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Minister hints at land conflicts commission

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

A SPECIAL commission for monitoring and resolving land conflicts is being formed to fully address land occupancy disputes.

Geoffrey Pinda (pictured), the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development deputy minister, referred to this move in remarks to wind up debate on estimates of the ministry for fiscal 2023/24, set at 171.3bn/-.

The government wants a higher mechanism to curb land disputes countrywide, to ensure there is calm, stimulating economic activities, in view of conflicting parties ignoring decisions of area tribunals.

Terms and rules of its work will be tabled for an enabling law, as a special commission for land conflicts will assist the government to achieve the set goals in the sector, he said.

The ministry has taken up views and recommendations raised by MPs as it works out on the details, he said.



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Boniphace Getere (Bunda Rural), contributing to debate, appealed to the ministry to make a probe to find out why land conflicts endure major reforms the government initiated in the sector.

He questioned the commitment of leaders in the ministry in putting up concrete plans to address land conflicts countrywide, demanding that the minister "strengthens efforts to ensure that land conflicts are addressed or else step down."

Poor Tanzanians who are living a vulnerable life due to increasing land disputes, he said, citing Mara Region land disputes which can be fully resolved "if the government spends 60m/- to survey, plan and provide customary title deeds to the residents."

Mary Masanja, the Natural Resources and Tourism deputy minister, said the major sources of land conflicts are long term in character, so the government is putting up measures to resolve them in an effective manner.

The government had earlier formed a committee of eight ministers working to ensure that all land conflicts are resolved, she said, noting that the government has already taken measures in regard to its work.

It had completed a review of boundaries

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'Muhimbili institutions mirror Indian facilities'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TANZANIAN specialist medical facilities now largely compare with what is available in India, the usual destination for referring patients abroad, a specialist has declared.

Dr Caroline Swai, an oncologist at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in Dar es Salaam, said this yesterday following a visit by a team of specialists to India. She said that, with what she saw in India, Tanzania can be the best destination for referral medical attention in Africa.

She praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the heavy investments in the health sector, in medical equipment and skilled professionals, ensuring that patients from neighbouring countries can access appropriate treatment.

The specialists' team had just arrived in Dar es Salaam shortly after arriving from India where they went to look for various medical tourism ventures.

Tanzania has invested a lot in the health sector to make a medical hub in Sub-Saharan Africa, lifting its position in continental medical tourism, she stated.

Given the work of the sixth phase government, medical tourism is easier to coordinate as we have modern medical equipment and a sufficient number of specialists as it is in India, she asserted.

"With these investments at the ORCI,



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significant numbers of cancer patients are visiting from neighboring countries. In just two years, we've registered 200 patients from this zone," she stated.

Compared with India, in terms of medical equipment and specialists we don't differ much on the basis of what is done presently at ORCI, "so they are sure that patients from many African countries can come to ORCI and get full treatment as abroad," she elaborated.

"What I learnt is that there are small differences with India, where we can fix some of them," she stated, explaining that there are many factories that make medical devices and cancer medicines.

"In that situation, cancer care for them is easier as they can find it whenever it is needed. We have seen that the radiation machine that our colleagues use is more modern in technology but we will get there soon," she emphasised.

Dr Nicephorus Rutabasibwa, a brain and spine surgeon at the Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI) said the facility now has 16 brain surgeons.

Looking at Tanzania's strength in treatment they did not find much difference because of the medical equipment and specialists between Tanzania and India, he stated.

"They have surgical equipment that we have, they have diagnostic equipment like MRI and CT SCAN that we have," he affirmed, elaborating that what was new was the use of robots that are not even five years old, saying it is a matter of time, decision for the facility to have them as well.

The government has invested in modern

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Former president Jakaya Kikwete shares a light moment with Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo (R) at the two-day (May 25 - 26) 7th Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) meeting in the Ghanaian capital, Accra, yesterday. The theme of the Accra event, which is jointly convened by ALF Patron Kikwete and African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat (AfCFTA) secretary general Wamkele Mene, is "Promoting intra-Africa trade to unlock agricultural potential in Africa". Related story on Page 4. Photo: Special Correspondent

Kikwete applauds agro-sector effort, says vast work needed

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER president Jakaya Kikwete has acknowledged the vast efforts being made by African governments and other stakeholders to transform smallholder African agriculture.

Speaking at the opening session of the 7th Africa leadership forum focusing on promoting intra-African trade to unlock agricultural potential as the hallmark responsibility of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), he said substantial ground has been covered and a lot has been achieved.

As the productive mainstay of the majority in sub-Saharan Africa and the backbone of economies in sub-Saharan Africa, agriculture accounts for a large



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share of the GDP and is a major source of foreign exchange earnings, food, raw materials and predominant area of gainful employment, he said.

"This important sector has not been able to perform optimally because of the many constraints impeding full exploitation of its potential. Therefore, for this forum to discuss unlocking the agricultural potential of Africa it is the right thing to do," he declared.

He specified that much more needs to be done to make agriculture play its rightful role in the growth and development of African nations, the wellbeing and prosperity of African people.

The event in the Ghanaian capital of Accra was organised by Uongozi

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Port enhances capacity, seeks out stakeholders

By Guardian Reporter

BOOSTING Mtwara port facilities has boosted efficiency in cargo handling capacity from 0.5m tonnes in 2021/22 to 1m tonnes during fiscal 2022/23, whereas docking ships increased from 166 to 180 in the year.

Aron Kisaka (pictured), the ministerial director of transport services made this affirmation in Mtwara yesterday at a meeting of the port services committee,



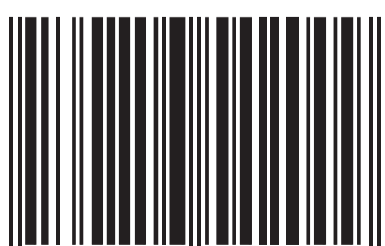
reaffirming government intention to improve port services by involving various stakeholders.

The government targets a 50 per cent mark up in the level of revenue generated from port services, thus making improvements, tied with bringing stakeholders to consultations on the situation, he said.

The Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) needs to enhance the corporate marketing capability so that Mtwara port is sought after, especially at this time when there is extensive exploitation of coal deposits.

Efforts to link up with local and foreign stakeholders are being pursued, he said, citing a scheduled meeting next month where stakeholders in Zambia and local

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equipment and human resources in the institution so that it can perform high-tech surgery as in India, he said, while Abdulmalik Mollel, vice chairman of the medical tourism committee, said the visit was intended to scan for partners willing to work with local specialists in improving services in the health sector.

This would attract neighboring countries to view Tanzania as a

medical referral hub, where the team looked at opportunities to build the capacity of medical professionals in Tanzania.

A major achievement they obtained was to tour three major cities in India that are successful in medical tourism fame worldwide.

The team of specialists from four hospital institutions left Dar es Salaam for a medical tour in India on May 11 to look at the best methods to promote medical tourism.

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Institute in partnership with the AfCFTA Secretariat in partnership.

The high-level forum is meant to explore the vast opportunities and address obstacles hindering the realisation of Africa's agricultural potential.

It brought together decision-makers and influential individuals to engage in thoughtful discussions and knowledge sharing, in which direction the former president said Africa had done plenty.

"So far so good, but it is not good enough as evidenced by the levels of poverty in rural areas where many of our people live and the never-ending reports of people who suffer from food shortages and hunger," he said in the speech made available in Dar es Salaam.

"Reports of Africa still spending huge sums of hard-earned forex importing food are not pleasant to hear. Likewise, reports say that Africa is still exporting primary agricultural raw materials to the developed world and importing finished products from the raw materials we exported," he stated.

"I am glad that this forum is framed to discuss how we address these and other related challenges,"

he noted, adding that success in the particular endeavour will require dedicated political will and investments.

"That is to say, investment in our people, especially smallholder farmers and our young people; investment in our organisations and institutions to ensure a favourable environment of doing business prevails," he stated, adding: "We must sacrifice to invest in the long-term African agenda over the short-term domestic priorities," he told the participants, pointing out that the forum is also framed to acknowledge the contribution of regional and international institutions.

He said governmental and non-governmental organisations have worked together in advancing this agenda and accelerating the process of Africa's socio-economic transformation, "ensuring we meet the people's aspirations for prosperity."

"The other objective of the forum is to contribute to efforts being made by governments and people of this great continent of ours for a better future. It is quite opportune for the forum to choose to discuss the unlocking of the agricultural potential in Africa," he added.

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for Ruaha National Park and the surrounding village, with wide ranging alterations to park boundaries to provide space for farmers and livestock keepers to engage in various activities, she stated.

This will further reduce conflicts between residents and the park authorities alongside wildlife intrusions, thus stimulating development, she said.

Dr Angeline Mabula, the minister, said that leaders at the local level often fail the government by not addressing conflicts that they witness from the start without taking any measures.

She said the central government needs to work together with local governments, but the central government gets information when the conflicts reach climax level. "If local leaders carry out their duties well and curb the conflicts while they are still maturing, we would not be reaching these stages," she stated, underlining government

efforts to ensure that land disputes are addressed in villages and urban areas.

Stressing the need for permanently resolving land disputes she said this would enable Tanzanians to live peacefully, to stop conflicts affecting lives and hindering economic progress.

"We will invest heavily in information and communication technology (ICT) systems in record keeping, service delivery and access to land information," she further noted, asserting that this would create a friendly environment for land allocation for investment purposes.

Strengthening land disputes resolution systems, providing title deeds in digital format was the ministry's priority in the coming year, she said.

The ministry will speed up planning, surveying and providing title deeds to residents, while building centres, installing digital equipment and systems in regional offices and personnel, the minister added.

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port users are expected to meet at Tunduma to map out solutions to challenges they face on the southern Tanzania route.

Norbert Kalembwe, the port manager, said improved performance was tied with a drop in port charges, enhancing cargo delivery, while port authorities are readying for the cashew nut harvesting season for export activity.

Cashew nut cargo handling

space is being created, sorting out bottlenecks to cut down handling time, he said.

Monthly meetings with various stakeholders address challenges that arise, seeking real time solutions to boost efficiency, he stated, noting that TPA is gearing up to change Mtwara port into a major transshipment hub.

TPA has consulted with CMA-CGM, a shipping firm, showing interest to bring big container vessels at the port, he added.



China's Ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian (2nd-R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday presenting books for use under the Chinese language teaching programme to Joseph Ebely (R) and Janeth William (3rd-R), both students of the city's Benjamin Mkapa Secondary School. Second left is the Permanent Secretary in the Education, Science and Technology ministry, Prof Carolyne Ignatius Nombo. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

China donates textbooks to secondary school students

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Chinese Embassy in Tanzania has donated 2700 to assist teachers teaching the Chinese language.

The donation seeks to assist teachers and students who are teaching and learning Chinese language, to learn more about Chinese history, culture, education and contemporary China.

Chinese Ambassador Chen Mingjian, said during the textbook handover on Thursday that the books will help to build a bridge to promote the understanding between the two peoples.

"Knowledge is power! Being a carrier of knowledge, the books are a ladder of the progress of human beings."

She said by April 2023, the

number of students who are learning Chinese language 18

pilot middle schools is about 6500, noting that there were 4 teachers from China, 60 local Chinese teachers, 1 Chinese project coordinator and five Tanzania project coordinators in the primary and secondary education field.

"We know it has very much to do with Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE) and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOE)," she said the envoy said China and Tanzania have upgraded

Prof Carolyne Nombo, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Education, Science and Technology said that the teaching of Chinese as a foreign language in Tanzania lower-level secondary schools improved a lot since its introduction as a pilot

project in 2016.

She said currently, there are 18 government lower secondary schools across the country that teach Chinese language.

Furthermore, two schools namely Morogoro High Schools in Morogoro region and Usagara High School in Tanga have taken a commendable step by introducing the teaching and learning of Chinese language in advanced secondary school level.

Prof Nombo said the schools offer a combination known as KEC-Kiswahili, English and Chinese languages.

"We understand that this success would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the Chinese Government through your Embassy," she said.

The PS said China also assisted Tanzania in training Tanzania Chinese language teachers, curriculum developers and examination officials to improve the capacity of teachers and curriculum coordinators in teaching and preparation of curriculum support materials respectively.

Shesaid with regards to discussion on strategic cooperation and support in technical and vocational education, the discussion is timely as the government embarks in implementing the revised 2014 Education and Training Policy.

"The policy among other things requires introduction of vocational pathways from lower level secondary school. This calls for the need of more teachers in both secondary and vocational training colleges," she said.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) acting CEO Kiula Kingu (C, in white T-shirt) pictured on Thursday briefing Abdalla Shaib Kaim (R), the leader of this year's edition of the countrywide Uhuru Torch Race, on the implementation of new water projects in Dar es Salaam Region. He talked of plans to reach some 300 households in Chamazi ward, Temeke District. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Stop farming near water sources, residents told

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DAR ES SALAAM residents have been challenged to stop farming and breeding near water sources to conserve the environment.

Abdalla Shaibu Kaim, Uhuru Torch rally leader made the remarks in Kigamboni District yesterday when inspecting the implementation of the environment protection project that is implemented by the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) on deep water wells.

He said that it is not allowed for a person to do any human activity or

any development within 60 meters from any water source, noting that the move is important for protecting and developing water sources and natural vegetation considering that water is life.

He said there is a need to continue supporting the government's tree planting efforts by planting friendly trees that take care of the environment in all water sources.

"Laws, guidelines and regulations are clear because we are doing it to take care of water sources because water is life," he explained.

Kaim said the Uhuru Torch has reviewed the information and various steps of project implementation and is satisfied with the implementation of the

project. "I congratulate DAWASA for the great efforts you are making to protect and develop the environment by taking care of water sources, you are doing a good job, I congratulate you very much," said Kaim.

Kiula Kingu, DAWASA's acting Chief Executive Officer said that in an effort to maintain and develop water sources in Kigamboni, the Authority has implemented a project to plant 3,300 fruit trees and shade trees in 11 existing deep wells.

"This is a sustainable program where in the first phase we have started planting 1,800 trees in the area of the big water tank and we

will continue to plant more trees to ensure that we take care of the environment," he said.

He pointed out that the plan to plant trees in Kigamboni was implemented by involving the people of those areas by giving them education on environmental care so that they can take care of and benefit from the product of the trees.

"Environmental care is one of the Authority's priorities because we understand that the sustainability of water services depends on the safety of water sources, so DAWASA has put a lot of effort into ensuring that water sources including the river, Ruvu and deep wells are properly protected," said Kingu.



Internews representative Agnes Kayuni pictured in Dodoma city yesterday speaking at the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Tan chapter of the Media Institute Southern Africa Tanzania Chapter (MISA-Tan). The international media support nonprofit, which believes that all people deserve trustworthy news and information to make informed decisions about their lives and hold power to account, has promised to continue providing cooperation to journalists including through funding and training. Left is MISA-Tan chairperson Salome Kitomari, followed by national director Elizabeth Riziki. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Govt working on challenges facing youths in agriculture

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE deputy chairperson of Parliamentary committee on Industry, Trade, Agriculture and Livestock, Mariam Ditopile has said the government has started to work on challenges facing youth in agriculture related issues.

Speaking at the opening of a one-day dialogue on youth participation in agricultural marketing cooperatives societies (AMCOS) held in Dodoma on Wednesday, she said her committee understands all challenges facing youth in agricultural activities.

The event was organised by Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) in collaboration with other partners.

Ditopile said one of the challenges which

is facing many youth is failure to own land which deny them to join in cooperative societies.

"Let me remind you that the government has enhanced some efforts including to require district councils to set aside special areas for youth so as to enable them participate in agricultural activities at affordable costs" she said.

She said the exercise is sustainable and assured that they would continue to work closely with the government and come up with various strategies to enable youth and women own land for agricultural activities through groups and cooperatives.

The deputy chairperson said the other challenge raised by the youth is lack of education and leadership skills on agriculture issues.

"I can assure you that the Cooperative Commission continues to educate youth and sensitize on participation of women and youth in AMCOS and management," She said

She asked youth to vie for different chances in cooperative societies so as to get skills and experience in leadership.

She pledged to forward a request on recruitment of more cooperative officers in various districts and equipment to the government and other authorities.

She also urged participants, particularly youth, to have enough knowledge on cooperatives policy and educate others on its importance for agricultural development.

She insisted on the importance of youth to use their efforts and knowledge in developing the agriculture sector in Tanzania.

Speaking at the event the Chief Executive Officer of AMDT, Charles Ogutu said the organization would continue to work with the government and other partners to improve the agriculture sector.

Make use of vast economic opportunities, promote trade, Tax tells African nations

By Guardian Reporter

STERGOMENA Tax, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation has urged Africans to make use of vast economic opportunities and promote trade amongst themselves to achieve aspirations of Agenda 2063.

Dr Tax made the call at the special occasion to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Organization of the African Unity (OAU) now the African Union (AU) held on 25th May 2023 in Dar es Salaam.

She said Africa is the second largest continent by a geographic area and the most populous continent with 1.2 billion people offers many opportunities which if used effectively will make Africans achieve aspirations of Agenda 2063.

"Being the second largest continent by a geographic area, and the most populous continent, with 1.2 billion people, Africa offers many opportunities. May, I make emphasis on the vast economic opportunities, including trade related, she said adding that "I believe if we all commit to work together in promoting trade amongst ourselves, we will achieve aspirations of our Agenda 2063," She emphasized.

She said as Africans celebrate 60 years of African Union it is necessary to reflect on this year's African Union theme "Acceleration of AfCFTA Implementation".

She added that the Union has taken a great leap in close collaboration with all relevant organs and specialized agencies of the African Union, Regional mechanisms and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in line with their respective mandates to fast track the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) for the benefit of Africa.

She said AfCFTA is an important tool that will promote, and significantly boost intra-African trade across all sectors of Africa economies as well as a significant milestone on the journey to African integration and development adding that trade facilitation depends on seamless infrastructure both soft and hard infrastructure.

Dr Tax called on AU member states to continue mainstreaming continental industrialization policy and infrastructure development plan into national laws and development programmes with a view to accelerate the implementation of AfCFTA and as such economic integration.

She said while Africans reflects on the

opportunities available it's high time to acknowledge the challenges facing the continent which hampers prosperity of the continent. She mentioned some of the challenges as undemocratic change of governments, armed conflicts, climate change, poverty and unemployment adding that African leaders needs to intensify their joint efforts and devise smart collective strategies and measures to overcome them.

Badaoui Mohamed Fakhil Ambassador of the Union of Comoros to Tanzania and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps highlighted four focus areas of profound and substantial achievements that the continental organization has reached in the last few years.

He said the achievements related to the reorganization and adaptation of the African Union working mechanism, the focus on issues and the challenges of global impact and the perspectives for mitigating the risks posed by world crises.

He said the first focused area is scaling up and improving the peace and security architecture of the AU where member states continue to collectively monitor and make decisions on conflicts and crisis situations and take collective action both to prevent and resolve conflicts

The second area is African Health Sovereignty where he said in this area Africa learned a lesson from the Covid -19 pandemic particularly in terms of securing the means and the know-how for upgrading health strategies to anticipate respond to health crisis.

The third area is Fostering African inter-trade and promote and African business model. In this area he said is where Africans agreed to take action to facilitate trade in goods and services simplify customs procedures and settle trade disputes as well as creating Pan African Payment Settlement System and establishing the financial infrastructure which allows companies in Africa to transact in their local currency when doing business with other AfCFTA members.

The fourth area is Demographic Dividend- the Human Capital which he said Africa needs to optimize on the human capital dividend by putting national policies and action plans to harness young people's potential for economic growth.

The event was jointly organized by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Group of African Diplomats to mark the 60th anniversary since the establishment of the OAU under the audacity of African Founding fathers.



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EAC confederation Drafting work afoot

● Ruto pledges \$1m to support the process

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

EXPERTS drafting the constitution for the proposed EAC Political Confederation have been tasked to fast-track the process and have the first draft of constitution latest by the end of June 2024.

The Summit of EAC Heads of State in May 2017 adopted a Political Confederation as the transitional model to the Political Federation. The Team of Experts was appointed by the Summit in February 2018 and is chaired by Justice Benjamin Odoki, retired Chief Justice of Uganda. Justice Odoki is deputised by former Busia (Kenya) Senator and former AG Amos Wako, who is also a former Kenyan Attorney General.

Kenyan President Williams Ruto made the call yesterday when speaking at the Nairobi State when he received the Committee of Experts tasked with drafting the Constitution for the proposed EAC Political Confederation. The committee, which is chaired by Uganda's retired Chief Justice Benjamin Odoki, is currently collecting views from stakeholders and opinion leaders in Kenya through national consultative forums.

Ruto said that East Africans have always lived together and would not wait for the Partner States to establish the confederation in order to continue with their lives, adding that the citizens were well ahead of their national governments in as far as the integration process was concerned.

He said that East Africans wanted to live together and do business regardless of national boundaries and urged EAC Partner States should therefore endeavour to catch up with them and actualise the Political Confederation as fast as possible.

The Head of State said that the idea of a federation was conceived after independence in the early 1960s by the founding fathers of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, adding that the ongoing expansion of the Community would be an asset for the people of East Africa and Africa as a whole.

President Ruto pledged that the Government of Kenya would give US\$1 million to the EAC Secretariat to support national consultations on Political Confederation being conducted by committee.

The President also pledged to convince the other Partner States to

Uongozi Institute, AfCFTA organise Seventh African Leadership Forum

By Guardian Reporter

UONGOZI Institute in collaboration with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat has organised the 7th African Leadership Forum (ALF) on "Promoting intra-Africa trade to unlock agricultural potential in Africa" to be held in Ghana.

In a statement to the media yesterday, the forum is convened by Dr Jakaya Kikwete, ALF Patron and former President of Tanzania; and Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General of the AfCFTA Secretariat and is expected to be held on Wednesday and Thursday this week in Accra.

The statement stated that the forum will feature three closed thematic sessions namely: Unlocking agricultural potentials in Africa, Market as a driver for fostering agricultural productivity in Africa and mobilising African stakeholders to ensure a successful implementation of the AfCFTA.

"The forum seeks to provide a space to share experiences and insights to facilitate a successful agricultural trade among African countries," said part of the statement.

It further revealed that the key objectives on the forum are to highlight Africa's agricultural potentials and opportunities emerging from climate change and share experiences and lessons on the obstacles (internal and international) in maximising

also contribute so that the process of drafting the constitution is finished in time as directed by the Summit.

The president said that Partner States should not entertain the barriers occasioned by the boundaries created by the former colonial powers for their own imperial interests, instead urging Partner States to work together and collapse all the boundaries for the sake of integration in the region and beyond.

Dr Ruto cited prosperity for the region, strategic economy and security and the fact that East Africans were peoples of the same origins as the major reasons why the region needs to integrate and embrace the unity of the region.

President Ruto said that a borderless Africa would benefit from the prosperity that comes with integration, noting that integration would provide for a bigger market for the goods and services produced by the people of the region.

Justice Benjamin Odoki Chairperson of the Committee informed the President that the committee concluded stakeholders' consultations in Republic of Burundi and the Republic of Uganda.

Justice Odoki added that in Kenya, the committee had covered the entire countryside and was now left with Nairobi region to conclude consultations in the country.

Justice Odoki informed the president that there had been very good ideas and recommendations that emerged from Kenyans during the consultations.

"I can confidently tell you that, we are trailing behind the citizens wishes in terms of the need for a political integration Mr. President," said Justice Odoki.

The Chairperson disclosed that the people they had interacted with in Kenya wanted the EAC Political Confederation in place in the shortest possible time.



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agricultural potential in Africa.

Others are to discuss the potential and obstacles to, as well as practical and realistic requirements for implementing AfCFTA within Africa's agriculture context.

Also to identify priorities and roadmap for implementation of the agricultural trade perspective under the AfCFTA in order to realise its transformative economic objective.

