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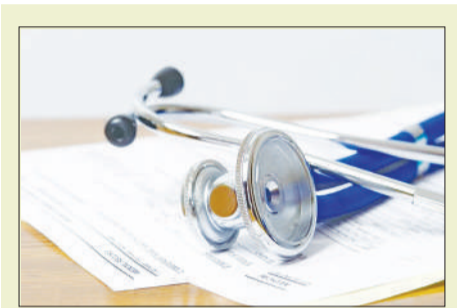
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## 450 doctors at free medical camp attending to thousands

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By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A TOTAL of 450 doctors and hundreds of other medical practitioners will this week be attending to more than 10,000 residents already gathered at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium for free diagnosis and treatments.

Regional Commissioner Paul Makonda organised the free medical camp that has pulled in thousands of people from around seven districts of Arusha Region in its first day of operation.

The camp will run for seven days, day-and-night, compelling installation of lights at the stadium, he said at the inaugural ceremony for the provision of free treatments at the open air camp.

Free treatment implies that should some patients need to be referred to advanced medical centers there is a ready transport facility, he said, citing a standby helicopter to airlift patients to the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (KCMC) in the nearby Moshi municipality.

The chopper has been provided by Kili MedAir Aviation Co. Ltd, with the regional authorities deploying eight ambulances to ensure mobility for sick people who may have to be rushed to hospitals, he elaborated.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan placed a direct phone call to the venue, thanking all stakeholders who contributed to the free medical camp for city residents, affirming that the government would chip in funds where needed.

She took time to speak to the residents who turned up for medical attention, through the call linked to the RC's smart-phone.

"I am sure a lot of funding has been

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# Treasury rejects replacing EFDs for Kariakoo traders



Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (4th-L) and his Industry and Trade counterpart, Dr Ashatu Kijaji (in head-cloth), have a word with representatives of members of the business community in Dar es Salaam's sprawling Kariakoo market zone shortly after a meeting in Dodoma city yesterday prompted by reports of mass closure of businesses amid charges of harassment by Tanzania Revenue Authority officials. It was earlier reported that the government had suspended the use of electronic fiscal device (EFD) and value-added tax (VAT) receipts in the Kariakoo tax region. Related photo on Page 2. Photo: Finance ministry

*"We want our complaints to be addressed so that business activities resume as expected"*

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has halted an exercise to inspect electronic fiscal device (EFD) receipts which was ongoing at the Kariakoo Market in the central business district in Dar es Salaam.

Prof Kitila Mkumbo, the Planning and Investment state minister in the President's Office, announced this decision at a meeting with leaders of the Kariakoo Traders Association and regulatory agencies in the capital yesterday.

In the meeting called by Finance minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and also attended by the Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji, he said that the EFDs work on good procedures in line with the initiative to install them.

Traders at the Kariakoo commercial hub commenced a strike with many closing their shops before reversing their decision after discussion with senior government officials, including Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila.

He arrived at the area and appealed to the traders to refrain from strikes and instead sit down and rethink about it, after the traders is-

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## Minister unveils public service digital systems

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA has become the first country in the region and among a few states globally that have set up an 'employee self-service,' where employees can access human resource services online, top officials say.

George Simbachawene, the Public Service Management and Good Governance state minister in the President's Office, made this remark at the launch of the system in addition to three other digital applications for improving operations in the public service.

Dubbed "e-watumishi," the app entails access to the public employees' performance management information system (PEPMIS)

and the public institution performance management information system (PIPMIS).

The systems replace the use of an open performance review and appraisal system (OPRAS), he said, noting that the systems are open, formal and systematic procedures.

They are designed to assist employers and employees in planning, managing, evaluating and realising performance improvement in an organisation, he said, asserting that Tanzania leads in that field of public service innovation.

It is above all other countries in the continent and is among the few globally that

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## Experts scan draft digital education plan for schools

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has developed a national digital education strategy to enable the integration of information and communication technology (ICT) in all levels of education.

Prof Caroline Nombo, the Education, Science and Technology permanent secretary, said at the opening of a two-day stakeholders' meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the policy is key to cultivating a well-educated society, equipped with competent skills.

The strategy is currently in a draft form, with views being collected from key stake-

holders, to create a sufficient guide for all levels of education while involving communities, investors, implementers, other partners and beneficiaries in the sector, she said.

At the stakeholders' meeting, participants will share their understanding of the strategy and the best ways to implement it, especially in promoting the use of emerging technologies in education, she stated.

The strategy is reflected in the new education curriculum, which embraces digital literacy among students and teachers, she elaborated, noting that implementing the

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invested in the medical camp,' she stated, adding that it will be a loss if people don't take advantage of this golden opportunity to have their diseases cured.

Interviewed doctors at the medical camp said that Tanzania has

been facing challenges of non-communicable diseases, mostly caused by modern lifestyles.

Other causes are environment and weather driven maladies like respiratory diseases, pneumonia and injuries suffered in accidents and workplaces, they added.

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sued a notice to stage a non-stop strike until the government ends unfriendly treatment from tax collectors.

The non-stop strike would have started yesterday at the Kariakoo area, then be followed up in Mbeya, Iringa, Ruvuma, Rukwa, Mwanza and Arusha major market centres, as well as other regional centres the following day.

In the meeting, the RC said demonstrations should not be considered as a collective issue but all sides sit and arrive at a consensus, urging that traders unite with the city administration to build Dar es Salaam.

Strikes are not a solution at all and we should not support such action as strikes will also affect innocent people, he said, while Martine Mbwana, chairman of the traders, said that their grievances relate to value added tax (VAT) returns.

"Our complaints are many, but the main one is about unfair tax estimations by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA). The tax estimation creates loopholes for corruption and it also hurts business people," he stated.

He urged fellow traders to remain calm and run their shops as the government was listening to their concerns, while a random survey conducted by this paper at the market found a number of shops in popular streets such as Congo, Swahili, Sikukuu and Tandamti core streets being closed with some trad-

ers standing in front of their shops to express their grievances.

Lucas Julius, a trader at the market, said that the traders have been patient on the matter for a long time and the government has been issuing promises which at the end it does not implement them.

Raheem Salum, another trader, said traders have been forced to close their shops to send their message to the authorities, underlining that TRA officials have been applying unfriendly measures when collecting returns, affecting their business development.

"We want our complaints to be addressed so that business activities resume as expected," he said, lamenting about being faced with multiple taxes.

Another trader, Fortunatus, said some of them opened their shops to listen to customers but also tell them the real situation, citing the fact that some customers come from upcountry and even outside the country.

Some legislators have demanded that the government provide concrete answers on the ongoing traders' strike at the commercial complex, as the situation poses acute risks to the country's economy.

Joseph Kasheku (Geita Rural) said during a regular question and answer session, stood up and sought for the Speaker's guidance on halting parliamentary business to discuss the traders' threats to strike so that the government takes immediate measures to address the matter.

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strategy requires a multi-sectoral approach in financing, management and coordination.

It similarly demands that internal systems be strengthened for improved capacity at the ministerial and institutional levels, as its benefits can only be reaped via concrete strategies and collaboration of all relevant stakeholders, she emphasised.

This is why we have consulted a wide range of stakeholders in the development of this strategy, from the public and private sectors to civil society and academia," the top administrator explained.

Praising current revamping and curriculum improvement, she said that the government needs to ensure that we produce graduates who will be able to initiate innovative tasks on the basis of skills attained.

This will greatly push the country's development as well as addressing unemployment, she stated, stressing competent college output capable of helping to push transformation in various areas in line with current technology and science.

Improved curricula support the provision of vocational education in primary and secondary schools to groom learners to later navigate the highly competitive labour market, she said.

The key is investing in infrastructure and creating a conducive environment to facilitate acquisition and usage of emerging technologies in digital education and training, she further noted.

The government recognizes the importance of ICT for improved access, inclusiveness, equity, quality and relevance of education given an interconnected world, where knowledge and information are essential for the development of society, tied to the ability to communicate, she said.

Children and the wider society must benefit from and contribute to social economic development in the information age, she said, underlining the need for preparing children to take advantage of the full range of ICT applications.

They range from radio, television, smartphones, tablets, computers to bring about smart classrooms connected to the Internet and using artificial intelligence in certain areas. That will build the foundation for a well-educated, knowledge society, she affirmed.

Ayoub Kafyulilo, an education specialist at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) acknowledged the importance of competences encompassing skills, knowledge and attitudes as increasingly vital in today's global economy, characterised by globalisation and rapid technological advancements.

He praised reforms to transform learning in Tanzania including curriculum reforms to promote equality and meet labour market demands, noting that this initiative will provide digital learning tailored to individual needs.

It will empower children to unlock their full potential and thrive in today's economy, he said, vowing that UNICEF will support the government in promoting the use of emerging technologies to enhance teaching and learning at an institutional level.

Grace Kunambi, a form four pupil at Mtakuja Beach Secondary School in Dar es Salaam, expressed the view that the initiative will help improve the learning environment, enabling pupils to easily access various learning materials.

Janeth Thobias, a second-year student at the Vocational Education and Training College in Chang'ombe area in the city said the strategy will greatly support schools to start using emerging technologies for better education outcomes.



Deogratius Ndejemi, Member of Parliament for Chamwino and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Employment, Youth and Persons with Disabilities), has a word with residents of the constituency who visited him at the National Assembly (now in session) in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Minister unveils public service digital systems

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have adopted such digital systems enabling employees to access services online and help employers evaluate performance of employees, he emphasised.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa had at the weekend presided in launching digital accountability and performance management systems in public service including e-watumishi, (PEPMIS, PIPMIS), e-mrejesho and human resources assessment (HRA).

Standing in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the climax of the public service week events and digital systems launch in the capital, the premier asked senior executives

and other civil servants to ensure that they prepare short and long-term plans and strategies on how to use digital systems to improve the provision of public services.

"These systems are new and will put pressure on underperforming employees," he said, citing the need for inspiration to ensure that the systems are fully used. Underperforming people do not have the opportunity to prevent the systems from being used in any institutions, he stated.

Public institutions need to strengthen the management and operation of the systems at the levels, including setting up a management and leadership team to ensure that the digital structures are fully

and efficiently used.

All public institutions need to ensure the security of the data and information so that they remain safe, as they hold vast sensitive information, in which case the security of information and systems to avoid privacy and cybercrimes is vital, he declared.

Top officials must mobilise and educate employees on the importance of the systems to improve public services and achieve goals set by the government, he said.

Each public institution has to set up systems for monitoring and evaluating the performance of digital systems, including monitoring performance indicators, reporting progress to higher officials and making

adjustments according to the needs of the time, he stipulated.

The CCM election manifesto directs the government to ensure that science, technology and innovations are fully used in running sectors to develop the economy, with intent to achieve middle-income status that is competitive and inclusive, he reiterated.

He also urged people all over the country to participate in the local government elections in November by registering to vote and seeking out leadership aspiration forms.

He similarly urged support for the president's clean cooking energy campaign by stopping the use of dirty energy and helping to protect the country's environment.



**NO BUSINESS HERE TODAY...** Dar es Salaam residents sit helplessly outside shops in the city's sprawling Kariakoo market zone yesterday - all closed in observing a boycott call by officials representing the business community following claims of harassment by Tanzania Revenue Authority officials. Photo: Correspondent Julianne Juma

**CAIRO**

MORE than 1,300 people died during this year's Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia as the faithful faced extreme high temperatures at Islamic holy sites in the desert kingdom. Saudi authorities announced Sunday.

Saudi Health Minister Fahd bin Abdurrahman Al-Jalal said that 83 percent of the 1,301 fatalities were unauthorized pilgrims who walked long distances in soaring temperatures to perform the Hajj rituals in and around the holy city of Mecca.

Speaking with the state-owned Al Ekhabariya TV, the minister said 95 pilgrims were being treated in hospitals, some of whom were airlifted for treatment in the capital, Riyadh. He said the identification process was delayed because there were no

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identification documents with many of the dead pilgrims.

He said the dead were buried in Mecca, without giving a breakdown.

The fatalities included more than 660 Egyptians. All but 31 of them were unauthorized pilgrims, according to two officials in Cairo. Egypt has revoked the licenses of 16 travel agencies that helped unauthorized pilgrims travel to Saudi Arabia, authorities said.

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bia, authorities said.

Saudi authorities cracked down on unauthorized pilgrims, expelling tens of thousands of people. But many, mostly Egyptians, managed to reach holy sites in and around Mecca, some on foot. Unlike authorized pilgrims, they had no hotels to return to to escape the scorching heat.

In a statement Saturday, Egypt's government said the 16 travel agencies failed to provide adequate services for pilgrims. It said these agencies illegally facilitated the travel of pilgrims to Saudi Arabia using visas that don't allow holders to travel to Mecca.

Historically, deaths are not uncommon at the Hajj, which has seen at times over 2 million people travel to Saudi Arabia for a five-day pilgrimage. The pilgrimage's history has also seen deadly stampedes and epidemics. But this year's tally was unusually high, suggesting exceptional circumstances.

In 2015 a stampede in Mina killed over 2,400 pilgrims, the deadliest incident ever to strike the pilgrimage, according to an AP count. Saudi Arabia has never acknowledged the full toll of the stampede. A separate crane collapse at Mecca's Grand Mosque earlier the same year killed 111.





It's still largely a hard road to travel for some cotton farmers in many parts of Tanzania in ensuring that their harvests make it to the market, as evidenced yesterday by this scenario from Buzilayombo ward in Chato District, Geita Region. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

# TCRA propels digital skills-based initiatives

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has launched a robust strategy to ensure Tanzania prepares digital professionals with a strong foundation to address challenges and provide solutions for various social, economic and digital developmental activities.

One of the key strategies is the initiation for the establishment of digital clubs for pupils and students right-away from nursery, to primary, colleges up to universities levels.

Dr Jabir Bakari, TCRA Director General unveiled this here recently when speaking on International Girls in information and communications technology (ICT) Day.

He underscored the need for establishing digital clubs in educational centres saying the move was of multiple benefits to the Country.

Dr Bakari said that digital clubs are essential tools for bringing together pupils, students and scholars to discuss and exchange experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and ICT subjects, leading to solutions that mitigate various social economic challenges of the communities from different walks of life.

He appealed to young innovators to make the most beneficial use of free valuable resources of frequency spectrum, numbering, postcode and domain names provided by TCRA free of charge to innovators for testing their incubate projects that will help to propel Tanzania into digital and blue economies.

Various beneficiaries of these clubs, including primary school students from Unguja such as Ibtisam Khalfan Abdallah (Turkish Maarif School), Sarinah Salmin Sharif (Laureate School), Zuhra Said Salum (Salim Turkey School) and Balqis Salum Khamis (Bububu School), have developed a system to purchase electricity and directly bill LUKU meters, removing inconveniences among service users. This technology enables the user to buy Luke Units and Top up the Luku Metre directly from the very mobile phones.

They encouraged their peers to take full advantage of this opportunity to join digital clubs so as to enable them to come up with various methods to drive the nation digitally, as the current economy is driven by digital technology revolutions.

Other primary school students from Pemba, including Hidaya Mohamed, Ahlam Ali (Michakaini A), Kauthar Mohamed (Al Khamis Camp) and Rayyan Masoud (Michakaini B), stressed the significance of this opportunity and promised to enhance their talents.

The students confirmed seeing the fruits of digital clubs within a short period as they have begun to achieve other positive results, such as developing solutions for Online Safety education.

Digital clubs have not only reached primary schools but also secondary schools. Some beneficiaries from Kijitonyama Secondary School in Dar es Salaam, including Tupokigwe Gwamaka, Keyline Mathias, Princess Wilfred, Ilham Suleiman, Rosemary Sannonga and Irene Basiga, shared how the club helped them develop a project involving an Interactive ICT Career Exploration Game for girls.

The students underscored the importance of digital clubs and acknowledged that achieving a digital Tanzania was possible by taking essential steps like creating clubs that help connect, exchange ideas, discuss and engage in activities related to this technology.

Additionally, various stakeholders have supported TCRA's efforts to plant the seed of digital clubs starting from early childhood education. "Strike while the iron is hot," said SUZA Assistant Trainer Khailiya Masoud.

He added that TCRA has seen a solid opportunity by starting with young innovators in planting the seeds of digital literacy that will germinate for the benefits of digital Tanzania. So far, digital clubs have reached a total of 548 institutions countrywide.

Many students reached by these clubs have shown great appreciation for the opportunity and pledged to work on it, aiming to bring significant changes in solving various societal issues, many of which are driven and enabled by ICT expertise, the cornerstone of digital operations.

TCRA will continue to plant digital seeds among students, teachers and parents should embrace this opportunity and prioritize it by giving students the chance to work on it, as it is expected to nurture various talents in the ICT field, thus enabling Tanzania to have technology experts capable of driving the digital economy.

# Traders under EOTF earn 1trn/- in 27 years trading in global markets

By Henry Mwangonde

WOMAN entrepreneurs have sold products amounting to 1trn/- over the past 26 years through their active participation in the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), benefiting from training provided by the Equal Opportunities for All Trust Fund (EOTF).

Anna Mkapa, Chairman and Founder of EOTF, disclosed this achievement in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the commencement of this year's training session.

She highlighted that under the Women in Poverty Alleviation programme, 6,800 women have engaged in the DITF, leveraging these platforms to access new markets and expand their business enterprises.

The former First Lady emphasized that these annual training sessions are specifically designed to equip women entrepreneurs with essential skills required to navigate and capitalize on global markets.

The training also provides practical workshops on market trends, digital marketing strategies, and financial management are integral components aimed at enhancing their competitiveness on an international scale.

"There remains a critical need to unite in tackling challenges, such as the scarcity of funds for participating in trade fairs and scaling our market reach," she remarked.

Crispin Luhanda, acting Director of Business Development at the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), echoed these sentiments, affirming that the training significantly enhances the capacity of women entrepreneurs to seek out and access diverse markets.

He emphasized the importance of fostering networking opportunities and mentorship programs to further support their growth trajectory.

"Business constitutes a pivotal component of our economy, and as an institution tasked with fostering business development, we are committed to facilitating such training to ensure the active involvement of women in national development," he asserted.

Luhanda acknowledged the persistent challenges faced by women entrepreneurs, including issues related to business management and leadership, which TanTrade continues to actively address through tailored coaching sessions and collaborative initiatives with industry experts.

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## TBS destroys 7.2 tonnes of inferior goods worth 43m/-

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) in the southern highlands zone has destroyed 7.2 tonnes of substandard and counterfeit goods worth 43m/-.

Among the destroyed products are cosmetics containing toxic substances that are banned in the country, expired alcoholic beverages, juices, soda, energy drinks, cooking oil, biscuits, milk, tomato and chilli sauce, blue band and many other products.

Abel Mwakasonga, TBS manager, southern highlands zone told journalists here that the products were seized in the period from July, 2023 to June, this year following inspections carried out in Mbeya, Songwe, Njombe, and Iringa regions.

He said that the impromptu operations were carried in warehouses, wholesale and retail shops, at the

borders and other areas.

"The objective of carrying out the operations is to remove from the market low quality and hazardous products and ultimately protect consumers' health as well as the environment," he said.

He mentioned that the cosmetic products that were destroyed include those that have been banned in the Tanzanian market because they contain toxic substances such as mercury, lead, and Hydroquinone.

He said that burnt products and cosmetics when used by consumers cause various health effects.

According to Mwakasonga, among the health effects caused by these products are intestinal diseases, and cancer where cosmetics like hydroquinone which is a skin-bleaching agent, hence cause various other effects in the human body.

He tasked producers, distributors,

and sellers of various products to make sure that they introduce products that have proven their quality with TBS, otherwise be prepared to face stern legal measures.

According to the standards law, it is prohibited for producers, distributors, and sellers to introduce into the Tanzanian market products whose quality has not been verified by TBS.

Mwakasonga said the inspection of products in the market is done by the Standards Act No: 2 of 2009 and its regulations of 2021 in line with the Finance Act No: 8 of 2019.

Mwakasonga urged the public not to use products not certified by TBS, including those banned in the country, such as cosmetics with toxic ingredients.

He insisted that the people read the information on the packaging of the products they want to buy to find out if they have not expired and if TBS has approved them.



Dar es Salaam's Mbezi Mwisho commuter bus stand a beehive of activity yesterday, complete with a three-wheeler clearly "biting off more than it can chew". Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika



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#### INTRODUCTION

WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non- Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

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- promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

(WWF-US) received funding under Cooperative Agreement #72062122CA00004 from USAID/Tanzania to implement the project titled: USAID-Mara River Catchment (MRC) in Tanzania, for three years which started in April 2022 and expect to phase out in April 2025. The project is working closely with communities across six districts (i.e. Serengeti, Butiama, Tarime, Rorya, Musoma and Bunda) in Mara Region, Tanzania. The is projected to benefit 20,000 people through water resource conservation, 6,000 people through improved water supply schemes and 1230 people enabled to practice more sustainable livelihoods. The project targeting to address the water security and climate resilience challenges faced by the growing communities in the MRC in Tanzania. The project will tackle local water resource degradation, catchment management challenges in Tanzania and transboundary water management coordination with WWF-Kenya. Lesson learnt from this project shall also be shared to promote catchment conservation approaches across the country. USAID-Mara River Catchment Project has three intermediate results.

