudged the Colourflex Man of the Match.

The late explosive innings and unplayable bowling ensured that Sanjay Bom went home with the Rickshaw Game Changer of the Match award.

The second game week of the Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup, which begins on Saturday, will witness Aurobindo Aga Khan SC coming up against Remax Strikers.

Both teams have started with a win and would want to build momentum. Flashnet Pak Stars would be hoping to bounce back against Ateem Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC).

Ras Logistics Caravans are set to play their opener against Remax Strikers and the clash of the weekend will be Sunday's last contest pitting Azania Bank Upanga Club against Aces outfit sponsored by E-Parking.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20-formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, Ras Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

Others are Azania Bank, JiuZhou, All Season Hotel, General Petroleum, Honeywell, Automark, Hisense, Oman Air, Ashton Media, Mo Assurance, Aucom & Harmonic, and Car & General.

Horizon Teleports, Aone Bottlers, Samsonite, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Euro Cables, VL Smart Solutions, Mobidoc, GI Logistics, Delta Africa, Samaki Samaki, and Tanzania Assurance wind up the sponsors' list.

Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.

The showdown's eventual winners had earlier made it to the final in style, garnering a comprehensive 100-run drubbing of DTB Gymkhana in the semi-final, known as the second qualifier.

Yanga hopes to retain Mayele

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's Young Africans SC hopes the outfit's striker Fiston Mayele will stay at the club this season after widespread speculation that he could be on his way to either North Africa or South Africa, the club's head coach Nasreddine Nabbi said.

South African media have reported that the country's soccer big guns Kaizer Chiefs are eager to sign Mayele.

However speaking in a post-match press in South Africa on Wednesday, Nabi revealed that Mayele has one more year on his contract with Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, and he hopes the club can keep him amidst strong interest for his services elsewhere.

The Belgian national of Tunisian origin noted: "I am happy for him and how he is performing. I signed him from AS Vita Club and I am glad he has repaid the faith I had in him."

"He has a year left on his contract and, of course, there is so much interest in him but hopefully he can stay," the tactician stressed.

The 29-year-old DR Congo international, who scored the opener and set up the second to send his team past Marumo Gallants and into the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final, has had another good season with Yanga.

His 16 goals carried Yanga to the NBC Premier League last season. He also guided Yanga to the Azam Sports Federation Cup and Community Shield title in his debut campaign after arriving from DR Congo's AS Vita.

After his exploits last season, the soft-spoken Mayele revealed that Kaizer Chiefs, Al Hilal of Sudan, and Raja Casablanca of Morocco wanted his signature, adding Kaizer Chiefs came close to signing him before he signed a contract extension with Yanga.

"It is true that Kaizer Chiefs expressed interest. There were also many other teams, but Kaizer Chiefs were close to signing me," the goal-getter stated.

"There was also Al Hilal of Sudan and Raja Casablanca. But all in all, I am still a Yanga player because I signed a two-year deal. One year is done and I remain with one year left in my contract," he said upon signing his contract renewal.

This season, he has scored six goals and assisted a further three in the CAF Confederation Cup.

His six goals remain the joint-highest any player has scored in the competition this far.

He has also scored 17 goals to top this season's NBC Premier League scoring charts and help Yanga defend their crown with two games to spare.

Yanga's Nabi sets sights on 2022/23 CAF CC title after masterclass against Marumo Gallants



Tanzania's Yanga winger, Tuisila Kisinda (R), negotiates his way past South Africa's Marumo Gallants defenders when the clubs locked horns in the return leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final that took place at Royal Bafokeng Stadium in South Africa on Wednesday. Yanga defeated Marumo Gallants 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's Young Africans SC head coach Nasreddine Nabbi says they are now setting their sights on winning the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup title and writing more history in Tanzanian football.

The Tanzania champions progressed to the final of the CAF Confederation Cup after they defeated South Africa's Marumo Gallants 2-1 on Wednesday, giving them an impressive 4-1 aggregate victory.

The Belgian tactician of Tunisian origin knows how it feels to win the CAF Confederation Cup - and that experience only enhances his wish to go all the way again this season.

Nabi won the CAF Confederation Cup with Congo's AC Leopards in 2012, defeating Djoliba Athletic Club of Mali 4-3 on aggregate in the final.

Nabi who joined Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, in 2021, has already seen the club lift the NBC Premier League and Community Shield this season.

The coach has now set his sight on lifting the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup title in pursuit of an unprecedented treble.

Speaking to the media after Wednesday's victory against Marumo Gallants, Nabi said he wants his team to go all out and attempt to clinch the title to make more history for Tanzanian football.

"I am very happy to take this team to the final. We are the first Tanzanian team to do so and it is a huge achievement for us. Now, we will try to win this Cup," the tactician said after the win.

Against Marumo Gallants, Nabi praised his players for executing his game plan to perfection which entailed not conceding an early goal that would have put them under pressure in the first half.

The gaffer revealed: "We understood that Marumo Gallants has a very good team and we didn't want to give them too much space."

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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12:00 KIPENGA XTRA
13:00 MJADALA (r)
13:30 Movie
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14:00 Movie
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mpera Mpera
15:55 Dandoo Za Michezo
16:00 Hot Spot
16:30 Zote Kuntu
17:00 SSELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 Kali Za Wana
18:30 #HASHTAG
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20:00 DADAZ (r)
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