The statement revealed that Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana will be the guest of Honour.

The statement further revealed that the delegates of the forum will include Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Dr Mohamed Marzouki, former President of Tunisia.

Others are Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former President of Nigeria; Thomas BoniYayi, former President of Benin; Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former President of Liberia and Hailemariam Desalegn Boshe, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia.



The forum seeks to provide a space to share experiences and insights to facilitate a successful agricultural trade among African countries



Big Solutions Company Ltd managing director Rajab Mchatta (C) briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the Tanzania Photographers and Videographers Forum meeting scheduled to be held in the city on June 6. He is flanked by one of the forum's instructors, Hanif Abdulrasul (L), and forum sponsor Haika Lawe. Photo: John Badi

Govt to improve systems for issuance of permits to import fishing equipment

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government is improving systems on issuance of permits to import fishing gear so as to control importation and sale of illegal tools including unpermitted fishing nets, the National Assembly heard yesterday.

It has also continued to strengthen patrol and inspection of fishing tools imported into the country through borders posts and ports as well as by increasing the number of

employees and modern tools.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega told legislators when responding to a question by Aleksia Kamguna (Special Seats) who wanted to know the government's plans to control illegal fishing, specifically those who are using illegal fishing nets thus affecting production of fish in the country's oceans and lakes.

According to him, the ministry in collaboration with various stakeholders including the

President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) has prepared a short and long term plan to fight illegal fishing in the country.

"The implementation of the strategy will involve leaders in villages, wards, divisions, districts and regions to control the use of illegal tools in fishing including nets that are prohibited," he said.

He further said the government will also continue providing education to fishermen, importers

and distributors of fishing gear as well as the general on the effects of using illegal gear such as nets and explosives in fishing.

The minister further said the ministry will also continue investing in patrol, monitoring and surveillance in Lakes, ocean and rivers to curb illegal fishing.

He insisted that the fight against illegal fishing was endless, urging those engaging in the activity to adhere to the country's laws.

The 2017 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said illegal fishing was still rampant in the western Indian Ocean coast, causing Tanzania an annual loss of \$400 million.



Swissport Tanzania managing director Mrisho Yassin (L) exchanges ideas with the firm's customers on the sidelines of annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Ruwasa signs pact on 4.5 billion/- water project with two contractors

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE rural Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA) has signed on agreement for the implementation of Chimala Ward water project in Mbarali District by two contractors to be completed in 15 months.

Acting Mbeya Region RUWASA manager Erasto Saronga yesterday signed the deal at the Mbeya Regional Commissioner's office

with Dar es Salaam based Jamta Construction Investment Limited and Vumwe General Services Supplies Limited.

Saronga said the project will cost 4.5bn/- till completion and will involve a 64.5-litre water receptor and the construction of a 1,000-litre tank as well as the purchase of 60km long supply pipes.

The project will be of great benefit to the people in the area as it will be managed by the Community Based

Water Consumers Organisation (CBWSO).

Speaking at the signing event, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said the project will serve over 38,000 people and increase water supply capacity from 54 per cent to 62 per cent in Mbarali District and for Mbeya Region from 64 to 66 per cent.

Homera called on the contractors to abide by the acceptable standards and the project's duration to enable

the residents to get water services, especially in social services provision areas such as hospitals and health centres.

Kundaali Mfwangavo, the Director of Vumwe Construction Investment appealed to the government to reduce some of the levies on contractors on claims that they construct development projects to help the people, hence it was important to reduce some of the levies charged on them by the government.

Meanwhile, Dr Albert Katagira from Jamta Construction Investment Limited called on the government to finalise their payment in time.

Govt pledges to allocate enough funds to address destructive birds, animals, pests

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government will continue to allocate enough funds to control and eradicate groups of birds, animals and pests that have been destroying crops in the country.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture Anthony Mavunde made the assurance in the National Assembly yesterday when responding to a question by Florent Kyombo (Nkenge) who sought for the government's plans to come up with a permanent solution to curb pests and birds that have been leaving farmers in loss every year.

The deputy minister said that in the 2022/23 fiscal year, a total of 4.9bn/- was issued for the control of invasive animals, pests and birds.

He said in the next financial

year, the government will also allocate more funds to be used for purchasing pesticides to fight against stubborn pests and birds in crops.

"The Ministry has every year been allocating funds to control various groups of crop pests and birds such as rats, locusts, armyworms and quelea quelea, we will continue to strengthen our teams which include ensuring that planes are all the time ready to serve by spraying pesticides when the challenges occurs," he explained.

He added that even one plane that was damaged has been repaired and the procedures to buy new planes are ongoing.

Meanwhile, the government has continued to take measures to cure crop wilt disease in various crops

including bananas, potatoes, beans and coffee.

"We have continued to implement various strategies including producing quality seedlings that are resistant to wilt diseases, providing education to farmers and extension officers about cutting or uprooting all affected stems and trees, and burning them to prevent the spread of the disease," he said.

The government is currently producing quality and high yielding banana seedlings that are resistant to drought using tissue culture technology.

He said the variety which has been developed after many years of research is also resistant to common pests and diseases compared to the traditional varieties.



Works and Transport deputy minister Godfrey Kasekenya (L) presents an award to Secure 7 System director Moiz Salemwalla (R) for having sponsored this year's construction stakeholders' consultation meeting organised by the Contractors Registration Board and held in Dar es Salaam on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Ministry announces new digital system for weighing of farmers' cotton harvests

By Guardian Correspondent,

Shinyanga

THE Ministry of Agriculture has announced the new digital system that will be incorporated into machines for weighing cotton harvests as a correct way to enhance benefits and control fraud through weighing machines being used.

The digital system is expected to start operation this season and will assist in registering all farmers in the system, and every farmer will be able to know the quantity of cotton sold at auctions conducted at centres to be announced by Kahama Cooperative Union (KACU).

In the system, fingerprints will be taken from every farmer, including maps of their farms, their sizes and the crops grown therein in order to

provide them with the opportunity to advertise their other crops.

Providing education to farmers and officials of primary cooperatives on the use of the new system on Monday, Fakil Shaibu, Commercial manager Mkulima Hub Company said the training is being provided in collaboration with the Ministry of agriculture and is aimed to protect farmers against fraud.

Shinyanga Region Assistant Registrar of Cooperatives, Hilda Boniface said buyers will be viewing all farmers within the system and the quantity of cotton obtained during the season and will do away traditional buyers including Kahama Cotton Company Ltd, Kahama Oil Mills and Fresho as competition on prices will be enhanced.

Colletha Mashimba, a farmer

from Kahama District said in the past, when they are at the cotton market, they were entitled for payment even on a half kilogram of cotton, and added that with the new system they expect to be paid even on a decimal point of a kilogram, which was not being recorded in the past.

Meanwhile, CCM Parents Organisation in Shinyanga Urban has discovered that the construction of three classrooms at Msufini Primary school in Ndala Ward, Shinyanga Municipality is of poor standard.

The Organization's Chairman, Fue Mrindoko said this during their inspection visit at the school on Monday, saying the classrooms built poses safety hazards to students, and called to the authorities concerned to look into the matter as soon as possible.

coming up with different ideas and executing them by using technology.

UDSM Vice Chancellor Prof William Anangsy said that the launching of AESDEA project is happening at the right time when the 8th UDSM innovative and research symposium is being organized and links very well with the UDSM vision 2061. "The university collaborates with local and international stakeholders in teaching research, and public service as our strength lies in teaching based on adequate curricula, research and consultancies that address economic and societal challenges," said Prof Anangsy.

Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) Executive Director Revocatus Kimaro said that Entrepreneurs have been instrumental in spurring social change and improving the way people live and work and hence for youth to use technology.

The main goal of SUGECO is to make a difference in the minds of the youth, communities, and graduates from higher learning institutions in support of enterprise development for self-employment, agribusiness development, job creation, community development, and economic prosperity.

Venture into agri-business, UNDP resident representative tells youths

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

TANZANIAN youth have been called upon to venture into agriculture and use technology to innovate ways which can transform the sector to become beneficial.

United National Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Peter Nyanda made the call during the launch of a Project Agripreneurship Education for Sustainable Development in East Africa (AESDEA) held at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).

He said by using technology such as artificial intelligence, remote sensing, virtual reality, drone technology and a variety of preciseness tools, the sector would improve to better heights.

"Agriculture is an important sector to this country about 70-percent of our people are employed in the sector, therefore it is also necessary for the youth to venture into the sector because the majority of the country's population are youth," he said.

He added that Agripreneurship plays a key role in improving local food security by boosting

production and reducing the country's reliance on food imports, it creates sustainable jobs that significantly contribute to the country's overall economic and social development.

He said the entrepreneurial approach to agriculture is particularly beneficial for rural development, generating job opportunities within rural regions and potentially reducing rural-to-urban migration and its associated challenges.

He said that agripreneurship plays an essential role in addressing climate change issues and young entrepreneurs can lead the development and adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices where this contribution not only creates employment but also aids in environmental sustainability, demonstrating the multifaceted benefits of promoting agripreneurship among Tanzania's youth.

Acting Deputy Ambassador Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tanzania Dr Kathrin Steinbrenner said that there is the need to involve the youth in



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR LEGAL, INSTITUTIONAL, REGULATORY AND CONTRACTUAL FRAMEWORK, AND GAP ANALYSIS REVIEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TENDER PROGRAM DESIGN

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The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), through the United Republic of Tanzania, has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access Project (ZESTA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Objective

The RGoZ is seeking to hire a consultancy firm with the renewable energy (RE) legal, regulatory and RE tendering expertise ("Consultant") to provide strategic advice to RGoZ on the legal and regulatory practices adapted to the Zanzibar context. The consultant will:

1. Conduct a gap analysis mapping out the legal, regulatory, institutional and financing framework necessary to ensure the feasibility of deploying private projects in the RE space in Zanzibar building on the IFC's 2019 Phase 0 IPP Legal due diligence and Market Sounding Results (to be shared with the consultant);
2. Investigate key requirements to implement successful RE and power storage independent power producer (IPP) projects in Zanzibar and identify the constraints for the private sector participation in the power projects in Zanzibar
3. Identifying material legal, regulatory, and policy issues that might impact the implementation of a competitive procurement process for IPPs in the energy sector in Zanzibar
4. Review the ability of the local private sector to participate in the renewable energy IPP projects;
5. Investigate the technical and regulatory capacity of the Zanzibar power sector institutions to handle the Renewable energy investment and IPP projects
6. Investigate solutions and make recommendations to address issues identified in tasks (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above

The consultant will also provide transaction advisory services including:

1. Propose and formulate the legal, institutional and regulatory framework for designing and implementing a successful RE tendering program including developing a renewable tender documents and procurement strategy for consideration and endorsement by RGoZ;
2. Provide transaction advisory expertise to launch renewable energy auction selection.

Scope of assignment

The Consultant will be required to perform the following tasks under Phase I and, upon successful completion of Phase I tasks, continue with Phase II:

Phase I

Task 1: Review of the legal, institutional, regulatory and contractual framework, and gap analysis

Task 2: Risk Assessment and allocation

Task 3: Develop RE Tender Strategy and Framework

Task 4: Preparation of Tender Documents, Contractual Agreements and Financial Analysis

Task 5: Capacity Building

Task 6: Communication Strategy

Phase 2: Transaction Advisory Support

Following successful completion of the Phase 1 activities, the Consultant shall provide support to the RGoZ, and, in particular to MoWEM, to develop and successfully implement the first round competitive tender for RE projects (substation based). The Consultant shall support the RGoZ by providing timely and expert support from RfP to commercial close, including technical, financial, as well as environmental and social (E&S) and procurement expertise. For the avoidance of doubt, under Phase 2 the selected Consultant will take the lead transaction advisory role to ensure overall coordination and quality of the bidding documents, technical site studies, E&S scoping documents and is expected to work closely with other consultants who will be performing the ESIA and site studies (among others) to ensure the above criteria are fulfilled. The scope detailed below aims at covering international best practices in RE tenders by combining technical, legal and financial advice.

Task 1: Launch of the Bidding Process

Task 2: Request for Pre-Qualification (RFQ) of IPPs

Task 3: Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Consultant will remain part of the process until Financial Close is achieved.

The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals now invites eligible consulting firm to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consulting firm should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

A: Core business and 15 years in business.

B: Relevant similar experience as specified below

- i) Experience of at least two (2) of similar assignments of the firm in the past 10 years: information to be provided should include name of assignment, name and full contact address of the client, contract value (in equivalent US dollars) and period (dates) of execution of assignment.
- ii) Demonstration of experience of working in similar conditions -i.e. developing countries.

C: Technical and managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff).

Do not provide CV of the key staff. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested consulting firm is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Firms intending to submit expression of interest should not have conflict of interest and unfair competitive advantage as per Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For firms participating in JV, each member of JV should independently meet the requirement of Eol criteria. For firm participating as association of lead and subconsultant, only the experience and qualification of lead firm will be assessed as per Eol criteria.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following proc.zesta@majismz.go.tz and copy to saleh.suleiman@majismz.go.tz

Request for Clarification:

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 08:00hrs to 17:00hrs working days only.

How to Apply:

Interested Consultant may apply and deliver its expressions of interest in a written form to the address below in person (hard copy along with an USB drive), or e-mail on or before **16th June, 2023 at 1400 hours, EAT.**

Note: Submission of Softcopy only will not be considered in opening ceremony and any difference in hard and soft copy, the information in hard copy will be used for evaluation.



TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY

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1.0. INTRODUCTION

Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) was established under the Tanzania Revenue Authority Act No.11 Of 1995. The Authority is a semi-autonomous agency of the Government responsible for the administration of the Central Government taxes as well as several non-tax revenues. TRA is currently implementing the Sixth Corporate Plan (CP6: 2022/23 – 2026/27) with the Vision of **"A Trusted Revenue Administration for Socio-economic Development"** and the Mission of **"We Make It Easy to Pay Tax and Enhance Compliance for Sustainable Development"**.

TRA would like to recruit qualified, dynamic and ethical personnel to fill positions in the Domestic Revenue, Customs and Excise, Human Resource and Administration, Information and Communication Technology, Board Secretariat and Legal Services, Procurement and Logistics, Research, Policy and Planning, Finance, Internal Audit, Internal Affairs and Risk and Compliance Department. Applications are therefore invited from suitable qualified Tanzanians for the followings positions:

2.0. POSITION: DIRECTOR FOR RISK AND COMPLIANCE (1 POST) – RISK AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To oversee development and review of TRAs Risk Management Policy in line with Government Guidelines and international best practice.
- To oversee implementation of Risk Management Framework in line with TRAs Risk Management Policy.
- To oversee development and implementation of data policies and processes to ensure data quality assurance.
- To oversee implementation of Business Continuity Management Framework in line with TRAs BCM Policy.
- To coordinate implementation of Quality Management System and Gemba Kaizen Management System.
- To oversee development and management of business intelligence solutions.
- To oversee development and management of data analytics and data mining solutions.
- To coordinate the review of all risk registers for consistency and completeness.
- To oversee and update organization-wide risk profiles, with input from risk owners.
- To oversee risk management programmes in order to enhance risk management culture.
- To oversee TRAs compliance with laws (TRA Act, Tax Laws, Environmental Law, OSHA), regulations, circulars, Quality Standards, procedures and adopted non-binding rules (e.g. Taxpayers Service Charter).
- To develop policies, procedures and guidelines to ensure compliance.
- To serve as Chief Compliance officer for TRA.
- To institute internal controls and ensure that they operate accordingly.
- To provide periodic organizational risk management policy and framework implementation reports to management and TRA Board.
- To provide periodic compliance reports.
- To oversee delivery of quality services when dealing with taxpayers and other stakeholder while discharging statutory obligations.
- To conduct and supervise performance appraisal process within the department.
- To manage staff integrity within the department by ensuring adherence to TRA governance policies and guidelines.
- To perform other duties assigned by Superiors.

Key Qualifications, experience and competencies

Master Degree or Postgraduate Diploma in one of the following fields; Economics, Actuarial Science, Accountancy, Finance, Business Administration majoring in Accountancy or Finance, Taxation, Statistics, Information Technology, Operational Research or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University with working experience of at least ten (10) years in related field of which five (5) years must be at managerial level.

Salary Scale: TRAS 13

3.0. POSITION: DEPUTY DIRECTOR RESEARCH AND FISCAL POLICY ADVISORY (1 POST) – RESEARCH, POLICY AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To coordinate development, review and implementation of research policy, guidelines, standards and procedures.
- To supervise planning and execution of research functions.
- To supervise preparation of annual forecast of revenue collection, negotiate and agree with the Government and on the collection targets.
- To serve as the TRA link with internal and external stakeholders on matters related to research.
- To coordinate implementation of TRAs Innovation Management Framework.
- To facilitate preparation and implementation of fiscal policy advice to the Government.
- To supervise the development and submission of proposals for tax reforms.
- To coordinate preparation of inputs for the Ministry for Finance and Planning on Parliamentary matters.
- To coordinate gathering and dissemination of statistics requirements for internal and external stakeholders including, Development partners (MDAs, EAC, SADC, DFID, IMF and World Bank).
- To coordinate participation in preparation of TRAs Annual Reports.
- To conduct and supervise performance appraisal process within the division.
- To manage staff integrity within the division by ensuring adherence to TRA governance policies and guidelines.
- To coordinate delivery of quality services when dealing with taxpayers and other stakeholder while discharging statutory obligations.
- To oversee adherence to TRA Management Systems.
- To perform other duties assigned by supervisor.

Key Qualifications, experience and competencies

Master Degree or Postgraduate Diploma in one of the following fields; Economics, Public Finance, Taxation, Statistics, Operations Research or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University with working experience of at least ten (10) years in the related field of which five (5) years must be at managerial level.

Salary Scale: TRAS 12

4.0. POSITION: PRINCIPAL RISK OFFICER (ACTUARIAL SCIENTIST) (1 POST) – RISK AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To analyse statistical data and evaluate them to determine potential risks
- To explore ways to reduce risks analysed
- To supervise and coordinate communication of findings to management for decisions.
- To provide advice based on calculations in ways that non-experts can understand.
- To supervise and coordinate development of IT systems and monitor processes to ensure are efficient and compliant with regulations.
- To provide hands-on support on data mining engineering in the in the TRA.
- To coordinate development of methodologies for data collection on various aspects of the TRA operational programmes.
- To maintain third party data management.
- To review quarter and annual data engineering reports and reports.
- To review and implement TRA data mining and data analytic infrastructure.
- To collaborate with other departments in designing data science infrastructure and ensure it is up to date with current trends and that they involve to stay ahead of the strategic needs of TRA business.
- To promote the design and development of customized data collection, management, and search-and-retrieval systems in order to support the collection, processing, exploitation, analysis and dissemination of big and complex datasets.
- To communicate and present summaries of structured and unstructured data in visual, text-based and interactive formats to non-specialists.
- To ensure delivery of quality services when dealing with taxpayers and other stakeholder while discharging statutory obligations.
- To ensure adherence to TRA Management Systems within the section and;
- Manage staff integrity by ensuring adherence to TRA governance policies and guidelines and;
- To perform other duties as assigned by the superior.

Key Qualifications, experience and competencies

Master's degree or Postgraduate Diploma in one of the following disciplines: Data science, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Data Mining or equivalent qualifications with working experience of at least eight (8) years in the related field in which three (3) years must be in a senior position.

Salary Scale: TRAS 7:1

5.0. POSITION: RISK OFFICER II (ACTUARIAL SCIENTIST) (3 POSTS) – RISK AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To prepare statistical data and evaluate them to determine potential risks
- To explore ways to reduce risks analysed
- To prepare findings to management for decisions.
- To provide advice based on calculations in ways that non-experts can understand
- To prepare reports and presentations
- To conduct hands on support on data mining engineering in the in the TRA;
- To prepare methodologies for data collection on various aspects of the TRA operational programmes;
- To design and reviews data collection instruments;
- To interacts with the Internet of Things by capturing and merging relevant sources of data for real-time and offline processing
- To integrates and merges the contents of disparate databases into new datasets that meet the specified needs of users
- To processes, generates and translates metadata in order to make data searchable and discoverable for users.
- To prepare and maintain specialized data collection and processing infrastructure to support specialized mission and user needs
- To develops and manages safeguards to protect data holdings according to law, regulation, and policy requirements
- To performs other duties as assigned by superior

Key Qualifications

Bachelor degree of Advanced Diploma in one of the following disciplines: Data science, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Actuarial Science, Mathematics, Data Mining or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institution/University.

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

6.0. POSITION: TAX MANAGEMENT OFFICER II (206 POSTS) – DOMESTIC REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To assist in the preparation of action plans.
- To conduct face vetting of tax returns.
- To conduct desk audit on simple cases and assist in field audits.
- To conduct physical and compliance surveillance surveys.
- To prepare respective periodic management reports.
- To gather information for new taxpayers' registrations.
- To prepare tax positions for all taxpayers and arrears list and follow up payments.
- To conduct face vetting of application for tax exemptions, relief, refunds, motor vehicle and driver's license application.
- To process annual motor vehicle licenses renewal, transfers of ownership and issue the licenses.
- To conduct registration, Audit, Data Processing and Examination.
- To perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in Taxation or Accountancy or Finance or Public Finance or Economics or Business Administration majoring in Finance or Accountancy, or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University.

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

7.0. POSITION: CUSTOMS OFFICER II (41 POSTS) – CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To control imports, export and transit goods.
- To carry out documentary verification.
- To prepare enquiries and offence files.
- To assess and value goods.
- To release goods after payment of duties.
- To prepare various returns for Customs & Excise.
- To prepare Management reports (various).
- To conduct physical verification of goods.
- To perform anti-smuggling patrols.
- To perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Taxation, Customs, Accountancy, Finance, Public Finance, Economics, Business Administration, Law, or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University.

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

8.0. POSITION: TAX MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II (65 POSTS) – DOMESTIC REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To process application for new taxpayers' registration and facilitate issuance of Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- To manage return filing processes including identifying none and late filers.
- To manage tax assessments control records such as tax assessments levels, assessments in arrears and jeopardy cases.
- To prepare tax returns, assessments and revenue collection reports.
- To process non-account cases returns including withholding tax statements
- To trace missing taxpayers' files.
- To prepare tax clearance certificates, registration of Motor Vehicles, issuance of Motor Vehicle annual licenses, issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses.
- To manage objections and appeals controls such as Registers and Tax Stand over orders.
- To gather and file tax information.
- To assist in conducting physical and compliance surveillance surveys
- To prepare cases for enforcement activities.
- To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor.

Key Qualifications

Diploma in Taxation or Customs or Accountancy or Business Administration or Law or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution.

Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1

9.0. POSITION: CUSTOMS ASSISTANT II (24 POSTS) – CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To control imports, export and transit goods.
- To examine goods.
- To enter the Data into the Customs System.
- To maintain field records in the Customs system.
- To release goods when physical verification conforms.
- To keep records and maintain documents.
- To check transit documents and shipping orders for bond cancellations.
- To perform any other duties assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Diploma in one of the following fields; Taxation, Customs, Accountancy, Business Administration, Law or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution.

Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1

10.0. POSITION: ASSISTANT LECTURER (01 POST) – HRA DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To teach up to NTA level 8 (Degree).
- To prepare learning resources for lectures and tutorial exercises.
- To conduct tutorials and seminars for students.
- To participate in the design, delivery and evaluation of training programmes.
- To design and carry out research assignments.
- To conduct consultancy and provide community services.
- To supervise field work and projects of students.
- To participate in carrying out Training Needs Assessment.
- To perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Master Degree in Taxation, Customs, Accountancy, Law, ICT, Finance, Economics, Public Finance,

Business Administration, Mathematics, Statistics, Quantitative Techniques, Clearing and Forwarding, or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University with GPA of at least 3.8 at undergraduate studies and an average of at least Grade B at Master Degree level.