WWF Tanzania intends to invite contractor/supplier who will supply materials to rehabilitate and extend water supply scheme from the existing infrastructures for purpose of saving community with clean water while water at the same time water scheme is well conserved. three water supply scheme are located two in Serengeti and one in Tarime details and location of each water supply scheme are indicated in the Bill of Quantity (BoQ). These initiatives align with the project's second intermediate results: Community water supply is improved and sustained through water resources conservation best practices in the MRC in Tanzania. Successful implementation of this activity will contribute to achieving the project's target indicator; Standard Indicator-[Standard Indicator HL.8.1-1] Number of people gaining access to basic drinking water services as a result of USG assistance.

Bill of Quantity (BoQ) has been prepared to guide the Contractor/ Supplier on the requirement for this assignment. Interested applicants may get the detailed Bill of Quantity (BoQ) and specifications through the following website [https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs\\_and\\_opportunities/consultancies\\_and\\_tenders/](https://www.wwf.or.tz/jobs_and_opportunities/consultancies_and_tenders/) please, submit your full proposal to procurement email at: [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org). (Only electronic application will be accepted) and please, also remember that, for uniformity reasons, proposals should indicate the title of the assignment "Supply of Materials for rehabilitation and extension of water supply scheme" addressed to;

Secretary  
Procurement Committee,  
WWF Tanzania Country Office, Plot 252 Kiko Street Mikocheni,  
P. O. Box 63117, Dar es Salaam.

The application should be submitted to the above email by or before, 1700 hrs local time, Monday, 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

WWF has a principle of zero tolerance for fraud and corruption, if you encounter such an incident, then report by sending an email to [fcc@wwftz.org](mailto:fcc@wwftz.org).



## Govt to promote more women in top decision-making bodies

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has expressed its commitment towards promoting gender equality and ensuring that women have equal opportunities to participate in all levels of decision-making.

Riziki Pembe Juma, Zanzibar's Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the International Day of Women in Diplomacy.

She said that her government has implemented policies and programmes aimed at empowering women, and we continue to support initiatives that advance their roles in diplomacy and international relations.

"Our journey towards gender parity has been marked by unwavering commitment, innovative policies, and the collective efforts of our government, civil societies and international partners," she said.

"We have made remarkable strides in the area of education, where we have achieved near parity in primary school enrolment between boys and girls," she added, saying that economically, Tanzania has implemented various initiatives aimed at empowering women and promoting their participation in the workforce.

She further said that politically, the government has made commendable progress in increasing women's representation in decision-making positions.

She said that the government's commitment to gender parity in leadership is reflected in the growing number of women holding key roles in government, and parliament.

"We remain committed to addressing the challenges that persist, such as gender-based violence, discrimination, and unequal access to resources and opportunities," she said.

Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation Minister January Makamba said that it was the first time Tanzania joined other countries to commemorate the International Day of Women in Diplomacy since it was proclaimed by the United Nations.

Makamba said that Tanzania recognizes the role and contribution of women in leadership, noting that Tanzania has made significant strides through prioritizing gender equality by working up on challenges hindering the initiative.

"The government in collaboration with development partners has undertaken deliberate efforts to empower women for leadership positions, especially through the training," he said.

UN Women Tanzania Deputy Country Representative Katherine Gifford said that women have been playing in global governance since the drafting and the signing of the United Nations charter in 1945 and even before the immense insights, situations, and benefits of diplomacy.

She said according to the 2023 Women in Diplomacy Index, women make up only 21 percent of ambassadors and permanent representatives globally.

"This illustrates that we are still far from equality in top diplomatic posts," she said.

She said out of 193 members of states in the United Nations, only 34 percent serve as elected Heads of State or government.

## Prioritise local experts in more projects to curb unemployment crisis, government called upon

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Opposition ACT-Wazalendo has urged the government to prioritise experts available in Zanzibar in various projects and initiatives in order to help reduce employment crisis but also promote development.

This is after the Party found that a private company from the mainland has been hired to manage public procurement in Zanzibar.

According to the Party, the firm is paid 500m/- every month by the government of Zanzibar while there are a number of information and communication technology experts in the Isles who can perform the job.

Ismail Jussa Ladhu, ACT-Wazalendo Vice Chairman (Zanzibar) raised the concerns yesterday here when he was addressing a public rally at Magogoni kwa Mabata grounds in Unguja and attended by the first Vice President Othman Masoud Othman who is also the chairman of the party.

He said that according to the report of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG), the company has been given a procurement contract that will end in 2027.

"Within four months it will be paid 4bn/- and until it is completed in 2027, it will have been paid 30bn/-," Jussa.

He added: "We have a number of experts here in Zanzibar and many are unemployed."

He however said that if ACT-Wazalendo comes into power

in 2025, it will investigate every project and every leader or executive involved in corruption will have to return the money and be prosecuted.

"All those who embezzled public funds through corruption will be accountable by paying them from their own pockets along with other legal measures," he said.

Mansour Yussuf Himid, Party committee member said there is a need for a change in leadership and the party is preparing to bring administrative changes through the forthcoming general election.

Othman Masoud Othman, the Party's Chairman said the ACT party will continue to demand full sovereignty of Zanzibar in the framework of the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

He said that many things are included in the list of union matters, causing Zanzibar to be unable to decide its affairs, including economic ones, hence worsening the living conditions of its citizens.

He mentioned some of the issues as defence and security, citizenship, immigration, credit, currency and money, port, air, post, industrial licenses, statistics, research, climate, gas and oil, joint commission of finance, higher education, which should be re-examined.

ACT-Wazalendo is conducting public rallies as part of its strategy to visit various constituencies, spending much of its time talking about the incidents of corruption and its impacts.



Stella John, a PR and education officer with the Capital Markets and Securities Authority, guides members of staff at the Tabora Regional Commissioner's Office yesterday on the drawing up of annual investment plan calendars. It was at a financial education seminar held in Tabora municipality. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

## Increase scope of services, educate public, investment entities advised

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

INVESTMENT institutions have been urged to increase the scope of services and educate the public including civil servants about various opportunities in order to increase investors and government's revenues.

Eunice John, Tabora regional agriculture officer, made the call over the weekend here during the public awareness campaign conducted by officials from the Ministry of Finance.

The experts are in the region to provide financial literacy education to people of various groups, including civil servants and traders.

She said that there are many civil servants who do not have investment education and the risks

that exist in various investment products for them to make right decisions when investing.

"I have never received education from any investment institution other than hearing from people, there are good opportunities in those institutions, so we need to reach more people with the education," Eunice said.

She added: "Every employee needs education on investment matters so that he can make investment decisions to increase his income and grow the economy and that without getting an education on the services provided and knowing the availability of benefits, no citizen will put his money in those institutions."

Martin Peter, one of the civil servants said that through the

financial education that has been provided, he has been encouraged to start saving for the future which also includes refraining from unnecessary spending.

"I will continue to be an ambassador to my fellow employees so that the education I have gained will benefit them and persuade them to build a culture of saving and investing so that when they retire they will not be economically shaken and get diseases that are caused by the thought of not having enough money to meet their needs," she said.

Stella John, public relations and education officer at the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) congratulated the Tabora Regional Office for coming out in large numbers to get financial

education.

"The response has grown very big for these employees. I believe that the education we have given them has well understand the situation that has caused many employees to show their intention to open accounts and promise to make investments, but there are also other employees we have opened accounts here for various funds to make investments," John explained.

The Ministry of Finance is currently providing education to people of various groups in four districts of Tabora Region including Sikonge, Urambo, Uyui and Tabora Municipality, which is part of the implementation of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directives to ensure that every citizen is reached by micro financial services



Expansion of Azikiwe Street in downtown Dar es Salaam well under way yesterday in implementation of the third phase of the city's rapid transit bus project. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By Correspondent James Kandoya

## 500 researchers to meet in Dar for 12th scientific forum

OVER 500 international and local researchers are expected to disseminate their findings at the 12th Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) scientific conference that will kick off on Thursday.

Appolinary Kamuhabwa, MUHAS Vice Chancellor said that in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking to reporters that the conference is to be held at Mloganzila-based campus.

He said this year's scientific

conference is themed: "Science as a story of life: The Power of research, innovation, and collaboration in improving resilient health system."

The forum is meant to commemorate the life and contribution of the former President the late Ali Hassan Mwinyi, who was also the first MUHAS Chancellor.

Prof Kamuhabwa said the scientific conference will also be deliberated under eight sub-themes

which are non-communicable diseases, mental health, surgery, and nutrition.

Others will be communicable diseases and antimicrobial resistance, maternal, new born, child, and adolescent health, and oral, eye care.

Also, Social Determinants for Health (One Health), Health Systems Research, Traditional and Alternative Medicine, Drug Discovery and Vaccine

Development, cross-cutting issues; Ethics and Professionalism, Artificial Intelligence, Technology, Occupational Health, and Climate Change.

He said that during the scientific conference, a total of 80 papers will be presented orally while 107 abstracts will be presented in posters.

The don said during the scientific conference, MUHAS will present the success achieved and its

contribution in areas of academics, research, and consultancy to mention a few.


He said that some of the findings that will be presented are that 18 percent of people living with HIV/AIDS face chronic diabetes and the best health financing ways to be safe from non-communicable disease attacks.


MUHAS started as the Dar es Salaam Medical School in 1963. The school then transformed into the

faculty of medicine of the University of Dar es Salaam in 1991 was upgraded and became a college-the Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences (MUCHS).

In 1996, the Faculty of Medicine was upgraded to a constituent College of the University of Dar es Salaam, to nurture it into a full-fledged university later on was merged with the Muhimbili Hospital to create the Muhimbili Medical Centre (MMC).







## REQUEST FOR TENDER

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, requests the submission of expressions of interest from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following services:

**Consultancy Services for Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Studies**  
**Tender Ref: NM016/2024**

**Pre-qualification Criteria**

1. Project Sponsor/Lead with at least 25 years of experience in mining and environmental fields related to mine closure, with demonstrated success in managing large-scale projects.
2. Geochemist with at least 25 years of experience in environmental geochemistry and geochemical modelling, and particular experience in ARD/ML hazard assessment.
3. Geotechnical Engineers with at least 20 years of experience in geotechnical investigations, stability analysis, and material characterization.
4. Hydrogeologist with at least 10 years of experience in hydrological and hydrogeochemical modelling.
5. Environmental Engineers with at least 10 years of experience in tailings management, mine closure, and cover system design.
6. Professionals with at least 10 years of experience developing and implementing monitoring plans and long-term maintenance strategies.
7. Senior reviewers and consultants with at least 20 years of closure reporting experience and a background in geochemical, hydrogeological and geotechnical considerations.
8. A track record of at least 5 years of similar and relevant mine closure studies, e.g., geochemical and geotechnical characterization of TSF and waste rock dumps, pit lake modelling and stability assessment, and cover system design, needs to be demonstrated.
9. Demonstration of similar projects with other Barrick operations and sites will be considered an asset.
10. Local content compliance and excellent safety records with relevant standards and procedures

**Expression of Interest**

If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

**NB:** The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an **"Expression of Interest"** shall be at the sole discretion of **NMGM**.

If you do not hear from us in 21 days after the deadline date, please consider your submission unsuccessful.

**Key Dates**

- Deadline for submission of EOI **30 June 2024**

**North Mara Gold Mine Limited**





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North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following goods:

**Supply of Ground Engagement Tools at North Mara Gold Mine**  
**Tender Ref: NM015/2024**

**Qualification Criteria**

No	Reference no	Description of work	Qualification Criteria
1	NM015/2024	Supply Of Ground Engagement Tools (G.E.T) at North Mara Gold Mine.	i. Company Profile and capability statement. ii. Applicant to provide a list of relevant projects undertaken in the last 5 Years. For each project provide description and relevance to the tendered project iii. List of Personnel and Organogram of those who will be involved in G.E.T Consignment stock. iv. Preferred Make: ESCO, CAT, MTG or HENSLAY and provide an authorized distributorship or dealership letter. v. Applicant to provide a list of 3months stock each a) to be kept on site b) to be kept in the warehouse and c) should be in transit to cover site's demand. vi. Excellent Safety records with relevant standards and procedures vii. Confirmation in writing to comply with Barrick Terms and Conditions. viii. Local Content Regulations Compliance.

**Submission of Proposals**

If your company meets the qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the RFP package (BOQ, Technical Specs, etc.), send your request along with your company profile to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

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**Key Dates**

- Last Date to Submit RFP Package request **30 June 2024**

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## Expression of Interest (Eoi)

### Legal Services for GIZ in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

GIZ is a federally owned enterprise operating worldwide, assisting the German Government in achieving its policy objectives in the field of international cooperation. It offers demand-driven, tailor-made and effective services for sustainable development worldwide. In Tanzania and across the region GIZ supports the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the EAC in attaining their development goals.

GIZ Tanzania is looking for a legal firm/company ideally located in Dar es Salaam to provide following different services in implementing different bilateral projects in the United Republic of Tanzania.

- **Legal Advice, Information and Recommendations**
- **Arbitration, Mediation, and Third-Party Services**
- **Lawsuit and Document Preparation**
- **Negotiating with Other Parties**
- **Representation in Court and Legal Settings**

GIZ would request interested firms/companies to send their Expression of Interest (Eoi) together with the following documents:

**DETAILS OF DOCUMENTS**

**Your documents must consist of the following information:**

- A clear physical and Contact address (Telephone number, email address, physical address).
- Company Profiles
- At least 3 international organisation referees
- Business Registration Certificate/ Trade license if applicable.
- TIN / VAT Registration Certificate if applicable

After evaluation of Eoi, GIZ may contact the selected companies for further process.

**Submission of Eoi**

Please submit your Eoi document to [tz\\_quotation@giz.de](mailto:tz_quotation@giz.de) (**tz underscore procurement at giz dot de**) latest by the **09.07.2024**.

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## PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION OF VOCATION AND OPERATORS TRAINING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES NEAR URANIUM PLANT IN LIKUYU WARD, NAMTUMBO DISTRICT, RUVUMA REGION

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One Group, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra invites qualified training institutions, organizations or individuals to provide vocational training and operators training for local communities near the Mkuju River Project site.

**Interested Companies are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following;**

- Detailed Company Information with an Organization structure and list of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Details of completion of similar types of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under the following headings:
  - a) Brief scope of work;
  - b) Value of work in USD;
  - c) Contractual duration;
  - d) Clients name; and
  - e) Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the client directly for the feedback).
- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services.
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, if any.
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for the last 3 (three) years. Latest financial statements should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to the Expression of interest.
- Current Tax Clearance Certificate from the relevant authority.
- Workers Compensation Fund Registration Certificate.
- Corporate ownership including main shareholders by percentage.
- Approved Local Content Plan by the Mining Commission.

Interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e-mail address; [mantra@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantra@uranium1.co.tz) and [mantraprourement@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantraprourement@uranium1.co.tz) and the hard copy to the below address latest on **8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 16.00 hours**.

**Managing Director**  
**Mantra Tanzania Ltd**  
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**P.O. Box 23451, Tel +255764700440**  
**Dar es Salaam.**



## Turn your children into assets not liabilities, parents implored

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

TANZANIAN parents have been advised to bring up their children as an asset and not as a liability so that they become productive to their nation's development.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila made the call in the city recently when commemorating the African Child Day.

The African Child Day resolution was agreed by the African countries in 1990 and was implemented in 1991.

RC Chalamila commended the government for ensuring in most of the schools in the country today there is inclusive education.

This year's slogan during African Child Day is "Inclusive Education for children should include quality education, values, and life skills."

Chalamila has urged development partners in collaboration with the government to ensure inclusive education does not only end to children but should be inclusive life and education up to all levels of life.

"Inclusive education and inclusive style of life should be a cornerstone of everything. Moreover, inclusive education should not only end for a child who is still in school, but rather should also include a child in the households and our families."

Meanwhile, Chalamila has strongly reprimanded parents who have been throwing their children who are born with disabilities, saying that habit should be stopped immediately.

Somalia's Ambassador to Tanzania Zahra Ali Hassan called on the African government to finance quality education so that their children get the needed skills and hence meet the demand of the job market.

She has urged the children to become good citizens by refusing to follow bad ideologies which in the end may lead them to become extremists or members of al-Shabab groups.

Ambassador of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco to Tanzania and the Union of Comoros, Zakaria

El Goumir said that there is a need to create a good environment that promotes access to modern technology for children.

Make sure you have quality education from an African point of view in which you will have to export this richness to the rest of the world. It is very important to ensure our culture is well integrated into our education system. Learn locally but live globally," he urged.

Advocate Barnabas Kaniki, Save the Children's Child Protection and Child Rights Governance Specialist, said, the day of the African Child is a powerful reminder to reflect on the progress and the ongoing challenges faced by children across the continent, and particularly here in Tanzania.

"Today, we celebrate the resilience, dreams, and potential of Tanzanian children, who, despite facing numerous obstacles, continue to strive for a brighter future."

At Save the Children, we are deeply committed to ensuring that every child in Tanzania has access to quality education, healthcare, and protection from harm. We work closely with communities, local partners, and the government to break down barriers and create opportunities for children to thrive.

As we reflect on this year's theme: "Education is for all children in Africa: Time is now", it is important to remember that education is not just a fundamental right but rather it is a cornerstone of building a brighter future.

It is our shared responsibility to ensure that every child has access to quality education, which is essential for breaking the cycle of poverty and driving sustainable development.

We celebrate the determination and aspirations of African children who strive for knowledge and skills despite challenges.

*"Today, we celebrate the resilience, dreams, and potential of Tanzanian children, who, despite facing numerous obstacles, continue to strive for a brighter future."*



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Albert Chalamila (L) has a word with the Head of the city's St Alban's Anglican Church Cathedral, Canon Jacob Kahemele, during the church's 90th anniversary service on Sunday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TBS 'exploits' service week to inform people on standards, quality control

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has utilised this year's Public Service Week celebrations to educate the general public on standards and quality control.

Viola Masako, TBS director of human resources and administration unveiled this here over the weekend when speaking with journalists at the Public

Service Week celebrations held at Chinangali grounds on the outskirts of the capital city.

Masako said that TBS has participated in providing education on issues of standards and quality control to stakeholders and people, including educating them on the various responsibilities that TBS is carrying out. "In this year's Public Service Week celebrations, people who visited the TBS Pavilion were able to be informed and most of

them had a mission to understand the quality control issues that the experts have been able to inform them about but also how they can reach TBS," said Masako

She said that people who are the consumers of the produced goods have been informed that they can reach the office through TBS regional offices, which are in seven regions including the Eastern region in Dar es Salaam, the northern region in Arusha,

the southern region in Mtwara, the Western region in Kigoma, the South Highlands region in Mbeya, the central region in Dodoma and the Lake zone region in Mwanza.

Masako added: "All these regions serve all the regions in Tanzania, so it is easy to get our services easily."

She also said TBS has been providing its services through various electronic systems in serving together and solving people's challenges.

## Tanapa launches airport in Ruaha National Park

By Correspondent Nebart Msokwa,

Mbarali

THE Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) has launched a new airport in the Ruaha National Park, which will improve tourism and conservation activities in the conservancy.

The airport with a length of 1.5km and an apron has been built by an NGO that is involved in the conservation -Six Rivers Africa in Ikoga Village.

Godwell Ole Meing'ataki, Assistant Conservation Commissioner and Commanding Officer at the Ruaha National Park said the airport will also help with research activities in the park.

He said that the airport would help open tourism opportunities in the Usangu Valley, explaining that since the area was included and became part of the Ruaha National Park, tourism activities were not being done as well as in other areas of the park.

He said one of the reasons that have been hindering tourism in the area, especially in Ihefu Valley, is the lack of good transport infrastructure and that after the construction of the airport, tourists will arrive easily and see the attractions for them.

"This airport is the result of the cooperation that we have entered into with this Six Rivers Organization, we have cooperated a lot in the construction of this airport, we provided this area and cooperated with various government authorities involved with airports," said Ole Meing'ataki.

He said that all the equipment used in the construction of the airport belonged to TANAPA and that they moved it from the organisation's headquarters located in Masembe within the park.

Glenn Turner, chairman of Six Rivers Africa, said the organization

decided to collaborate with the Tanzanian government on conservation activities due to being one of the countries that conserve natural resources well.

He said that 35 percent of Tanzania's natural resources are well preserved and that when combined with those in water sources, it reaches up to 40 percent, thus making Tanzania the best country in conservation.

He said that there is no other country in the world that has conserved resources like Tanzania and that the conservation of resources made them commit to building the airport as well as participating in other conservation activities.

"But apart from this airport, we are also building a tourism college in this area to further stimulate the public's understanding of conservation and tourism activities," said Turner.

Mbarali District Commissioner Colonel Denis Mwila said apart from the airport serving tourists, they will also help the people of the surrounding areas with various activities including stimulating wealth production activities.

He advised the airport to be fenced to prevent wild animals from entering the runway, claiming that there is a possibility that they could be harmed or cause a plane crash.

He thanked the leadership of the Six Rivers Africa Organization for deciding to cooperate with the Tanzanian government on conservation activities claiming that the cooperation will help strengthen the protection of the national resources located in the reserve.

He said that the planes that will be parked in the area will also help to improve the patrol in the reserve which has been attacked by livestock from time to time.



Equal Opportunity for All Trust Fund chairperson Anna Mkapa pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening training organised by the agency for women entrepreneurs. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Madagascar capital launches cable cars to ease traffic jam

ANTANANARIVO

MADAGASCAR'S capital has a new means of public transport. The first cable car rode over neighbourhoods of Antananarivo carrying President Andriy Rajoelina, city officials and project contractors.

Capable of carrying up to 75,000 passengers a day, the cars are designed to reduce congestion in the Malagasy capital, which today has a population of over 3 million.

"Remove 75,000 passengers every day, at bus level, remove 2,000 cars at Tana road level, it's already a lot in terms of carbon savings and especially mobility," said Gérard Andriamanohisoa, Secretary of

State for New Towns and Housing at the Presidency.

The 152 million Euro loan for construction was provided by France. The cars will take passengers over a distance of 12 kilometres. Throughout June, tests were conducted to assess the safety of the cars.

"We have a lot of sensors in the stations and on the line, to detect any problems before they occur, so we can stop the lift and make sure there's no risk to passengers. We also have generators to ensure that, in the event of a power cut, we can continue to run the train," said Guillaume Rannaz, a technical Manager at Poma, the project

contractors.

At nearly one Euro a ticket, many Malagasy already feel priced out. The price is also six times the price of a bus ticket.

Some residents of the capital are unhappy, saying power and water cuts should have been looked into before cable cars.

"We don't have water, we don't have electricity, and when we do have water, it's just mud coming out of the tap, even though we're still paying the bills! Why not solve these social problems first?" asked Henry Razafimanantsoa, a resident of Antananarivo.

President Rajoelina has fiercely defended the project despite

criticism that it increases the country's indebtedness to France, Madagascar's former colonial ruler.

"We have to dare to transform and develop our country. It's always the people who criticized who couldn't do anything. Whether we should have done this project or not, I say yes. You know, there was a lot of criticism of the construction of the Eiffel Tower. But what is it now that attracts tourists to France? Isn't it the Eiffel Tower?," Rajoelina said.

The government said a subsidized fare is planned for students and pensioners.

The cars will not be put into circulation for the general public until 2025.



## Guinea-Bissau leader will have been impressed, but we ought to do better

SAYING how the public saw the purpose and input of the just-ended three-day official visit by President Umaro Sissoco Embaló of Guinea Bissau to Tanzania can be neither easy nor simple.

The last stages of his tour saw the West African leader visit the jeans factory operated by Tanzania Tooku Garments, an Asian firm that is part of Roo Hsing Co., Ltd., itself a Taiwan-based firm exporting garments to the United States.

This visit was for all intents and purposes not an accident but targeted to explore the potential of export processing zone (EPZ) schemes in Tanzania.

As the visiting leader inspected the activities of the Asian firm and was briefed on its sales business, he expressed satisfaction with its level of efficiency.

While the remark appears to have been induced by the working of the firm and the US export outlet available to African countries generally, even if foreign firms are the ones exporting, the clincher was visible.

The remark was also a subtle expression of confidence in the EPZ arrangement making its US business efficient and, similarly, taking up the idea that it could also be done back home.

That is in large measure what foreign tours are meant to yield, an on-the-spot verification of experts' ideas from someone who is already deep in business and the environment in which it is being done.

Tanzania Tooku Garments' success story is also shared by the host country, and this merited a visit by a national leader who may have wished to check specific aspects of an EPZ arrangement before moving or endorsing legislation to that effect.

President Embaló's Tanzania visit was helpful, as he admitted in his remarks that Tanzania Tooku Garments' efficiency gave the

message that Africa has what it needed to achieve its goals through EPZ and SEZ (Special Economic Zone) programmes.

There was a lot of preoccupation with what the EPZ as a whole had achieved, meanwhile as it is worth asking whether there are local firms which have taken up examples like Tooku Garments to manufacture all manner of products under the US AGOA arrangement.

No one can say there aren't any, but the more publicised examples have been drawn from horticulture rather than garments.

Additionally, there are lessons of hindsight where investors could have been given portions of the vast Friendship Textile Mill to create synergies for different sorts of manufacturing, garments included; but we never arrived there.

Interestingly, the focus of the media - and that reflects sentiments of the wider public - was on how EPZ business had attracted 5.2trn/-(US\$2bn) capital during the past ten years.

The business has registered an accumulated 6.5trn/-(US\$2.5bn) in export earnings, with the work being housed mainly at the Benjamin William Mkapa Special Economic Zone in Dar es Salaam. That was the big news, but it likely didn't square up with what the Guinea-Bissau leader sought to find out.

The Guinea Bissau leader will surely have been impressed by the Tanzanian government's efforts to create an extensively enabling investment environment.

The headway we have made in EPZ schemes is respected in the results - in that, in the main, we no longer walk as others run.

Yet, the amounts we export for instance to the US shows that we are still walking even if sections of our export business might be starting to run. In sum, though, we still need to do much better on a number of scores.

## World beekeeping forum attests to the recognition of our horticulture

ACCOMMODATION industry stakeholders in Tanzania must have started to count their chickens in the northern tourism circuit as more than 10,000 local and international visitors are expected in September 2027 for a global beekeeping forum.

This sort of picking conference venues is like organising a major sports event of regional or intercontinental proportions, where the venue is chosen early to allow time for exhaustive preparations.

The northern tourism circuit could be easily described as the nerve centre of Tanzania's horticulture industry. The bees aren't found in abundance in the particular circuit, while the bee zone lacks the organisation and auxiliary attractions to pull the thousands of local and foreign visitors expected.

Behind the planned 'summer tourism conference' is the International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations (APIMONDIA) - without doubt in collaboration with their Tanzanian counterparts, whoever they may be. We shall be hosting a wholesome mixture of beekeeping stakeholders from 133 countries.

Global and national strategies as to what is expected to be achieved at the conference are still on the drawing board, but it is reported that delegates will include high-profile beekeepers, honey processors, aggregators, scientists, traders and large consumers.

The Natural Resources and Tourism, who is overseeing preparations for the big-time event, said lately that it will be key to opening new opportunities for our country's beekeeping sector.

Importantly, we should already

be learning issues on beekeeping as well as other newly fangled export industries or lagging behind.

It may be that we are fine but, even then, we need to improve in various areas - at least to prove that it was not by mistake that we were selected to host the September 2017 conference.

Immense focus has been placed on the number of tourists as a considerable input to our economy, as hosting the world's biggest beekeeping gala means a lot and we ought to capitalise on all that at least for the good of the subsector.

It is said that Tanzania was chosen to host the event courtesy of the fact that its beekeepers have perfected the art of honey harvesting, employing techniques ensuring bountiful harvest and prioritising the safety of bees. That is a running success story all over.

Other reasons cited for hosting the conference are good hive management, beekeeping training and education, beehive construction and creating harmony where beekeepers and conservationists unite.

The Selous Game Reserve (including the part that now forms Nyerere National Park) is described as having the same surface area as Germany, arguably Europe's biggest economy.

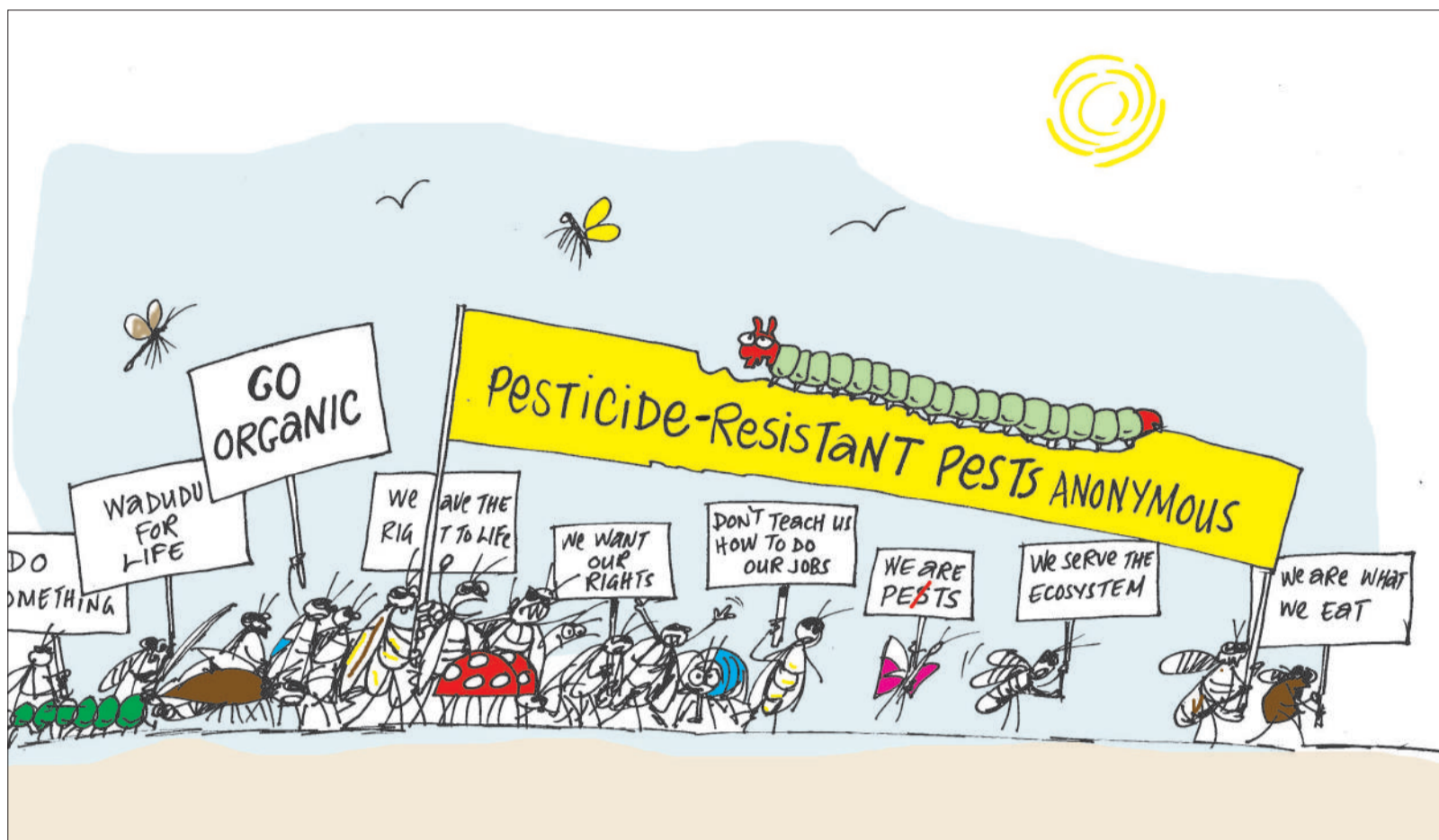
It would be interesting translating that observation in terms of the potential productivity of the beekeeping sector - which, indeed, significantly applies with respect to tourism itself.

Tanzania is second only to Brazil globally in tourist attractions but, ironically, nowhere near the top ten global destinations. We need to turn things around fast - AND WE CAN MAKE IT.

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## Unveiling the 'dark matter' of food, diets and biodiversity

By Maya Rajasekharan and Selena Ahmed

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BE pollen has this year become a trendy superfood, thanks to a wide range of potential benefits. Last year, sea moss led the superfood trends. Before that, it was turmeric.

Invariably, these newly celebrated superfoods are never new; they have long been consumed by non-Western cultures.

The inadequate research on their nutritional composition and health attributes almost always leads to a list of exaggerated benefits, from preventing cancer to overall vitality and longevity. They become a fad for a few years and then often take a back seat to the next "superfood." Globally, half of all calories come from some form of wheat, rice or maize even though over 30,000 named edible species exist on our planet.

Yet the frequent emergence of trending superfoods demonstrates that food biodiversity persists in many communities and regions around the globe. In a recent publication in Nature Food, we joined 54 colleagues in beginning to capture and prioritise this diversity, with a curated list of 1,650 foods.

Strikingly, more than 1,000 of the foods on the curated food list are not included in national food composition databases. In other words, we don't have easy access to what is in these foods, or science may not yet know

or vaccinated.

## First-of-its-kind study explains why some people do not get COVID-19

By Marina Zhang

RESEARCHERS have discovered why some people remain uninfected by the Covid-19 (SARS-CoV-2) virus - even after their nasal cavities are exposed to it.

According to a recent study, these people have faster and more subtle immune responses than those who develop symptomatic Covid-19.

"These findings shed new light on the crucial early events that either allow the virus to take hold or rapidly clear it before symptoms develop," Dr Marko Nikoli said in a press release on the study.

He is senior author of the study and honorary consultant in respiratory medicine at the University College London.

The report, published in Nature on Wednesday, was on a human challenge study conducted by researchers from the UK and the Netherlands. It is the first of its kind wherein participants were deliberately exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19.

Researchers recruited 16 young, healthy participants all aged under 30 years for the study. None had comorbidities and none had ever previously been infected with Covid-19

what these foods contain.

This suggests that dietary guidelines relying on national food composition databases miss the majority of humanity's long and co-evolutionary history with food.

Moreover, even the foods that are commonly consumed and included in national food composition databases are barely understood.

An estimated 95 per cent of the biomolecules in food are unknown to science - and this is the "dark matter" of food, diets and biodiversity. We don't know what these biomolecules are or how they function in ecosystems and in our bodies.

Mapping this dark matter is too large a task for any one laboratory, organisation or country to achieve on its own. We need a united scientific movement larger than the human genome project, with governments and researchers around the globe filling the gaps in our knowledge of the food we eat.

A suite of standardised tools, data and training is now available for this effort, which can build a centralised database based on standardised tools for researchers, practitioners and communities to share their wisdom and expertise on food and its diverse attributes to inform solutions to our pressing societal challenges.

Preliminary data from the first 500 foods analysed reveal that many "whole foods" can be considered "superfoods", unique relative to common biomolecules.

Each fruit and vegetable, for

example, has a unique composition of biomolecules that varies based on the environment, processing and preparation. Broccoli, which achieved "superfood" status several years ago for its antioxidants and its connections to gut health, has over 900 biomolecules not found in other green vegetables. We have identified the existence of these compounds through mass-spectrometry, but we have not determined the properties of these unique metabolites.

We do not even have enough data to accurately name them, much less understand the roles that they play in our bodies and in ecosystems in the world at large. And these 900+ biomolecules - broccoli's dark matter - are in addition to the biomolecules that broccoli shares with other cruciferous vegetables. The factor may help prevent a wide variety of illnesses, from colon and other cancers to vascular diseases.

Diet-related diseases such as diabetes, some cancers and heart diseases are now the main cause of mortality globally. Yet the full scope of the links between diet and disease, soil microbes and gut microbes as well as climate change and nutrient content still remains shrouded in uncertainty.

Regulatory bodies are calling for more science to guide policy decisions even as scientists are finding new connections between diet and health for conditions as varied as macular degeneration and blood coagulation disorders.

The 20th century witnessed

the simplification of agriculture, resulting in a narrow focus on yield and efficiency of a handful of cereal crops. Its successes were considerable, but they came at the expense of diversity, food quality and agricultural resilience.

The superfoods - the trends, not the actual foods - are the collective poster child of this problem.

Now food systems are at a crossroads. The 21st century can become the century of diversity, as the new cornerstone of science on food. But we need help illuminating the dark matter in food and charting the intricate interplay between food, ecosystems, climate and health.

As we call for a globally coordinated effort to fill the gaps in the food we eat, we need to ensure that these efforts do not create scientific disparities between countries and regions.

We need capacity-strengthening efforts so that all countries can equally and inclusively participate in, and benefit from, the knowledge of what is in our food, how it varies and implications for the health of people and the planet. It is not enough to borrow superfoods from non-Westernised cultures and give them nothing in return. Today, it is time to start opening the black box of food and create more nourishing food systems for everyone.

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or vaccinated.

The authors said their data confirm that HLA-DQA2 activity protects against further production of SARS-CoV-2 virus in infected cells.

Only people with symptomatic Covid-19 displayed systematic interferon responses. Interferons are messengers of the immune system that help reduce or aggravate immune and inflammatory activities.

The authors were surprised to find that interferons in the blood were activated before those at the infection site. Interferon activity in the blood peaked on Day 3 of the infection, while interferon activity at the infection site - the nose - was not detected until Day 5.

In the press release, the authors said that slow immune responses in the nose could have allowed the infection to establish itself quickly. Asymptomatic people did not have systemic interferon reactions and rarely had infected cells.

Unsurprisingly, they wrote, infected cells were almost exclusively found in the nasal cavities of symptomatic people.

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# Vocational education overhaul: Breaking major impediments to further academic advancement

By Adonis Byemelwa

VOCATIONAL education in Tanzania has long been stigmatized as a fallback for those deemed academically unfit for secondary school. This damaging perception has erected countless barriers for aspiring students, leaving the vocational path shrouded in uncertainty and obstructing opportunities for further educational advancement.

For instance, it was difficult for someone who completed vocational education to proceed to a degree program because there were not enough transition programs available. Those who attempted to switch to other educational pathways faced numerous obstacles, making it seem nearly impossible to pursue a degree through the vocational route.

In some higher learning institutions, a few slots were reserved for those who went through vocational education, but many entered as 'mature students,' even if they were the same age as their peers. Furthermore, there were limited courses they were allowed to pursue.

These barriers led to a societal disdain for vocational education, and many avoided it if they could because there were no clear avenues for advancing to higher education. Vocational education became stigmatized, and seen as a route for those who failed to get into secondary schools and regular colleges.

Recognizing these shortcomings, the government decided to change policies and laws to make vocational education respected on par with secondary education. Consequently, laws were enacted, and the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) was established to oversee this education sector.

However, this council is still not widely recognized, and many confuse it with the National Examinations Council (NECTA). Additionally, the educational standards recognized by NACTE are not as fully accepted in the public service system as those from NECTA are.

In efforts to strengthen the job sector, the government, in collaboration with various organizations, launched projects to improve vocational education. A recent example is the second phase of the Skills for Development Tanzania (SET) project, worth 24 billion Tanzanian Shillings. This project aims to enhance job opportunities for youth and teachers in Focal Development Schools (FDS).

This project, which started in 2022 and is expected to end in 2026, is implemented by the Swiss government through its agency, Swisscontact. Paul Medeye, a youth training expert from Swisscontact, said the project involves assessing skill needs, sustainable professional development, and youth training.

The project aims to improve the development of vocational skills for young people aged 15 to 24, including young mothers in the regions of Morogoro, Iringa, and Mbeya. According to Medeye, they decided to continue the project to its second phase after the success of SET I, which benefited over 10,000 youths by providing them with sustainable training in agriculture, poultry farming, and other related areas.

Former Deputy Minister of Education, Science, and Technology, Omary Kipanga, said this project helped the government improve skill development to create job opportunities for the youth, who make up about 70% of Tanzania's population. While the government puts a lot of emphasis on primary and secondary schools, the situation is dire in vocational colleges.

The Ministry of Education, which oversees NACTE, focuses more on Vocational Education and Training

Authority (VETA) colleges, while FTC colleges have been left behind. These FTCs, which previously taught tailoring, auto mechanics, and community development, no longer reflect the advancements in science and technology. These colleges lack modern equipment, and their infrastructure is dilapidated.

Colleges like those in Monduli District, Uyole, Mbeya Region, and many others have been neglected for a long time without strategies for improvement. According to the new government plan, even teacher colleges will no longer offer diplomas but only advanced diplomas, requiring students to stay in college for three years instead of the previous two.

The situation in FTC colleges has deteriorated due to budget constraints and lack of prioritization. Students pay 600,000 Tanzanian Shillings per year, but these funds are not fully utilized to cover the internal budgets of the respective institutions. The government has a system where student fees go directly to the relevant ministry, causing college administrations to rely on grants to run their institutions.

College owners wish the government would give them full authority to collect and use contributions to develop their institutions. They say many requests are not acted upon or processed in time, affecting efficiency in teaching and operations.

Despite past allegations of corruption during the Education for Self-Reliance (EK) initiative, colleges had self-sustaining projects that served the surrounding communities. Graduates could demonstrate productivity in the job market due to Mwalimu Nyerere's philosophy of self-reliance education, which involved students in producing goods and services.

However, the current generation is not keen on participating in agricultural activities using outdated technologies. They need modern training, such as auto mechanics, computer skills, driving, and hotel services. This means that the government and education stakeholders must invest in modern equipment and technology to provide students with skills that meet the demands of the current job market.

Overall, the government should strengthen plans to improve vocational education by providing adequate resources and ensuring that FTC colleges get the necessary equipment and infrastructure. This will enable students to receive quality education and acquire skills needed in the job market, ultimately improving the country's economy and the lives of its citizens.

It is also important for education stakeholders to collaborate with the private sector and international organizations to bring about real changes in vocational education. This collaboration can help bring new technologies and increase investment in vocational colleges, thus improving the quality of training offered.

As well, the government must ensure that the educational standards provided by vocational colleges are fully recognized in the job market. This will enable vocational graduates to get better jobs and advance academically. The education system should also consider the needs of the job market and incorporate more practical training to prepare graduates for real-world work environments.

In the current digital economy, it is also crucial to invest in information and communication technology (ICT) training. Vocational colleges should introduce ICT training programs and ensure that students acquire modern skills needed in the job market.

Still, the government should provide incentives for students and teachers in vocational colleges to

boost the enthusiasm for learning and teaching. These incentives can include offering educational loans, improving working conditions for teachers, and rewarding students who perform well.