Salary Scale: TRAS 5:1

11.0. POSITION: ICT OFFICER II (COMPUTER SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT) (64 POSTS) – ICT DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To assists in capturing user Customer Requirement Specifications.
- To performs systems analysis and design.
- To implement software systems (Write and document code).
- To performs systems testing (Software validation & verification) and document test results.
- To performs system configurations.
- To assists in conducting user acceptance test.
- To participates in design review and provide input for user documentation.
- To liaises with user support staff in supporting end users.
- To maintains and support various business process applications.
- To establish solutions for the identified Authority's requirements covering design and development.
- To implement solution components progressively in accordance with detailed applications designs following enterprise architecture, documentation standards, quality assurance (QA) requirements and approval standards.
- To assist to procure solution components based on the acquisition plan in accordance with requirements and detailed applications designs, architecture principles and standards, and the Authority's overall procurement and contract procedures, QA requirements, and approval standards.
- To develop related reporting and analysis functionality for operational and historical data in ICT systems to enable production of reports and analysis for effective decision making.
- To implement the escalated service development related problems (2nd and/or 3rd level) and their root causes to provide timely resolution to prevent recurring incidents.
- To provide descriptions and relationships between service development related key resources and capabilities required to deliver ICT-enabled services.
- To perform any other duties assigned by the supervisor.

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Computer Science, Information and Communications Technology, Software Engineering, Systems Engineering, System Security, Network Administration, Database Administration, or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions.

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

12.0. POSITION: LEGAL COUNSEL II (12 POSTS) – BSLS DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To identify Court cases which are suitable for settlement out of judicial processes and recommend to the supervisor.
- To draft legal documents as may be assigned.
- To give legal opinions or advise on matters related to functions and operations of TRA.
- To propose amendment and give interpretation of laws administered by TRA.
- To handle administrative activities of the department as may be directed.
- To identify potential risks in relation to activities of the department and report to the supervisor.
- To prepare monthly, quarterly and annual performance reports.
- To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree in Law or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions who have successfully attended postgraduate training at Law School of Tanzania or one year internship.

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

13.0. POSITION: PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIES OFFICER II (11 POSTS) – PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To identify stock item requirements for placement of orders.
- To seek approval to purchase the identified requirements.
- To prepare requests for quotations.
- To receive and analyse quotations and recommend awards of tenders.
- To prepare and draft contracts or LPOs to approved bidders.
- To make follow upon orders for timely delivery.
- To receive, inspect and issue goods to user departments.
- To receive, match and submit documents of goods delivered for payment.
- To assist in preparation for stock taking.
- To supervise cleanliness and arrangement for safe keeping.
- To participate in preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
- To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor.

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Procurement and Supplies Management, Materials Management, Logistics Management, Business Administration (specialising in Procurement and Supplies) or equivalent qualifications from recognised institution.

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14.0. POSITION: HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER II (03 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To attend to employee grievances.
- To interpret various regulations to staff.
- To handle pension and terminal benefits schemes.
- To coordinate staff performance appraisal process.
- To handle labour relation matters at work place.
- To draft letters, circulars and papers related to human resources matters.
- To initiate staff requirements for the department.
- To compile training plans and programs.
- To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields; Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Sociology, Business Administration (Human Resources Management) or equivalent qualification from recognised institution

Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1

15.0. POSITION: TRANSPORT OFFICER II (02 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT

Key Responsibilities will include

- To coordinate transport services.
- To responsible for purchase/issuing of fuel and maintenance of vehicle.
- To promptly report on vehicles and motorcycles breakdown
- To supervise the cleaning, maintenance and repair of vehicles and motor vehicles.
- To control transport fleet
- To control and monitor activities of the drivers and fuel allocations.
- To coordinate and supervise transportation of workers during day and night shifts;
- To coordinate implementation of fuel and lubricant permits and control fuel usage.
- To monitor the filling in of logbooks and ensure compliance by drivers and motor cyclists.
- To prepare weekly and monthly transportation reports and present it to the supervisor.
- To perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor

Key Qualifications

Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields; Transport Management, Logistics Management or equivalent qualifications from a recognised institutions.

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<p>17.0. POSITION: LIBRARIAN II (01 POST) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To handle matters pertaining to lending out and receipt of books and other reading materials in the library. To automate the library catalogue and circulation services. To carry out cataloguing and classification of books. To index of periodicals and journals. To re-shelf books left by readers on the study tables. To assist readers for searching information in the computer (through CD-ROM/ internet) and shelves To understudy senior members including attending lecturers and seminars. To carry out research/consultancy/community services assignments under close supervision. To perform other duties as assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in Library, Information Studies, Documentation or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution.</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1</p>	<p>23.0. POSITION: RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT II (6 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To register incoming and outgoing mails. To control movement of files. To file the letters and other documents received. To ensure timely circulation of documents to designated officers for necessary action. To bring up the files to the respective staff for action and retrieve the files from the staff for filing of incoming mail. To take stock of the files kept by staff. To open and close files. To assist in supervision of out sourced services. To account for the stamps used for postage of letters. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Diploma in Records Management/Archives or equivalent qualifications from recognised institution</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>	<p>31.0. POSITION: PERSONAL SECRETARY II (12 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive, interview and direct visitors accordingly. To prepare letters and various documents. To handle confidential and sensitive information. To ensure that working tools are in good order and the working environment is well maintained. To receive and make telephone calls. To maintain a register detailing records for incoming and outgoing mails and files. To communicate information by typing, sending and receiving emails/faxes. To keep diaries of events and make appointments for and on behalf of the designated officer. To organize and follow upon travel and related logistics for meetings, field visits, and any other programmes. To process, file, sort and retrieve information. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma in Secretarial Studies/Computer Studies or equivalent qualifications from recognised institution who have passed Shorthand (English) and Hati Mkato (Kiswahili) at a speed of 80 words per minute Computer knowledge in MS-Word, MS-Excel, Internet, Email, MS-Publisher from a recognized institution. <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>
<p>18.0. POSITION: ECONOMIST II (01 POST) – RPP DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To participate in design, management and execution of research projects. To undertake relevant evaluation of macroeconomic and revenue performance. To supply the data necessary for tax analysis and performance measuring against the government budget and related aspects. To maintain and update ordinary assignment files and working papers so they are readily available for future reference. To ensure that all research carried out by the team is fully incorporated in the legal and administrative aspect of taxation. To keep updated on local and international institutional arrangements and related areas and communicate them to colleagues. To prepare quarterly macroeconomic performance reports. To participate in preparation of responses on issues raised by parliament especially during the budget session. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree in one of the following fields; Economics, Agricultural Economics, Economic Planning, or equivalent qualifications from recognised institutions/University. Knowledge in the application of various statistical and econometric softwares is an added advantage. <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1</p>	<p>24.0. POSITION: TECHNICIAN II (CIVIL) (06 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in supervision for repair and maintenance of motor vehicle, machines, equipment and furniture. To assist in coordination of insurance matters, cleaning, services, motor vehicle maintenance done by sub-contractors and security systems. To assist the supervision of services provided by internal and external service providers. To maintain high customer service. To performs other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Full Technician Certificate (FTC) or Diploma in Civil/Electrical/ Plumbing or equivalent qualifications from recognised institution</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>	<p>32.0. POSITION: DRIVER II (4 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To drive motor vehicles in accordance with road traffic rules and regulations. To inspect motor vehicles before and after any route/journey in order to identify required maintenances or rehabilitation. To ensure that a motor vehicle and its equipment's (jack, spanner, space tyre etc) are available and are in good condition. To carry out minor/routine maintenances of vehicles. To maintain the car logbook by recording all trips and fuel consumption. To prepare fuel, oil and car log book returns for the vehicle. To ensure that motor vehicle doors and windows are properly locked and safe all the time. To maintain the vehicle and report to the supervisor any vehicle defects that which need repairs. To assist in collecting and dispatching mails. To ensure cleanness of motor at all time. To report any accident immediately to Supervisor or Traffic Police. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor. <p>Key Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form IV Certificate who have attended Basic Driving Course offered by VETA or any recognized Institution and has Class "C1 or E" Driving License. The candidate must have driving experience of at least one (1) year without causing an accident. <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 1:1</p>
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<p>20.0. POSITION: TUTORIAL ASSISTANT II (12 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To teach up to NTA level 6 (Ordinary Diploma). To assist in conducting tutorials and practical exercises for students. To prepare learning resources for tutorial exercise. To assist in carrying out research/consultancy/community services assignments. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in Taxation, Customs, Accountancy, Law, ICT, Finance, Economics, Public Finance, Business Administration, Mathematics, Statistics, Quantitative Techniques, Clearing and Forwarding, Linguistics or equivalent qualifications from a recognized Institution/University with GPA of at least 3.8.</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1</p>	<p>26.0. POSITION: TECHNICIAN II (PLUMBER) (02 POSTS) – HRA DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in supervision for repair and maintenance of motor vehicle, machines, equipment and furniture. To assist in coordination of insurance matters, cleaning, services, motor vehicle maintenance done by sub-contractors and security systems. To assist the supervision of services provided by internal and external service providers. To maintain high customer service. To performs other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Full Technician Certificate (FTC) or Diploma in Civil/Electrical/ Plumbing or equivalent qualifications from recognised institution</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>	<p>34.0. GENERAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants MUST be ready to work anywhere in the United Republic of Tanzania. All applicants must be citizens of Tanzania with an age of not above 45 years of age except for those who are in Public Service. Applicants must attach up to date Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contacts, postal address/post code, emails and telephone numbers. Applicants should apply on the strength of the information given in this advertisement. Applicants must attach their certified copies of the certificates. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma/Certificates. Postgraduate/Degree/Advanced Diploma/Diploma transcripts. Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates. Computer Certificates. Professional Certificates from relevant authorities. One recent passport size picture. Birth Certificate. Attaching copies of the following certificates is strictly not accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form IV and form VI results slip Testimonials and all Partial transcript Presentation of forged certificates and other information will necessitate to legal action. Applicants employed in the public service should route their application letters through their respective employers. An Applicant who is retired from the Public Service for whatever reason should not apply. An Applicant should indicate three reputable referees with their reliable contacts. An applicants with special needs/case (disability) is supposed/adviced to indicate. Certificates from foreign examination bodies for ordinary or Advanced level education should be verified by The National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) and National Council for Technical Education (NACTE). Professional certificates from foreign Universities and other training institution should be verified by The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU). A signed Application letter should be written either English or Swahili and addressed to Commissioner General, P.O. Box 11491, Mchafukoge - Dar Es Salaam Deadline for application is 9th June, 2023. Only short listed candidates will be informed on a date for interview.
<p>21.0. POSITION: SKIPPER II (11 POSTS) – CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure all navigation equipment work perfectly. To ensure safety of the boat and the personnel is maintained at all times To arrange with navy/TPDF to get armed soldiers. To communicate with port authorities for the permission to proceed to sea. To act as a link between boat matters and management. To maintain deck log book and voyage reports. <p>Key Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form IV Certificate plus Certificate of Competency (COC) Class 3 and Mandatory Certificates i.e. medical care or advanced fire-fighting or survival at sea or PSSR or GMDSS. Relevant training in Customs procedures will be added advantage <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>	<p>27.0. POSITION: BOAT TECHNICIAN II (05 POSTS) – CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To check and maintain boat electrical and mechanical machineries to make sure they are in good working order and report any deficiency. To check the state of bunkers (fuel, water) and lubricants are at operational level and recorded accordingly. To ensure availability of consumable spares on boat. To assist the boat captain during mooring and unmooring of the boat. To conduct planning of the service and maintenance schedule (including dry docking of the boat) and machineries and participate in the repair process. To ensure safety of the equipment, machineries and personnel is maintained at all times. To maintain engine log book. To perform other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Form IV Certificate plus Certificate of Competency (COC) Class 1+2+3. Possession of Mandatory Certificate i.e. medical care or advanced fire- fighting or survival at sea or PSSR or GMDSS or its equivalent. Training in customs procedures will be added advantage.</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 2:1</p>	<p>28.0. POSITION: RATING II (01 POST) – CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist the boat captain on steering the boat. To assist the engineer to carry out the services and repairs. To assist the mooring and unmooring the boat. To maintain day to day cleanliness of the boat hull, engine and boat machineries. To carry out paint touch-ups on corroded parts. To perform dock duties as assigned by captain or engineer while on dock. To ensure availability of cleaning materials and provisions on the boat <p>Key Qualifications Form IV Certificate plus possession of the Mandatory Certificates i.e. Survival at Sea or First Aid or Firefighting or EDH or rating certificate or relevant courses in swimming or deep sea diving and customs issues.</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 3:1</p>
<p>22.0. POSITION: ICT TECHNICIAN II (6 POSTS) – ICT DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <p>Hardware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To install PCs, EFD and peripherals To assist in the repair and maintenance of computers and audio-visual equipment; To ensure that computers in computer laboratories and offices are in good working condition To provide assistance to computer end users To carry out specified routine technical tasks. To provide technical support for PCs, EFD and related peripheral equipment To assist in testing new or modified equipment and systems. To document and communicate problems, solutions, and the implementation process to supervisor <p>Software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To store copies of software and documentations of computer systems To assist ICT Officers in finding source documents and solutions for identified problems To maintain operations, system development and/or programming documentation manual libraries. To perform archiving of official documents To perform simple coding of raw data on source documents by applying established, clearly defined codes; To key data from source documents; verify keyed data; upload data to computer server. To review production output for accuracy and validity by comparing the output data with the job request and systems documentation standards and procedures To assist programmers in testing new or revised application programs. To validate (check, verify dates and times, etc.) input to and output from information systems. To advise programmers in problems related to data entry To maintain data processing systems, tape library and disk storage. To monitor console for errors; observe elements of operation for evidence of incorrect operation. 	<p>29.0. POSITION: ACCOUNTS OFFICER II (01 POST) – FINANCE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Key Responsibilities will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To prepare weekly/monthly revenue collection, transfers, revenue float and tax exemption reports. To capture invoices, payment vouchers and credit memos in the expenditure accounting system. To prepare salary journal vouchers, deduction schedules, print salary slips and distribute to regions and departments. To prepare monthly expenditure reports and supporting schedules. To prepare budget and physical performance report for the Finance Unit on quarterly basis. To participate in quarterly stock taking exercise. To ensure that all over-the-counter receipts are banked intact and promptly. To ensure timely filing of performance report as per QMS requirement. To perform any other duties assigned by the supervisor <p>Key Qualifications Bachelor Degree or Advanced Diploma in one of the following fields; Accountancy, Finance, Commerce or Business Administration majoring in Accountancy or Finance or equivalent qualifications from recognized Institutions. Ability to use different Accounting packages/software is an added advantage.</p> <p>Salary Scale: TRAS 4:1</p>	<p>NOTE: All application must be sent through Recruitment portal by using following address https://recruitment.tra.go.tz/tra_careers/Login.aspx and not otherwise.</p> <p>35.0. APPLICATION DEADLINE The application should be submitted online by 9th June, 2023. Applicants who will not be contacted should regard themselves unsuccessful.</p> <p>36.0. MODE OF APPLICATION Click "Vacancies" link to select the position then "click here to apply online". All applicants are required to properly fill in the application form provided in the system. Please be informed that shortlisting has been automated through the Human Resources Information System (Aruti). Therefore, a failure to fill in all the fields properly may lead to disqualification.</p> <p>For assistance on how to fill in the Job Application Form please make use of on line "HELP" available under the Application Form or dial TRA Call Centre Tel: 0800 750075, 0800 780078 and 0800 110016 from 0800 to 1700 Hours Monday to Friday. These are Toll free numbers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Released by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER GENERAL TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY</p>

Higher capital flows could alter land, growth patterns

NEWS that the government had in the past year allocated land for 7.8trn/- worth of projects is something economic observers are getting used to hear, but it is a different matter what they make out of it. There are themes regarding growth strategies that are brought up in the data flow on investments, basically from projections or registration of projects, land allocations; what to expect in growth patterns. The issue is its effect on poverty.

The number of titles involved isn't too high, at 135 applications for 29,820.4 hectares of land for local and foreign investments, on the basis of remarks by the minister, Dr Angelina Mabula. Processing the land plots for investors was conducted from last July to mid-May, and the ministry was constantly receiving and approving allocation of land for investors. That has solid point being made, that a lot of the cash goes out to change the landscape in traditional landscapes.

As there is no longer debate about the Arusha Declaration in academics or among activists, which would bring such attention to the media, nothing is being learned from these changes. A televised discussion on Africa Day on May 25 was salutary for its being anchored in the old image of things, reflected on the late Mwalimu Nyerere's address in 1997, 40 years of Ghana's independence, as having advocated African Unity. In truth, the retired president focused on the need for a union of destiny between Africa and Europe, so as to beat poverty.

This address given to the South African parliament wasn't aired in the country until 2019, 20 years from his death, but he had repeated roughly the same address at the University of Dar es Salaam two months later, December 1997. The remarks were

so far removed from ritual Pan-Africanism that they received scant attention, and admittedly Mwalimu didn't repeat that view the following year, in a well-publicised interview with 'The New Internationalist.' Yet the matter is on record, and it is President Samia who is assiduously pursuing it.

Back to the Arusha Declaration, what Mwalimu and other socialists in Africa did not learn - unlike in the Far East - is that traditional land ownership patterns impede capital flows. Customary land patterns impede transforming farming technology, hindering cheapened food supply for large industries where low wage levels permit families to subsist. Imported cooking oil is cheaper in Dar than local produce due to intense manual labour, so farm mechanization raises supply and consumption, not protecting high cost local producers as they want.

Investments into rare minerals for the global energy transition, and other spheres besides like the giant offshore gas project, alter the land ownership picture. Despite its likely hazards in environmental terms on the basis of scattered documentation on global television, the minerals sector investment flows remove traditional land holding scope. Artisan miners pocket billions of shillings from tanzanite, diamonds, etc.

This flow of capital purchases portions of land directly by compensation and indirectly when those compensated seek out cheaper land elsewhere. Up to mid-May, a total of 60bn/- in loans had been issued by banks and other lenders using customary title deeds in 11 districts.

That means capital is flowing into rural areas, elevating life prospects even with pockets of poverty.

Africa must live up to its responsibility by providing clean water for the people

EIGHTEEN countries are reporting cholera outbreaks, and 10 of those are in Africa. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), more than 26 000 cases and 660 deaths were reported as of January 29, 2023, and the average case fatality ratio far exceeds the acceptable level of below 1 per cent.

From 2021 we had a number of outbreaks within the region and countries were able to respond and swiftly contain them. In 2022 we had fewer countries affected and overall case numbers were lower.

The rainy season in Africa still portends gloom for many hapless souls residing in conditions of squalor which continue to spawn all kinds of contagious diseases.

One such killer disease which thrives in dirty environs is cholera which has, over the years, decimated hundreds of people in various cities and towns. Given the degree of environmental decay that has now assumed grave proportions, there are very few areas that have been spared the yearly visitation of this deadly disease. That so many lives continue to be lost every year through cholera outbreaks is a sordid indictment of the local government's failure to tackle the root causes of this lethal bug. Cholera is preventable, and as the old adage goes, prevention is always better than cure.

African governments must live up to its responsibility by providing clean water for the people. But it is not an isolated incident as the World Health Organisation (WHO) says several have the highest burden of the water-borne disease in Africa. Cholera is life-threatening. If you get contaminated with cholera bacteria and you do not receive appropriate treatment within 24 - 48 hours, you can pass on. Dysentery can give you

some time to take care of yourself but not cholera.

Against the background that cholera, which often leads to the infection of the small intestine, is mostly contracted through drinking of contaminated water and eating of waste products, it is a shame that Tanzanians are still afflicted by such a disease in this day and age. But with the systemic collapse of critical institutions and basic health facilities in many of the regions across the country today, it is little surprise that many of our nationals are still dying of the preventable disease common among the poor that has been eliminated in most countries.

It is very sad that for more than four decades, a preventable disease like cholera has been a recurring epidemic in Tanzania and has led to the death of thousands of our people, especially children. While there have been some efforts by the government to deal with the challenge, we have seen a corresponding commitment from the government where cholera appears to be ravaging citizens the most.

The spread of cholera becomes worse when the environment is not clean; when water system is not treated and when sanitation is not taken seriously. The sad part of it is that in many of our regions, the villagers and rural dwellers are left to rely on streams as the only source of drinking water and there are no provisions for disposing waste. In most cases also, the people even have to rely on stagnant water for washing their clothes and other items. Therefore, since cholera is more prevalent in rural areas, the problem becomes more compounded when and where there are no modern medical facilities to assist in the treatment of the disease.

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THE wonderful experience of giving life carries the risk of morbidity and mortality. However, this risk is steadily declining in Sub-Saharan Africa. Between 2000 and 2020, the maternal mortality ratio has declined by one-third or from 807 to 545 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. This is noteworthy; however, despite progress, the risk of dying while giving birth is still unacceptably high. Lifetime risk of maternal deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa is at least eight times higher than other regions.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, too many women, an estimated 202,000, died from giving life in 2020. This represents 70 per cent of global maternal deaths and translates into over 550 maternal deaths per day, which is one maternal death every two and half minutes. For every death, 20 to 30 more morbidities including obstetric fistula and perinatal mental health occur. The deaths leave behind devastated husbands, partners, children, communities, societies, and nations. Most of these maternal deaths could be prevented by improving availability, accessibility,

Risking death to deliver life: Too many women are still paying the ultimate price

acceptability and quality of human rights-based Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, Adolescent Health services.

One of the major barriers to improving access to comprehensive maternal and newborn care in Sub-Saharan Africa is the difficulty in ensuring availability of skilled, motivated, supported and regulated health providers. The good news is that well-trained and supported midwives have the potential to provide 90 per cent of all essential sexual, reproductive, maternal and new-born health services. The bad news is that currently they represent only 10 per cent of the health workforce.

Globally, there are 900,000 midwife deficits by 2035 with 500,000 in Africa.

As the United Nations' sexual and reproductive health agency, UNFPA is a leader in supporting quality midwifery care across the world. We support governments to improve competency-based training, midwifery regulatory mechanisms and workforce policy that comply with international standards. We are also harnessing the power of technology to train

midwives in remote areas or emergency crisis zones.

We are committed to strengthen 'midwifery-led care' as a critical pathway to end preventable maternal and new-born deaths and stillbirths.

We are not alone. We are glad to partner with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and with more than 20 global partners from civil society, academia, private sector, professional bodies and development partners to host the 5th Global Midwifery Symposium on 7 and 8th May 2023, a pre-event to the International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC2023).

During the Symposium, Global Partners appealed to the United Nations member states to: Promote midwifery care; Strengthen the Midwife Workforce; Improve Working Conditions and Support for Midwives; Address Barriers to Accessing Care from Midwives; Ensure Provision of Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Services and Rights (SRHR) by

Midwives; and Monitor Progress and Strengthen Accountability.

The current pace of progress in preventing maternal deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa is significantly less than the pace of progress required to take the region closer to the Sustainable Development Goals target of 70 maternal deaths per 100,000 births by 2030. In fact, the current pace of progress needs to be improved by five-times to be able to meet the SDG-3 maternal mortality target in Sub-Saharan Africa.

African mothers deserve better. They deserve to feel safe and supported as they bring new life into the world. Investing in midwifery education, training, and professional development is the least we can do to deliver a brighter future for generations to come. Together, we can eliminate preventable maternal and newborn deaths, and empower every woman to give birth with confidence, without having to pay the ultimate price.

Let's take action now, and make sure that no more lives are needlessly lost in the miracle of childbirth.

Solving the out of school problem in Nigeria

By Cristian Munduate

NIGERIA'S out of school problem is followed globally, not just because the problem is large and growing but because global progress by 2030 depends on how it is solved in Nigeria. According to the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), there are over 10 million children at the primary level and a further eight million children at the junior secondary level who are out of school. Nigeria therefore accounts for 15 per cent of the total number of out of school children globally.