Vocational education is essential for national development and community well-being. It is the responsibility of the government, education stakeholders, and society to ensure that vocational education gets the priority it deserves and is empowered to grow and improve. By doing so, we will have laid a solid foundation for economic and social development for future generations.

Developed countries have heavily invested in vocational education and have reaped the benefits of such investments. For instance, Germany has built a robust vocational training system (the Dual System) where students receive classroom education and practical training in various companies. This system has enabled students to gain real skills needed in the job market and significantly contributed to Germany's economic strength. Tanzania can learn from Germany by establishing partnership programs between vocational colleges and the private sector to provide combined practical and theoretical training.

In Switzerland, vocational education is also highly valued. Many students choose the vocational path and receive high-quality training, providing them with numerous job opportunities. The Swiss vocational education system is renowned for its quality and has contributed to the country's low unemployment rate. Tanzania can learn from Switzerland by ensuring vocational colleges have modern equipment and well-trained teachers to offer quality education to students.

In Finland, vocational education is taken very seriously, and the government invests heavily in ensuring students receive a quality education. Vocational colleges have modern equipment, and students receive practical training that prepares them well for the job market. Tanzania can learn from Finland by ensuring vocational colleges have the necessary equipment and conducive learning environments.

In the UK, the government has put a significant emphasis on vocational education. The government has introduced vocational training programs in collaboration with various companies to provide practical training for students. These programs have increased job opportunities for young people and reduced the unemployment rate. Tanzania can learn from the UK by establishing partnership programs between vocational colleges and the private sector to increase job opportunities for young people.

On a lighter note, developed countries offer many examples to emulate in advancing vocational education. Tanzania can learn from these countries by ensuring that vocational education receives the priority it deserves and is empowered to grow and improve. This includes ensuring that vocational colleges have modern equipment, well-trained teachers, and conducive learning environments. It is also essential to establish partnership programs between vocational colleges and the private sector to provide practical training for students.

By doing so, Tanzania will have laid a solid foundation for economic and social development for future generations. Vocational education will help reduce unemployment, increase workers' skills, and contribute to the nation's economic growth. It is now time for the government, education stakeholders, and society to invest fully in vocational education to ensure that young people acquire the necessary skills in the job market and contribute effectively to the nation's development.



## Invitation for Tender (IFT)

- Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) is a registered Non-Governmental Organization providing Integrated Reproductive health services country wide. Established in 1989, MST operates 9 static health facilities and 40 outreach teams.
- MST under projects fund has set aside funds for its operations during the financial year 2024/2025. It is intended that part of the proceedings of the funds will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for supply/provide below goods/services.
- Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST) now invites interested and eligible bidders to supply and provide below goods and services.

Tender No	Tender Description
RFP/MST/29/2024	Provision of consultancy services for carrying out Mystery Client Survey to assess the quality of service and customer experience across various health activities.
IFT/MST/30/2024	Supply of Medicines and Medical & laboratory Supplies for Marie Stopes Mwenge Hospital and Kimara Center Located in Dar es Salaam.
IFT/MST/31/2024	Supply of IT Equipment and Accessories (Laptops, All in One Desktops, Tablets, Wireless/Bluetooth Mouse, Printers and Scanners, Projectors, External Storage, PS (Uninterruptible Power Supply), Laptop Spare parts (battery, screen, power adapter, portable ssd enclosure, SSD M2.5, SSDM2, 3 pin laptop power cord, power guard)

- Interested and eligible bidders must confirm their intention to bid indicating all relevant contact information including respective e-mail address and Tittle and Number of Tender interested to bid to **tenders@mst.or.tz** Attn: Procurement and Logistics Manager. Bidders shall be responsible for following up to ensure that MST has received the notification.
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- Interested and eligible Bidders may seek further information and clarifications regarding this Tender by sending an e-mail to **clarifications@mst.or.tz** before the due date and time for submission of tender document(s).
- Bidders must submit a hard copies of bid documents i.e Technical and financial with all necessary required attachments/supporting documents at MST Office on the address provided below in a sealed envelope marked a "Title of the Tender and Tender number." Before or not later than **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, at 16:00HRS Local Time.**
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By Telesphor Magobe

# Africa's ambitious progress amidst vicious spiral of violent extremism

WHILE Africa strives for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030 and African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, its efforts and goodwill are debilitated, among other things, by growing poverty and the vicious spiral of violent extremism.

Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI, 2023) suggests that "10 million of the 12 million poor people with the highest deprivation scores (90-100 per cent) live in sub-Saharan Africa and the intensity of poverty is particularly serious [because] the region is home not only to the highest number of poor people, but also to the poorest of the poor." These poorest of the poor face deprivations especially in health, education and standard of living, which also directly affect their lives and wellbeing.

Commenting on sub-Saharan Africa's poverty incidence, UNDP Africa Governance and Development Outlook (2024) suggests 462 million people in the region were still living in extreme poverty in 2023, equivalent to about 38 per cent of the population, showing a slight increase from 2022 data which estimated extreme poverty at 36 per cent of the population, which translates into persons living below \$2.15 (about Sh3,000 per person per day). "The percentage of people living in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to rise until at least 2030."

Moreover, in the past five years 36 of the 44 countries in sub-Saharan Africa have experienced at least one external conflict, according to Global Peace Index (GPI, 2024). "African countries face varying degrees of security threats...have varying levels of socio-political instability, rebellion, intra-and inter-ethnic conflict, inter-state conflicts, illicit trafficking in arms, drugs, humans and minerals, and fighting over the control of resources," says Agenda 2030: How Africa Can Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (Version 2, 2017).

Yet, aspiration 4 of 'Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want' strives for a peaceful and secure Africa as it states: "Africa will be a peaceful and secure continent, with harmony among communities starting at grassroots level. The management of our diversity will be a source of wealth, harmony and social and economic transformation rather than a source of conflict." So, how can envisaged progress in Africa co-exist with the vicious spiral of insecurity?

GPI (2024) says the world has become less peaceful over the past 16 years, with the average country score deteriorating by 4.5 per cent since the inception of GPI in 2008. "Of the 163 countries in the GPI, 95 recorded deteriorations, while 66 recorded improvements and two recorded no change. Seventeen of the 23 GPI indicators deteriorated between 2008 and 2023 while seven improved."

Furthermore, the report says the economic impact of violence on the global economy in 2023 was \$19.1



African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa

trillion in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms. "This figure is equivalent to 13.5 per cent of the world's economic activity (gross world product) or \$2,380 per person. Military and internal security expenditure accounts for over 74 per cent of the total economic impact of violence, with the economic impact of military spending alone accounting for \$8.4 trillion in the past year." This has made many countries experience a reduction in their GDP, according to the report.

Surprisingly, the epicentre of terrorism is shifting from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to sub-Saharan Africa where there is fertile ground and conflict remains the primary driver of terrorist activity as it accounted for 90 per cent of terror attacks in 2023, according to Global Terrorism Index (GTI, 2024), which ranked 163 economies over five years. The report says "terrorism is a unique threat not because it kills the most people, but because it has the greatest potential psychological and social impact." At global level while deaths from terrorism rose to 8,352

in 2023, a 22-per cent increase from the year before, terrorism attacks became more deadly in 2023 with 2.5 deaths per attack compared to 1.6 in 2022.

"Sub-Saharan Africa recorded the most deaths of any region for the seventh consecutive year, with an increase of 21 per cent compared to 2022. However, most of the impact of terrorism in the region is concentrated in the Central Sahel."

UNDP in its report titled "Journey to Extremism in Africa: Drivers, Incentives and the Tipping Point for Recruitment (2017)" suggests that a sense of grievance towards and limited confidence in government is associated with the highest incidence of violent extremism. This includes a belief that "the government only looks after the interests of a few, low level of trust in government authorities, and experience, or willingness to report experience, of bribe-paying."

The report says while those most susceptible to recruitment express a significantly lower degree of confidence in the potential for democratic institutions

to deliver progress or meaningful change, positive experience of effective service provision is confirmed as a source of resilience. UNDP findings show that respondents, who believed that their governments' provision of education was either excellent or improving, "were less likely to be a member of a violent extremist group, within the sample."

The report says a striking 71 per cent pointed to government action, including killing of a family member or friend or arrest of a family member or friend, as an incident that prompted them to join the extremist group. "These findings throw into stark relief the question of how counter-terrorism and wider security functions of governments in at-risk environments conduct themselves with regard to human rights and due process. State security-actor conduct is revealed as a prominent accelerator of recruitment, rather than the reverse."

## Global pandemic treaty will help in war on future threats

By Precious Matsoso

FOR the past two years the World Health Organization's 194 member states have been negotiating an international accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. This was driven by the need to ensure the world is better prepared for future pandemics.

The outcome of the government-led negotiations was presented to the annual meeting of the World Health Assembly in May 2024 and countries required more time to develop this first-ever global pandemic accord. Negotiations have been extended until May 2025.

Precious Matsoso was appointed co-chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, which was established after governments decided, in December 2021, to develop an international pandemic agreement. She has more than 25 years of executive management experience in health matters, both nationally and internationally.

She tells Nadine Dreyer about the complexities of drafting the accord and why she is optimistic about getting the deal done.

Why do we need a pandemic accord?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, inequitable vaccine distribution protected people in

the global north but left the world's poorest at the back of the queue.

Problems arose when high-income countries were accused of stockpiling pharmaceuticals for domestic use, curbing other nations' supplies.

One analysis estimated that 1.3 million people died in lower-income countries because of inequitable distribution of vaccines.

In the first seven months of the worldwide COVID-19 vaccination campaign, more than 80% of the doses were concentrated in high-income and upper-middle-income countries.

At the heart of the proposed accord is the need to ensure equity in access to the tools needed to prevent pandemics and in access to healthcare for all people.

This historic treaty will be only the second such health accord after the 2003 Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, a treaty which aims to reduce smoking around the world.

What successes have been achieved so far?

The very first article of the accord that got the green light was one that dealt with human resources, the health workforce. I'm very pleased it at least guarantees these workers will be protected.

Remember, they're the front line. So when we have vaccines, they must be the first to get them. We've also added conditions like decent work, safe working conditions and so on.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES FOR VULNERABLE ETHNIC GROUPS SELF-IDENTIFYING AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE - NO: REQ-00000513

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking activities to support communities of Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People affected by the EACOP project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The EACOP pipeline corridor traverses about 30 communities in Tanga, Manyara, Dodoma and Tabora regions home to Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People and has acquired land in these communities. As part of its commitment to these communities reflected in various agreements and in compliance with the International Financing Standards, EACOP is now seeking suitably experienced and qualified organizations to deliver the following groups of services to these specific communities of Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People (details to be provided during the call for tender phase).

- **00000513 - 01:** Land Use Management: activities will include capacity building on village land use planning; facilitating village land use planning; supporting the resolution of land use conflicts; facilitating the acquisition of CCROs.
- **00000513 - 02:** Supporting Women and Youth empowerment through the formation of groups and promoting an improved business environment for youth and women as well as identifying opportunities to connect youth and women groups with relevant entrepreneurship support institutions
- **00000513 - 03:** Strengthening Communities: Establish and strengthening of Village Community Development Committees and undertaking capacity building activities at community level.

To undertake this work, EACOP requires one or more organizations (private or non-governmental organization) with a demonstrable track record of experience in working with these communities on these topics.

Organizations responding may express their interest in any or all of the services required.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organisations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Details of similar projects or activities undertaken which provide evidence of qualified and available team, knowledge of these communities and track record of the above activities.
- Proof of registration with relevant Tanzanian Registration Bodies (Current BRELA Search, NGO Registration, OSHA).
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available if relevant.
- Proof of Registration with EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database, or a proof of application for registration at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for year.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to [procurement.tz@eacop.com](mailto:procurement.tz@eacop.com) (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **14th July 2024** Email subject shall be: **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: 00000513 Capacity Building Activities for Vulnerable Ethnic Groups self-identifying as Indigenous People**. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

**Note:** EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.

**TANZANIA FOREST CONSERVATION GROUP**

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### Tender for supply of brand-new Motor vehicles, Motor cycles and GPS Units.

**1. Introduction:**  
With Financial support from the European Union, the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) in partnership with the Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUJITA) are implementing the project Integrated Forest and Biomass Energy Solutions for Tanzania - IFBEST in Tanga Region. The Project aims at enhancing the environmental sustainability through sustainable forest management and wood-fuel production in the districts of Handeni, Kilindi, Pangani and Mkinga.

**2. Invitation for Quotations:**  
TFCG invites sealed quotations from competent, qualified, reputable, reliable and experienced manufacturers, assemblers, wholesalers, distributors and vendors for the supply of above goods to be delivered at TFCG Head Office Dar es Salaam.

Category no	Description	Qty/Units	Brief requirements
1	Supply of Brand new motor vehicles	3 units	4WD Strong Station wagon Diesel Engine Not more than 3 years from the date of manufacture, zero kilometre 12 seater (Front seat capacity should be 3 persons, rear seats in bench format) Manual transmission White color Suitable for off-road field activities Engine capacity should be at least 2700cc and above Maximum speed up to 200km/hr
			Heavy duty off road motor cycles Petrol engine Engine capacity above cc200 Carrying capacity 2 persons 5-Speed transmission 10-12 litre fuel tank Stronger rear carrier Not more than 3 years since manufacture date
2	Supply of brand new motor cycles	5 units	GNSS Network support (GPS, Glonas, Galileo, QZSS, IRNSS) Display resolution: 160x240 pixels Display size: 3.6x5.5 cm Built in memory: 16 GB Battery type: 2-AA Batteries
3	Supply of GPS units	27 units	

**3. VAT Exemption**  
This Project is exempt from Value Added Tax (VAT). TFCG will facilitate the processing and provision of necessary VAT exemption certificates for the goods.

**4. Submission details and specifications:**  
Details on how to submit the quotations are available at: <https://www.tfcg.org/tenders.html>

**5. Deadline:**  
The closing date and time for the receipt of quotations is **09<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 12.00 noon**. Quotations submitted after this time shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.



# Kanabar: A philanthropist who won hearts of many Tanzanians

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

**W**ITH today marking five years since the passing of Dr Rajni Kanabar, the founder of Regency Medical Centre is still in many people's minds.

Dr Kanabar (pictured) is remembered for the way he helped 3,700 children and some adults to get free treatment in India.

Dr Kanabar, through the Tanzania Heart Babies Project, coordinated in collaboration with the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam (Host), worked tirelessly to find various donors to help underprivileged children get treatment in India.

Dr Kanabar, who died on June 25, 2019, in Dallam, USA, is remembered for his kindness and working tirelessly to help poor Tanzanian children with heart problems get free treatment in India.

One of the people who used to work close to Dr Kanabar, Ibrahim Hussein said at the end of the week that Tanzania and the whole world lost a kind and good man who gave his life for others.

"I will remember Dr Kanabar for his goodness and most of the time he told me that I should help the poor. Every time we met, he used to tell me that Hussein should not forget to help the poor because we are only passers-by in this world," he said.

"Dr Kanabar touched our lives throughout his lifetime and beyond with his service to the underprivileged and his kindness. A fine orator and fundraiser his legacy lives and his philanthropic work. He facilitated 3,700 plus congenital heart surgeries for Tanzanian children in India, to the 75,000+ subsidized /free haemodialysis session he organized at Regency Medical Center," he said.

In 1979 Dr Rajni Kanabar introduced a project to send heart patients to India where more than 100 children were sent for free heart treatment every year.

Through the project known as 'Tanzania Heart Babies Project' most of the patients with heart valve problems were being sent to various hospitals in India including Narayana and Hyderabad.

Dr Kanabar, who was the coordinator of the project in collaboration with the Lions Club of Dar es Salaam (Host), was at the forefront of finding donors to contribute money to send the children with heart problems abroad for treatment.

Among the main sponsors of the project is the former Executive Chairman of IPP Companies, the late Dr Reginald Mengi who every year used to contribute money to send more than 50 patients to India.

Dr Kanabar was born on November 9, 1940, in Mwanza and later studied medicine in India and Dublin Ireland, and then returned to the country where he established Regency Medical Center (RMC).

For more than three decades, Dr Kanabar has received various awards due to his contribution to serving the community, especially in the health sector.

The 'Tanzania Heart Babies Project', which he introduced in 1979, has been a great help to thousands of Tanzanian children who have been sent to India for free treatment until 2015 when the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) was established.

Dr Kanabar for several decades, Kanabar had been collaborating



with hospitals abroad to send Tanzanian patients for treatment, even non-cardiac treatment at low costs.

Due to his contribution to the health sector, the President of the fourth phase, Jakaya Kikwete, and the President of the third phase, Benjamin Mkapa once gave Dr Kanabar an award for excellence in the sector at different times.

In 2010, Dr Kanabar was also awarded the highest honour of the President of India, Pratibha Patil called 'Pravasi Bhartiya Samman'.

Regency Hospital staff have remembered the founder by promising to continue the good things he did in his life serving as the RMC Chairman.

Speaking at the hospital yesterday, one of the expert doctors, Ger-

trude Senyingo said that she will not forget Dr Kanabar in the way he touched his personal life and the lives of many because people who were unable to get treatment he gave them a discount on up to 60 percent.

She said that due to his sense of humour and gentleness, he used to call him 'Babu' because he raised them as his grandchildren by guiding them gently even when they were wrong.

"He encouraged love a lot and even if you had personal family matters, he listened and solved them on the spot, there are few leaders whom you can wait at the main gate and tell your problem and solve it on the spot, 'Babu' was able to do that," she said.

Nurse Midwife at the hospital, Judith Mahandela said they remember Dr Kanabar for the way he lived with them without discrimination or favouritism and the way he cared for the interests of his employees.

She said through Dr Kanabar, the Heart Babies project he managed, many Tanzanian children with various heart problems had the opportunity to go to India for treatment for free and return with a smile.

"Babu" had a lot of love for people and for many who were undergoing dialysis he gave them a 50 percent discount and some for free. He helped people who failed to pay for treatment and even us employees when you had a problem, he was very responsive," she said

Another nurse, Justina Kazoba said that he was personally accompanying heart patients to New Delhi, India, where they went to be treated for heart disease.

She said Dr Kanabar was not a racist and he raised all the employees of the hospital without classifying them and he cared about their benefit.

"Indeed, we have lost a person who cared for his colleagues with all his heart, 'Babu' used to insist on loving and supporting each other, saying that we are only passing through this world and we will leave with nothing, we miss you 'Babu'"

# Mufindi: Where widows struggle to get rights to land

By Correspondent Beatrice Moses

**W**IDOWS all over Africa are facing lots of problems in societies due to male power traditional norms.

One of the profound problems is lack of or inadequate land ownership.

The intersection of widowhood, land rights, and male dominance in Africa significantly impacts the socio-economic well-being and empowerment of widows. Hence denying widows the right to access, and to inherit land and property through patriarchal customs is inimical to the promotion of gender equality and human dignity. It's against human rights and the Africa We Want and has been identified as a key problem in Africa.

Landesa Outreach Director-Africa Dr Monica Magoke-Mhoja explained that widows in Tanzania often encounter severe inequality when it comes to land ownership.

Imelda Kalinga (pictured) is living in Ikongosi Juu village in Mufindi District in Iringa Region and she is one among of the widows that have been helped by landesa programmes. Her husband's death left her solely responsible for their three children; to meet their needs, she depended on the small piece of land she and her husband farmed together.

Her father-in-law was a good person and supported her to remain utilising the farm. But alas, just days after her father-in-law's funeral, brothers-in-law started harassing and evicting her from the farm claiming it belonged to her husband's family. She was devastated with sleepless nights and lost hope.

Dr Magoke-Mhoja said that Imelda's story is all too common in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa. She was more fortunate than most widows who never enjoy rights to matrimonial land upon spouses' deaths. Her story illustrates how land titling benefited her, giving her legal power over her land. Actually, land use planning has helped several widows in Mufindi secure legal rights to properties they inherited.

"This was conducted through land use planning with climate change and gender lens (integrating gender equality and social inclusion) through Landesa in collaboration with the Government -Mufindi District Council and PELUM," said Dr Magoke-Mhoja

Without changing community mind-sets, Landesa understands that in some land use planning operations, men could get their names on the documents because they are deemed as heads of households. In the end, widows would even be fortunate if they got the smallest lots. However, with a gender transformative approach, change of mind-set has occurred among communities.

"At this juncture, it's vital to mention that researchers narrate that women in Africa account for nearly half of all farm labour and are regularly responsible for household food production and preparation. Women fill a vital role in both agriculture and in household food production. Yet, women, widows included, often lack rights to land," she said.

Dr Magoke-Mhoja further explained that the exclusion



of widows from land ownership and power has profoundly far-reaching effects on various aspects of their lives. Without land ownership, Africa's widows lose critical sources of income, especially in agrarian societies where land is the primary means of livelihood. Furthermore, widows becoming economically dependent on male relatives or community support, reducing their financial autonomy.

Since land is used as collateral for loans but widows lack land ownership, they naturally become limited to accessing credit, and this in turn hinders their ability to invest in businesses or to improve their living conditions, further narrowing their economic opportunities and entrepreneurial potential.

Dr Magoke-Mhoja said that the loss of land and economic insecurity can lead to significant psychological stress, anxiety, and depression among widows. Social exclusion and marginalization can exacerbate mental health issues, leading to feelings of loneliness and helplessness.