When numbers are this large, we forget what they mean. Behind each number is a child. Eight million dreams unrealised. Ten million futures limited before children have a fair chance to reach their potential.

Children are exposed to untold risks when they don't go to school - heightened chance of being under-nourished and under-immunised, forced into child labour and increased likelihood of being married and pregnant too young. These risks not only violate children's fundamental human rights but trap them in intergenerational cycles of marginalization and poverty.

It is no surprise then that poverty is the most significant barrier to school access exacerbated by school fees and other hidden costs of education. Some 17 per cent of children aged 12-14 years in Nigeria are involved in economic activity for 14 hours or more each week. There is an urgent need to prioritise primary and secondary education for girls, Almajiri children, and children with disabilities.

The system itself also limits opportunities. Chronic underfunding of education perpetuates challenges in access, as well as learning quality. Nigeria's education allocation remains consistently low and regressive - at 1.2 per cent of GDP against an international benchmark of 4-6 per cent. Countries of similar development status - Ghana and Indonesia for example - which invest significantly more in education see impressive returns.

Nigeria's underinvestment, on the other hand, is driving severe shortfalls in infrastructure and teaching staff, contributing to overcrowded classrooms and poor learning outcomes. Disruption to education remains an all-too-familiar phenomenon in Nigeria, as conflict and insecurity in the north and central regions regularly shutter schools for

millions of children - including for 1.3 million children in 2020/21 alone, according to the Ministries of Education of Kaduna, Sokoto and Zamfara States.

These deprivations are strongly interlinked and demand comprehensive solutions. But Nigeria is also in the enviable position of having abundant evidence on what works to solve these persistence problems. Over the past 10 years, federal and state governments in Northwest Nigeria with the support of UNICEF and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) tested solutions in formal and non-formal schools through the Girls Education Project Phase 3 (GEP3).

We now know through rigorous evaluation of GEP3 that putting cash in the hands of families and schools, combined with community-led enrolment campaigns and high-quality early grade reading and numeracy interventions - a set of interventions known as "cash plus" - brings millions of children, particularly girls into the schooling system and keeps them there.

So powerful and enduring is the impact of this approach that gender parity is achieved, school retention increases, performance in English, mother tongue and in math improves, youth literacy levels rise

and early pregnancy and marriage decline.

That we have collectively showcased what works to get more children into school through GEP3 is cause for celebration. That we have not yet scaled what we know to work is cause for concern. While development partners work with government to generate evidence on how to improve access and quality, the mandate and resources to scale these interventions to every child in Nigeria rests with government.

The induction of new governors last week in Abuja by the Nigeria Governors' Forum is an opportunity to redouble efforts to act with speed and at scale on the available evidence and to create an enabling environment for scaling.

So, what does an enabling environment look like?

It involves spending more on education. Little change will come to the life experience of children and the economic outlook for Nigeria unless it sees investment in education in the range of 15-20 per cent of government expenditure at federal and state levels. It is this scale of investment in human capital formation that sets the stage for a potential demographic dividend from the large and growing youth bulge.

Mob 'justice' is a threat to safety and security of innocent citizens

By Telesphor Magobe

LAST week, we briefly looked at the Global Report on Internal Displacement 2023 released recently. Its findings are that 71.1 million people across the world lived in internal displacement as of December 2022, which was a 20 per cent increase in a year and the highest number ever recorded.

It says conflict and violence internally displaced 62.5 million people across 65 countries and territories by the end of last year. This means that about three-quarters of internally displaced people were in just 10 countries out of the 148 surveyed countries and territories worldwide, sub-Saharan Africa also being in the spotlight.

We then concluded that to minimise human linked-internal displacements, we ought to develop a culture of treating and seeing each other as being entitled to live as truly free persons with human dignity.

Today, I invite you to look at mob "justice", which often threatens the safety and security of innocent citizens - you and me. The other day I was cycling and happened to pass by a place I was told by the bereaved that a young man had been killed in suspicious circumstances. It seems another young man was attacked, wounded and robbed of his property at night by people he was able to identify.

He sustained several wounds on different parts of his body and was admitted to hospital. When he related what had happened to him, other young people were able to associate the incident with a person they suspected of being the ring leader of a criminal gang because he was involved in attacking people at night, wounding and robbing them of their belongings. After this recent event, some young people said his days were numbered because they were tired of him.

So, rumours went around about his untoward behaviour and some young people said they wanted to teach him a lesson "he won't forget". This might have meant to incapacitate him so that he won't attack, wound and rob people of their belongings anymore, or



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it might have meant they were tired of seeing him alive. So, the story goes that some young people started hunting for him wherever he could be found.

One day he was spotted somewhere, with another young man. Since they had started hunting for him after they knew his whereabouts, they organised themselves and went for him. After seeing them, he ran away to save himself. In the meantime, the other young man who was with him fell into the hands of an "angry mob". Some young people thought he was the one they were hunting, but others said he was not.

In the circumstances, he was lynched after which some young people were

able to tell that the person they wanted had run away. So, the person who was killed was not the one who was wanted.

I can recall a similar story I heard a few years ago about a young man who used to prepare chips and eggs at a bus station, who was also killed in suspicious circumstances. He was good at running. One day, a lady arrived at her home from the city centre. As she was disembarking from a commuter bus with a handbag in which she had kept her mobile phone and other valuables, suddenly a young man who had timed her snatched it from her and ran away.

The young man who was preparing chips and eggs knew the lady whose

handbag was snatched by the young man and saw where the other young man was running to. Believing in himself to be a good runner, he started chasing the thief.

After the culprit saw that the good runner was approaching him, he threw the lady's handbag and kept running for his life because people were shouting "thief, thief, and thief". The young man picked it up and returned to the bus station where the lady was.

As soon as the lady saw the young man with her handbag, she shouted that she had seen her stolen handbag. Since there were many people, some of them mistakenly thought the young man was a thief and started interrogating him why he had snatched the lady's handbag and ran away. Before he was able to explain anything, those who had carried stones started throwing at him and others were beating him with whatever they had carried. Eventually, they killed him, but eyewitnesses said the culprit had ran away.

I have also been told that if you know a person who has been mistakenly suspected of being a thief and you happen to defend him or her because you know that he or she is innocent, you too will be lynched with him or her. What a trying experience!

Will you keep quiet and even hide yourself so that you are not seen because a son, daughter, relative, friend, colleague or neighbour you know well to be of good standing is mistakenly suspected of being a thief by an angry mob?

You too might have heard of similar stories of innocent people being killed or maimed because a lynch mob has no time to think intelligently or even follow legal procedures. In circumstances like these, who is safe? Since we implement community policing in different parts of the country, it is time to form groups of young people also near bus stations or crowded areas to intervene whenever an angry mob threatens to break the law. With this we can minimise some mob justice incidents.

Today's proverb: "Out of the frying pan into the fire."

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Africa Day: Celebrating progress in Africa on neglected tropical diseases

By Thoko Elphick-Pooley

AS an African, I am proud to join the continent in celebrating Africa Day which was marked yesterday. There is so much to celebrate. The day before yesterday, I attended the launch of the 2023 Africa Economic Outlook at the African Development Bank Annual Meetings in Sharm El Sheik.

The report shows the resilience of the African continent despite multiple shocks including the COVID-19 pandemic, disruptions to supply chain caused by the war in Russia and Ukraine and severe weather events. For example, the continent recorded a GDP growth of approximately 3.8 per cent in 2022 which is above the global average of 3.4 per cent.

I am particularly proud of the progress being made in an area of work that is close to my heart, the fight against neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

NTDs are a group of preventable and treatable diseases that affect close to 1.7 billion people around the world. They include diseases such as leprosy, bilharzia, intestinal worms, sleeping sickness, and Guinea worm disease. Over one third of people affected by NTDs live in Africa.

These diseases have a profound effect on people's lives; they cause immeasurable suffering, prevent adults from



Representative of Togo receives an outstanding achievement award as the first ever country to eliminate four neglected tropical diseases at the 72nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa. Photo/WHO

being able to work, and children from being able to go to school. They rob the continent of its vital human capital. NTDs also have significant economic impact on households through costs of treatment and care, as well as lost productivity. They create barriers to education, employment, and economic growth as well as stigmatisation which leads to exclusion from society.

But today I want to

share five examples of phenomenal progress that has been made to curb these devastating diseases on the African continent.

First, 21 countries in Africa have eliminated at least one NTD, with several countries having eliminated two, three and four NTDs. Sustained domestic and international commitment to control, eliminate, and eradicate these diseases has accelerated progress against individual

country targets.

Second, Togo was the first ever country globally to eliminate four NTDs: Guinea worm disease, elephantiasis (lymphatic filariasis), sleeping sickness and trachoma. Benin has eliminated three NTDs: Guinea worm disease, sleeping sickness and trachoma.

Third, Malawi was the first southern African country to eliminate an

NTD, starting with elephantiasis (lymphatic filariasis) in 2020, a parasitic disease transmitted by mosquitoes that leads to disfiguring swelling and disability. More recently (2022) Malawi eliminated trachoma, a contagious bacterial infection and the world's leading cause of infectious blindness which just seven years ago was such a major public health challenge in the country with over seven million people at risk.

Fourth, Ghana was the first country in sub-Saharan African country to eliminate trachoma, and just last week the World Health Organization announced that Mali and Benin had eliminated trachoma, bringing to seven the number of countries in Africa that have eliminated this painful and disabling disease.

Fifth, collectively, Africa is demonstrating leadership, committing to ending NTDs by 2030. The continent's Heads of State, under the auspices of the African Union, signed the Kigali Declaration on NTDs, a high-level, political declaration to mobilise political will, community commitment, resources and action, and secure commitments needed to end suffering. Heads of State also endorsed the Continental Framework whose vision is to free Africa of all NTDs by 2030 and provides guidance on key approaches that should be implemented; as well as the Common African Position that recommends how to address NTDs in Africa.

The countries' achievement and continental leadership are both a cause for celebration, as the African Union marks its 60th anniversary. It is a major milestone, considering fighting disease was on the top agenda of African countries at the dawn of independence.

However, despite this progress, a lot more remains to be done before we see an Africa free from

NTDs.

The task remains huge. NTDs are still endemic in 49 African countries. Effects of the pandemic and other economic shocks threaten to derail momentum by delaying, disrupting, and redirecting resources for programmes against these diseases. Equally, climate change will increase the spread of NTDs as they are directly influenced by changes in temperature, rainfall, relative humidity, and climate.

Despite these obstacles, we must continue to make advances and not lose our momentum. What has been accomplished by countries in recent years, with support from partners, is truly a global success story. We must protect and build on these gains. Securing increased funding and developing sustainable, long-term funding solutions will be critical. This is the year for accelerating progress, and we must come together with renewed vigour and a clear vision for the future. I have confidence that we can do it!

Let's work together to achieve the vision of Member States in the Continental Framework: an Africa free of NTDs by 2030.

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Cooperatives in Argentina help drive expansion of renewable energy

By Daniel Gutman

WHEN the residents of Armstrong, a town of 15,000 in western Argentina, began to meet to discuss a renewable energy project, they agreed that there could be many positive effects and that it was not just a question of doing their bit in the global effort to mitigate climate change.

"The proposal was to use the rooftops and yards of our houses to install solar panels. And I accepted the idea basically because I was excited by the prospect that one day we would become independent in generating our own electricity," Adrián Marozzi, who today has six solar panels in the back of the house where he lives in Armstrong with his wife and two children, told IPS.

His home is one of about 50 in Armstrong with solar panels generating power for the community, added to the 880-panel solar farm installed in the town's industrial park. Together they have contributed part of the electricity consumed by the inhabitants of this town in the western province of Santa Fe since 2017.

This is a pioneering project in Argentina, built with public technical organizations and community participation through a cooperative where decisions are made democratically, which has since been replicated in various parts of the country.

With an extensive area of almost 2.8 million square kilometers, Argentina is a country where most of the electricity generation has been concentrated geographically, which raises the need for large power transmission infrastructure and poses a hurdle for the development of the system.

In this context, and despite the financing obstacles in a country with a severe long-lasting economic crisis, renewable energies are increasingly seen as an alternative for clean electricity generation in power-consuming areas.

Marozzi is a biologist by profession, but is dedicated to agricultural production in Armstrong, almost 400 kilometers northwest of Buenos Aires. The town is located in the pampas

grasslands in the productive heart of Argentina, and is surrounded by fields of soybeans, corn and cattle.

How to bring electric power to widely scattered rural residents was the great challenge that the Armstrong Public Works and Services Provision Cooperative, made up of 5,000 members representing the town's 5,000 households, grappled with for years.

The institution was born in 1958 and in 1966 it marked a milestone, when it created the first rural electrification system in this South American country, with a 70-kilometer medium voltage line that brought the service to numerous farms.

Once again, in 2016, the Armstrong cooperative pointed the way, when it began to discuss in assemblies with community participation the advantages and disadvantages of venturing into renewable energy production by means of solar energy panels.

"Those of us who accepted the installation of panels in our homes today receive no direct benefit, but we are betting on a future in which we can generate all of the electricity we consume. In addition, of course, we care about environmental issues," Marozzi said in a conversation from his town.

The 880-panel solar park with 200 kW of installed power is currently being expanded to 275 kW thanks to the money that Armstrong saved from energy that was not purchased in recent years from the national grid. The local residents who make up the cooperative decided that the savings from what was generated with solar energy should be invested in the park.

A replicated model In Argentina there are about 600 electrical cooperatives in small cities and towns in the interior of the country, which were born in the mid-20th century, when the national grid was still quite limited and access to electric power was a problem.

These cooperatives usually buy and distribute energy in towns. But the members of dozens of them realized that they too could generate clean electricity, after visiting Armstrong's project, and



Photovoltaic panels in the solar park in the small town of Armstrong, in the Pampa region, the heart of Argentina's agricultural production. CREDIT: FARN

launched their own renewable energy initiatives.

One of the cooperatives that also has a solar park is the Agricultural and Electricity Cooperative of Monte Caseros, a city of about 25,000 inhabitants in the northeastern province of Corrientes.

"The cooperative was born in 1977 out of the need to bring energy to rural residents," engineer Germán Judiche, the association's technical manager, told IPS.

"Today we have a honey packaging plant and a cluster of silos for rice, the main crop in the area. Since 2018 we have also distributed internet service and in 2020 we partnered with the province's public electricity com-

pany to venture into renewable energy."

The Monte Caseros solar park has 400 kW of installed capacity thanks to 936 solar panels. It was inaugurated in September 2021 and has provided such good results that a second park, with similar characteristics, is about to begin to be built by the 650-member cooperative, because it supplies only rural residents of the municipality.

"We have done everything with the cooperative's own labor and the design by engineers from the National University of the Northeast (UNNE), from our province," said Judiche. "It is definitely a model that can be replicated. Renewable energy is our

future," he added from his town, some 700 kilometers north of Buenos Aires.

A slow and bumpy road

According to official figures, the distributed or decentralized generation of renewable energy for self-consumption, which allows the surplus to be injected into the grid, has 1,167 generators registered in 13 of Argentina's 23 provinces, with more than 20 megawatts of installed power.

Electricity cooperatives that have their own renewable energy generation projects operate under this system.

In total, in this country of 44 million people, renewable energies covered almost 14 percent of the demand for

electricity in 2022 and have more than 5,000 MW of installed capacity, although there are practically no major new projects to expand their proportion of the energy mix.

Most of the electricity demand is covered by thermal generation, which contributes more than 25,000 MW, mainly from oil but also from natural gas. Hydropower is the next largest source, with more than 10,000 MW from large dams greater than 50 MW, which are not considered renewable.

Pablo Bertinat, director of the Energy and Sustainability Observatory of the National Technological University (UTN) based in the city of Rosario, also in Santa Fe, explained that it is impossible to follow a model like Germany's widespread residential generation of renewable energy, because it requires investments that are not viable.

"Community-based projects, which are feasible, have several advantages: they improve local autonomy in the generation of electricity, they allow money to be saved from the energy that is not purchased, which can be reinvested in the city, and they promote the decentralization of decision-making in the energy system," added Bertinat, speaking from Rosario.

The UTN Observatory was in charge of the Armstrong project, in a public-private consortium, together with the cooperative and the Na-

tional Institute of Industrial Technology (Inti).

The expert said that the cooperatives' renewable energy projects are advancing slowly in Argentina, despite the fact that there is no credit nor favorable policies - an indication that they could have a very strong impact on the entire electrical system and even on the generation of employment, if there were tools to promote renewables.

"Our aim is to demonstrate that not only large companies can advance the agenda of promoting renewable energy and the replacement of fossil fuels. In Argentina, cooperatives are also an important actor on this path," Bertinat said.

The case of Armstrong also sparked interest from the environmental movement, which is helping to drive the growth of renewable energy in the country.

Jazmín Rocco Predassi, head of Climate Policy at the Environment and Natural Resources Foundation (FARN), told IPS that this is "an illustration that the energy transition does not always come from top-down initiatives, but that communities can organize themselves, together with cooperatives, municipal governments or science and technology institutes, to generate the transformations that the energy system needs."



Solar panels can be seen in the backyard of Adrián Marozzi, a resident of the town of Armstrong. The energy savings are capitalized by the cooperative, which thus has to buy less electricity from the national grid. CREDIT: FARN

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Lack of toilets makes miners risk contracting water-borne diseases

By Guardian Correspondent, Butiama

SMALL-scale gold mining in Butiama District, Mara Region have been blamed for not having toilet facilities, the situation that puts miners at risk of contracting water-borne diseases—diarrhea, giardiasis, dysentery and typhoid fever.

Small-scale gold mines operating in the district include Sirorisimba, Magunga, Nyasirori, Nyamikoma, Biatika, Nyanza and others emerging mines.

A month-long survey shows that Sirorisimba is one of the mines that operate without having toilet facilities, making the miners defecating into open including nearby bushes and endangering their health as well as polluting the environment in general.

The move is contrary to the country's Environmental Law No. 20 of the year (2004) that prohibit pollution in mining areas.

In separate interviews, Josephine Chacha, one of the artisanal miners in the district says that there are no toilets in the mines, the situation that degrades women dignity.

"Here, there are no toilets. We all go into open spaces when it comes to toilet services," Josephine says.

"We've been helping ourselves in the bushes for many years," says Nyamhanga Marwa, a small-miner in Sirorisimba Village.

Marwa says that although the area where they are doing mining activities is owned by the Sirorisimba Village which has no that toilet facilities, and "questions is if the government-owned mines have no such facilities, what will happen to the remaining people."

"This is very dangerous for us as small-scale miners and the situation becomes very bad during this rainy season, epidemic diseases can occur," says Marwa.

Nyandoge Mwita, another miner asks the relevant authorities to work on the issue, including providing education specially to license owners so that they can focus on the health of their employees and build toilets for them.

Dorica Kitomari, the manager of the Mama Shida mine says: "We've started building toilets for the sake of artisanal miners."

Ibrahimu Mniko, the chairman of Sirorisimba Village, says that the mines do not have the needed facilities and "we're working on the challenge to free artisanal miners from risks of epidemic diseases including cholera."

Masunga Magati, Sirorisimba Village Executive Officer (VEO) admits the challenge, saying: "Everyone who has a license in their contract should take care of the environment and build toilets, but there are no toilets at all in the mining circles, the village government will have to cooperate with the people of the environment to provide education con-



Some of the women miners do mining at Sirorisimba mine in Butiama District, Mara Region

struction of toilets."

Robert Lucas, the manager of the Irasanilo Gold Mine says: "We have by-laws, that it is forbidden for an investor to carry out mining activities without having a toilet, and set up fine for those who go against the law."

Karani Ruhumbika, Butiama DC's waste and environmental sanitation officer says the government

has been trying to provide education regularly to miners to build toilets, but the response has been small.

He urges small-scale miners to follow the instructions of experts to take care of the environment, not until there is an outbreak of diseases.

Mohamed Selemani, Butiama DC's health officer says: "We've been giving education to the miners to

build toilets but their response has been low and they have failed to implement the instructions they are giving."

According to Selemani, Butiama DC is to enact a bylaws that will compel all mines to build toilets, and those who fail to implement those laws will be fined.

"Mines without toilets are very dangerous for out-

breaks of diseases. There was a time when the Magunga mine was closed due to the lack of toilets," the official says.

Dr. Sunday Malulu, Butiama DC's acting medical officer says: "We'll have to write a letter to the Butiama Council executive director to put emphasis on the miners to build toilets and I think this will be helpful."

"There are cases of miners suffering from intestinal diseases, but at the Butiama District Hospital, we do not have accurate statistics, because many are treated at the dispensary and others go to Musoma regional referral hospitals for more treatments," says Dr. Malulu.

Revocatus Rutunda, Butiama DC's acting executive director says the government has started the construction of pay toilets and its construction is in the final stage.

Jerome Kayombo, Lake Zone manager of the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) says the issue of toilet construction in small mines can be implemented by the relevant council through the environment officers.

"But lack of toilets in mines can be controlled at the council level, if they fail, then we come to administer the law," says Kayombo.

Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) say the issue of lack of toilets in Migodi Butiama, the government should look at it with three eyes so that in the future there will not be a major cholera outbreak and they will start chasing each other to find the witch.

LEAT project officer, Clay Mwaifani, says the government should properly manage mining, environment and employment laws, because when miners work without essential services such as toilets, it is a violation of the law and action should be taken.

By Felister Peter, Mbarali

"AT first, I did not know that I was infected with HIV, I struggled to look for treatment from traditional healers because I believed that I was bewitched. My body was weak as I was frequently attacked by diseases," says 67-year-old Anthony Kyando, a resident of Rujewa in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region.

Kyando, a father of ten said he was advised to test for HIV by health care workers at Ilem-bula health center in 1996, after the death of one of his wives and four children.

He was diagnosed with HIV and from then on he was depressed knowing that he must die because at that time being diagnosed with HIV was like a death sentence. He then moved to his aunt in Morogoro Region following stigma from the community.

To confirm his HIV status, Kyando was again tested at Morogoro hospital and proved to be infected.

The ARV shortage ordeal
"During that period, the Antiretroviral (ARV) to treat HIV could not be found at public health facilities in Tanzania. Only a few people could purchase the drugs from other countries," Kyando told journalists who are in a tour in Mbeya and Songwe regions to see the various successes achieved through projects funded by the U.S government through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for the past two decades.

He said doctors at the Morogoro hospital advised him to order ARVs from South Africa, whereas after a few weeks the drugs arrived and he started using them as prescribed.

"It was not easy for me to continue purchasing ARVs from S.A, it reached a point

The man is HIV+ while his spouse is HIV-, and they are happily married

where I had to sell some of my properties including land plots and houses," stated the senior citizen, adding after some years, the drugs were available in neighboring Uganda and later in Tanzania in 2005.

He said the drugs were later available at Mbeya Referral Hospital, but it was costly because he had to travel from Mbarali to Mbeya town to get them.

He said for services to be offered at Mbarali, he had to look for 50 HIV infected individuals, and that's when he went public about his health status and started working with a non-governmental organization—Service, Health, and Development for People living with HIV/Aids (SHIDEPHA). He encouraged people to go for HIV tests so that those diagnosed with the disease start taking ARVs.

"I am thankful to PEPFAR and its implementing partners such as the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research- Department of Defense (WRAIR-DOD) and the Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International (HJFMR) for making sure we continue to live a healthy life," he said.

Marrying, having kids with no infection

Despite his HIV positive status, Kyando lives a happy life and he is now married to a fourth wife—Galasia Melu (35). The couple is blessed with two children who are HIV negative.

According to Melu, when they started a relationship, people warned her of marrying Kyando because he is HIV positive, but the man assured her of safe sex, insisting that he was properly adhering to treatment and could not easily transmit the virus.