Further, the economic impact of land exclusion can limit widows' ability to afford education for their children, perpetuating cycles of poverty and inequality. Such exclusion reinforces patriarchal norms and gender inequality, perpetuating discrimination against women. Moreover, such exclusion effects can be passed down to future generations, as children of widows may also face economic and social disadvantages.

"Imelda had neither legal knowledge nor resources to challenge discriminatory practices to claim her legal rights. Fortunately, Imelda was part of the Village Council and participated in the land use planning training conducted

by Landesa, where she learned about her rights to land," said.

As the Landesa Outreach Director has travelled within Africa and evidenced how widows are benefitted from Land Use Planning or Land formalization, below are some of the case studies:

Sulesa Yohana is a widow of 4 children in Mufindi, she lived happily with her husband, but when her husband died she said "My in laws pressured me to vacate the land. I was stressed and very sad, I couldn't focus". She had significant psychological stress and anxiety

In her explanation Sulesa said "It was within that time Landesa with the Mufindi Council people came with education on land rights and the land use planning process, helped the me to get a customary land certificate in my name and my 4 children's name. I gained my joy and happiness even to focus on my shamba work. I have confidence that I have legal rights to land and inheritance for my children".

After receiving her certificate, she feels more comfortable and relaxed no more psychological stress.

Another studies case is that an elderly widow a resident of Nundwe Village in Mufindi District who had 4 sons, all four sons died, and she was left with 4 daughters-in-law and a number of grandchildren. She was harassed by her late-husband relatives not to give the land to widows as they can be re-married. For her the backbiting against her daughters in law gave her sleepless nights.

After receiving the Customary Certificate of Occupancy providing details of her land ownership and all her daughters-in-laws and grand-children, she exclaimed, "this paper document is very important to me, my land is now secure against encroachment or eviction"

She said further, "even if I die today, I am confident that, people will respect this paper which proves the land is mine. And my daughters are safe now."

Shifting from Tanzania, another case study is in Liberia in which Landesa also carried out land formalization in Ma Nusia's case, the intervention of Landesa-Liberia under the Customary Land Rights and Talking Book programs played a crucial role in restoring her rights to her husband's land. These programs, through a series of land meetings and awareness messages, helped to educate the head of Ma Nusia's late husband's family and other men in their town about women's land rights. This led to the family realizing that it was Ma and her children's right to inherit her husband's land, and they returned the land to them.

Another case which also took place on Liberia is Madam Sarah L. Kollie's Case. A 58-year-old widow from Foequelleh Town, Panta Clan, Panta District in Bong County, and her five children were denied access to their land, which had palm and rubber farms, after her husband's death.

Despite her pleas, her husband's family went on with their denial. Fortunately, Foequelleh Town was a beneficiary of the Talking Book (TB) and Customary Land Formalization projects. Sarah, along with some members of her husband's family, participated in these programs. The

land rights messages about women's rights to land by marriage and inheritance brought great relief to Sarah and her children.

After attending to these programs, her late husband's family realized their mistakes and returned the land to Sarah and her children which till today is under their ownership and control.

## Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want

Upholding the rights of widows is critical to implementing the African Union's Agenda 2063 and creating "The Africa We Want." Aspiration 6 of Agenda 2063 strives to achieve people-driven development in Africa and to strengthen the role of Africa's women through gender equality and the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. Imelda's story is a measure of progress in the effort to empower women and unlock their potential. Landesa efforts in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa support Aspiration 1 (A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development); Aspiration 3 (Good Governance) and Aspiration 6 (An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of women and youth). This work illustrates a strong commitment to advancing land rights, promoting gender equality, and fostering sustainable development in relation with the goals of Agenda 2063.

Dr Magoke-Mhoja recommends that Tanzania inheritance laws are in urgent need to have reform for both customary and Islamic law, the two predominant systems of intestate succession in Tanzania.

Overall, changing institutions is vital; the basic rights of widows should be entrenched in Africa countries constitutions and for equal rights of property ownership to be clearly stipulated in the law. Where this has been done it's necessary to bring all inheritance and land laws into harmony with the Constitution. Additionally, legal institutions responsible for implementing the land and inheritance laws need to operate fairly and equitably.









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# Initiative to promote latest cutting-edge automotive technology is unveiled in Dar

By Guardian Correspondent

THE automotive world is revving up with manufacturers and traders exploring cutting-edge automotive technology to align with demand and development.

In efforts to ensure that cars and trucks continue to play an important role to stimulate development, stakeholders have organised a special auto festival designed to transcend expectations and enrich the automotive landscape in Tanzania.

Speaking during the initial launch of the fest in Dar es Salaam during the weekend Ahmed Hussein, the major organiser said that the event finds a synergy to expand services and reach both urban and rural dwellers on variety car services as many are still unaware and making them afraid to reach selling shops.

Hussein said the Dar Auto Fest which is expected to be conducted from October 10th to 14th aims to bring over 100 participants to the event who include those who visit to learn or purchase vehicles.

He said the event will also involve learning on market research,

education and community engagement as well as charity support to the needy communities.

He said attendees are not just spectators but active participants in exploring cutting-edge automotive technology.

The expo offers a unique opportunity for visitors to test-drive vehicles and engage with knowledgeable product specialists, ensuring an informative and enjoyable experience.

“What sets this auto expo apart is not just about cars; it’s a family-friendly event with plenty of exhibitors and interactive experiences for all ages. Whether you are an automotive enthusiast or a family looking for a weekend of fun, the expo has something for everyone,” he said.

He noted that in today’s fast-paced, technological world, the fusion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and information saturation is rewriting the rules for businesses across the spectrum.

“We are in the midst of a revolution where traditional methods collide with cutting-edge technologies. Amidst this change, the challenge of nurturing and retaining top talent takes centre stage. We are aimed to encourage stakeholders to work in synergy to push the motor vehicle and transportation services forward,” he said.



## Empowering Kenyan women breaks barriers in construction of Thwake Dam

NAIROBI

BRAVING the sweltering afternoon heat, Victoria Mutweleli skillfully engaged the gears of the giant excavator atop the embankment of Thwake Dam, which is located on the edges of Kenya’s southeastern county of Makueni.

The middle-aged mother of two grinned as the excavator scooped mid-sized rocks and placed them at the top of the embankment for compacting, heralding the completion of phase one of the Thwake multipurpose dam, whose construction by China Gezhouba Group Company (CGGC) commenced in March 2018.

A graduate of heavy machinery operations at a mid-level college, Mutweleli initially worked at the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) during its construction, where she operated excavators, crushers and rollers.

In 2019, Mutweleli received a job offer from CGGC as an excavator operator, giving her the chance to develop her skills in civil works, a traditionally male-dominated industry.

“Since I started working on the Thwake Dam project, I can say that I have gained some skills and experience in operating heavy machinery,” said Mutweleli during a recent interview with Xinhua.

She is among female employees who have defied stereotypes to lend their expertise during the phased construction of a dam that is expected to boost water supply, irrigation and power generation in Kenya’s arid southeastern counties.

Co-financed by the Kenyan government and African Development Bank (AfDB), the Thwake multipurpose dam is a flagship project of the country’s Vision 2030. It is being implemented in four phases, covering the installation of the nearly complete embankment, water supply infrastructure, hydro-power generation and irrigation.

Zachariah Njeru, Kenya’s cabinet secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, said during a recent inspection tour of the dam that it would provide nearly 150,000 cubic meters of treated water daily to 1.3 million people in the lower eastern region.

Njeru said the dam will generate 20 megawatts of hydroelectric power be-



Construction site at Thwake Dam in Makueni, Kenya

sides irrigating 100,000 acres (40,468 hectares) to boost food security in a region that has grappled with recurrent droughts for many decades.

The ongoing civil works at the dam have already created 1,200 direct and indirect jobs for locals, including Lillian Gituma Mukami, a heavy machine operator and mother of one.

Mukami’s dexterity of operating more than 20 tonnes of heavy compacting rollers atop the dam’s embankment on a humid afternoon won her admiration from onlookers. She was among the heavy machine operators who took part in the completion of Thwake Dam’s embankment filling, which will pave the way for other civil works meant to support water supply, irrigation and power generation.

“I operate more than one machine, I do lifting and earthmovers,” said Mukami, who joined the dam project early this year but has since 2009 operated heavy machinery in Kenya and overseas.

Mukami said it took courage and determination to work in a male-dominated field, noting that working for the Chinese contractor of Thwake Dam has improved her technical and interpersonal skills. She added that despite hurdles placed by culture, Kenyan women are willing to venture into civil engineering and contribute to the implementation of major infrastructure projects like dams, roads and bridges.

Faith Nzimbi, an environmental impact

assessment (EIA) expert at the Thwake Dam project since May 2019, said it has fostered talent and skill development among local female employees.

The 31-year-old environmental science major said that it has been a rewarding experience to oversee the ecologically sound construction of one of Kenya’s largest dams.

“For me, it has been quite an adventure to work in a field that has few women, and working for a Chinese firm on such a huge project has taught me many skills. I have also improved my interaction with community members,” Nzimbi said.

Nzimbi said for the last five years, she had gained knowledge in civil engineering, including structures, materials, machine operations, and blasting rocks, even as she mentors young women to take up construction jobs.



“Since I started working on the Thwake Dam project, I can say that I have gained some skills and experience in operating heavy machinery”

## WB: Better plans to uplift Tanzania’s livestock sector

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA can significantly boost its livestock sector’s economic contribution with a bold and comprehensive plan that emphasizes climate-smart strategies and innovations, a World Bank (WB) report has stated.

The newly released 21st Tanzania Economic Update, titled, ‘Harnessing the Opportunity for a Climate-Smart and Competitive Livestock Sector in Tanzania,’ released yesterday shows that while the country boasts a large livestock population, climate-related risks and insufficient investments from the public and private sectors have hindered sectoral growth and international competitiveness.

The report recommends backing such a robust plan with at least \$546 million (1.4trn/-) public investments over the next five years. This annual investment of approximately \$109 million (286bn/-) represents a fivefold increase over previous budgets and a 50 percent increase from the 2023/24 budget.

Nathan Belete, WB Country Director said the demand for livestock products has risen over the years as a result of urbanization, income growth, and changing lifestyles and diets and this has led to increased consumption which presents an important opportunity and risks for the sector.

“There is a real opportunity to capitalize on the growing internal market while simultaneously exploring avenues for export expansion for sectoral growth and international competitiveness in a sustainable and climate-smart manner,” he said.

Tanzania has one of the fastest growing livestock populations in Africa and the world. It is estimated that the country currently possesses 36.6 million head of cattle, making it the second largest cattle population in Africa after Ethiopia.

This represents 1.4 percent of the global cattle population and 11 percent of the African total. Tanzania also has a substantial population of sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs, ranking it among the top ten on the continent in terms of overall livestock size.

The sector provides income-generating opportunities throughout the value chain, employing 33 percent of the population,

or 4.6 million households. Despite this, the country’s exports remain below their potential, highlighting challenges in fully capitalizing on the sector’s economic potential to generate jobs and contribute to poverty reduction.

According to the report authors, Tanzania’s pasture-based livestock sector faces serious challenges due to climate change, including erratic rainfall and higher temperatures.

Endemic livestock diseases further constrain the sector, impacting animal health, productivity, and market access. Structural and institutional challenges that intersect with climate risks hamper productivity and competitiveness, while the disproportionately low public funding for the sector hinders investment in essential research, extension services, and infrastructure.”

Furthermore, the livestock sector, both globally and in Tanzania, is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, particularly methane, which greatly contributes to climate change. Despite this impact, funding for methane reduction efforts is minimal, and the sector’s emissions present challenges to achieving climate change mitigation goals while ensuring food security.

“Despite the various challenges, the sector has strong growth potential and plays an important role for Tanzanian livelihoods,” said Ernest Ruzindaza, World Bank Senior Agricultural Economist, and co-author of the report.

“The country’s strategic location with sea access and borders with seven countries makes it well suited to meet regional and global demand for livestock products. Its diverse indigenous livestock breeds cater to various consumer preferences domestically and internationally and support the export of livestock genetics and biotechnology products,” he stated.

The authors advocate for additional public investment, incorporating climate-smart interventions to reduce methane emissions by 13 percent and increase protein production by 29 percent over six years.

They also recommend pursuing a series of policies and investments targeting productivity, trade and value addition, climate adaptation and mitigation, as well as sector governance with these resources.



# Kenya rallying regional peers on ICT integration

NAIROBI

KENYA has now called on her East African Community (EAC) peers to harmonise legal and regulatory frameworks to increase integration in Information Communication and Technology.

This, it says, will help the region tap into growing opportunities in the digital space, a major driver of economies across the globe.

According to Kenya's Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary, Eliud Owalo, harmonisation of legal and regulatory regimes, for instance, will go a long way to provide a united approach to leveraging the full benefits of the digital economy.

Among what Kenya is pushing for, is all EAC member states to jump on board the One-Area-Network (ONA).

The initiative mooted in 2014, with Rwanda, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda as pioneers, has enabled easy communication across the EAC partner states, where roaming costs have been harmonised and calls across these countries are treated as local calls.

"The success of the one network area has contributed significantly to increased interaction and deepening integration in the region. I wish to urge member states who are yet to implement the framework, to consider embracing it for the good of the people of this region," Owalo said.

He spoke during the East African Communications Organisation (EACO) 29th Annual Assemblies and Extra-Ordinary Congress, in Nairobi, on Monday.

Other areas Kenya is keen on include cyber security, SIM card registration, and standardisation of ICT equipment and services in the region, e-waste and green ICTs, which remain critical in catalysing the attainment of digital transformation goals.

"As the EAC grows with additional member states, our collective strength towards implementing some of these



bold and progressive ideas should be more emboldened," the CS said.

New entrants into the EAC bloc, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are among those being urged to integrate their ICT frameworks.

The call by Kenya comes as the government continues to push for further growth in the digital space.

The government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) has primed ICTs as a critical enabler of economic growth and has identified deliberate interventions to make this a reality, Owalo affirmed.

The Ministry and the Communication Authority of Kenya (CA) are leading the country's Digital Transformation Agenda.

As of March, this year, Kenya had a 132.1 per cent mobile penetration, 51.2 million internet subscribers and 38.6 million mobile money users.

The country's smartphone penetration rate is currently at about 67 per cent, according to CA.

"The authority strives to keep average access charges for services such as mobile voice, data and Internet affordable for all," Communications Authority Director General, David Mugonyi, said.

He said the authority is committed to ensuring 100 per cent 3G and 4G population coverage. 4G contributes up

to 51.5 per cent of total mobile data subscriptions.

Telecommunication companies in the country are also increasing 5G technology, which Mugonyi said will present new opportunities for all sectors of the economy.

"The use cases for this technology in Kenya are immense and we believe it will make a significant contribution to allowing us to participate in fourth industrial revolution," he said.

The Authority, through the Universal Service Fund, is supporting the deployment of ICT in unserved and underserved areas of the country, with over 750,000 people connected in the last five years.

A majority of government services are also moving online and the authority is charged with securing Kenya's cyberspace, enhancing cybersecurity readiness and scaling up threat detection and prevention capabilities.

Themed "Promoting digital transformation in the EAC region," the Nairobi meeting provides EAC member states with an opportunity to reflect individual and collective efforts, CS Owalo said, and leverage the power of digital transformation to grow the region's economies.

# AfDB and the African Solidarity Fund seal strategic partnership

By Special Correspondent

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) and the African Solidarity Fund (ASF) have signed a letter of intent to strengthen the two institutions' working relationship and synergy.

The partnership was ratified by Aida Ngom, Director of the Private Sector Development Department, on behalf of the African Development Bank Group, and Abdourahmane Diallo, the Fund's Managing Director, at the opening ceremony of the third Ordinary Session of the Board of Governors of the African Solidarity Fund.

This strategic partnership represents a first step towards boosting cooperation between the Bank and the Fund as regards knowledge-sharing and technical assistance in a number of areas related to risk management and the organisational and management structures of the ASF.

Diallo described the signing as a symbol of an ambitious and promising partnership between the two institutions. He stressed the unwavering commitment of his teams to completing work in progress, which includes dynamic collaboration to implement the Bank's projects and programmes aimed at young people, women and other target groups in Africa. "This approach reflects the African Solidarity Fund's commitment to promoting inclusive and sustainable development on the continent," he said.

"As far as the African Development Bank is concerned, the African Solidarity Fund is a strategic and important institution. We look forward to our two institutions working more closely together via this strategic partnership," said Ngom.

# We need tailored solutions for empowering women in agribusiness across Africa

By Fahreen Chudasama

IN the competitive African agribusiness sector, smaller Agri-SMEs run and owned by women frequently face disproportionate disruptions to their operations.

The pivotal roles played by women across the agriculture value chain, coupled with Africa's burgeoning number of women entrepreneurs, underscore the urgency for targeted support to fortify their enterprises against the challenges they face.

Women make up more than 50% of Africa's population and 80% of them reside in rural areas. Over 60% are employed in rural areas in the agriculture sector. Given the limited capacity of other sectors to absorb the growing labor force, agriculture will remain important for employment and livelihoods for the foreseeable future for young people in both farming and related activities.

With Africa predicted to be home to 25% of the world's population by 2050, African agriculture and food systems MUST be inclusive with women and young ppl being at the forefront of our future solutions. AGRA's mission is to fill in the gaps by supporting the inclusive transformation of the ecosystem.

A shining example of this mission is the African Resilience and Investment Series for Women Executives (ARISE) program. ARISE, which was created to give women in agribusiness the tools they need to secure money and negotiate the complex post-pandemic financial landscape, is evidence of Africa's dedication to women's empowerment and gender equality. ARISE's training courses are carefully designed to equip entrepreneurs with the necessary information and abilities to succeed in the dynamic business world.

Moreover, ARISE doesn't merely scratch the surface; it delves deep into bridging the gaps between the internal workings of Agri-MSMEs and the expectations of private investors. By addressing crucial aspects such as the vision and mindset of business leaders, management skills, financial reporting processes, and understanding investors' expectations, ARISE ensures that women-led enterprises are well-positioned for success.

The program's approach extends beyond traditional training methods, incorporating innovative strategies to boost engagement and empower participants. From hosting tailored seminars to address the diverse needs of MSMEs navigating financing complexities, to enhancing understanding of business development services and bolstering the self-esteem of women executives, ARISE leaves no stone unturned in its quest to level the playing field for women in agribusiness.

However, navigating the path to empowerment is not without its challenges. Despite drawing significant registration numbers, ARISE grapples with the issue of securing active participation, particularly in virtual training sessions. This underscores the complexities inherent in engaging MSMEs in remote learning environments and emphasizes the need for ongoing adaptation and innovation to overcome these barriers.

As ARISE continues to evolve and refine its approach, it remains essential to stay attuned to the evolving needs of its members. Conducting thorough assessments and needs analyses enables ARISE to tailor its responses effectively, ensuring that women entrepreneurs receive the support they need to thrive in a rapidly changing business landscape.

ARISE is poised to make even greater strides in empowering women-led MSMEs, particularly those with growth-oriented models. By expanding offerings such as the Gender-Smart Executives program, ARISE aims to propel these businesses forward, driving engagement, registration, and creating additional value in the process.

As ARISE reaffirms its commitment to guiding women-led MSMEs towards a future defined by prosperity and possibility, it underscores Africa's unwavering spirit in the face of adversity.

Through resilience, innovation, and collaboration, the enhanced ARISE Program illuminates pathways towards a more sustainable and inclusive agribusiness sector, where women's empowerment is not just a goal but a reality for all.



# Uganda signs deal with UAE to build third international airport



KAMPALA

UGANDA has signed a pact with a business association from the United Arab Emirates to build a new international airport, President Yoweri Museveni's office has said.

The deal for the East African nation's third such airport expands the UAE's economic footprint beyond its interests

in the renewable energy and oil and gas industries.

The UAE's Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry will build the airport just outside the Kidepo National Park in the northeast near Uganda's border with Kenya, Museveni's office said in a statement, without giving the cost.

Construction will start in August, said Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, chairman of the Sharjah business body.

The airport will boost tourism by drawing visitors to the 1,442-sq-km (557-sq-mile) Kidepo park known for lions, giraffes, buffaloes and other big game.

The agreement was "a sign of the deepening relations with our Gulf partners and another opportunity to co-operate in investment and trade", Museveni, who witnessed the signing, said in a post on X.



# Paving the way for a greener future through use of sustainable financing

By Herman Kasekende

THE global investment landscape is undergoing a profound transformation as sustainable finance gains momentum. According to the World Bank, the cumulative amount of Green, Social, Sustainability, and Sustainability-Linked (GSSS) Bonds issued in the global market reached USD 4.9 trillion last year, representing 64% of the overall issuances.

In Africa, the market for green bonds grew by 12 percent in 2024, highlighting a growing commitment to funding projects that address climate change and promote social equity. The African Development Bank estimates that Africa requires \$3 trillion in climate finance by 2030 to meet its climate goals; a clear indication of the importance of aligning financial flows with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In Tanzania, sustainable finance can play a pivotal role in addressing various challenges facing the country, including environmental conservation, climate resilience, inclusivity, and economic diversification. As the nation strives to achieve its vision of becoming a middle-income country, sustainable finance offers a pathway to balanced and inclusive growth.

Tanzania is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The country has faced severe weather events such as the recent floods, which had a devastating impact on the country's infrastructure, agriculture, and livelihoods. This served as important learning for the country, underscoring the urgent need for climate-resilient infrastructure to safeguard the nation's development and ensure the well-being of its population.

The Standard Gauge Railway project serves as a prime example. In February 2020, the Government of Tanzania's Ministry of Finance signed a facility agreement with Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania for a US\$1.46 billion term loan to fund the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway. This project is a game-changer for Tanzania, aimed at revolutionising the transportation sector. The project, designed as an electric railway, stands out as a "deep green" project, significantly reducing carbon emissions compared to traditional diesel-powered trains.

The project will revolutionise transportation in the region, improving regional connectivity and trade while adhering to international environmental standards. It will not only benefit Tanzania, but also neighbouring countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, and Rwanda, who will be able to ship their cargo through the modern in-



frastructure. By facilitating smoother and more cost-effective movement of goods and people, the project is set to boost economic activities, support local industries, and contribute significantly to Tanzania's GDP growth. For us at Standard Chartered Bank, we are proud to have partnered with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania to facilitate the funding of this project. We look forward to more opportunities to leverage our Sustainable Finance credentials to provide the bridge between the pools of capital and the markets that require this funding.

The project is poised to transform Tanzania's transportation landscape, creating over 31,000 jobs during its construction phase and more in its operational phase. It will reduce transportation costs and travel times, providing safer and more reliable transport options. By connecting remote areas to major markets, the project promotes inclusive development, enabling broader economic participation.

Our engagement in the project is a testament to the broader impact of sustainable finance on economic growth and sustainability. Sustainable finance not only supports green projects but also fosters economic resilience by helping communities adapt to climate change.

At Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania, our commitment extends beyond the Standard Gauge Railway project. We actively seek opportunities to promote sustainable finance across various sectors. This includes financing renewable

energy projects, supporting sustainable agriculture, and developing green financial products such as green bonds and sustainability-linked loans. We collaborate with government agencies, international organisations, and the private sector to create a supportive environment for sustainable finance, ensuring that projects align with global sustainability standards. We also provide advisory services to our clients, helping them improve their ESG performance and transition to sustainable business practices.

The potential of sustainable finance in Tanzania and the broader region is immense. To meet the financing needs for sustainable development, we must attract capital from international investors and multilateral development partners. Innovation and collaboration are key to addressing the region's financing deficit and promoting practices that protect the environment and foster sustainable economic growth.

As we look to the future, our goal is to lead by example, showcasing the transformative power of sustainable finance. We are committed to developing financial products that incentivize green investments and supporting projects that align with our sustainability principles. By doing so, we aim to leave a lasting positive impact on the environment, the economy, and society.

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## DRC seeks to curb dollar dominance by fronting the use of local currency

KINSHASA

THE Central Bank of Congo (BCC) has mandated that all Electronic Payment Terminals (EPTs) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) only accept Congolese francs. This move aims to boost the use of the national currency and reduce reliance on the US dollar, which weakens the franc.

According to the BCC, this measure aims to strengthen the use of the national currency and encourage the population

to prefer it for everyday transactions of goods and services. This initiative is part of a series of major reforms launched by Nicolas Kazadi, the former Minister of Finance, aimed at combating the dollarization of the economy and promoting financial inclusion.

Currently, only 13% of EPTs accept Congolese francs, favoring foreign currencies in the dollarized economy. The BCC's new policy supports previous measures requiring prices and state payments to be in the national currency.

Additionally, a "switch monétique" initiative will integrate all bank cards to streamline transactions, regardless of the issuing bank. This policy aims to make dollar transactions more costly than those in francs, encouraging businesses and individuals to use the national currency.

Experts, including economist AL Kitenge, stress that while these measures are positive, ensuring the franc's stability is crucial for long-term success in dedollarizing the economy.

## Niger govt revokes French company's operating licence at major uranium mine

NIAMEY

NIGER'S government has revoked the operating licence of French nuclear fuel producer, Orano, at one of the world's biggest uranium mines, the company has said.

The decision has highlighted tensions between the junta, which came to power in a coup in July last year, and the former colonial power, France.

The military seized control of Niger on the pledge of cutting ties with the West, vowing to review mining concessions in the country, and ordering the withdrawal of Western troops.

Orano said it has been told to leave the Imouraren mine in northern Niger, which sits on an estimated 200,000 tonnes of uranium that is vital for producing nuclear energy.

Mining was due to have started at the site in 2015, but development was halted after the collapse in world uranium prices in the wake of the 2011 Japanese nuclear disaster.

Following years of delays, Niger had warned the licence would lapse on 19 June unless work resumed at the site.

Thursday's decision by the Nigerien junta comes "despite the resumption of activities on site, pursuant to the expectations they had expressed," Orano said in a statement.

In a letter to the company dated 20 June, seen by the Associated Press, the Nigerien mining ministry said Orano's exploitation plan "did not meet our expectations".

As a result, the mine has been "returned to the public domain" and exempted from all contractual rights, the letter said.

Since coming to power, the junta has been reducing its ties to France.

After expelling Paris' ambassador, Niger in December ordered the departure of French troops deployed to fight Islamist militants in the region.

The junta has been establishing closer links to Russia.

Orano, which has been operating in Niger for over 50 years, said it was "willing to keep all channels of communication open" with the military authorities.

But it added that it reserved the right to take legal action against the withdrawal of the operating licence in a national or international court.



## Will Senegal leverage oil to transform its economy?

DAKAR

SENEGAL has entered the league of oil-producing nations with the first barrels extracted from the Sangomar field off Dakar on June 10. This project, requiring \$5 billion in investment, targets 100,000 barrels per day. Ameth Guisse, CEO of Maak Petroleum Company, sees it lowering energy costs and enhancing competitiveness.

Concerns linger over the exploitation contracts. Currently, Australian company Woodside holds 82% of Sangomar, leaving 18% to Senegal, with profits ranging from 15% to 40%.

Senegalese economist Ousmane Dieng highlights the financial windfall aiding double-digit growth and local economy funding, stressing the need for strategic public policy priorities.

President Bassirou Diomaye Faye promises transparency and audits in mining, oil, and gas sectors. Prime Minister Ousmane Sonko vows equitable terms for Senegal against multinational corporations.

Dieng urges swift local refining and production capacity expansion to impact energy costs. Sangomar anticipates over \$1 billion annually for Senegal for three decades. Concurrently, Greater Tortue Ahmeyim aims 2.5 million tons of LNG yearly on the Mauritania border.

These mark Senegal's significant economic shift, promising substantial growth prospects.

Air Travel in Africa: Costly Challenge

Traveling across Africa remains complex and expensive due to intra-African flight challenges. Passengers often detour through Europe or the Gulf, inflating costs, among the world's highest.

In 2021, African passengers paid \$50 in taxes, versus \$30 in Europe and the Middle East. Only 19% of potential 1,431 routes among AU's 54 countries had weekly direct flights, per IATA.

SAATM initiatives since 2018 slowly promise 81% traffic surge, €1.3 billion and 155,000 jobs, attracting foreign investors like Qatar Airways in Rwanda.

Zimbabwe: Blooming Horticulture

Southern Africa faces severe El Niño-induced drought, hurting agriculture.

In Zimbabwe, horticulture booms with small-scale farmer Clarence Mwale's Kuminda assisting 2,500 for exports and training amid drought-acknowledged growth by the Agriculture Ministry.



## WORLD

## Biden, Trump prep for debate that will highlight mental sharpness

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden is hunkered down with aides at Camp David for several days to get ready to debate rival Donald Trump, who is eschewing traditional preparation and instead holding informal policy discussions between campaign stops.

The face-off in Atlanta, at 9 pm ET on Thursday (0100 GMT on Friday), will be the earliest presidential debate in modern US history and a critical event for both candidates.

Biden, 81, and former president Trump, 78, are neck-and-neck in national opinion polls, with a considerable slice of the electorate still undecided five months before the Nov 5 vote.

The debate will provide the starkest contrast yet of the two men, the oldest candidates ever to seek the US presidency, as voters question their age and mental sharpness.

"It's an incredible test of their cognitive competence," said Patrick Stewart, a political science professor at the University of Arkansas who has written a book on presidential debates. "This is our chance to see how much they've declined or if they've declined."

With strict speaking limitations, a ban on notes and no audience to cheer them on during the 90-minute CNN debate, they will need to prepare for tough questions and a format that takes them out of their comfort zones, Stewart said.

Independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. didn't make the cut, so Biden, a Democrat, and Trump, a Republican, won't have to worry about him.

Ron Klain, Biden's former chief of staff and a veteran of debate preparation, is leading Biden's sessions at Camp David, the mountain retreat in western Maryland where the president prepped for his fiery State of the Union speech in March.

A campaign spokesperson declined to comment on whether former White House counsel Bob Bauer would reprise the role of Trump he played during debate prep in 2020.

Biden's team will focus on refining the argument that Trump pursues extremist policies on abortion and other issues, is a danger to democracy, and is beholden to the rich donors writing him checks, a campaign official told Reuters.

While Biden will not shy away from attacking Trump for past actions, including his role in the US Capitol riot on Jan 6, 2021,



Joe Biden to face off Donald Trump in first US presidential debate on June 27, 2024. AP

the president wants to project himself as a wise and steady leader in contrast to Trump's division and chaos, the official said.

"What he wants to do is have that split screen, show that contrast and have President Trump be forced to account for his more extreme views," said another strategist advising the campaign, who requested anonymity to speak candidly.

## Informal approach

The Trump camp, meanwhile, wants to make Biden defend his administration's record on immigration and inflation, as well as how he is dealing with "a world on fire," senior campaign adviser Brian Hughes said in reference to the conflict between Israel and Hamas and Russia's special military operation in Ukraine.

Trump has held a series of meetings in recent weeks with US senators and advisers at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and elsewhere to review the kind of substantive policy points he would like to make on the debate stage.

Among those involved in the discussions with Trump are US senators JD Vance and Marco Rubio - both leading

contenders to be Trump's running mate - and Stephen Miller, a senior adviser to Trump during his presidency known for his hardline stance on immigration.

Trump's aides say he is taking a more informal approach to readying for the debate than in the past, when former ally Chris Christie assumed the roles of rivals Hillary Clinton in 2016 and Biden in 2020. Trump, the aides say, has been honing his argument to voters during more than a year of rallies and media interviews. He is not expected to participate in a mock debate.

"The idea that he has to be in a room and mock out - first this guy does that, then you do this - it's just not his style," Hughes said.

"If we're doing anything at all," Hughes added, "it's simply reviewing with him policies and accomplishments and looking ahead with him at what he'll do in the four years ahead."

Alan Schroeder, professor emeritus of journalism at Northeastern University, sees some risk in the less formal approach for Trump, who like Biden has not debated in four years after eschewing face-offs with his Republican primary challengers.

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## Industry insiders see opportunities in China's pursuit of new quality productive forces

BEIJING

AT the sixth episode of the China Economic Roundtable, an all-media talk platform hosted by Xinhua News Agency, industry insiders offered valuable insights into China's pursuit of new quality productive forces, and discussed opportunities behind it.

No country has put forward this theory of new quality productive forces in such a clear, scientific way as China is now doing, said Keith Bennett, London-based long-time China specialist.

Ahmed Al-Husseini, a researcher from Cairo University and an expert on Chinese affairs, said the concept of new quality productive forces revolves around moving from the mass production and "Made in China" concepts to "Innovated in China."

China's deployment of new quality productive forces reflects its commitment to fostering innovation-driven development and upgrading its industrial structure, said Benjamin Mgana, chief editor of foreign news of The Guardian, Tanzania.

Wang Zi, assistant general manager of Xi'an Micromach Technology Co., Ltd., said new quality productive forces feature high technology and innovation, which can improve production quality and efficiency, as well as introduce new technologies to address major challenges in industry development.

"I am very optimistic that these new, high quality, high-tech, productive forces will be a huge step forward for humans, can make much better and lower-cost products. And we can do it in a much more environment-friendly way," said Erik Solheim, co-chair of the Europe-Asia Center and former under-secretary-general of the United Nations.

The development of China's new quality productive forces may have significant impacts on the global economy, influencing innovation and competitiveness across various sectors and industries, said Ronnie Lins, director of the China-Brazil Center for Research and Business.

First introduced in 2023, new quality productive forces refer to advanced productivity freed from the traditional economic growth mode and productivity development paths. It features high-tech, high efficiency and high quality.

Xinhua

## Jaishankar's visit to UAE within two weeks of his re-appointment signifies vital India-UAE relations

NEW DELHI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently concluded his official visit to the UAE, which signified the importance India attaches to its relations with the Gulf country as it came within two weeks of his EAM's re-appointment.

Jaishankar visited the UAE on Sunday, following the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the margins of the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy.

"EAM's visit to the UAE, within two weeks of his re-appointment, signifies the importance India attaches to its relations with the country. The visit marks the continuation of high-level contact between the two countries," the MEA said in a statement.

During the visit, Jaishankar met with his UAE counterpart, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Both the Ministers reviewed the multi-faceted India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and expressed happiness at the substantive progress in diverse areas of bilateral cooperation, including commercial and economic collaboration, fintech, education, culture, and people-to-people connect.

They further discussed new areas with untapped potential for further enhancing collaboration.

Moreover, they also exchanged views on regional and global issues.

EAM Jaishankar also participated in the 10th Interna-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in Abu Dhabi on Sunday. ANI

tional Day of Yoga celebrations in Abu Dhabi at the Louvre Museum.

The Indian embassy organised the event in partnership with the Louvre Abu Dhabi and witnessed the presence of multiple nationalities.

Jaishankar, along with Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Sunjay Sudhir, led the Yoga Day celebrations at the Louvre Abu Dhabi.

In his remarks before performing

Yoga, Jaishankar noted that Yoga is an Indian tradition but it has now become a truly universal practice. He stated that International Day of Yoga has acted as a motivation, as a magnet, as a method of really gathering people, spreading the practice, actually in a way keeping the planet happier, healthier, and more connected.

He also visited the BAPS Hindu

Mandir in Abu Dhabi, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on February 14 this year.

EAM expressed appreciation that the mandir has become an iconic cultural destination in the UAE with a large number of daily visitors, adding, "In less than 4 months, the mandir has received one million visitors."

"Since July 2023, PM Narendra Modi has visited the UAE thrice, and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has visited India twice," the statement noted.

Last year, India also witnessed important milestones in bilateral relations, including the implementation of a local currency trade settlement agreement, the launch of UAE's domestic credit/debit card based on India's RuPay card stack, the setting up of a campus of IIT Delhi in Abu Dhabi, fintech collaboration, and commencement of work on IMEEC, among others.

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## 'Narendra Modi busy saving his govt'

NEW DELHI

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi yesterday targeted the central government and listed ten issues that took place during the first fifteen days of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

The issues listed by Rahul Gandhi included alleged NEET irregularities, UGC NET paper leak, a train accident, water crisis, and more.

Rahul Gandhi in a post on X, alleged that PM Modi (pictured) is busy in saving his government and said, "First 15 days of NDA! 1. Horrific train accident; 2. Terrorist attacks in Kashmir 3. The plight of passengers in trains 4. NEET scam; 5. NEET PG cancelled 6. UGC NET paper leak 7. Milk, pulses, gas, tolls and expensive 8. Forests blazing with fire; 9. Water crisis; 10. Deaths due to lack of arrangements during the heat wave."

"Psychologically on the backfoot, Narendra Modi is busy saving his government," the Raebareilly MP added.

He further said that "INDIA's strong opposition" will continue to raise the voice of the people, and not allow the Prime Minister to escape without accountability.

"The attack on the Constitution by Narendra Modi and his government is not acceptable to us - and we will not allow this to happen under any circumstances. INDIA's strong opposition will continue its pressure, raise the voice of the people, and not allow the Prime Minister to escape without accountability," the Congress leader posted.

Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi alleged that PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were "attacking" the Constitution and said that such attacks are not acceptable by the Opposition INDIA bloc.

Opposition leaders, including Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, staged a protest in Parliament premises holding copies of the Constitution in their hands.

"The attack that the PM and Amit Shah are launching on the Constitution is not acceptable to us, we will not let this happen. So, we held the Constitution while taking the oath...Our message is going across, no power can touch the Constitution of India," the Raebareilly MP told reporters ahead of the beginning of the 18th Lok Sabha session today.

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## FAO secures 25mln USD deal to improve food security in Somalia

MOGADISHU

THE Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced on Sunday that it has inked a 25-million-U.S.-dollar project to improve food security and resilience in Somalia.

FAO said the project, dubbed TRANSFORM, is a key component of the broader multi-partner Johwar Offstream

Storage Program (JOSP). The project aims to rehabilitate critical infrastructure and promote climate-smart agriculture for smallholder farmers in Jowhar city in Hirshabelle state of Somalia.

FAO Country Representative Etienne Peterschmitt welcomed the new funding and highlighted its significance in contributing to enhanced food security and resilience

for communities along the Shabelle River.

"This collaborative model not only enhances the effectiveness of individual initiatives but also builds a sense of shared responsibility and collective action for the transformation of Somalia's food system," Peterschmitt said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

FAO said the project will

support Somali farmers with flood protection and reliable irrigation, helping them use their land more productively and sustainably.

It added that this effort includes developing a comprehensive JOSP governance plan, conducting environmental and social safeguarding studies, and addressing conflict mitigation, land tenure management, and durable

solutions for displaced populations.

The project signing comes against the backdrop of the official JOSP launch in Jowhar on June 6, which is expected to enhance access to water for nearly 370,000 people across five districts, reduce flood risk for 1.5 million people, and mitigate drought impact for 1.65 million people.

## Emirates Skywards expands its brand set, attracting 33 million members worldwide

DUBAI

EMIRATES Skywards, the loyalty programme of Emirates, continues to revolutionise the loyalty industry with innovative initiatives and a customer-focused strategy.

Over the past year, the programme has introduced exciting new features and expanded its brand portfolio, attracting 33 million members worldwide.

In Tanzania Exclusive members can now enjoy unique opportunities through Skywards Exclusives, such as hospitality tickets and VIP experiences at major sporting events like the US Open and Wimbledon. Ad-

ditionally, new lifestyle partnerships offer experiences like visiting Sri Lanka's tea plantations with Dilmah Tea and exploring France's vineyards with LVMH (Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton).

The popular Cash+Miles feature has been expanded, allowing Tanzanians to reduce the cash needed for flights, ancillary products like seat selection, excess baggage, and lounge access. Personalised rates and special offers make travel more affordable and flexible for Tanzanian members.

The revamped Skywards Everyday app enables members to earn Skywards Miles daily with over 300 partners



in dining, shopping, entertainment, and more. By linking Visa or Mastercard cards, members can multiply their miles and earn rewards faster, making it easier to enjoy benefits on the go.

Tanzanians can earn Sky-

wards Miles by shopping with over 2800 brands through Skywards Miles Mall. The introduction of Gift Cards allows members to spend Miles on a variety of products and services, enhancing the flexibility and value of their rewards.

Airline Partner Rewards: Emirates Skywards members benefit from partnerships with over 15 airlines, including United Airlines and Qantas. Recently, Economy Class Reward tickets have been reduced by 20 per cent, with re-

wards now starting from just 8,000 Skywards Miles! Bookings can be done conveniently via emirates.com or contact centres. This development has made it more accessible for members to redeem their miles for flights.

Emirates Skywards continues to be celebrated for its innovation and excellence, having won over 50 awards since its inception. Recent accolades include "Global Loyalty Programme of the Year Middle East" at the International Loyalty Awards 2024 and "Middle East's Leading Airline Rewards Programme" at the World Travel Awards 2024.

From March 2023 to March

2024, Emirates Skywards welcomed 33.1 million members, with 370 new enrolments per hour. Members earned 80.1 billion Skywards Miles, with over 100,000 transactions daily. The airline Processed 1.3 million flight rewards, with 1 in 8 tickets purchased using Skywards Miles and Redeemed 4.5 million Skywards Miles per hour, with 115 million miles redeemed daily. Emirates gained 190,000 co-brand cardholders across the United Arab Emirates, The United States and India.

Emirates Skywards remains committed to delivering exceptional value and experiences to its members in Tanzania.

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## Russia summons US ambassador to Moscow over Sevastopol attack

MOSCOW

US Ambassador to Moscow Lynne Tracy (pictured) was summoned to the Russian Foreign Ministry over Sunday's deadly attack on Sevastopol yesterday.

"During a conversation with head of the US diplomatic mission to Russia Tracy at the Russian Foreign Ministry on June 24, a protest was issued to her over another deadly crime by the Kiev regime, being sponsored and armed by Washington, which conducted a deliberate missile attack on civilians in Sevastopol, causing numerous casualties, including among children," the ministry said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said that the United States, which is waging a hybrid war against Russia, has actually become party to the conflict by "supplying the Ukrainian army with the most advanced weapons, including ATACMS missiles, equipped with cluster warheads, used against residents of Sevastopol, whose flight paths are pro-



grammed by American military specialists, bears equal responsibility with the Kiev regime for this atrocity."

"The envoy was told that such actions by

Washington, aiming to encourage Ukraine's pro-Nazi authorities to continue combat 'to the last Ukrainian,' having issued a permission to deliver strikes deep inside Russian territory, will not go unanswered. Response measures will definitely follow," the Russian Foreign Ministry underscored.

Ukraine attacked civilian infrastructure in Sevastopol using ATACMS tactical missiles equipped with cluster munitions on Sunday. While four missiles were downed, a fifth exploded over the city.