She said they started a relationship in 2016 and got their first child in 2020. The second one was born in 2022.

"People should stop stigmatizing HIV positive individuals since we are all human beings. My family loves him and he has already paida dowry; so I am his legal wife," she narrated.

Melu said that since she married Kyando, she has been testing for HIV every three months and the results have always been negative. She said doctors have now advised her to test once annually.

Government and stakeholder's efforts

Dr Alick Kayange, Senior Prevention Advisor, WRAIR-DOD at the U.S Embassy in Dar es Salaam said efforts by the U.S government are meant to ensure availability of reagents at every health facility across the country.

He said the efforts by PEPFAR ensure every Tanzanian can test for HIV as well as training of doctors, nurses and counselors to make sure they properly conduct HIV diagnosis and advise people professionally.

"Through PEPFAR support, all those tested HIV positive

can get treatment at nearest clinics. The drugs are free of charge. The drugs enables couples to give birth to HIV negative children," said Dr Kayange, adding that PEPFAR also facilitated establishment of laboratories, availability of reagents and professional physicians for checking of viral load.

Dr Kayange remarked that the government in collaboration with the U.S government works with the Medical Stores Department (MSD), Ministry of Health and the President's Office, Region Administration and Local Government (PoRALG) to ensure the drugs and reagents are available all over Tanzania.

He underscored the need for people to prevent themselves from getting new infections to continue living a healthy life. He said ARV drugs help prevent the virus from multiplying and destroying body cells (CD4).

PEPFAR is this year commemorating 20 years of support in Tanzania, with an investment of \$6.6 billion. When it began its work in the country there were fewer than 1,000 people on treatment. It is today supporting more than 1.5 million people on life saving ARV treatment.

Following PEPFAR support, Aids-related deaths have declined by 76 percent since its peak in 2003. The number of people who died from the disease in 2021 was 29,000 which is small compared to 120,000 deaths recorded in 2003.



Anthony Kyando and his wife Galasia Melu

As 'game of thrones' rages in Sudan, and neighbours pay the price

By Hisham Allam

THE conflict in Sudan is impacting the economy in Egypt, and those who make their living moving goods across the borders have spent weeks hoping the situation will normalize.

Muhammad Saqr, a truck driver, left Cairo with a load of thinners on April 13, heading to Khartoum. By the time he had arrived at the border, the battle had flared up. Saqr remained, like dozens of trucks, waiting for the borders to be reopened.

On April 15, 2023, clashes erupted in Sudan between the army led by Lieutenant General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and the Rapid Support Forces led by Lieutenant General Muhammad Hamdan Dagaló, known as "Hamidti." According to the UN, the clashes have resulted in hundreds of deaths and displaced more than a million people, with 840,000 internally displaced while another 250,000 have crossed the borders.

Saqr was stuck at the border for 28 days.

"We began to run out of supplies, and we reassured ourselves that the situation would improve tomorrow. Twenty-eight days passed while we slept in the open. The information we received from the bus drivers transporting the displaced from Sudan to Egypt convinced us that there would be no immediate relief. We knew that if we entered Khartoum alive, we would leave in shrouds," Saqr told IPS.

"The merchant to whom we were transferring the goods asked us to wait and not return (home), particularly because he could not pay the customs duties due to the banks' closure."

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Mahmoud Asaad, a driver, was stuck on the Sudanese side of the border. Due to customs papers and permits, the livestock he was transporting had already been stuck in the customs barn in Wadi Halfa, Sudan, for thirty days. Then when the conflict broke out, the cows were trapped for another thirty days.

"We used to transport shipments of animals from Sudan to Egypt regularly," Asaad explains. The average daily transport of animals to Egypt was roughly 60 trucks laden with cows and camels. This trade has stopped, and many Sudanese importers have fled to Egypt while waiting for the conflict to end.

"Sudan is regarded as a gateway for Egyptian exports to enter the markets of the Nile Basin countries and East Africa, and the continuation of war and insecurity will reduce the volume of trade exchange between the two countries, negatively impacting the Egyptian economy, which is currently experiencing some crises," Matta Bishai, head of the Internal Trade and Supply Committee of the Importer's Division of the



Muhammad Saqr, a truck driver from Cairo, is stuck at the border of Sudan and Egypt. IPS

General Federation of Chambers of Commerce, told IPS. According to Bishai, commodity prices have risen significantly in recent months as the Egyptian pound has fallen against the US dol-

lar. He also stated that the current situation in Sudan would result in additional price increases in the coming months, particularly for commodities imported from Sudan, such as meat.

Bishai explained that while Egypt had an ample domestic meat supply, it was nevertheless reliant on imports. Importing it from other countries such as Colombia, Brazil, and Chad would take

longer and be more expensive than importing it from Sudan, as land transport is more convenient and cheaper than transporting the goods by sea.

According to Bishai, Su-

dan is a major supplier of livestock and live meat to Egypt, supplying about 10 percent of Egypt's requirements. Higher meat prices will put additional pressure on Egypt's inflation rates.

"Rising commodity prices, combined with the current situation in Sudan, are expected to result in higher inflation rates in Egypt in the coming months," said Bishai.

According to data from the General Authority for Export and Import Control on trade exchange between Egypt and the African continent during the first quarter of this year, Sudan ranked second among the top five markets receiving Egyptian exports, valued at USD 226 million.

According to Ahmed Samir, the Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry, the volume of trade exchange between Egypt and African markets amounted to about USD 2.12 billion in the first quarter of this year, with the value of Egyptian commodity exports to the continent totaling USD 1.61 billion and Egyptian imports from the continent totaling UD 506 million.

Mohamed Al-Kilani, an economics professor and member of the Egyptian Society of Political Economy, said: "The negative consequences will be felt in the trade exchange, which has recently increased and reached USD2 billion. Egypt has attempted to expedite the import process from Sudan by expanding the road network and building a railway."

Credit rating agency Moody's warned that should the conflict in Sudan continue for an extended period, it would have an adverse credit impact on neighboring countries and impact multilateral development banks. Moody's added that if the clashes in Sudan turn into a long civil war, destroying infrastructure and worsening social conditions, there will be long-term economic consequences and a decline in the quality of Sudan's multilateral banks' assets, as well as an increase in non-performing loans and liquidity.

As the conflict entered its sixth week, attempts at a ceasefire have failed - with both sides accusing each other of violating agreements.



It's a long wait at the border between Sudan and Egypt. Credit: Hisham Allam/IPS

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Pump jacks operate at sunset in an oil field in Midland, US.

Oil price stable despite OPEC+ production cut

SINGAPORE

Oil prices were broadly stable on Friday, as the market weighed in on conflicting messages on supply from Russia and Saudi Arabia ahead of the next OPEC+ policy meeting, a stronger US dollar and worries of weaker-than-expected demand growth.

Brent crude was up 6 cents to \$76.32 a barrel at 0627 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate rose 18 cents to \$72.01 a barrel.

Benchmarks settled more than \$2 per barrel lower on Thursday, after Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak played down the prospect of further OPEC+ production cuts at its meeting in Vienna on June 4.

Both prices were still poised to post a second week of gain of slightly less than 1 percent.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday that energy prices were approaching "economically justified" levels, also indicating there could be no immediate change to the group's production policy.

Their remarks contrasted with comments this week from Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, the de-facto leader of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), warning short sellers to "watch out".

Some investors interpreted that as a signal OPEC+ could consider further output cuts.

The higher dollar, which has strengthened for a fifth session against a basket

of major peers, with U.S. data pointing to a resilient economy even after an aggressive interest rate hike cycle by the Federal Reserve, kept a lid on upward price movement.

A stronger greenback makes dollar-denominated commodities more expensive for those holding other currencies, denting demand.

Worries of weaker-than-expected demand growth globally weighed on investor outlook.

"There are multiple signs that global demand growth is unlikely to come close to earlier year forecasts. China, which constitutes about half of most estimates, looks increasingly unlikely to reach anyone's estimates for 2023," Citigroup said in a client note.

"We will see some of these demand numbers being cut in the near future and that will continue to have a drag on oil market sentiment in the near term," said Suvro Sakar, lead energy analyst at DBS Bank.

On the positive side, May supplies from OPEC+ and Russia have fallen mostly in line with the earlier agreement for further output cuts.

As of last week, OPEC+ members who agreed to earlier cuts have reduced their exports by 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), while Russian exports fell 400,000 bpd from their respective peaks on April 25, with total exports from producers in the OPEC+ alliance down 1.4 million bpd month on month by May 23, JP Morgan analysts said in a note.

Safaricom market declines following share price rout

NAIROBI

Safaricom's dominance of the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has declined following weeks of a rout in the firm's stock price.

Data from the NSE shows the telco's dominance measured by its market capitalisation concentration had fallen to 40.2 percent as of Tuesday this week from 48.7 percent at the start of this year.

The stock closed Tuesday with a market cap of Sh613 billion compared to a valuation of Sh967.6 billion at the end of last year.

The firm whose valuation was once greater than half of the entire NSE has seen its share price tumble in the year to date driven primarily by heavy sell-offs, especially by foreign investors.

The stock has lost over 50 percent of its value in the past year and traded at Sh14.95 on Tuesday against a 52-week high of Sh34.

While the management of Safaricom has been quick to state that the firm's current undervaluation is not tied to the company's fundamentals, analysts have reckoned the telco's recently reported profit slide is likely to impact its share price in the interim.

Safaricom's net profit for the year ended March was down 22 percent at Sh52.5 billion as reduced voice revenues and higher operating costs from new

capital invested into full commercial operations in Ethiopia.

"Safaricom investors have for some time been looking for anything positive to grasp that could be considered bullish, but those hopes were quickly dashed last week when the telco released its 2022 results. For that reason, the stock is likely to continue charting downward," observed Canaan Capital Managing Director Rufus Mwanjasi.

The telco has been betting on the Ethiopia entry to realize its next phase of growth but expects the venture to only be profitable after the fourth year.

Safaricom's share price and market valuation have, nevertheless, taken a beating from the general NSE slide so far this year with the exit of foreigners being the notable reason for the local bourse losses.

Their exits have been driven by rising interest rates in advanced economies which have disincentivised investments in frontier markets with the allure of comparatively higher returns in home markets.

In the new financial year to March 2024, Safaricom expects earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) to range between Sh75 billion and Sh81 billion with a spending of between Sh40 billion and Sh45 billion in Ethiopia.

Safaricom's all-time high share price stood at Sh44.66 in August 2021.

CGrowth Capital consolidates lithium portfolio in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

Crowth Capital Inc has announced the successful consolidation of 17 prospective licenses and 37 primary licenses of lithium tenements in Hombolo area, Dodoma region, following negotiations with 54 individual mining owners.

"This acquisition was no small feat and is the culmination of 12 months' worth of hard work behind the scenes by our dedicated management team. Our board's longstanding relationships and deep networks within the region were pivotal to structuring this deal and it is an accomplishment that cannot be easily replicated," commented Nicolas Link, Chairman of CGrowth Capital Inc.

"I say this as we have not simply acquired an existing mine; we have created an entirely new mining entity and we are in the process of merging these 54 separate licenses into a single new mining license. The scale, pace and manner in which we have managed to achieve this should not be discounted and is an enormous step forward for the company and will place us at the very heart of the lithium mining industry in Tanzania. The significance of this achievement will become apparent once we begin to issue the reports of our geological surveys, currently underway on a number of our newly acquired sites."

He said while the majority of the acquired area is virgin ground, a very small portion on the periphery of one mining license acquired overlaps a site that was briefly explored during the previous Tanzania Government regime, and which came to an abrupt end due in large part to the policy changes



Nicolas Link, Chairman of CGrowth Capital Inc.

implemented by the old regime.

According to Link, new laws which were introduced at that time were fast-tracked through parliament and resulted in a sharp rise in royalty taxes, along with the ability for the government to renegotiate existing contracts.

These changes created a climate of uncertainty and unpredictability and dramatically impacted the attractiveness of

Tanzania as a destination for foreign direct investment in the mining sector, he noted.

"As a result of these changes, many of the multinational mining companies operating in Tanzania at the time re-evaluated their operations and consequently made the commercial decision to halt operations at very short notice and abruptly exited the Tanzania mining sector, leaving many of these mining opportunities dor-

mant ever since the original policy changes were implemented in 2016/2017. Many of these high potential mining tenements now form part of the newly incorporated CGRA lithium entity in Tanzania," commented Link.

He said the positive changes implemented by the new Tanzania leadership and their renewed focus on bolstering Tanzania's reputation as a top-tier mining investment destination served as a significant catalyst to CGRA's original decision to enter the mining sector within Tanzania.

The current administration under President Samia Suluhu Hassan has enacted progressive mining policies that restored international confidence and has attracted new investment activity, he asserted.

"President Hassan's focus on renewing the mining sector has repositioned Tanzania as a top-tier mining investment destination and heavily influenced our decision to embark on the consolidated of our mining project almost 12 months ago," commented Link.

"The area in which our tenements are situated is the Hombolo area within the Dodoma region approximately 40 kilometers North East of the Tanzanian capital Dodoma. This area has several historical occurrences of sizable lithium deposits and many of the newly acquired mining licenses by CGRA are located adjacent to where Tanzania's main reported occurrences of lithium bearing pegmatite have accrued. We look forward to providing additional information and a more detailed preliminary report on our lithium tenements as early as next week," said Link.



ACT-Wazalendo Tanga district chairman Thobias Haule addressing Tanga residents and traders at Ngamiani food market in Tanga city during its first ordinary public rally. Photo by Correspondent Cheji Bakari

ACT-Wazalendo advises gov't to form business commission

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

Opposition party ACT-Wazalendo has suggested for the formation of special commission, involving tax, trade and business experts, who will be responsible for formulating ways of solving business challenges, instead of political will.

The opposition party officials issued an advice during a public rally held at Ngamiani food market, Tanga municipal on Thursday.

"These experts, through their experiences, will be responsible to observe the shortcomings and advise the better solutions for business challenges to stimulate

economic growth," said ACT-Wazalendo's Tanga district chairman and the party's National Executive Committee's member Thobias Haule.

He explained that traders in country contribute significantly to employment creation, revenue collections, income generation and stimulation of both urban to rural developments.

"Business communities are the major source of employment and revenue collections, and they play the major role in national income through stimulating economic growth," he said.

He said currently business people are facing many challenges that forced them to hike prices of

goods because they have no solutions for their demands.

At the end buyers and end users are taking the burden, which also affects customer loyalty.

"The challenges facing business people at every corner in the country cannot be solved by only business and tax regulations and legislation. It is the right time to wake up and claim for our justices," Haule said.

He expounded that the currently challenges facing many traders are closely associated with many factors including poor infrastructures at marketplaces, exorbitant levies and taxes imposed, as he asked the government to earmark those areas.

He also asked the government to revive the demised industries in Tanga region aimed to recall its experience of past years, as was vivid and vibrant industrial hub region that saw many people immigrated into the northern coast town looking for the employment opportunities in order to widen scope of revenue collections.

According to the data of Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) more than 95 percent of businesses in Tanzania are small enterprises whose contribute about 1/3 of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and are responsible for generating up to 40 percent of total employment.

KCB Group injects extra Sh1.2bn into Ugandan unit

NAIROBI

KCB Group has disclosed an additional Sh1.2 billion equity investment in the Ugandan unit during the financial year ended December 2022 as it moved to strengthen its subsidiaries.

The equity investment, disclosed in the latest KCB annual report, pushed the value of investment in KCB Bank Uganda to Sh4.34 billion from Sh3.14 billion in the previous year.

The investment in Uganda added to the Sh25.11 billion that KCB spent during the year on acquiring an 85 percent stake in DRC lender, Trust Merchant Bank (TMB).

The two transactions marked KCB's continued focus on growing its business outside Kenya.

KCB Bank Uganda's net prof-

it grew from Sh270 million in 2021 to Sh1.04 billion last year on increased interest and non-interest income.

The unit last year marked 15 years of operations with the launch of a digital campaign and roll-out of online account opening, smart ATMs and artificial intelligence-powered chatbots.

Rwanda was the most profitable subsidiary, with a net profit of Sh2.03 billion, followed by Tanzania (Sh1.09 billion) and then Uganda.

The South Sudan and Burundi operations returned Sh938 million and Sh600 million net profit respectively as the DRC one posted Sh291 million net loss for the month of December when the acquisition of TMB happened.

KCB said TMB contributed Sh2.32 billion in revenue in the month of December



KCB Group CEO Paul Russo

and estimates that revenues would have been Sh15.29 billion and a pre-tax profit of Sh3.04 billion had the acquisition taken place at the

start of last year.

This means the DRC unit may this year rival BPR Bank Rwanda in profitability. KCB says it has the preference

right of acquiring the remaining 15 percent stake in TMB within 60 days after December 15 next year. KCB Group closed last year with 603

branches, a rise from 492 in the previous year and now plans to open 12 new branches in Kenya and Tanzania to deepen its lead on physical locations.

Some six branches will be in Kenya while an equal number will be in Tanzania where KCB is still eyeing acquisitions after the deal to acquire a 100 percent stake in African Banking Corporation Tanzania Limited collapsed in December 2021.

KCB's total assets grew by 36.4 percent to Sh1.55 trillion at the end of December, helped by increased lending, investment in government securities and funded by growth in customer deposits and additional borrowings.

Customer deposits hit the trillion-shilling mark, increasing by 35.6 percent to Sh1.135 trillion, mainly from TMB and organic growth in the existing businesses.



Congolese benefit from China strong cooperation, says minister of works

KINSHASA

Infrastructure cooperation between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and China has yielded fruitful results and practical benefits for the Congolese people, Alexis Gisaro Muvuni (pictured), DRC's minister of state for infrastructure and public works, has said.

Before the DRC's President Felix Tshisekedi's state visit to China from May 24 to 29, Muvuni, a member of the Congolese government delegation, praised the infrastructure cooperation between both countries in an interview with Xinhua.

Since the 1970s, the Chinese government has aided the construction of projects such as the People's Palace, home to the National Assembly and the Senate, and the Martyrs Stadium, said Muvuni.

"The People's Palace is the place where major political events take place, while the Martyrs Stadium, which can accommodate 80,000 people, often holds various major events. So these projects testified to the vitality of China-Congo infrastructure cooperation," he said, adding that the China-aided Haut-Katanga General Demonstration Hospital, which was handed over in 2020, is another example of such cooperation.

According to Muvuni, the China-aided Central African Cultural and Arts Center is the project that excites him the most. The project is considered one of Africa's most significant China-aided initiatives and is expected to be completed by the year-end.

"This is another flagship project for the cooperation between the two countries," said Muvuni, adding that he closely follows the art center's construction progress.

Chinese companies and investors have vigorously promoted bilateral infrastructure cooperation and made concrete contributions to local communities over the years, Muvuni said.

He said that Chinese companies genuinely support Africa by building infrastructure, including roads and bridges, and bringing tangible benefits to the Congolese people.

Muvuni also expects closer commercial exchanges between the two countries to serve the bigger picture of the two economies

South Africa raises rates to highest since 2009

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's central bank has raised rates to the highest level in 14 years to rein in inflation expectations in an economy that's expected to barely grow this year. The rand fell to a record low as Governor Lesetja Kganyago (pictured) warned that further currency weakness is likely.

The monetary policy committee raised the benchmark interest rate to 8.25 percent from 7.75 percent, Kganyago said at a briefing north of Johannesburg on Thursday. The move was predicted by 21 of 25 economists in a Bloomberg survey.

The tightening brings the rate to its highest level since 2009. It was necessitated by recent rand weakness that led the central bank to raise its forecast for inflation to 6.2 percent for this year and 5.1 percent in 2024.

Its estimates for core inflation, which excludes the cost of food, non-alcoholic drinks, fuel and electricity, were raised to 5.3 percent and 5 percent for this year and next. The bank's inflation target is 3 percent to 6 percent.

"At the current repurchase rate level, policy is restrictive, consistent with elevated inflation and risks," Kganyago said. "The policy stance aims to anchor inflation expectations more firmly around the mid-point of the target band and to increase confidence of attaining the inflation target sustainably over time."

All the MPC's five members voted for the half-point increase. There have been a cumulative 475 basis points of interest-rate hikes since November 2021.

The rand weakened after Kg-



anyago said that tighter global financial conditions raise the risk profiles of economies needing foreign capital. Daily

electricity rationing and logistics-network constraints, the recent gray listing of the country by the Paris-based

Financial Action Task Force and allegations by the US that Pretoria supplied weapons to Russia have all fed into the

rand's steep decline this year.

"Given upside inflation risks, larger domestic and external financing needs, and loadshedding, further currency weakness appears likely," Kganyago said.

The currency traded 2.2 percent weaker at 19.6657 per dollar by 4:15 p.m. in Johannesburg, after hitting a record low of 19.7640. Yields on government debt maturing in 2026 fell 10 basis points to 9.65 percent.

"The rand should strengthen after an interest rate hike, but given the poor reaction in the currency, the market seems to think that this is a potential policy mistake," said Michelle Wohlberg, a fixed-income analyst at Rand Merchant Bank. "The yield curve has steepened aggressively post the rate hike as fiscal fears start playing in investors' minds on the back of poor growth prospects."

The central bank marginally raised its projection for South African gross domestic product growth to 0.3 percent this year. The prediction assumes power outages will be implemented for 280 days this year and 150 days next year.

Thursday's move will further weigh on household consumption spending that accounts for about two-thirds of GDP. That's as higher interest rates make it more expensive for consumers to borrow as they confront a cost-of-living crisis stoked by high food prices.

Forward-rate agreements, used to speculate on borrowing costs, are now pricing in another 50 basis points of hikes by year-end.

"The medication might be bitter but if the patient does not take the medicine they will end up in surgery and intensive care," Kganyago said. "Our task as the South African Reserve Bank is in accordance with our mandate that says we must preserve price stability in the interest of balanced and sustainable growth."

Hyundai, LG announce \$4.3bn EV batteries plant in US

ATLANTA

Hyundai Motor Group and LG Energy Solution have announced that they will build a \$4.3 billion electric battery plant as part of Hyundai's new electric vehicle assembly plant in southeast Georgia.

The companies will split the investment, starting production as soon as late 2025.

Hyundai Motor Co. CEO Jaehoon Chang said in a statement that the battery plant would "create a strong foundation to lead the global EV transition," explaining the company wants to speed up efforts to produce electrified Hyundai and Kia vehicles in North America.

"Hyundai Motor Group is focusing on its electrification efforts to secure a leadership position in the global auto industry," Chang said.

The South Korean automaker said in 2022 it would invest \$5.5 billion to assemble electric vehicles and batteries in Ellabell, just west of Savannah. The site is supposed to have 8,100 employees and is slated to begin producing vehicles in 2025.

Garrison Douglas, a spokesperson for Republican Gov. Brian Kemp, said the 3,000-job battery plant would be part of

the 8,100 overall jobs and the \$4.3 billion investment would be part of the previously announced \$5.5 billion total.

The Hyundai/LG plant is supposed to be able to supply batteries for 300,000 electric vehicles per year, which is the initial projected production of the adjoining vehicle assembly plant. Hyundai has said the Georgia plant could later expand to build 500,000 vehicles annually.

"This is exactly what we envisioned when Georgia landed the Hyundai Metaplant in May of last year, and this project is the latest milestone in Georgia's path to becoming the EV capital of the nation," Kemp said in a statement.

In addition to the assembly and battery plants, auto parts suppliers have pledged to invest more than \$2 billion and hire 4,800 people in the region around the Hyundai site.

The announcements are part of an electric vehicle and battery land rush across the United States. Under the US Inflation Reduction Act, EVs must be assembled in North America, and a certain percentage of their battery parts and minerals must come from North America or a U.S. free

trade partner to qualify for a full \$7,500 EV tax credit.