Four people, including two children, were killed in the attack, with over 150 others being injured, Sevastopol Governor Mikhail Razvozhaev said.

The Russian Investigative Committee has launched a criminal probe into the terrorist attack. June 24 was designated as a day of mourning in Sevastopol and Crimea. Putin offered his condolences to Sevastopol residents.

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## President Xi stresses sci-tech modernisation, innovation

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping yesterday underscored the importance of sci-tech modernization and innovation in pursuing Chinese modernization and high-quality development.

Xi (pictured), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, presented China's top sci-tech award and made the remarks at a meeting conflatting the national sci-tech conference, the national science and technology award conference, and the general assemblies of the members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE).

Xi presented medals and certificates for the country's top sci-tech award to Li Deren, an academican of CAS and CAE from Wuhan University, and Xue Qikun, an academican of CAS from Tsinghua University. He then shook hands with the two scientists and extended his congratulations.

Li has dedicated his career to advancing China's capabilities in surveying and remote sensing for Earth observation. He is celebrated for his expert knowledge of the core technologies of high-precision global positioning and mapping via satellite remote sensing.

He solved the high-precision processing problems of remote sensing satellite images, and has led his team to develop

a fully automatic high-precision airborne and ground measurement system, making outstanding contributions to the building of China's high-precision and high-resolution Earth observation system.

Xue is a distinguished scientist of condensed matter physics, who has achieved multiple scientific breakthroughs.

His team made the first experimental observation of the quantum anomalous Hall effect. They also discovered interface-enhanced high-temperature superconductivity in the heterostructure system, which opened up a new direction of research in the field of high-temperature superconductivity.

Xi and other Party and state leaders, together with the two winners of the top sci-tech award, presented certificates to other award recipients. Accolades were also bestowed upon a selection of distinguished projects.

Research on the computational prediction of topological electronic materials and 48 other achievements were honored with the State Natural Science Award. Dozens of projects were presented with the State Technological Invention Award. More than 100 projects were issued with the State Scientific and Technological Progress Award.

A total of 10 foreign experts won the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award.

Xinhua

## Seminar held on China-Africa agricultural development strategies to improve food production

KIGALI

A SEMINAR on China-Africa agriculture development was held Friday in Rwanda, with participants emphasizing the need to strengthen the partnership with China for agricultural modernization aimed at addressing the challenge of low food production on the African continent.

The one-day event in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, was organized by the Rwanda Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Rwanda, themed "Practice and vision on China-Africa agricultural high-quality development: food security, improve added value and facilitate trade of agricultural products".

Speaking at the opening, Ildephonse Musafiri, Rwanda's minister of agriculture and animal resources, said there is a need for more food not only in Rwanda but Africa. He talked of the need for healthy diets and a sustainable way of food production.

He said partnerships with Chi-



na can be an opportunity to address the challenge of low food production on the continent.

He also called on the Chinese to make more investments in Rwanda's agriculture, saying the sector remains open for investors across all the value chain.

The meeting discussed important strategies that can improve Africa's agricultural productivity, food security and trade.

Ma Youxiang, the Chinese vice minister of agriculture and rural affairs, said in a video message that food security and agricul-

tural development have been priorities for both China and Africa and remain so under various collaboration deals.

Chinese Ambassador to Rwanda Wang Xuekun noted that developing agriculture is essential to people's lives and national growth.

"Modernized agriculture is no longer something like subsistence farming. It requires efforts from all sectors of the society and integration of labor, capital, technology and industry chain," he said.

It needs coordinated national strategy and policy, innovative technology and scientific approach, extended value chain along with boosted investment and unimpeded trade, he added.

Wang decried the fact that many African countries with vast arable land still import food and a lot of people working in agriculture are still far from living a good life.

Africa remains a net importer of food despite having 60 percent of the world's uncultivated arable land, with the import bill worth about 35 billion U.S. dollars a year.

Experts believe most of the imported food could be produced locally, creating much-needed jobs and incomes for youth and smallholder farmers. Ismael Buchanan, the chief executive officer and founder of the Rwanda Institute of International Affairs, said "working together and sharing best practices would help address the challenges in the agriculture sector and make sure the dream comes true." Xinhua

## UK's Conservative Party hit by betting scandal in fresh blow to Sunak

LONDON

THE Conservative Party of the United Kingdom (UK) has been hit by several allegations that top members placed bets on the general election date, scheduled for July 4, dealing a fresh blow to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak (pictured), who is struggling to regain the trust of the public.

Nick Mason, the Tory Party's chief data officer, has taken a leave of absence while being investigated by the Gambling Commission for allegedly betting on the timing of the election with

inside information before the date was announced, UK media reported on Sunday. Several other Conservative figures have already been involved in the scandal.

Tony Lee, the party's director of campaigns, and his wife Laura Saunders are under investigation, along with Craig Williams, Sunak's parliamentary private secretary.

A police officer in Sunak's close protection team is also being looked into over allegations. A spokesman for the Gambling Commission said it was "investigating the possibility of offenses concerning the date of the election" and "the commission cannot provide any further details at this time."

The main opposition Labour Party branded the fresh allegations "utterly extraordinary."

"Rishi Sunak promised integrity, professionalism and accountability, instead his weakness means he has overseen this

same sleaze and scandal that have come to epitomize the last 14 years of Tory government," a party spokeswoman said, urging Sunak to suspend all those implicated in the betting scandal.

Sunak said he was "incredibly angry" to learn of the allegations and promised to "boot out" anyone found to have broken gambling laws. Asked at a special election edition of BBC's Question Time, the prime minister said, "It's a really serious matter - it's right that they're being investigated properly by the relevant law enforcement authorities."



## Restrictions on gas exports and media access: EU's 14th package of anti-Russian sanctions

BRUSSELS

The EU Council approved the 14th package of sanctions against Russia, which will come into force later today after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

For the first time, the European Union has imposed restrictions on the export of Russian gas - gas supplies to EU countries are allowed, but the transit of Russian LNG through the ports and terminals of EU countries to third countries will be banned. This provision is expected to come into force in nine months.

Bans have also been introduced for European businesses to use the Bank of Russia's SPFS system. The package includes restrictions on access to Russian media, new technological and export restrictions, a blacklist of 116 people.

The EU has also introduced a number of "luxury bans", including a ban on private jet travel to EU resorts.

LNG

The European Union introduced restrictions on the transit of Russian LNG through European ports as part of the 14th package of sanctions against Russia and also prohibited investments, the provision of goods and services for the completion of the Arctic LNG 2 and Murmansk LNG projects.

"The EU will forbid reloading services of Russian LNG in EU territory for the purpose of transshipment operations to third countries. This covers both ship-to-ship transfers and ship-to-shore transfers, as well as re-loading operations, and does not affect import but only re-export to third countries via the EU," the EC said.

Furthermore, the EU will prohibit new investments, as well as the provision of goods, technology and services

for the completion of LNG projects under construction, such as Arctic LNG 2 and Murmansk LNG. Import restrictions are introduced on Russian LNG through EU terminals not connected to the natural gas system," the EU Council said.

The ban on the transit of Russian LNG through European ports to third countries will come into force in nine months. According to the EC statement, "the use of EU ports for transshipment of Russian LNG" will be prohibited "after a transition period of nine months."

Sea transport

The European Union also imposed sanctions against 27 ships, which, among other things, allegedly transport Russian oil and oil products, despite the Group of Seven (G7) price cap.

"For the first time, the EU has adopted a measure targeting specific vessels contributing to Russia's warfare against Ukraine, which are subject to a port access ban and ban on provision of services.

These vessels can be designated for various reasons such as the transport of military equipment for Russia, the transport of stolen Ukrainian grain, and support in the development of Russia's energy sector, for instance through the transport of LNG components or transshipments of LNG.

This measure also targets tankers part of Putin's dark fleet which circumvent the

EU and Price Cap Coalition's caps, while adopting deceptive shipping practices in complete disregard of international standards. 27 vessels were targeted today on these grounds," the statement said.

Banking transactions

The European Union banned its companies that do not operate in Russia from using the System for Transfer of Financial Messages (SPFS) of the Bank of Russia.

"The Council decided to outlaw the use of the 'System for Transfer of Financial Messages' (SPFS), a specialized financial messaging service developed by the Central Bank of Russia to neutralize the effect of restrictive measures.

EU entities operating outside of Russia will be forbidden from connecting to the SPFS or equivalent specialized financial messaging services," the statement said.

The EU also banned transactions with banks and cryptocurrency service providers that work with enterprises of the military-industrial complex of Russia.

"Furthermore, the Council is introducing a ban on transactions with targeted credit and financial institutions and crypto assets providers established outside of the EU, when these entities facilitate transactions that support Russia's defense-industrial base through the export, supply, sale, transfer or transport towards Russia of dual-use goods and technology, sensitive items, battlefield goods, firearms

and ammunition," the European Commission said.

Dual-use goods

The EU imposed restrictions on exports of dual-use goods and technologies against 61 companies from countries outside the community, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Turkey.

Companies registered in the European Union and selling military goods to third countries must also assess the risks of their re-export to Russia.

"In addition, EU operators transferring industrial know-how for the production of battlefield goods to third-country commercial counterparts will now have to include contractual provisions to ensure that such know-how will not be used for goods intended to Russia," the statement said.

Diamonds

At the same time, the EU authorities virtually allowed imports of a number of types of diamonds of Russian origin, the European Commission said in a statement explaining the provisions of the 14th package of sanctions against Russia.

The text states that the previously introduced ban on imports of Russian diamonds does not apply to those that were located in the EU or in a third country (other than Russia) or that were cut or

produced in a third country before the entry into force of the ban on Russian diamonds. Community authorities also allowed temporary imports or exports of jewelry for trade shows or jewelry restoration.

He said that any agreement to secure a ceasefire along the Israel-Lebanon border, where Israeli and Hezbollah forces have traded fire since October 7, 2023, "will have to meet our terms."

He stated he would only agree to a deal that would see Hamas removed from power in the Gaza Strip and the release of about 100 hostages who are still held in the Palestinian enclave.

Xinhua

Foreign agents within EU

The EU banned media and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from receiving funding from Russia. However, this restriction does not apply to the professional activities of Russian media or bloggers working in the EU. It was emphasized that this measure should not prevent Russian media and their personnel from carrying out their professional activities in the EU, including research and interviews.

Restricting access to media

Brussels will restrict access to three Russian media from June 25 - RIA Novosti, Izvestia, and Rossiyskaya Gazeta. According to the statement, measures will be introduced to suspend the broadcasting or anti-EU activities of some media.

Other measures

The European Union limits the acceptance of applications for registration of intellectual property rights from Russian individuals and legal entities. "Today's package will impose restrictions on accepting applications for registrations in



# SPORT



Planning Veterans team player Badru Abdul (R), dribbles past Mzambe Veterans team player Badi Sisa during their friendly match at the Jakaya Kikwete grounds in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## Scottie Scheffler outlasts protest on 18th green, Tom Kim to win Travelers for 6th victory of year

CROMWELL, Conn.

SCOTTIE Scheffler had to wait out a climate protest on the 18th green and Tom Kim's tying birdie on the last hole of regulation.

Those events only delayed what seems to be inevitable on the PGA Tour this season: the best golfer in the world walking off with the trophy.

Shrugging off a protest that interrupted the tournament on the 72nd hole while the leaders were lining up their putts, Scheffler won the Travelers Championship on the first hole of sudden death on Sunday for his sixth win of the year, the most in one season on the PGA Tour since Tiger Woods had six in 2009.

"When something like that happens, you don't really know what's happening. So it can kind of rattle you a little bit," Scheffler said.

"That can be a stressful situation, and you would hate for the tournament to end on something weird happening because of a situation like that," he said. "Tom and I both tried to calm each other down so we could give it our best shot there on 18."

Scheffler closed with a 5-under 65 and a 22-under 258 total at the TPC River Highlands, and Kim matched him with a final-round 66.

Tom Hoge and Sungjae Im tied for third, two shots back, with Patrick Cantlay, Tony Finau, Justin Thomas and Akshay Bhatia tied for fifth at 18 under. Bhatia was also in the final group that was disrupted by the protest.

"I was scared for my life," he said. "I didn't even really know what was happening. ... But thankfully the cops were there and kept us safe, because that's, you know, that's just weird stuff."

It was Scheffler's fourth victory of the year in the tour's \$20 million, limited-field signature events, earning him a payday of \$3.6 million. He also won the Masters and The Players Championship.

And Scheffler still has two months to go. "As much as I love him, I would have loved to take that away from him," said Kim, who shares a birthday and a friendship with Scheffler. "But I'm happy for him, and after I tapped out, after he tapped out, he said some really nice words and it meant a lot to me."

Scheffler had a one-stroke lead heading to the 18th green on Sunday when six people stormed the course, waving smoke bombs that left a red and white powdery residue on the putting surface. Some wore white T-shirts with the words "NO GOLF ON A DEAD PLANET" in black lettering. They were tackled by police and taken off.

The activist group Extinction Rebellion, which has a history of disrupting events around the world, claimed responsibility for the protest. In a statement emailed to The Associated Press, the group blamed climate change for an electrical storm that injured two people at a home near the course on Saturday.

After a delay of about five minutes, when tournament officials used towels and blowers to remove the powder and any other marks that might affect play, Scheffler left a 26-foot putt from the fringe on the edge of the cup and tapped in for par.

Kim then made a 10-foot birdie putt for a 66 to match Scheffler.

"Obviously it is a disruption and you don't want it to happen, but for me it just kind of slowed things down," Kim said. "It took the meaning of the putt away for a second. Because for the past 17 and a half holes all you're thinking about is golf, and suddenly when that happens



Scottie Scheffler holds up his trophy after winning the Travelers Championship golf tournament at TPC River Highlands, Sunday, June 23, 2024, in Cromwell, Conn. AP Photo

your mind goes into a complete — like, you're almost not even playing golf anymore. I thought it was a dream for a second."

The hole location on the 18th was moved for the playoff to avoid the parts of the green affected by the protesters.

Scheffler hit his approach in the playoff to 11 feet while Kim found a greenside bunker. Kim's blast from a plugged lie ran 36 feet past the hole, leaving Scheffler with an easy two-putt par for the victory. Afterward, his wife, Meredith, met him on the green, carrying their 6-week-old son, Bennett.

"It's fun competing against your friends," Scheffler said. "But at the same time, it's difficult. Because part of me wants him to miss the putt and part of me wants him to make the putt. ... But he should remember that putt he made on 18, because it was pretty special. And he's a great player and a great champion."

Coming off a tie for 41st in the U.S. Open — by far his worst finish of the year — Scheffler trailed Kim by three strokes after the first round, by two after the second round and by one heading to the tee on Sunday.

Scheffler took a one-shot lead over Kim with three straight birdies on Nos. 13-15 — he had putts for eagle on two of them. While Hoge signed for a 62 to finish at 20 under, and Im joined him there, Scheffler and Kim matched pars over the next two holes to set up the surprising finish.

Scheffler and Kim share a June 21 birthday — Scheffler is six years older — and they celebrated with New Haven pizza before the tournament about 30 miles north. The Dallas-area residents played together in the final group on Sunday, chatting and joking around.

But only one of them could hold the trophy at the end. And just like it's been so often, it was Scheffler.

Kim said being in a pack of leaders with his birthday buddy allowed him to focus on his own game.

"You don't need to worry about him, because he's going to play well," Kim said. "Obviously he's a phenomenal player, world No. 1, all those titles. But at the same time for me he's just Scottie Scheffler, he's just a good friend."

"To come down with someone that I play a lot of golf with, who beats me a lot at home — and, unfortunately, he beat me in the playoff too," Kim said. "But it definitely made it a lot more enjoyable out there."

## SPORTS

## CECAFA Kagame Cup set to imminently take center-stage



The last CECAFA Kagame Cup was held in 2021 when Uganda's Express FC beat visiting Nyasa Big Bullets FC from Malawi 1-0 in the final played in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Agencies

By Lloyd Ellipokea

COME July 6th, this year, all eyes will be trained on the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) Kagame Cup, which is set to take place in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Indeed, the perennially pulsating and drama-filled football championship had been suspended for the last few years but to the sheer elation of numerous quarters, the CECAFA Kagame Cup has now been delightfully revived.

In addition to the leading lights of East and Central African Football, the CECAFA Kagame Cup will this year feature three indisputably redoubtable guest football sides, which are: TP Mazembe from the DRC and Red Arrows from Zambia.

Understandably, given the sheer quality of the three guest teams, it is expected that the aforementioned three football outfits will lend loads of spice to the hugely competitive football championship.

Ergo, as the various competing teams put the finishing touches to their preparations for the eagerly awaited CECAFA Kagame Cup, it is hoped that all teams will serve up an utterly compelling and absorbing football competition, which will hopefully be

one for the ages.

Let us now consider domestic football where top clubs are presently trying to lure highly rated stars to join their respective teams.

Indeed, the last few years have seen affluent local giants sign football greats from across the continent in a bid to strengthen their sides.

Sadly though, this trend has also resulted in the failure of moneyed clubs to invest in local youth football, which consequently has made it difficult for young blood to be selected for the first teams of domestic football's powerhouses.

Needless to say, we are presently entering into dangerous waters as we seem to have forgotten that youth football has long been the cornerstone of the globe's greatest football sides.

For example, it is extremely doubtful whether the Dutch juggernauts Ajax could have fabulously clinched the greatly desired UEFA Champions League trophy in the mid-1990s were it not for the priceless contributions of the club's teenage prodigies such as Patrick Kluivert and Edgar Davids among others.

Moreover, it is vital to note here that Barcelona's internationally renowned

La Masia Academy has been responsible for grooming the unmatched talents of some of the club's most beloved legends, who were absolutely key to the Catalans' age of dominance from the late 2000s to the mid-2010s.

Indeed, some of the enduring football legends who emerged from the La Masia Football Academy include the diminutive maestro Xavi Hernandez, the diminutive playmaker Andres Iniesta and who could forget the incomparable Lionel Messi.

In light of all this then, it is incumbent upon all clubs jockeying for top honors in local football's top flight to tirelessly strive to develop the gifted youngsters who are just waiting to be discovered.

Let us now zero-in on Simba SC where an era ended just recently when the club parted ways with one of its most lethal forwards John Bocco.

The ageless veteran striker, who was an unstoppable predator in the opposition's 18-yard box, scored a vast number of goals which helped Simba to secure three Premier League trophies in a row.

This writer would like to wish Bocco all the best in his future endeavors.

Furthermore, Bocco deserves to be showered with praise for his peerless goal-scoring exploits during his spell at Simba.

## Simba, Yanga's participation in Kagame Cup still in doubt

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA soccer giants Simba SC and Young Africans' participation in the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) Kagame Cup is in doubt due to their pre-season schedules.

According to Simba SC's manager of information and communication, Ahmed Ally, the club is set to leave for Egypt during the first week of July where they will set up a four-week camp.

Kagame Cup is scheduled for July 6 to July 22, with matches slated to be played in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, which shows Simba will automatically miss the regional club tournament.

The trip marks Simba's second pre-season training camp in the North African country. Simba were in Egypt in preparations for the 2022/23 campaign where they played against Haras El Hodood, Ismailia, and Abou Hamad.

As Simba are set to travel to Egypt in the first week of next month, the club has not released a statement on their absence from this year's CECAFA Kagame Cup.

Only Azam, TP Mazembe, and Nyasa Big Bullets are the clubs that have confirmed their withdrawal.

Young Africans are expected to travel

to Russia and South Africa for their pre-season preparations as well as participate in Gor Mahia's pre-season special tournament in Kenya.

Young Africans are yet to confirm their participation in the CECAFA Kagame Cup but they have a piled schedule with matches against CSKA Moscow, Kaizer Chiefs, and Gor Mahia.

With the Tanzania Mainland Premier League champions still undecided, it means their participation is in doubt for this year's Kagame Cup.

While Young Africans and Simba's participation is still in doubt, Singida Black Stars have joined Coastal Union to confirm their participation.

Singida Black Stars will replace Azam FC, who withdrew citing pre-season preparations for the upcoming CAF Champions League.

Hussein Massanza, Singida Black Stars' media and communication officer, confirmed the team's participation, stating that the squad will arrive in Dar es Salaam on July 1st to prepare for the tournament.

"We have decided to utilise the Kagame Cup 2024 as part of our technical bench's program in preparations for the 2024/2025 season," Massanza explained.

The Kagame Cup's dates have been adjusted to precede the 2024/2025

CAF club competitions, ensuring ample preparation time for all participating teams.

Recently, CECAFA Executive Director, John Auka Gecheo, expressed confidence in the tournament's significance for regional football development, emphasising its role in enhancing team readiness for continental challenges.

With teams like APR FC (Rwanda), El Merreikh (Sudan), and Gor Mahia FC (Kenya) also in the lineup, the Kagame Cup 2024 promises to be a thrilling showcase of skill and determination among East and Central Africa's finest clubs.

The cancellation of the CECAFA Senior Challenge Cup 2024 underscores the focus on preparing players adequately for the prestigious Kagame Cup, setting the stage for an exhilarating football spectacle.