Currently, no Hyundai or Kia vehicles are eligible for the tax credit.

"The IRA's manufacturing incentives continue to bring jobs and investment to Georgia," Democratic U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff of Georgia said in a statement. "My goal remains to make Georgia the world leader in advanced energy production."

LG said this would be its seventh battery plant in operation or under construction in the U.S., saying it was concentrating efforts to expand production in the country, in one example of how federal incentives are luring manufacturers.

This is the second huge electric battery plant that Hyundai is partnering to build in Georgia. Hyundai and SK On, a unit of South Korea's SK Group, announced in December they would jointly invest \$4 billion to \$5 billion to build a new plant northwest of Atlanta that would supply electric batteries for Hyundai and Kia electric vehicles assembled in the U.S. That plant, in Cartersville, is planned to begin production in 2025 and employ a projected 3,500 people.



An All-Electric Hyundai Ioniq 6 is displayed during the Fully Charged Live UK at Farnborough International in London. (Getty Images)

US economy beats back 'dubious' recession fears

NEW YORK

The US economy grew faster than initially expected despite inflation coming in higher than first noted, revisions to first quarter economic data released on Thursday show.

In the labor market, revisions resulting in part from fraudulent data in Massachusetts show jobless claims aren't piling up as previously anticipated.

Together, the data points add to a growing narrative that current economic data doesn't match the pessimism of some economists warning about a recession.

"The argument that we're definitely going into a recession is dubious," Blackrock's CIO of fixed income Rick Rieder told Yahoo Finance Live. "The question is, can inflation come down enough to hit the target, and that's the one that is not clear at this point."

Rieder's comments come amid a week that showed consumer spending power is not deteriorating at an aggressive pace. Best Buy (BBY) believes its worst quarter is behind it as it projects stronger consumer



technology demand in the second half of the year. Specialty clothing retailers Urban Outfitters (URBN) and Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF) reported strong sales. And even business-to-business spending doesn't appear to be falling off any cliffs as shares of both Nvidia (NVDA) and Palo Alto Networks (PANW)

rose following upbeat earnings forecasts.

The spending picture is adding up to what could be another quarter of growth, according to the Atlanta Fed which projects second quarter GDP growth of 2.9 percent.

"A combination of stronger growth and stronger inflation in

Q1 make it even more likely that the Fed will see further rate hikes as needed to cool activity enough to bring inflation back to 2 percent," Citi's team of economists wrote in a note on Thursday.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell left his options open at his last press conference on May 3, signaling what economists later

called a "hawkish pause."

The Fed chair noted that the next decisions will be made on a meeting by meeting basis and based on the "totality of incoming data."

But that stance appears to be shifting, at least from other fed officials. On Wednesday, Federal Reserve Governor Christopher

Waller discussed the Fed's likeness to "hike" interest rates or "skip" at this meeting, inferring there may be more rate hikes to come.

"I do not support stopping rate hikes unless we get clear evidence that inflation is moving down towards [from] our 2 percent objective," Waller said.

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston President Susan Collins cast a different tone on Thursday.

"While inflation is still too high, there are some promising signs of moderation," Collins said in a speech at Community College of Rhode Island. "I believe we may be at, or near, the point where monetary policy can pause raising interest rates."

Ahead of next week's jobs report, the current "totality of the data" has markets increasingly betting on another rate hike in June. As of Thursday afternoon, markets have priced in a nearly 50 percent chance of either a hike or a pause in June, according to the CME Fed watch tool.

Markets had been nearly 100 percent confident in a pause the day of the CPI report on May 10 that revealed inflation cooling at its fastest pace in two years.



UK retailers record good sales in April

LONDON

UK retailers saw sales jump more than expected in April, recovering from heavy rain that kept people home the month before.

The volume of goods sold in stores and online climbed 0.5 percent from March, when sales fell 1.2 percent – a drop that was even larger than initially thought, the Office for National Statistics said Friday. Economists had expected an increase of 0.3 percent.

The rebound indicates consumers are surprisingly resilient in the face of a cost-of-living squeeze, with sales gaining in three of the past four months. That puts further pressure on the Bank of England to raise interest rates as it attempts to bring down a stubbornly high inflation rate.

"A rebound in sales reflects recovering consumer confidence, with spending holding up well against the backdrop of recent interest-rate rises and sticky inflation," said Aled Patchett, head of retail and consumer goods at Lloyds Bank.

Sales rose for every category tracked by the ONS except for fuel and household goods. Excluding fuel, volumes jumped 0.8 percent. Sales from February to April were up 0.8 percent, the strongest three-monthly gain since August 2021.

"UK retail sales remain under pressure despite rebounding

in April. Elevated inflation is continuing to chip away at consumer spending power. That will be compounded going forward, as the full impact of higher interest rates is yet to feed through the economy," Niraj Shah, an economist.

Consumers spent 16.5 percent more in April in shops and online than in February 2020 as the pandemic was starting, but they took home 0.8 percent fewer goods – paying more to buy less because of the quickest increase in prices in decades.

"Retail sales grew, partially rebounding from a poor weather affected March, with jewelers, sports retailers and department stores all having a good month," said ONS Chief Economist Grant Fitzner. "Despite continued high food prices, supermarkets also recovered from the fall in March."

The pound edged higher after the data, rising 0.2 percent to \$1.2346 as of 7:23 am in London.

Investors increased bets on further rate hikes after a shock inflation reading on Wednesday showed price pressures are not subsiding as quickly as hoped. They're now pricing in a peak of at least 5.5 percent by September, up from the current rate of 4.5 percent.

The sales figures come after an estimated 19.2 million families saw welfare benefits surge by 10.1 percent in April as the government sought to protect the least-well off from rising food and energy costs

SATURDAY 27 May			
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	6:40	Kumekucha
6:00	HABARI	7:30	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
7:00	Habari	8:55	Habari za saa
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
9:00	Watoto wetu	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
10:00	Kipindi maalum: FAO	9:55	Habari za saa
10:05	Shika Bamba 5	10:00	Watoto wetu
10:35	Mjue Zaidi rpt	10:55	Habari za saa
11:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt	11:00	ITV Top Ten
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo	11:55	Habari za saa
12:50	Usafiri wako	12:00	Al Jazeera
13:20	Art and Lifestyle	12:30	Jungu Kuu
13:50	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	12:55	Habari za saa
15:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	13:00	Mjue Zaidi
16:10	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:40	Art and Lifestyle
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani	13:55	Habari za saa
18:00	Jiji Letu	14:00	Art and Lifestyle
18:15	ITV Top 10 rpt	14:15	Soap rpt: Slay Queen
19:00	Jungu Kuu	14:55	Habari za saa
19:30	Shika Bamba	15:00	Meza huru
20:00	Habari	16:30	Watoto Wetu
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka	17:00	Music: The Base
21:15	Igizo: Slay Queen	18:00	Jiji Letu
21:40	Art and lifestyle	18:15	DW: Afrimaxx
22:10	ITV Top 10	18:45	Kipindi Maalum: Brela
22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo	19:00	Aiya ya Jamii
23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt	19:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
01:15	DWTV	20:00	Habari
SUNDAY 28 May			
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	6:40	Kumekucha
6:00	HABARI	7:30	HABARI
6:40	Kumekucha	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
7:00	Habari	8:55	Habari za saa
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
09:00	Watoto Wetu	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	9:55	Habari za saa
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt:	10:00	Watoto wetu
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	10:25	Kipindi maalum: REA rpt
15:30	Mwangaza	10:55	Habari za saa
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt	11:00	Chetu ni chetu
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo	11:35	Igizo: Mizengwe
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:15	Mapishi	12:30	Afya ya jamii
18:30	Matukio ya wiki	12:55	Habari za saa
19:30	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:00	Ripoti maalum
20:00	Habari	13:35	Shikabamba
21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko	13:55	Habari za saa
21:10	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology	14:00	Shikabamba
21:15	Kipindi maalum: Michezo	14:15	Igizo rpt: Slay Queen
21:30	Supa Jackpot	14:55	Habari za saa
21:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	15:00	Meza Huru
22:20	Bongo movie:	16:30	Watoto wetu
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	17:00	Music: The Base
02:05	Al Jazeera	18:00	Jiji Letu
MONDAY 29 May			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	6:40	Kumekucha
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	7:30	HABARI
6:00	HABARI	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
6:40	Kumekucha	8:55	Habari za saa
7:00	Habari	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
09:00	Watoto Wetu	9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	10:00	Watoto wetu
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt:	10:25	Kipindi maalum: Pesa Fasta
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	10:55	Habari za saa
15:30	Mwangaza	11:00	Chetu ni chetu
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt	11:35	Igizo: Mizengwe
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:30	Afya ya jamii
18:15	Mapishi	12:55	Habari za saa
18:30	Matukio ya wiki	13:00	Ripoti maalum
19:30	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:35	Shikabamba
20:00	Habari	13:55	Habari za saa
21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko	14:00	Shikabamba
21:10	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology	14:15	Igizo rpt: Slay Queen
21:15	Kipindi maalum: Michezo	14:55	Habari za saa
21:30	Supa Jackpot	15:00	Meza Huru
21:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	16:30	Watoto wetu
22:20	Bongo movie:	17:00	Music: The Base
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
02:05	Al Jazeera		
TUESDAY 30 May			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	6:40	Kumekucha
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	7:30	HABARI
6:00	HABARI	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
6:40	Kumekucha	8:55	Habari za saa
7:00	Habari	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
09:00	Watoto Wetu	9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	10:00	Watoto wetu
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt:	10:25	Kipindi maalum: REA rpt
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	10:55	Habari za saa
15:30	Mwangaza	11:00	Chetu ni chetu
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt	11:35	Igizo: Mizengwe
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:30	Afya ya jamii
18:15	Mapishi	12:55	Habari za saa
18:30	Matukio ya wiki	13:00	Ripoti maalum
19:30	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:35	Shikabamba
20:00	Habari	13:55	Habari za saa
21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko	14:00	Shikabamba
21:10	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology	14:15	Igizo rpt: Slay Queen
21:15	Kipindi maalum: Michezo	14:55	Habari za saa
21:30	Supa Jackpot	15:00	Meza Huru
21:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	16:30	Watoto wetu
22:20	Bongo movie:	17:00	Music: The Base
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
02:05	Al Jazeera		
WEDNESDAY 31 May			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	6:40	Kumekucha
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	7:30	HABARI
6:00	HABARI	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
6:40	Kumekucha	8:55	Habari za saa
7:00	Habari	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
09:00	Watoto Wetu	9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	10:00	Watoto wetu
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt:	10:25	Kipindi maalum: TMDA rpt
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	10:55	Habari za saa
15:30	Mwangaza	11:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt	11:55	Habari za saa
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:30	Bundesliga na DW rpt
18:15	Mapishi	12:55	Habari za saa
18:30	Matukio ya wiki	13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
19:30	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:35	Habari za saa
20:00	Habari	13:55	Habari za saa
21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko	14:00	Kipindi maalum: NSSF rpt
21:10	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology	14:15	Chetu ni chetu rpt
21:15	Kipindi maalum: Michezo	14:55	Habari za saa
21:30	Supa Jackpot	15:00	Meza huru
21:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	16:30	Watoto Wetu
22:20	Bongo movie:	17:00	Music: The Base
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
02:05	Al Jazeera		
THURSDAY 1 June			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	6:40	Kumekucha
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	7:30	HABARI
6:00	HABARI	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
6:40	Kumekucha	8:55	Habari za saa
7:00	Habari	9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo
8:00	Al Jazeera	9:30	Soap: In Love with Ramon
09:00	Watoto Wetu	9:55	Habari za saa
10:00	Soap: In Love with Ramon rpt	10:00	Watoto wetu
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt:	10:25	Kipindi maalum: Pesa Fasta
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	10:55	Habari za saa
15:30	Mwangaza	11:00	Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
16:30	ITV Top 10 rpt	11:55	Habari za saa
17:20	Kipindi cha kikristo	12:00	Al Jazeera
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:30	Bundesliga na DW rpt
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18:30	Matukio ya wiki	13:00	Dakika 45 rpt
19:30	Igizo: Slay Queen	13:35	Habari za saa
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21:15	Kipindi maalum: Michezo	14:55	Habari za saa
21:30	Supa Jackpot	15:00	Meza huru
21:45	Igizo: Mizengwe	16:30	Watoto Wetu
22:20	Bongo movie:	17:00	Music: The Base
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
02:05	Al Jazeera		
FRIDAY 2 June			
5:00	Soap rpt: Uzalo	6:40	Kumekucha
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	7:30	HABARI
6:00	HABARI	8:00	Kumekucha Michezo
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23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	18:00	Jiji Letu
02:05	Al Jazeera		
SAT 27 May			
08:00	Al Jazeera	17:15	EcoAfrica
09:00	Rev rpt	17:45	Bundesliga kick off
09:30	Jagina rpt	18:15	Capchat rpt
10:00	Culinary delight rpt	19:15	Mizengwe
10:30	Innovation rpt	19:30	The Decor
11:30	Sports Gazette rpt	20:00	Ripoti Maalum
12:00	Shamba Lulu rpt	20:30	Tommorrow Today
12:30	Our Earth rpt	21:00	Out n' About
13:00	Business edition rpt	21:30	Music Club 101 rpt
13:30	Al Jazeera	23:00	Capchat rpt
14:30	Telenovela rpt The Three sides of Ana Rpt	01:00	Al Jazeera
Sun 28 May			
08:00	Al Jazeera	15:15	Aibu yako
09:00	In good shape	15:30	Rev rpt
10:00	Capchat rpt	16:00	Dakika 45 rpt
11:00	Sports Gazette rpt	16:45	Mizengwe rpt
11:30	DW	17:00	The Decor rpt
12:00	Jagina rpt	17:30	Meza huru
12:30	Bundesliga Kick Off rpt	19:00	EcoAfrica
13:00	In good shape rpt	19:30	Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
13:30	Dw	20:00	Jagina
15:15	Aibu yako	20:30	Out & About rpt
15:30	Rev rpt	21:00	Dw News Africa
16:00	Dakika 45 rpt	21:30	Capchat live
16:45	Mizengwe rpt	22:15	Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt
17:00	The Decor rpt	00:00	Al Jazeera

WORLD

FAO: Horn of Africa grappling with effects of drought, floods

NAIROBI

THE Horn of Africa is currently grappling with a combined effect of drought and floods, which are devastating people's lives and livelihoods, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) said on Thursday.

Cyril Ferrand, FAO's resilience team leader for East Africa, said the March-to-May rains were normal for the first time after three years or five seasons of drought, leading to floods that have seen thousands displaced.

"The long-term drought made soil-less

absorbent; rainwater does not percolate very easily through the ground. And that is also part of the reason why we have floods," Ferrand said in a statement issued in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi that the affected countries are Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia.

According to him, the greater Horn of Africa or the Intergovernmental Authority on Development region has become prone to natural shocks and hazards.

"We had an unprecedented level of cyclones in 2019, and an off-season excess moisture triggered by cyclones led to the desert locust upsurge. At the same time,



This aerial view shows makeshift structures of people displaced by drought at the Ladan internally displaced people camp in Dolow on May 1, 2023. More than a million Somalis have been displaced within their own country due to a "toxic" mix of drought, conflict and floods in a record four months, the UN and a charity said on May 24, 2023. AFP

we saw three severe drought phenomena in 12 years."

Looking at the short rains from October to December 2023, he noted that there is an increasing probability of El Nino forming, which means excessive rains and floods in the region toward the end of this year.

During the drought that affected Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia as well as Djibouti, many farming households experienced up to 100 percent losses, especially in the arid and semi-

arid areas, said Ferrand.

"In short, the drought triggered a livelihood crisis that has grown into a multifaceted humanitarian disaster including displacement, health issues, malnutrition and security crisis that has long-term effects on people's lives and livelihoods," Ferrand observed.

The official added that there is a critical need to invest in livelihoods, resilience and climate adaptation in the region.

Agencies

G20 meetings offer glimpse into changed lives in Kashmir

SRINAGAR

THE recent G20 meeting in Jammu and Kashmir has given foreign dignitaries and observers a good opportunity to witness a change in the Union Territory since the abrogation of Article 370, Federico Giuliani wrote in Inside Over, an Italian-based news website.

The three-day G20 meetings in Srinagar were concluded on Wednesday where various foreign dignitaries came and took a tour of the city. According to the publication, the full integration of J-K with the rest of the country appears to have proven beneficial.

Earlier, in 2022, Kashmir recorded 18.4 million tourists, the highest in past seven decades. The number

of tourists from foreign countries too touched 20,000-figure. All this indicates normalcy has returned to the region, which is now almost free from militancy.

Kashmir is peaceful now and witnessing different kinds of development activities. The commoners appear to be freed from the clutches of extremism, violence, and propaganda. India's neighbouring countries Pakistan and China had warned of unrest and violence in Kashmir, however, things took a positive turn.

Michael Rubin, a senior fellow with Washington-based American Enterprise Institute (AEI), said he witnessed optimism and growing confidence in Indian-controlled Kashmir, reported Inside Over.

He visited both parts of Kashmir—one under the jurisdiction of India and the other of Pakistan.

"While Kashmiris under Pakistani control remain hobbled by a moribund economy and suppressed by Jamaat-e-Islami extremism, Kashmiris in India have security, taste freedom, and thrive," Rubin said.

Farooq Wani, a political analyst from J-K, said the progress in development activities was visible now.

Premier Health and technological institutions, youth skilling centres, and sport training centres are being established in Kashmir as the cancellation of the special status of J-K in 2019 allowed smooth funding and implementation.

The people of Kashmir responded positively to the steps taken by the government. J-K showed an "incremental" performance in Sustainable Development Goals of good health

and well-being of people (India Index 2020-21). There has been momentum in business and commerce activities, which is reflected in a 30 per cent increase in tax collection in just one year.

The youth is coming up with successful start-up ideas, which are set to fuel economic growth in the region, as per the report in Inside Over.

The government of India has been offering incentives to attract foreign investment in J-K. The Kashmir Conclave is held in the US annually where discussions are held on how to bring comprehensive development in

Kashmir, which focuses on investment in agriculture, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

Carmen Montana, Mayor of California's Milpitas City has assured support in establishing fruitful partnerships with businesses in J-K. Dubai's Emaar group is set to make an investment of USD 60 million in Kashmir, which is expected to generate 7,000-8,000 job opportunities, according to Inside Over.

Kashmiris welcomed the G20 meetings which will boost the tourism and business sector in Kashmir.

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Turkey election: What five more years of Erdogan would mean

ISTANBUL

AFTER two decades in power and more than a dozen elections, Turkey's authoritarian leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan knows how to work a room. At a taxi drivers' convention in Istanbul, they could not get enough of him.

He controlled the crowd like the conductor of an orchestra. They cheered and clapped - and boomed the opposition - on cue. The venue was a waterside convention centre in Istanbul, built during his time as mayor of the city.

The rally reached a crescendo as the president delivered his parting shot: "One Nation, One Flag, One Motherland, One State." By then, many aging drivers were on their feet, punching the air or raising one arm in a salute.

Ayse Ozdogan, a conservatively dressed woman in a headscarf, had come early with her taxi driver husband to hear her leader's every word. A crutch rested on the seat next to her. She struggles to walk but could not stay away.

"Erdogan is everything to me," she said, with a broad smile. "We

could not get to hospitals before, but now we can get around easily. We have transportation. We have everything. He has improved roads. He has built mosques. He has developed the country with high-speed trains and underground lines."

The president's nationalist message appealed to many in the crowd, including Kadir Kavlioglu, aged 58, who has been driving a minibus for 40 years. "Since we love our homeland and our nation, we are walking steadily behind the president."

"We are with him every step of the way," he said, "whether the price of potatoes and onions rises or falls. My dear president is our hope."

When Turks went to the polls earlier this month, they were not voting with their wallets. Food prices are skyrocketing. Inflation is at a punishing 43%.

Yet President Recep Tayyip Erdogan - who controls the economy and much else here - came out in front with 49.5% of the vote. That confounded analysts and taught a lesson here - beware opinion polls.



A divided country

His rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu, the secular opposition leader, got 44.9%. So, the electorate in this polarised country was split - the two sides implacably opposed but just 4% apart.

An ultra-nationalist candidate, Sinan Ogan, took an unexpected 5.2%, pushing the contest to a second round this Sunday. He has now endorsed President Erdogan.

Why have most voters stuck with him despite the economic crisis, and the government's slow response to disastrous twin earthquakes in February, which killed at least 50,000 people?

"I think he is the [ultimate] Teflon politician," says Professor Soli Ozel, who lectures in international relations at Istanbul's Kadir Has

University. "He also has the common touch. You can't deny it. He exudes power. That's one thing that Kilicdaroglu does not."

Mr Kilicdaroglu, who is backed by a six-party opposition alliance, used to exude hope, and promise freedom and democracy.

But after his first-round disappointment, he made a sharp right turn. Now there is less of the caring grandfather and more of the nationalist hardliner. "It is a race to the bottom," according to one Turkish journalist.

"I am announcing here that I will send all refugees back home once I am elected President, period," said Mr Kilicdaroglu at a recent election rally. That includes more than three million Syrians who fled war at home. It is a message that goes down well in Turkey.

Whoever is Turkey's next president, nationalism is already a winner here. The voters have elected the most nationalist and conservative parliament ever, in which Mr Erdogan's ruling AK (Justice and Development) Party coalition has retained control.

For some young voters it feels

like the die has already been cast here. Sitting on a red couch beneath a rainbow flag, Zeynep, 21, and Mert, 23, serve piping hot Turkish tea and worry about the future.

Both study psychology at Bogazici University, a respected seat of learning with a history of now-suppressed student protests. Their friendship began at the university's LGBTQ+ club, which has since been closed. Gay pride parades have been banned starting from 2015.

During the election campaign, the president has been targeting the community. "No LGBT people come out of this nation," he told a packed rally in the city of Izmir. "We do not tarnish our family structure. Stand up straight like a man, our families are like that."

The community is now at growing risk, according to Mert, who has shoulder-length dark hair and earrings.

"Erdogan himself, in every speech, at every event he holds, has started to portray us as targets," he said. "Day by day, the state is making an enemy out of us."

G7 urged to deliver on no-decoupling pledge

BEIJING

ANY country's attempt to push for decoupling from or cutting supply chains with China will harm its own interests and dampen global economic recovery and growth, officials and experts said on Thursday.

Their comments came ahead of a meeting between the commerce chiefs of China and the United States at the 2023 APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting being held in Detroit, Michigan, in the US on Thursday and Friday.

Shu Jueting, a spokeswoman for China's commerce ministry called on the US and other members of the Group of Seven to deliver on their commitment to not decouple from China, which they made in a joint statement released at the just-concluded G7 Summit.

The nations said in the statement on Saturday: "We are not decoupling or turning inwards. At the same time, we recognize that economic resilience requires de-risking and diversifying."

But Japan, a member of the G7, rolled out measures on Tuesday to restrict exports of 23 types of semiconductor manufacturing equipment to China. Shu said China firmly opposes the move, which she called an abuse of export control measures and in breach of free trade and international rules.

Such misconduct will seriously damage the interests of enterprises in China and Japan, sabotage economic and trade cooperation between the two countries and impair secure global semiconductor industrial and supply chains, the spokeswoman added.

The G7 countries should not talk about not decoupling from China while abusing trade and investment restrictions to suppress the country's development, Shu said, adding that any move to push forward "de-Sinicization" in the name of "de-risking" will only hinder cooperation and opportunity.

China has always played a responsible role in injecting certainty into a world full of turmoil and new growth drivers into the global economy. The country aims to foster cooperation and offer opportunities to the world, not confrontation and risk, she said.

Zhang Wei, vice-president of the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, said the technology competition among major countries has long existed, while the trend of globalization and the industrial division of labor are inexorable.

"Unilateral moves by any country could hardly change the economic interdependence of all countries. Forced decoupling and severing supply chains, which could have serious consequences, should be rejected," Zhang said.

Shu, the spokeswoman, also noted that China's network security review over products made by US memory chip-maker Micron Technology is in line with laws and regulations and is a necessary measure to safeguard its national security.

As the world's largest chip market, the Chinese mainland consumes more than half the world's semiconductors, which are then assembled into tech products to be reexported or sold in the domestic market, said research company Daxue Consulting.

"Access to this massive (Chinese) market is essential for the success of any globally competitive chip firm today and in the future," the Semiconductor Industry Association, a Washington-based group that represents the US chip sector, said in a report.

Shu said that the Chinese government remains committed to high-quality opening-up and fostering a more enabling business climate, and it is willing to share the nation's development opportunities with the rest of the world.

Enterprises from all countries, as well as their products and services of all types, are welcome to enter the Chinese market as long as they abide by Chinese laws and regulations, she added.

On Monday, Commerce Minister Wang met in Shanghai with representatives of US companies, including Johnson & Johnson, 3M, Dow, Merck and Honeywell, according to the ministry. Wang said during the meeting that "China will continue to welcome US-funded companies to develop in China and achieve win-win results".

Xinhua



A passerby walks in front of the logo of the G7 finance leaders' meeting in Niigata, Japan, on May 10. AP

WHA rejects Taiwan-related proposal again, a legitimate move wins public support

THE General Committee and the Plenary Session of the 76th World Health Assembly (WHA) on May 22 respectively decided to reject the so-called proposal of "inviting Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer" submitted by certain countries.

For the seventh year in a row, the WHA has rejected the Taiwan-related proposal, which fully indicates that the one-China principle has international support and represents the prevailing trend that cannot be challenged.

China's position on the Taiwan region's participation in the activities of international organizations, including the WHO, is consistent and clear. It must be handled in accordance with the one-China

principle. This is a fundamental principle affirmed in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 2758 and WHA Resolution 25.1.

For eight consecutive years from 2009 to 2016, the Taiwan region participated in the WHA as an observer in the name of "Chinese Taipei." This is a special arrangement made through cross-strait consultation on the basis of adherence by both sides of the Taiwan Strait to the 1992 Consensus, which embodies the one-China principle.

After coming into power in 2016, the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has placed political calcula-

tions before the Taiwan people's welfare and remained headstrong on "Taiwan independence," refusing to admit the 1992 Consensus, which embodies the one-China principle. As a result, the political foundation for the Taiwan region to participate in the WHA no longer exists.

To uphold the one-China principle and the sanctity and authority of relevant UNGA and WHA resolutions, China has decided not to agree to let the Taiwan region participate in this year's WHA. This is a just and necessary action.

This decision has received broad-based understanding and

support from the international community. Recently, nearly 140 countries made clear to China their position of adhering to the one-China principle and opposing Taiwan's participation in the WHA. Nearly 100 countries wrote to the WHO Director-General or issued public statements on the issue, reiterating that Taiwan's participation in the WHA lacks political foundations and that Taiwan-related issues shouldn't disturb the assembly.

These voices of justice fully prove that the overwhelming majority of countries uphold the just and right position on the Taiwan

region's participation in the WHA, and once again indicate that the one-China principle cannot be distorted, denied or challenged. Any attempt to play the "Taiwan card" to contain China will not succeed. The real intention of certain countries to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer is to politicize health issues and interfere in China's internal affairs in the name of the Taiwan question.

Before the WHA kicked off this year, the United States Department of State said in a so-called statement that it strongly advocated for Taiwan's participation

in the WHA, and pressured the WHO not to obstruct it. The U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee even adopted a so-called act that claims the representation of China doesn't include the Taiwan region.

In defiance of international law and the basic norms governing international relations, the United States exploits Taiwan-related issues to engage in political manipulation in an attempt to contain China. It was under the instigation and consent of the United States that a few other countries submitted the proposal to the WHO, attempting to discuss the

Taiwan region's participation as a supplementary item on the WHO agenda.

The WHO soon rejected the ridiculous proposal, which marked another heavy blow to the hegemonic, domineering and bullying practice of the United States.

The DPP authorities hyped up an alleged "international epidemic prevention gap" if Taiwan can't join the WHA, which is totally groundless.

The Chinese central government has always attached great importance to the health and well-being of the Taiwan compatriots. It has updated the Taiwan region over 500 times about the pandemic situation since the start of COVID-19.

People's Daily

Kenya reaps real BRI dividends

NAIROBI

THE Belt and Road Initiative has transformed Kenya's infrastructure development, injected vitality into its economic growth and improved the country's regional competitiveness, according to latest analysis.

Thanks to the initiative, which is celebrating 10 years since its establishment, Kenya boasts modern infrastructure like railways, roads, ports, airports and digital connectivity, experts said.

Cavince Adhere, a scholar of international relations with a focus on China-Africa relations, said BRI projects in the transportation, communication and financial sectors have contributed to making Kenya a more formidable economic hub in the East African region.

He said the Standard Gauge Railway, which connects the capital Nairobi with Mombasa, the largest port city in Kenya, has provided a major link for many traders.

Mombasa port serves 80 percent of regional trade and is the gateway and exit point for cargo for a vast hinterland covering Rwanda, Uganda, South Sudan, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Somalia.

Lamu port is similarly growing as a transshipment hub as it leverages cargo destined for other African countries – offloaded at the port and taken up by ships that are doing the final leg, Adhere said. He said the expansion of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport has also helped Kenya better serve its regional and global airline partners, further bolstering its position as a regional transportation hub.

"The BRI has really contributed to Kenya's regional competitiveness and it has opened up opportunities for trade, economic partnerships and financial inclusion."

Adhere said Nairobi, being a regional financial center with Chinese financial institutions in partnership with their Kenyan counterparts, can also benefit the entire region.

Nationally, he said demand for the SGR, one of BRI's flagship projects, has increased significantly, with many cargo companies opting to use the railway because it is predictable, reliable and

faster to move goods from Mombasa to Nairobi, especially for hinterland companies. The Africa Star Railway Operations Company, the operator of the SGR, added both first-class and economy passenger coaches from April 19 to May 9 to cater to the increasing demand during the closing and opening of schools.

Gerishon Ikiara, a lecturer at the University of Nairobi's School of Diplomacy and International Studies, said that were it not for China, Kenya would not have had the SGR.

Ikiara, who was the permanent secretary when Kenya signed an agreement with the Chinese government for the construction of the railway, said they had struggled to get a financier for the project.

He said most of the lenders were very expensive and set out stringent terms. China, on the other hand, was flexible in negotiations.

"The railway has provident efficient transportation along the northern corridor and has reduced travel time for both passengers and cargo," Ikiara said.

For many years, the government was also looking for an investor to construct an expressway under a public-private partnership model, he said.

Major feature

"Today, the expressway is a major feature in Nairobi city and has benefited both the rich and the poor through reduced travel time and by reducing congestion in various streets of the city," Ikiara said.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, the SGR transported 2.39 million people in 2022, doubling year-on-year. Kenya is among the countries with the highest internet penetration rate, thanks to investments in partnership with Huawei, a multinational Chinese ICT provider, which have helped the country modernize its telecommunication capabilities, Cavince Adhere said.

"Young people now have opportunities to work online. Additionally, Huawei is helping many governors to modernize ICT and telecommunication in counties," he said. Last year, Huawei signed an agreement with the Kenyan government to roll out 43,000 kilometers of communication cables across



Kenyan train drivers learn operating procedures from their Chinese instructor during training in Nairobi on May 17, 2017, before the start of the Mombasa-Nairobi standard gauge railway. XINHUA

the country to bridge the digital connectivity divide. In the financial field, Adhere said the payment system under the instant-messaging app WeChat, operated by tech giant Tencent, has developed a regional footprint by partnering with Equity Bank, giving customers another option to settle payments.

Recently, Service On New Grounds, a Chinese company focusing on regulatory affairs, accounting, finance, tax and advisory services, listed Kenya among 69 countries that accept WeChat cross-border payments.

Adhere said the WeChat cross-border payments will be critical in terms of promoting e-commerce, terming it as an opportunity for more trade between China and Kenya.

The BRI has also seen China become the leading destination for young Kenyans furthering their education overseas, thus promoting people-to-people exchanges, he said.

Adhere said Kenya, as well as other African countries, can ride on the BRI to address any trade deficit with China by taking advantage of the existing waterways, highways and railways to serve its international markets.

Agro-based trade also offers many opportunities through China's green lane move, which is aimed at increasing the uptake of more African products into

the Chinese market, he said.

"In this venture, we saw Kenya becoming the first African country to export fresh avocados to the Chinese market last year. This has given a lot of hope for avocado farmers across the country as well as Chinese consumers," he said.

Kenya and China are implementing agro-based operations around poverty alleviation and the BRI provides frameworks through trade to promote African produce in the Chinese market, Adhere said. He also called for promoting greater people-to-people understanding between the two sides.

"China and Africa have a responsibility to ensure that their citizens are reading from the same script, which can be achieved through cultural exchanges, partnership and collaboration, especially between young people."

"This will ensure that they understand and support China-Kenya collaborations. It will also help in avoiding some of the negative rhetoric that has defined the China-Kenya relationship, which sometimes is not driven by Chinese or Africans but third parties."

The telecommunication sector also offers an important route to strengthen China-Kenya cooperation, he said.

This can be achieved through e-commerce, internet protocol implementation and investment in the ICT sector to pro-

vide communication and collaboration between China and Kenya.

He said the future of the BRI is very bright and it has revealed the integration potential for Africa, with the continent significantly benefiting from the initiative – Chinese firms have contributed more than 20 percent of Africa's economic development in the last decade.

"Large networks of transportation, energy and telecommunication projects have been implemented in partnership with China. We have not hit the ceiling yet, we have a lot more to gain through working together," he said. Despite its heavy borrowing, Adhere said Kenya is at a lower risk of credit default because of the political will to ensure that it observes its international obligations, including debt payment.

"Despite its debt challenges, Kenya is a very innovative and resilient economy. Up to 60 percent of Kenya's GDP is found in the services sector. Services as an industry relies on innovation so as we see more innovation, more young people becoming tech savvy, it means that the Kenyan economy will remain more resilient," he said.

Macharia Munene, a professor of history and international relations at the United States International University, Nairobi, said the BRI has had a very positive impact on Kenya in terms of communication and accessibility across sectors.

"The BRI has opened up remote areas that were previously inaccessible, leading to wealth creation and consequently reducing poverty," he said.

"In terms of operation, the SGR is very efficient, people are very happy and transportation has been eased and should be extended beyond the country. It enriches areas where it passes."

Munene said railways are public services, as opposed to purely profit-making entities, but when managed well, they can reap significant benefits.

"A public railway system opens up and creates opportunities for people to create wealth, hence it's a strategic investment, not in terms of profit but in the services it offers to the country," he said. Xinhua

NATO's eastward expansion shares underlying intent with Hitlerian policies, Lavrov says

MOSCOW

BEHIND NATO's latest expansion push lie the same underlying intentions as the policies of Hitler, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at an international meeting of high-level officials responsible for security issues in Moscow on Wednesday.

"In essence, NATO's reckless expansion reflects the same intentions that undergirded the Hitlerian doctrine of 'Drang nach

Osten' (German for 'Drive to the East,' which was the Nazi slogan justifying the conquest of Central and Eastern European lands - TASS)," Lavrov said.

According to Russia's top diplomat, the United States has purposefully set about destroying the architecture of European security, "while focusing in particular on engendering threats that are unacceptable to Russia." "It is enough just to mention the US withdrawal from the



Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty more than 20 years ago, as well as from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and from the Open Skies Treaty," he maintained.

Lavrov accused Washington and its allies of marginalizing the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), a body that he said no longer played any role in European security. The Russian foreign minister criticized the NATO countries' "provocative" course

toward relentlessly expanding the alliance eastward, which he said has been done in spite of the top-level Western pledges made to the then-leadership of the Soviet Union that NATO would not expand "one inch."

Also, this policy "contravenes [Western countries'] commitments made at the highest level to refrain from bolstering their own security at the expense of the security of other [nations]," he lamented. Agencies

UN honours fallen peacekeepers

UNITED NATION

THE United Nations held ceremonies at its headquarters in New York on Thursday, to honor the memory of the peacekeepers who have sacrificed their lives while serving under the UN flag.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres laid a wreath at the Peacekeepers Memorial in honor of the more than 4,200 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives since 1948. Moments later, he presided over a ceremony in the General Assembly Hall at which Dag Hammarskjöld Medals were awarded posthumously to 103 military, police and civilian peacekeepers who lost their lives serving under the UN flag in 2022.

In remarks at the ceremony, Guterres said that for civilians caught in conflict, UN blue helmets who support security, stability and the rule of law in host countries are seen as "a beacon of hope and protection."

"They represent the beating heart of the United Nations' commitment to



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (L) addresses an event entitled "Dag Hammarskjöld Medal Ceremony and Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award" at the UN headquarters in New York, on May 25, 2023. Xinhua

peace," he said. "By bringing peacekeepers together from around the world, peacekeeping has also become an inspiring symbol of multilateralism in action."

Thursday's ceremonies were staged to observe the International Day of UN Peacekeepers, which falls on May 29, and to mark the 75th anniversary of UN peacekeeping.

The first UN peacekeeping mission was established in May 1948, when the UN Security Council authorized the deployment of a small number of UN military observers to the Middle East to form the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization to monitor the Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

According to a UN press release, more than 2 million peacekeepers from 125 countries have since served in 71 operations around the world.

Today, 87,000 women and men are serving in 12 conflict zones across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Guterres pointed

out that peacekeepers face a daunting array of rising global tensions and divides, and "are increasingly working in places where there is no peace to keep."

"Despite all obstacles, our personnel persevere, risking their own lives in service of others," said the UN chief. "I pay tribute to their service and sacrifice, which inspire our work every day."

He expressed the commitment that the United Nations will do its utmost to support the peacekeepers, including improving their safety and security and the effectiveness of peacekeeping.

Guterres also presented the 2022 Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award to Captain Cecilia Erzuah, a military officer from Ghana who served with the UN Interim Security Force for Abyei.

Created in 2016, the award recognizes the dedication and effort of an individual peacekeeper in promoting the principles of UN Security Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

The resolution is a reminder that there can be no lasting peace without involving women at every step, Guterres said, noting that many negotiating teams and peace processes today are totally dominated by men.

"It's up to all of us -- governments, communities and local officials -- to ensure that women play their full part, including as leaders, in building and maintaining peace," he said.

Russian MFA blasts US threat to sanction Georgia

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova on Wednesday took a dig at threats by the US State Department to levy restrictions on Georgia over its move to resume flights with Russia.

"There's no other way to call [the statements by the State Department] than interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states," the diplomat said at a news conference. "We regard such mentoring statements from Washington as interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states and in their relations with third countries and overt pressure."

According to Zakharova (pictured), there is no and cannot be a "rational explanation" for why the US considers it possible to comment on agreements between two sovereign countries.

"If the US places human rights at the forefront of its policy everywhere, then probably they should look at this specific humanitarian situation from the human rights perspective. There is nothing more difficult than crossing the border between the two countries that have had such close ties, including long-standing familial and humanitarian ties, when there're no direct flights," she went on to say.

Earlier, the US State Department threatened to levy sanctions on any company that provided maintenance services to Russian planes at Georgia's airports.



Direct flights return

Russian President Vladimir Putin on May 10 signed a decree to abolish visas for Georgian citizens starting from May 15. In another decree, he lifted a ban on direct flights by Russian airlines to Georgia that Moscow had stood since 2019. The Russian airline Azimut was the first airline to start flights on May 19, after obtaining permission from Georgian aviation authorities. Georgian Airways was the second airline to start direct flights between Georgia and Russia.

Russia introduced visas for Georgians in 2000, while Georgia abolished visas for Russians in 2012. According to Georgian legislation, Russian citizens can visit the country without a visa and stay for up to one year. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were severed by Tbilisi in 2008 after Russia recognized Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent countries. Agencies

US Defence Secretary Austin to visit India next week

WASHINGTON

UNITED States Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin III will embark on a four-nation trip including India from next week, according to the official statement released by the US Department of Defence.

The first stop in his four-nation trip is Tokyo where he will meet with Japanese Defence Minister Yasukasu Hamada and other senior leaders and visit US troops stationed in Japan.

According to the statement, Secretary Austin's visit comes as the United States and Japan take important strides to modernize Alliance capabilities, optimize U.S. force posture, and build links with like-minded partners following the historic US-Japan "2+2" Ministerial meeting earlier this year.

Later on, Secretary Austin will travel to Singapore where he will deliver plenary remarks at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) 20th Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

On the margins of the Dialogue, the Secretary will meet with key leaders to advance US defence partnerships across the region in support of our shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, anchored in ASEAN centrality.

After completing his trip to Singapore, Secretary Austin will visit India.

At the third stop, New Delhi, he will meet with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other leaders as the United States and India continue to modernize the US-India Major Defence Partnership.

This visit provides an opportunity to accelerate new defence innovation and industrial cooperation initiatives and drive ongoing efforts to expand operational cooperation between the U.S. and Indian militaries.

Secretary Austin will conclude his trip in France to participate in events commemorating the 79th anniversary of D-Day and meet with French and United Kingdom defence leaders. ANI



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Yiech Gatoch Panom

Simba SC now eyes Ethiopian combative midfielder's signature

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC is on the verge of signing Ethiopian defensive midfielder Yiech Gatoch Panom, who plays for St. George for a \$150,000 (352m/-) transfer fee.

It has been revealed Simba SC leadership wants to improve the squad's midfield which has had many challenges for two consecutive seasons.

Panom had previously served Wolaitta Dicha, Al-Anwar, Haras El Hodoud, Makelle City, Ethiopian Coffee, El Gouna, and Anzhi Makhachkala in Russia.

Simba SC has set aside that amount to achieve the plan to make improvements in its squad, with several other players also being mentioned to join the team for next season slated to start in August this year.

Among the positions that Simba SC has planned to improve by signing players is the defensive midfield - now under Sadio Kanoute, Mzamiru Yassin, Jonas Mkude, and Ismael Sawadogo - an area currently encountering many challenges.

Simba SC already sent an offer to

acquire Panom to strengthen the midfield while St. George has already shown their intention to let the 28-year-old midfielder leave.

Commenting on the issue Simba SC's Information and Communications Manager, Ahmed Ally, said: "The leadership is careful when preparing for the registration there are some names of players we are in talks with that if it goes well we will finalize deals with them."

One of Simba SC leaders that opted for anonymity revealed that they have already started the negotiations to sign the Ethiopian midfielder whom the leadership believes will end the chronic problem in central defensive midfield should the club secure his signature.

The official noted: "There are many areas with a deficiency in our team, which we must make improvements, among them is the midfield and Panom is among the players mentioned to be in the conversation with."

"So at any time we will complete the registration deal, the good news is that Simba management is ready to hand over that amount of money to get his signature," he said.

Stage acting tough game for artists, stamped with images of characters

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

AN undercurrent of the cultural and artistic situation in the country at times comes up on the airwaves, as of late an actor and broadcasting pundit has been trying to put the record straight on what kind of person he is.

He made a routine profile of a man who they say in French is 'sans histoire,' someone without a trail of bad language about him, about this or that negative event.

Yet this is precisely what he was bent on putting out, arising not from real-life situations but the roles he did on TV, etc.

Depending on anyone's actual exposure to the matter in the past or at present, there is some memory of actors finding it has to socially interact, engage in business associations, or suchlike, as those who meet them show fear of such links.

The reason is that the fellow plays the role of an ingenious trickster on film, and it socially becomes his real character, which is decidedly a lamentable view of the matter.

The first time this matter came up (at least concerning the above fellow and there is a need not to cite names) was 10 years ago or so, but it persists.

There is an expression that when an anomaly is noticed twice in different times and comparable circumstances, it must be valid as an impression, which makes the recent expression of the impact of stage roles a fact of society.

If someone would have explained 10 years ago that people are not as yet sufficiently used to stage roles and thus



Poplar Tanzanian actress, Riyama Ally

see them as real facts of life, it is unlikely that one could say the same thing today. Who is unaware of the difference between acting and living, in Dar es Salaam?

While there is scarcely a dearth of 'education' on the difference between what one does on television and what one does in life, it appears there is a systematic fault at the level of society to adhere to this distinction.

This much cannot be denied or wished away, and thus it will impair the development of artists or take up roles locally, or prefer socially harmless roles.

It means certain kind of film that has acute

portraying in one or another will be a victim of this vast societal handicap.

Indeed one has to ask around if the famous well-built artiste who played roles of a fraudster in films around 2000-2006 at most would still be in the film industry, or doing some other thing, audiovisual or elsewhere.

It wasn't a slight matter on his part, being permanently stamped with 'the mark of Cain' and most people avoiding any actual dealings with him. He protested and perhaps opted to slip out, silently.

That option is also available to the youthful protector of the past

few years, not in the generation of actors or television jesters at the turn of the century, but facing more or less the same situation.

He was telling the public on a sister radio with this newspaper that he is a normal guy, in which case those he meets need not have worries about this or that, and in that regard, perhaps he receives queer smiles from ladies, the all-knowing, gleeful gesture. It would hurt.

But the problem remains as to why this confusion between acting and social life persists, and why it has failed to go away even after two decades of dozens of films shown on

local TV with individuals playing various roles.

Part of the reason is that films, like other audiovisual programs, have an unavoidable touch of reality surrounding them, and using a marker pen to lay the limits is a problem. In that sense the proximity between acting and life is negligible, only aptitude sorts it out.

There comes the thousand-dollar question as to how far there is a real deficit of social attitudes where too many people can't distinguish between life and fiction.

Chances are that there is no deficit but there are worries that what is being acted can apply in life, for the simple reason that the level of trust between one person and another is severely limited, so we tend to worry over anything we know or are made to believe about someone acting a fraudster leads to bad-mouthing; it sticks.

That is perhaps where the shoe pinches, that as a society we are more inclined to pay attention to rants about this or that bad thing either happening or believed to be happening, without actually trying to evaluate how true it is.

At times people add colour or the proverbial salt to what they hear, so that it is sweeter, and end up believing not just what they heard but also what was added.

When recounting the take to someone else, at another street corner talk shop, they will add even more 'salt', that that the reality is obliterated.

No more stage role; just a fraudster, and when one meets the victims or enthusiasts of those street constructions of his character, chances are that he would not exactly wish to meet them any time soon.

Heat head home to Miami, confident as ever with another chance to clinch

BOSTON

THE Miami Heat insist they are as confident as ever, even after missing two chances to eliminate the Boston Celtics.

They will get the next one, Jimmy Butler said.

"It's going to be all smiles," Butler said after the Celtics won 110-97 on Thursday night to cut the Heat's lead in the series to 3-2. "We are going to keep it very, very, very consistent, knowing that we are going to win the next game."

The Heat are headed home with still two more chances to clinch a spot in the NBA Finals. But they would be wise to do it in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals on Saturday night and avoid a decisive seventh game in Boston.

The eighth-seeded Heat won the first three games - two of them in Boston - to put the defending Eastern Conference champions on the brink of elimination. None of the other 150 teams in NBA history to fall behind 3-0 have come back to win a best-of-seven playoff series.

But the Celtics won Game 4 in Miami by 17 points and then led by as many as 24 in a Game 5 victory that was Boston's first home win over the Heat all season. Center Bam Adebayo, who had 16 points and eight rebounds - but also six turnovers - said Miami was still confident it could finish off the Celtics.

"Why would we lose confidence?" he said. "When we started this

journey, nobody believed in us. Everybody thought we were going to be out in the first round. Everybody thought we were going to be out in the second round. And now we are here, one game away. For us, we've always had confidence, and that's not going to go away."