Teams that are still expected to compete in the CECAFA Kagame Cup 2024 are Vital'O (Burundi), APR FC (Rwanda), El Merreikh, Al Hilal, Hai El Wadi (Sudan), Young Africans, Simba, Singida Black Stars, Coastal Union (Tanzania Mainland), Gor Mahia (Kenya), SC Villa (Uganda), JKU (Zanzibar), El Merreikh FC-Bentiu (South Sudan), and Red Arrow FC (Zambia)



## Pulisic scores, assists on Balogun goal to lead US over Bolivia 2-0 in Copa America opener

ARLINGTON, Texas

CHRISTIAN Pulisic spread his arms wide with a big smile, then wanted to find the coach in the stands who drew up the fastest goal for the U.S. against a South American team.

Plenty of emotion against an overmatched opponent, in a tournament the Americans call their biggest test ahead of co-hosting the 2026 World Cup.

Pulisic scored in the third minute and assisted on Folarin Balogun's goal in the 44th as the United States cruised past Bolivia 2-0 in their Copa America opener on Sunday night.

"I feel like I'm always pretty excited after I score," Pulisic said. "This is a big moment. It's a major tournament."

Pulisic joined Clint Dempsey as the only U.S. players with a goal and an assist in a Copa America match and reached 30 goals in 69 international appearances, the fewest among Americans.

"We came out flying with a lot of intensity. Obviously, that early goal helped us a lot," Pulisic said. "All around, a pretty dominant performance. I think we could have put it away and had more goals there."

Among six invited guests to South America's championship, the U.S. is expected to advance from Group C to the quarterfinals along with Uruguay.

"It's a start that's massive for us. Build the confidence," American defender Antonee Robinson said. "If we were being picky, we could have been a lot more clinical. We could have put another two, three goals away."

Bolivia lost its 13th straight Copa America match dating to 2015 and has one win in its last 31.

"I'm not happy because I think we can deliver more. We had a match against an opponent that had a better physical performance," Bolivia coach Antonio Carlos Zago said through a translator. "Minute three there was a goal, and it was downstream from there." The 11th-ranked U.S. plays Panama on Thursday at Atlanta and closes the group against Uruguay on July 1 at Kansas City, Missouri. No. 84 Bolivia meets Uruguay on Thursday at East Rutherford, New Jersey, then plays Panama on July 1 at Orlando, Florida.

A crowd of 47,873 attended the

match under the retractable roof at 80,000-seat AT&T Stadium, which will host a World Cup semifinal in 2026. It was 97 degrees Fahrenheit outside (36 Celsius) the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys at kickoff but air-conditioned inside.

Playing a day before his 30th birthday, goalkeeper Matt Turner had three saves in his 25th international shutout. The U.S. improved to 6-0 at AT&T as the Americans opened their fifth Copa America appearance, the first since reaching the semifinals as host in 2016.

The U.S. had 18 touches inside the attacking penalty area in the first half to Bolivia's none.

"I'm happy with the performance," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said. "A lot of guys got their first Copa America game, first Copa America win, first Copa America shutout. And we're in a good position."

Pulisic put the U.S. ahead 2:23 in, the fastest American goal in 34 competitive matches against South American opponents. He played a short corner kick to Tim Weah and ran toward the penalty area. Weah returned the ball to Pulisic, who took a touch and from just inside the area curled a right-foot shot off the outstretched fingertips of goalkeeper Guillermo Viscarra and into the far upper corner.

As he approached the bench, Pulisic wanted to slow down the celebration and have someone help him find Gianni Vio, hired as U.S. set piece coach after the Americans' restarts were largely ineffective during the previous World Cup cycle. Mission accomplished, Pulisic pointed with both arms into the stands.

"He set up our set-piece play," Pulisic said. "He told me before, if I get in that situation, basically shoot to the back post. So I just wanted to give him some credit."

Balogun doubled the lead when he received a pass from Pulisic, took several touches and threaded a low, left-foot shot along the ground, past defender Jesús Sagredo and inside Viscarra's far post for his fourth goal in 13 appearances.

Balogun put the ball in the net again in the 53rd off a pass from Weah, but Weah was whistled for offside when he received the ball from Weston McKennie in the buildup, a decision confirmed in a video review. **AP**

## UEFA increases field-side security at Euro 2024 games after selfie-takers pursue Cristiano Ronaldo

FRANKFURT, Germany

SECURITY will be increased field-side to stop fans getting to players at the European Championship after the problem peaked when at least six fans tried to get selfie photos with Cristiano Ronaldo.

UEFA said Sunday "additional safety measures will be deployed" in the 10 stadiums in Germany, though no details were revealed of the updated plan to stop intruders who face criminal prosecution.

"Any incursion onto the pitch constitutes a breach of the stadium rules and will result in expulsion from the stadium, a ban from all tournament matches and the filing of a formal criminal complaint for trespass," UEFA said.

Four fans pursuing Ronaldo got on the field Saturday during Portugal's 3-0 win over Turkey and more tried after the game ended in Dortmund. Though the field invaders seemed to want just a photo, the tournament security plan also aims to protect players from harm.

Multiple games at Euro 2024 have seen fans on the field, including a fan with a camera who got within touching distance of Belgium star Kevin De Bruyne at a game against Slovakia in Frankfurt.

A cash offer by a YouTube presenter seemed to be the reason for several field invaders at the Champions League final organized by UEFA three weeks ago in London.

After two games Sunday at Euro 2024, the tournament will have passed the midway point with 26 of the 51-game schedule completed.

Meanwhile, Albania player Mirlind Daku was banned on Sunday for two games after leading fans in nationalist chants at the European Championship, that UEFA said brought soccer into disrepute.

Daku took a megaphone after Albania's 2-2 draw with Croatia on Wednesday in Hamburg and joined in chanting slogans against Serbia and North Macedonia.

The incidents and fallout from the game in Hamburg have been the most serious involving Balkan politics at a Euros with the most-ever teams from the region playing – and offering a stage for some fans to air its issues.

It also has highlighted rifts in soccer between Albania and Serbia at a time when their soccer federations have tried to heal them by teaming up, despite opposition from many fans, in a bid to co-host the Under-21 Euros in 2027.

On Sunday, UEFA said its disciplinary judges found Daku guilty of "failing to comply with the general principles of conduct, for violating the basic rules of decent conduct, for using sports events for manifestations of a non-sporting nature and for bringing the sport of football into disrepute."

UEFA also ordered the Albanian soccer federation to pay fines totaling 47,250 euros (\$50,500) for incidents at the game where its fans chanted an anti-Serb slogan, reportedly "Kill the Serbs."

**AP**

## Germany gets late goal to draw 1-1 with Switzerland and finish top of Euro 2024 group

FRANKFURT, Germany

THEY all jumped for the ball in a frantic late push for the goal that would save Germany from its first loss at the European Championship, against an impressive Switzerland team.

Defender Nico Schlotterbeck leaped up, next to the even more imposing center-back Antonio Rüdiger, who reached highest of all. In front of them both was substitute Niclas Füllkrug.

The German trio was circled by three Swiss opponents trying to protect a 1-0 lead two minutes into stoppage time. Six pairs of feet off the ground in unison, straining to be the one to head the ball.

It was Füllkrug who won the contest, guiding the ball crossed from another substitute David Raum back across Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer into the top corner of the net. The match ended 1-1.

"We risked a lot in this phase because we could have conceded a second goal," Germany coach Julian Nagelesmann said about throwing his defenders into attack. "Who doesn't dare to risk, doesn't get to draw."

Germany had already advanced to the round of 16 before kickoff Sunday, but a draw felt like a win in the circumstances and kept the momentum of impressive wins against Scotland and Hungary.

"When you see how the Germans celebrated their goal that says everything," said Switzerland captain Granit Xhaka, named player of the match.

Switzerland impressed while protecting a 28th-minute goal from Dan Ndoye's clever volleyed shot, and chasing a bigger lead. A second goal was denied by a marginal offside ruling against Ruben Vargas and a fine save by Manuel Neuer



Germany's Kai Havertz, top, jumps for a header as he attempts a goal during a Group A match between Switzerland and Germany at the Euro 2024 tournament in Frankfurt, Germany, June 23, 2024. Photo: AP

from Xhaka's shot.

The point for each team ensured Germany finished top and Switzerland second in Group A. Hungary took third place in the standings with an even later stoppage-time goal to beat Scotland 1-0 in Stuttgart. Germany now goes to Dortmund for a round of 16 game Saturday against the runner-up in Group C. That opponent can be any of the four teams – England, Slovenia, Denmark or Serbia – playing their final round of Group C games on Tuesday.

Nagelesmann acknowledged Germany's opponent might not like having two fewer days of rest, though added: "We have to prepare for four teams, they only have to prepare for one team."

Switzerland heads to the Olympic Stadium in Berlin to open the round of 16 on Saturday against the runner-up in Group B, likely Italy

or Croatia. They meet Monday in their decisive group game.

Coach Murat Yakin suggested Switzerland had earned the right to make a higher-ranked opponent concerned about his unbeaten team. "I think we have a certain standing which we worked hard for. We're on a good path," Yakin said, "without a defeat, with a very good style of play. We like being the dark horse."

Switzerland's goal was made in Bologna, the upstart Italian club that has qualified for its first Champions League entry next season.

Ndoye timed his run to meet a floated pass across the goalmouth from his Bologna teammate Remo Freuler. The attack began when Fabian Rieder, making his first start since the 2022 World Cup, won the ball in the German half and then fed Freuler.

A video review had denied Ger-

many taking the lead in the 17th. Robert Andrich's long-range shot bounced up and over the dive of Sommer, but the VAR team alerted Italian referee Daniele Orsato to an earlier foul in the goalmouth by Jamal Musiala.

The much-criticized Waldstadion playing surface behaved better Sunday and the roof stayed closed to protect it though no more rain is forecast for at least five days.

The turf cut up during both previous Euro 2024 games in Frankfurt. It has seemed not to bed in properly since being laid in November after the stadium hosted two NFL games.

Frankfurt will host two more games, finishing with a round of 16 match that will include Group F winner Portugal perhaps facing Hungary, which faces a three-day wait to learn its fate.

**AP**

## Hungary snatches 1-0 win over Scotland to leave it with chance of making last 16 at Euro 2024

STUTTGART, Germany

A DRAMATIC stoppage-time goal saw Hungary beat Scotland 1-0 at the European Championship on Sunday to wreck its opponent's hopes of reaching the knockout stage of a major tournament for the first time in its history.

Late substitute Kevin Csoboth scored his first international goal in the 10th minute of stoppage time as Hungary secured third spot in Group A, behind first-place Germany and Switzerland.

The match was overshadowed by a serious-looking injury to Barnabás Varga midway through the second half. The Hungary forward was taken to hospital and will likely need an operation after fracturing several bones in his face.

Varga will take no part in the rest of the tournament should Hungary's three points be enough to reach the round of 16 at Euro 2024 as one of the four best third-place teams – which it might not know until Wednesday when the final round of group games finishes.

"It was terrible. Was a terrible moment to see Barnabás like that," Hungary midfielder Roland Sallai said. "Fortunately, he's in a much better condition ... We cross our fingers for him, that he can return quickly."

"Naturally, it was a terrible incident. Of course, we were fighting for him in the remaining 15-20 minutes, and we would have liked to win for him and we were very happy we could achieve that. And yes, this we dedicate to him."

The whole stadium looked on in concern after Varga collided with Scotland goalkeeper Angus Gunn. His teammates held up blankets to shield the player as he was tended to by medical staff and both sets of fans applauded when Varga was stretched off after a delay of around 10 minutes.

Germany topped the group after a late goal saw it rescue a 1-1 draw against Switzerland.

Scotland was eliminated after finishing last in the group, with just one point from a draw against Switzerland. It was humiliated 5-1 by Germany in the Euro 2024 opener.

The Scottish players were furious as they had penalty appeals waved away late on when Stuart Armstrong was sent crashing to the ground by



Scotland goalkeeper Angus Gunn involved in a collision with Hungary forward Barnabás Varga. Pic: PA

Willi Orbán but Argentinian referee Facundo Tello played on.

"100% penalty. Somebody somewhere has to explain to me why that's not a penalty," Scotland coach Steve Clarke said. "It's 100%. And like I say, it's a one-goal game, we get a penalty, can be a different night. I've got other words, but I'm not going to use them."

"European competition might have been better to have a European referee, but we had European VAR. And maybe the referee didn't see the challenge clearly on the pitch so what's the purpose of the VAR if they're not going to come in on something like that. It was a penalty."

Despite both teams needing the win in Stuttgart, chances were few and far between.

Scotland was dominating possession but not doing much with it and struggling to break Hungary down.

But Hungary started to get a foothold in the match and almost took the lead four minutes from the break, although the flag might have gone up for offside had Orbán's header – from a clever Dominik Szoboszlai free kick – not hit the crossbar and gone out for a goal kick.

Scotland ended the half with 64% possession but no attempts on goal whatsoever. Hungary had five.

Clarke's side finally had a shot in the 53rd but Ché Adams curled his effort way over the bar.

Csoboth was brought on in the 86th minute and he almost had an immediate impact as he hit the far post from a tight angle.

Both goalkeepers had to make saves in a chaotic 10 minutes of stoppage time before Csoboth snatched the win.

Csoboth started the counterattack and, with Scotland outnumbered, picked out an unmarked Roland Sallai before sprinting into the area to receive the return pass and slot into the near corner, sparking wild celebrations among the Hungary players and fans.

The Scotland players fell to the ground in disappointment.

"Tonight and for a long time we have to get over this," Scotland captain Andy Robertson told the BBC. "It's a tough one. It's devastating. All the lads are absolutely gutted. I will say thank you to all the supporters; sorry for letting you all down."

**Gwiji** by David Chikoko





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Germany gets late goal to draw 1-1 with Switzerland and finish top of Euro 2024 group

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Youth team players during a training session at the Jakaya Kikwete grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## England receive big fitness boost ahead of Slovenia Euro 2024 test

By Sonia Twigg

KIERAN Trippier and Luke Shaw both took part in England training on Monday ahead of the side's final Euro 2024 group match against Slovenia.

Gareth Southgate had appeared to find himself in the midst of a crisis with Trippier nursing a calf issue that has affected his performance at the Euros.

The left-back conundrum has already been a key problem for the England manager, but it now shows signs of easing. Luke Shaw was named in Southgate's squad for the tournament as the only specialist in the position, but he was not even fit enough to be on the bench for the game against Denmark and had been training on his own.

Trippier is a natural right back and has been employed on the other side of the defence while Shaw attempts to recover from a hamstring issue that has sidelined him since February.

The Newcastle captain has, at the age of 33, played the full 90 minutes in both of England's matches at the tournament so far, and has dealt with a calf injury this year that affected his club season and also briefly threatened his participation in the Euros.

Trippier and Shaw both took part in team training, and Southgate could be facing a selection headache ahead of the Slovenia clash.

Konsa and Gomez had both been filling in at left-back for Trippier during training sessions to try and decrease the pressure on the Newcastle defender, who went down with cramp during the game against Serbia.

Conor Gallagher is also fighting for a place in the starting line-up against Slovenia, with Kobbie Mainoo and Adam Wharton also in contention to replace the heavily criticised experiment of employing Trent Alexander-Arnold in a central midfield position.

Neither Anthony Gordon nor Cole Palmer have played a single minute at Euro 2024, despite both finishing the club season in impressive form.

THE INDEPENDENT

## Limited playtime for local goalkeepers poses challenge for Tanzania ahead of AFCON 2027

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

THE Premier League, one of Africa's top football leagues, is making waves, with Tanzania becoming a notable force. In the 2024/25 season, Tanzania will have four teams participating in the Confederation of African Football (CAF) tournaments.

The teams are Young Africans and Azam FC in the CAF Champions League, and Simba SC and Coastal Union in the CAF Confederation Cup. This marks a significant shift from the past, showcasing the league's growing influence.

Despite this success, the league faces a critical issue: the production of homegrown talent, particularly goalkeepers. The reliance on foreign players is evident, with few local names making their mark. This trend is concerning for the future of Tanzanian football, especially for the national team.

The 2023/24 season statistics highlight this issue starkly. Out of the top six goalkeepers, only one is a native Tanzanian. Coastal Union's Leny Matambi from DRC Congo leads with 15 clean sheets in 30 games. He's followed by Malian Djigui Diarra of Young Africans with 14, Burundian Jonathani Nahimana with 11 from Namungo, and Tanzanian Constatine Malimi of Geita Gold FC with 10.

The list also includes Nigerian John Noble from Tabora United and Moroccan Ayoub Lakred from Simba SC.

The fact that only one Tanzanian appears in this list signals a drastic departure from past seasons when native goalkeepers dominated.

Historically, Tanzanian clubs like Simba, Young Africans, and Azam have relied heavily on local goalkeepers. Names like Mohammed Mwameja, Steven Nemes, Iddi Pazi, Kelvin Mhagama, Ivo Mapunda, Mwadini Ali and Juma Kaseja have become legends in the league.

This reliance on local talent was not just a tradition but also a testament to the quality of homegrown players.

However, injuries and other issues have forced clubs to look abroad. For instance, after Simba's top goalkeeper Aishi Manula got injured, the club had to recruit foreign talent like Jefferson Luis, although he didn't get to play.

This led to the temporary return of local goalkeeper Hussein Abel, who struggled to meet the team's



Simba Sports Club goalkeeper Ali Salim. Agencies

expectations. Consequently, Simba signed Ayoub Lakred from Morocco, sidelining local options.

At Young Africans, Diarra from Mali is the first choice, overshadowing local talents Metacha Mnata and Aboutwalib Mshery. Similarly, Azam's goalkeeper lineup is entirely foreign, with Ghanaian Abdulai Iddrisu and Comorian Ali Ahmada getting more playtime. Even when injuries hit, Azam opted for Sudanese Mohamed Mustafa over local players.

This trend is troubling as it indicates a lack of trust in local talent and raises questions about the future of Tanzanian goalkeepers. Some clubs like Geita Gold FC and Tanzania Prisons still have faith in local goalkeepers like Malimi and Yona Amos, respectively.

The national team, Taifa Stars, face a dilemma. The goalkeepers currently in the squad - Mshery, Ali Salim, Manula, and Beno Kakolanya - are not all starters for their clubs. For instance, Manula has played few Premier League matches this season, raising eyebrows about his inclusion. This is partly due to the lack of experienced goalkeepers in the country.

In recent matches, such as the World Cup qualifier against Zambia, Salim showed promise with his composure and defensive organization. However, the limited playtime for local goalkeepers is a concern for the upcoming AFCON 2027, which Tanzania will co-host with Kenya

and Uganda.

A critical issue contributing to the scarcity of local goalkeeping talent is the lack of specialized coaching. Many former goalkeepers, like Kaseja, choose to pursue general coaching licenses instead of specializing in goalkeeping. This has resulted in a shortage of qualified goalkeeper coaches in the league. Without proper training and development, young goalkeepers struggle to reach the required standards.

The Tanzanian Football Federation (TFF) must address this issue urgently. Establishing dedicated academies for goalkeepers and investing in specialized coaching are crucial steps.

Young talents like Mshery and Salim need regular playtime and proper training to develop their skills. Mshery, for instance, might benefit from moving to a club where he can get more minutes on the field, rather than being a backup at Young Africans.

The Premier League's growing reputation is a testament to the hard work and investment in Tanzanian football. However, the over-reliance on foreign goalkeepers and the neglect of local talent development could undermine this progress.

The TFF needs to take decisive action to nurture homegrown talent, ensuring that Tanzanian goalkeepers can shine both in the league and on the international stage. By doing so, they will not only preserve the league's rich heritage but also secure its future success.

## KMC initiate talks to extend Coach Moallin's contract

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

IN a bid to solidify their coaching stability ahead of the upcoming season, KMC have commenced discussions to extend the contract of their head coach, Abdihamid Moallin (pictured).

The American tactician, who took the reins on July 12, last year, replacing Jamhuri Kihwelo Julio, has reportedly impressed club executives with his leadership and potential, prompting talks for an extended tenure into the 2024/2025 campaign.

Moallin's tenure with KMC marks a significant milestone in his coaching career, potentially serving consecutively for two seasons at the club.

Previously, his coaching stints include a tenure at Azam FC during the 2021/22 season, lasting 429 days, and a brief period at Horseseed SC in the 2020/2021 season, spanning 147 days.

During the recently concluded season, Moallin guided KMC to a respectable 5th-place finish in the Premier League standings, having competed in 30 matches and accumulating 37 points.

The team's performance under his guidance included eight wins, 13 draws, and nine losses, highlighting a season of competitive play.

Despite finishing mid-table, KMC faced challenges defensively, conceding 39 goals while scoring 27 goals throughout the season.

Looking ahead to the 2024/2025 season, KMC are set to announce significant changes in their squad composition, with plans to unveil both departures and new signings in the near future.

Khalid Chukuchuku, KMC's information and communications officer, affirmed the club's intentions regarding Moallin's contract extension, stating: "It is true that we have a plan to extend the contract of our coach. Last season, he performed well, and the leadership believes it is prudent to extend his tenure."

In addition to addressing coaching stability and player transfers, KMC anticipate a pivotal change in venue for their home games in the upcoming season.

The club is preparing to inaugurate its newly constructed stadium in Mwenje, Dar es Salaam, which will host home matches for both the Premier League and the Federation Cup.

The forthcoming season holds significant promise for KMC, with renewed coaching leadership under Moallin, strategic player acquisitions, and the introduction of a state-of-the-art stadium facility.

As negotiations progress and announcements are made, fans and stakeholders alike await eagerly for the next chapter in KMC's football journey.



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