Butler, Miami's emotional leader and the star of Games 1 and 2, scored only 14 points on Thursday night - his lowest total in this year's postseason - and went 1 for 5 in the first quarter when Boston opened a 15-point lead. Miami played all but the first five minutes of the game trailing by double digits, and only got as close as 10 with one minute to go after a meaningless 9-0 run.

"The last two games are not who we are," Butler said. "We're always going to stay positive, knowing that we can and we will win the series. We just have to close it out at home."

To do so, Miami will have to respond from a blowout - just the way Boston did after a Game 3 loss that left players openly questioning rookie coach Joe Mazzulla.

Asked about his team's mood, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said: "Who cares about mood?"

"We have a gnarly group," he said. "I think so much of that is overrated. It's a competitive series. You always expect things to be challenging in the conference finals. One game doesn't lead to the next game. ... It doesn't matter if you lose by whatever. We beat them by whatever in Game 3. It just doesn't matter." AP

Korogwe District Commissioner set to grace race

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Korogwe

KOROGWE District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo will tomorrow join 1,700 women to participate in a race, termed 'Korogwe Mamathon Mwendo wa Mama 2023', which brings together pregnant women based in the district.

The event is slated to start at Mbeza Mazoezi Primary School ground in Korogwe township and climax at the area.

About 1,000 women from Korogwe Township Council have registered for the race and 700 registered from Korogwe District Council.

Jokate disclosed to journalists the key objective of race is to respect, value, and support pregnant women by assuring them of health, and mental as well as physical security.

She revealed the initiative is out to make them feel proud to be viewed as a potential group in communities that bring new babies into the world.



Korogwe District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo speaks during the launch of a marathon, termed '2023 Korogwe Mamathon Mwendo wa Mama', involving pregnant women living in the district, which is scheduled for tomorrow. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT CHEJI BAKARI

"By recognizing women's contribution on that matter, we ought to respect, henceforth it is our duty to make sure an expectant mother gets all necessary needs that will ensure she gives birth safely," she revealed.

She pointed out that efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan

to build and improve health facilities all over the country have given her fresh impetus to come up with such an idea of organizing a race.

Jokate stated that the race will offer women from all corners of the district time to come together and get other health services free of charge.

They include cervical cancer screening, HIV testing, Blood Pressure and Haemoglobin testing, Malaria tests, and other tests.

"President Samia is the champion for this because she has made sure mother and child health care services are established by improving health

facilities," the official pointed out.

Jokate stressed: "I, therefore, decided to come up with the idea of joining her efforts by initiating this race to prompt communities to give awareness on how to provide maximum security to a pregnant mother from time she conceives."

La Liga 'can end racism in six months', claims president Javier Tebas

By Tom Morgan

RACISM in the Spanish top tier can be reduced to "zero" in six months, according to La Liga's outspoken president in a plea for extra powers.

Javier Tebas is making representations to his government on Friday as he scrambles to patch up the competition's reputation after a damaging week.

Racism has been rife in Spanish football for decades but a row around failures to tackle the issue has been reignited by the furor surrounding Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior.

The Brazilian has hit out at key figures in the sport, including Tebas, after he was abused at Valencia. Spain is a racist country because of "continuous episodes across several cities", Vinicius said, as his club filed a hate crime complaint with the Spanish State Attorney General's Office.

Vinicius's comments initially prompted a tetchy response on social media from Tebas, for which he subsequently apologised.

However, in a specially arranged press conference, Tebas declared that he can rapidly eliminate discrimination. "What we want is the power to do more things - with the power we are convinced within months this would be solved," he said.

"We are going along the legal route and I think in six months' time this will be at zero and we will be the best league in the world. The competencies we want are for those intolerable behaviours - racism, homophobia."

Vinicius has been the target of racist abuse a number of times this season and the latest incident has prompted widespread support from the footballing world.

As part of its response, La Liga is requesting that two laws are amended to give it authority to impose sanctions such as the total or partial closure of stadiums, bans for supporters and financial penalties.

When challenged on his six-month solution claim, Tebas added: "We have been able to have economic control to stop our clubs going bankrupt so if we are given the competencies we can put an end to this because it is easier to stop than financial control."

"Tomorrow, a communique will go to the head of government and political parties requesting the law is urgently modified against racism, xenophobia and intolerance and requesting the [Spanish Football] Federation and La Liga to have competencies."

Asked why La Liga had not made such a request before, Tebas said: "That was probably a mistake of ours too but we thought we were making progress in the courts when we made complaints directly."

THE TELEGRAPH

Man Utd's Champions League return clouded by ownership uncertainty

LONDON

MANCHESTER United are back in the Champions League but a bright future under Erik ten Hag remains clouded by uncertainty over the ownership of the English giants.

Ten Hag ensured a top-four finish in his first season in charge of the Red Devils on Thursday with a 4-1 demolition of Chelsea.

The Dutchman has also ended United's six-year trophy drought by lifting the League Cup in February and the best could even be yet to come should Ten Hag's men upset Manchester City's charge towards the treble at Wembley on June 3.

Ten Hag has performed a miraculous turnaround since getting off to the worst start of any United manager since 1921.

Embarrassing defeats to Brighton and Brentford in his first two matches are now long forgotten.

The former Ajax boss earned a reputation as a disciplinarian after making his players run 14 kilometres after the 4-0 humiliation at Brentford in August - the combined distance the Bees ran more than his players during the game.

But Ten Hag's strict approach has paid dividends as he also won the club's backing in a standoff that saw Cristiano Ronaldo depart mid-season for Saudi Arabia.

"He's proved that he's got the seriousness, the confidence and the authority to be able to make big decisions," said former United captain Gary Neville on Ten Hag's man-management.

Yet, the United fanbase is torn between hope, at what their manager could achieve with the right backing, and helplessness as a drawn out process to sell the club threatens to drag well into the summer transfer window.

- 'Glazers out' -

Unpopular from the day they saddled the club with huge debts via a leveraged takeover in 2005, most supporters want rid of current owners, the Glazer family, as soon as possible.

Every United goal on Thursday was followed by fervent chants of "we want Glazers out."

The Glazer siblings appeared set to cash out at a huge profit on the club their late father Malcolm Glazer purchased for £790 million (\$980 million) 18 years ago when the sale process was kicked-off back in November.

AFP

Erik ten Hag delivers Champions League - now Man Utd must back him in transfer market

By James Ducker

NO one can be quite sure what the next few months hold for Manchester United but, equally, no one could accuse Erik ten Hag of not holding up his end of the bargain as the club enters a potentially defining period in its history.

Having ended United's six-year wait for a trophy with Carabao Cup success in February, the Dutchman oversaw the club's return to Champions League competition with a victory over Chelsea that expunged any need for a result against Fulham on Sunday, and what could have been a nervy final day.

If United can now go and dent Manchester City's Treble bid by adding a second piece of silverware, and in the process preserve their status as the only English club to have won the big three in a single season, then it will have proved a very fruitful first season indeed at Old Trafford for Ten Hag.

As a starting point, they will have to be a lot better defensively at Wembley than they were here to pull that off - for all their threat going forward, this ludicrously open game could have finished 10-5. But what happens beyond that City game and into next season will hinge on the successful resolution of the ownership saga and a smart summer of trading in the transfer window, both in terms of incomings and outgoings.



Casemiro of Manchester United scores their 1st goal during the Premier League match between Manchester United and Chelsea FC. (Agencies)

At least with Champions League qualification secured - something the club failed to achieve in four of the previous nine seasons - Ten Hag has guaranteed a precious revenue stream and cemented one pivotal building block amid the wider uncertainty presented by the takeover.

And if Sir Jim Ratcliffe or Qatari banker Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani do take the reins, the manager will hope they do not prove as trigger happy and excitable as Todd Boehly has at Chelsea.

There are the makings of a very good team at United - but only the makings. Casemiro, who scored for the second game running to get the ball rolling and was influential in the second, scored by Anthony Martial,

has been a key addition. Bruno Fernandes was everywhere once again and got on the scoresheet with a penalty. Marcus Rashford scored his 30th goal late on and, in doing so, became the first United player to reach that milestone since Robin van Persie a decade ago, which, incidentally, was when the club last won the League title.

Raphael Varane and Luke Shaw are stalwarts and Lisandro Martinez will be back for pre-season following the metatarsal injury that ended his campaign prematurely. Alejandro Garnacho, still only 18, has bags of potential. Antony has shown glimpses but may now be facing a spell on the sidelines after being substituted with what Ten Hag suggested was a "serious"

injury.

Too many others need ousting, though, or are in the last-chance saloon. Jadon Sancho, for example, was a threat here but can he be trusted to deliver consistently next season? The reality is the squad still requires major surgery and it would be a profound disappointment to Ten Hag - and a source of great anger for fans - if a promising first season's work is stunted over the course of a frustrating summer.

The delays in the takeover process are not a good sign and risk testing the manager's patience, but there is still enough time as things stand.

More than anything, United require a centre-forward, although it is a toss-up over whose need in that particular

department is greater: Ten Hag's or Chelsea's next manager in waiting. Chelsea were hopelessly disorganised, horribly erratic and beset by individual errors, and yet still managed to carve so many golden chances that they might have been 4-1 up in the first half, not 2-0 down at half-time and staring at an 11th defeat in 22 league matches since the turn of the year. Profligacy is terribly costly at this level, though.

The seeds of a brighter future were there in another enterprising, energetic display from Lewis Hall, Chelsea's best player on the night and a persistent threat to United as a rampaging left-back. Two of Chelsea's four excellent chances in that opening half were created by the 18-year-old, not least the first when

he put the ball on a plate for Mykhaylo Mudryk to fluff his lines from close range.

He then crossed for Kai Havertz to head abysmally wide after a lung-busting run to get into a position to meet the ball. Whatever Havertz is, he is not a ruthless centre-forward who can be trusted to lead the line.

Frank Lampard gave youth his chance - Cesar Azpilicueta, at 33, was the oldest starting outfield player by a decade - but this was a torrid night for Trevoh Chalobah and, in particular, Wesley Fofana, who gave away the penalty and then gifted United their fourth goal with a sloppy pass.

Part of you asks how much crippled confidence is to blame; the rest wonders if some of these players are good enough for a club of Chelsea's standing.

United, in fairness, were very much the poor relation of the established top six last season, even if the crisis gripping Chelsea this term has put those struggles into some perspective. But the way Ten Hag has brought some order to the chaos and apathy that was engulfing Old Trafford will encourage Chelsea that things can improve fairly quickly, even if no United fan is kidding themselves that their club have suddenly cracked it.

There is an awful lot of work to do - and get right - this summer and still so many questions that need answering.

THE TELEGRAPH

Dortmund, Bayern on knife-edge as German title race goes to wire

BERLIN

BORUSSIA Dortmund are on the brink of being crowned German champions for the ninth time as they prepare to face Mainz on the final day of the Bundesliga season today, breaking Bayern Munich's decade-long hold on the title.

European spots are also up for grabs alongside one of the tightest relegation battles in recent memory as the campaign comes to an end.

At the top of the table, Dortmund know a win over mid-table Mainz will secure the title, while Bayern can claim their 11th straight championship with a win at Cologne, if of course the leaders slip up.

Dortmund manager Edin Terzic called on his side not to lose focus, with one game to play.

"We're not done yet, but we're ready to take the final step," Terzic said, "As a team, as a club, as a city."

Terzic was called "the best Dortmund coach since Jurgen Klopp" on Thursday by Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper, putting the 40-year-old ahead of Bayern boss Thomas Tuchel, perhaps a sign how far the former Chelsea mentor's

stock has fallen since taking the job.

Bayern have closed ranks ahead of a week which could see them go trophyless for the first time since 2011-12, but veteran Thomas Mueller called on fans to "stick together for one more week".

Writing on Instagram, Mueller - who has won the last ten Bundesliga titles in a row with Bayern - told his 12.8 million Instagram followers "everything is still possible".

Further down the pecking order, one of Union Berlin or Freiburg will join RB Leipzig in the Champions League for the first time.

Level on points, Union hold a slight advantage on goal difference and can all but secure a top four spot by beating Werder Bremen at home, where they have not lost a league match this season.

Union manager Urs Fischer said "there's a lot at stake in this game" but urged his side to "stay relaxed, otherwise we'll cramp up." Guaranteed at least fifth and a spot in the Europa League, Freiburg face a slightly tougher task if they want to overtake Union and claim a first Champions League appearance, travelling to Eintracht Frankfurt.

Despite lifting the Europa League trophy almost exactly 12 months ago, Frankfurt have only a slight mathematical chance of a return to European football, needing a big win while hoping both Wolfsburg and Bayer Leverkusen lose.

At the other end of the table, while last-placed Hertha Berlin's return to the second division after a decade was sealed last week, any one of four clubs Schalke, Bochum, Stuttgart and Augsburg could join them.

Schalke likely have the toughest challenge, travelling to face RB Leipzig, while Bochum host Leverkusen and Augsburg visit Borussia Muenchengladbach.

The third-last side escapes the automatic trapdoor to the second division but must play a relegation playoff against the third-best side in the second division over a two-legged tie. One to watch: Jude Bellingham (Borussia Dortmund)

Borussia Dortmund midfielder Jude Bellingham is in a race against time to be fit for Saturday's title-defining match against Mainz, in what may be his last game for the club.

Bellingham missed Dortmund's 3-0 win away at Augsburg on Sunday with a knee issue, only the second game the teenager has missed in the past two seasons due to injury.

Despite a contract

which runs until 2025 at Dortmund, the 19-year-old is being courted by Real Madrid and Manchester City.

"I feel good" Bellingham said on social media on Wednesday, but sporting director Sebastian Kehl revealed the midfielder was sticking to an "incredibly ambitious" regime to return to the pitch.

Manager Edin Terzic said on Thursday Bellingham would "definitely be in the squad" but was still working hard to make the starting XI.

"We hope that the diligence he has shown will be rewarded."

Key stats

4 - After just one goal in his previous 14 games, Bayern's Serge

Gnabry has hit form, having scored in each of his last four games.

23-4 - Dortmund have scored 23 and conceded four in their past five home games (all wins).

16 - Bremen striker Niclas Füllkrug has the league's most goals this season with 16 - the lowest total since the founding of the Bundesliga in 1963.

Fixtures (all times today 1330 GMT)

Borussia Dortmund v Mainz, Cologne v Bayern Munich, Bochum v Bayer Leverkusen, Union Berlin v Werder, Wolfsburg v Hertha Berlin, RB Leipzig v Schalke, Eintracht Frankfurt v Freiburg, Borussia Muenchengladbach v Augsburg, Stuttgart v Hoffenheim. **AFP**

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Khalid Aucho. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Big blow for Yanga as Aucho is ruled out of CAF CC final

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

NBC Premier League champion Yanga has been dealt a massive blow ahead of the outfit's 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final against Algerian side USM Alger as influential midfielder Khalid Aucho will be unavailable for selection.

Yanga is expected to confront the Algerian club in a two-legged final of the second tier of the continental inter-club competitions.

The first leg of the final is set to be contested at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam tomorrow with Alger hosting the return leg a week later.

Aucho will miss both legs for accumulating six yellow cards in the tournament, which attracts a two-game ban.

The former Gor Mahia midfielder has been an influential and strong pillar in the midfield since sealing the move to the record Tanzanian champions in August 2021.

The Ugandan international took to his social media accounts to announce his unavailability in the finals and at the same time, offered a word of apology to the fans.

"I can't believe this because it's the worst news I got this year I feel heartbroken for not playing in these two CAF finals but inshallah my brothers will bring this trophy and will be happy again good luck Yanga, and sorry to the fans," he wrote.

The Nasreddine Nabi-coached side also confirmed the development that certainly leaves the Tunisian gaffer scratching his head over Aucho's replacement.

Yanga advanced to the final for the first time after edging South Africa side Marumo Gallants 4-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals.

Yanga who were recently crowned NBC Premier League champions have been promised goodies by President Samia Suluhu Hassan if they lay hands on the continental crown.

Yanga vs USM Alger: How do they stack up?



Tanzania's Yanga forwards, Fiston Mayele (L) and Kennedy Musonda, celebrate once the former netted against South Africa's Marumo Gallants when they took on each other in a 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final return-leg match at Royal Bafokeng Stadium in South Africa last week. Yanga beat Marumo Gallants 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC (Yanga) and Union Sportive de la Médina d'Alger, simply known as USM Alger, will meet for the first leg of their CAF Confederation Cup final at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam on Sunday afternoon.

The Tanzanian giants booked their place in the final with a 4-1 aggregate win over Marumo Gallants, while USM Alger claimed a 2-0 victory over ASEC Mimosas.

The two teams met in the 2018 CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage where Yanga won 2-1 in Dar es Salaam while USM Alger had the last laugh with a 4-0 victory on home soil.

Can Nasreddine Nabi lead Yanga to their first African triumph? Or will Abdelhak Benchikha guide USM Alger to continental success? It is

time to take a closer look at both sides.

Let us start with the first-leg hosts, Yanga, who head into Sunday's clash on a nine-match unbeaten run in the CAF Confederation Cup following last week's 1-0 win over Singida Big Stars in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last-four tie.

Nabi's men dropped to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup after crashing out of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

They were beaten 2-1 on aggregate by Sudan's Al Hilal in the second round, and they have used that exit pain as fuel to charge their run in the CAF Confederation Cup.

In the CAF Confederation Cup group stage playoffs, they overcame Tunisia's Club Africain. They played to a barren draw at home, before winning 1-0 in the return fixture in Tunis to earn

their place in the Group Stage for the first time since 2018.

Housed in Group D with US Monastir from Tunisia, TP Mazembe from DR Congo, and AS de Bamako

of Mali, Yanga was not the favourite to go through but they finished on top after winning four of their matches in this stage to walk away with 13 points.

In the quarterfinals against Nigeria's Rivers United, Yanga built a 2-0 first-leg lead on the road but was held to a goalless draw at home in Dar es Salaam, however, that was enough to send them to the semi-finals.

In the last four, they outclassed Marumo Gallants with a convincing 4-1 aggregate victory, winning both home and away ties in Dar es Salaam and South Africa.

Against USM of Alger, they can count on their home form. They have had

a solid record at home in the CAF Confederation Cup, only failing to win in their play-off match against Club Africain and the return quarterfinal fixture against Rivers United.

For Yanga, two players have stood head and shoulders above the rest on their road to the final, Fiston Mayele and Kennedy Musonda.

Congolese Mayele and Zambian Musonda are the team's chief protagonists in front of the goal and have been firing in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Mayele has contributed six goals and three assists in 10 CAF Confederation Cup games, and Musonda added three goals and three assists. USMA's defense will certainly have their work cut out against the jet-heeled duo on Sunday, especially in front of an expected sold-out stadium backing Yanga.

The backline of goalkeeper Djigui Diarra, Bakari Mwamnyeto, Hamad Bakari, Kibwana Shomari, and Dickson Job have also been an impressive wall, keeping six clean sheets in 10 matches, and also conceded the fewest number of goals, stats that have proved vital for Yanga to make a run to the final.

On the flip side, USM Alger who are in their second appearance in a continental showdown final, having played in the 2015 CAF Champions League final, losing 4-1 on aggregate to Congolese side TP Mazembe will be seeking to make it a successful continent for the first time.

USM Alger kicked off their campaign this season in the second preliminary round,

where they eliminated Togolese side ASC Kara with an aggregate score of 4-1.

They won the first leg away from home 2-0 before finishing off the job with a 2-1 victory in the return fixture in Algiers.

In the additional preliminary round, they eliminated South Africa's Cape Town City FC. They tied 0-0 in the first leg before using their home advantage to win the corresponding fixture 1-0 in Algiers, earning a slot in the group phase.

They were drawn in Group A with South African debutants Marumo Gallants, Congo's FC St. Eloi Lupopo, and Libya's Al Akhdar. They finished second in the group with 11 points off three victories and three draws, losing once.

They beat FC Lupopo 3-0, Marumo Gallants 2-0, and Al Akhdar 4-1. Their draws were 1-1 away to Akhdar and FC Lupopo respectively. Their only defeat came away from home when they lost 2-0 to Marumo Gallants.

They faced Morocco's AS Far in the quarterfinals, winning 4-3 on aggregate. They won the first leg 2-0 and progressed despite losing the return fixture 3-2 in Rabat.

They faced Ivorian outfit ASEC Mimosas in the semi-finals where they edged them out 2-0 in the return tie in Algiers in front of more than 60,000 fans, having drawn 0-0 in the first leg on the road.

Key this season has been USM Alger's home form, where they have won all seven CAF Confederation Cup games in front of their fans.

Azania Bank Upanga SC defeats Aces outfit in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

AZANIA Bank Upanga SC handed Aces outfit sponsored by E-Parking its first loss in the 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans Cricket (DC) tournament's game last Sunday.

Having won the toss Azania Bank Upanga SC elected to bat first in a match filled with exceptional performances, setting the stage for an exciting contest.

Azania Bank Upanga SC's batting unit approached their innings with determination and purpose in the thrilling encounter played at Leaders Club.

Opening batsman Kishen Kamania provided a solid foundation, scoring 43 runs off 38 deliveries.

His innings was characterized by elegant stroke play and calculated aggression, setting the tone for a competitive total. Supporting Kamania's efforts, Maker Mukesh played a crucial knock in the middle order.

Mukesh's patient innings of 46 runs off 45 balls anchored the innings and ensured a steady run flow.



Colourflex Man of the Match, Kishen Kamania of Azania Bank Upanga SC (L), receives the trophy and cheque from the Chairman and Managing Director of Petrofuel, Satish Kumar, upon the completion of a 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament game between the former's squad and Aces outfit sponsored by E-Parking, that took place last Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

His partnership with Kamania proved to be pivotal in building a challenging target for the Aces squad.

Azania Bank Upanga SC concluded their innings with a commendable total of 136 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the allocated 20 overs.

Their disciplined batting

performance, characterized by partnerships and sensible shot selection, provided a solid platform for their bowlers to defend.

Chasing a moderate target, the Aces squad faced a daunting task against Azania Bank Upanga SC's bowling attack.

The bowlers bowled with

precision and consistency, creating constant pressure on the opposition's batsmen.

The wickets fell at regular intervals, as the Aces squad struggled to gain momentum in their run chase.

Despite a few resistance efforts from Aces' batsmen, their innings eventually crumbled under the pressure exerted by Azania Bank Upanga SC's bowlers.

Aces were eventually bowled out for 101 runs, falling short of the target by 35 runs.

Azania Bank Upanga SC's victory was a collective effort, with both their batting and bowling units contributing significantly.

The bowlers showcased excellent control and variation, preventing the Aces squad from mounting a successful chase.

The match witnessed standout performances from Kishen Kamania and Maker Mukesh of Azania Bank Upanga SC that were instrumental in setting up a competitive total earning them the Colourflex Man of the Match honours.

Their contributions with the bat, coupled with the disciplined bowling display, earned them a well-deserved victory.

The players from both teams displayed great sportsmanship and fought hard throughout the match.

The contest was a testament to the competitive spirit of the Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, captivating the spectators with its intense and entertaining nature.

This weekend promises some mouthwatering fixtures with qualification at stake for many teams.

There will be a double-header in the opening match of the weekend with

Alliance Caravans taking on Jiuzhou Gymkhana.

Aces will confront All Season Lions at Leaders Club and Gymkhana grounds respectively on Saturday.

Sunday starts with Aurobindo Aga Khan SC taking on Ras Logistics Caravans, followed by Alliance Caravans taking on Azania Bank Upanga SC. The game week will culminate with a clash between Flashnet Pak Stars and Remax Strikers.

Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament is an annual T20 Cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

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Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.

The showdown's eventual winners had earlier made it to the final in style, garnering a comprehensive 100-run drubbing of DTB Gymkhana in the semi-final, known as the second qualifier.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

