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Samia praises Kenyans' 'gift' of election peace to EA zone

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

VP Mpango: Avoid fish preservation based on low quality chemicals

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

LAKE Zone residents engaged in fishing must stop using low quality chemicals for preserving fish as this increases sufferers of cancer in the various Lake Zone regions, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango has declared.

Opening the cancer ward at the Bugando Referral Hospital here yesterday, he appealed to the relevant authorities to help in curbing the use of such chemicals.

The government invests in health infrastructure to enable cancer treatment services to be closer to the people, he said, noting that statistics show that incidents of cancer are rising, and it is a leading cause of death, as 42,000 people get cancer every year.

He thanked the Catholic Church and other religious denominations for supporting government efforts to take health services closer to communities, noting that the government was ready to work with stakeholders in improving the country's health services.

Deputy Health minister Dr Godwin Mollel said Tanzania has scored a first in the eastern



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (2nd-L) unveils a plaque yesterday to inaugurate the building housing the cancer ward at Mwanza city's Bugando referral hospital. He is with the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kigoma, Joseph Roman Milola (L), and the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Mwanza, Renatus Leonard Nkwande (2nd-R). Right is Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollel. Photo: Richard Makore

KENYANS have provided the East African Community (EAC) partner states the gift of peace during the recently concluded general election and transition to a new government, President Samia Suluhu Hassan declared yesterday.

In remarks at the swearing in of Kenya's fifth president, Dr William Samoei Ruto at the Moi Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi, President Samia said that Tanzania seeks to enhance the regional partnership to hasten development efforts.

Relations between the two countries will be further cemented for mutual benefits, he said, commending the Kenyan people for showing democratic maturity by maintaining peace throughout the poll and its aftermath.

Showing high regard for the way peace was observed, she said that the election has now been completed, so Kenyans must join efforts to build their country, to strive to fulfill the country's development vision.

In his remarks, Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni called on President Ruto and other regional leaders to push for the full integration of the zone, in line with basic protocols of the East

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African treaty of cooperation.

He expressed optimism that the newly elected leader shall work towards these targets.

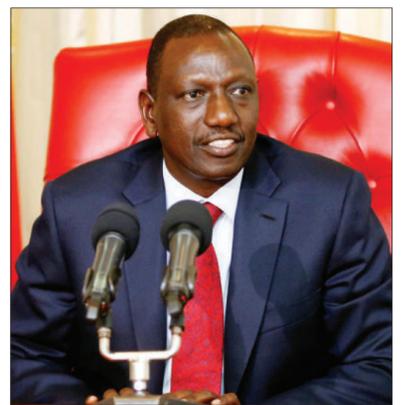
“I know Ruto, I have met him a number of times in Uganda and I know that he likes ideas and frank talking,” he quipped.

In his keynote address, President Ruto (pictured) pledged to empower the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) in deploying technology to help them supervise the conduct of polls more efficiently.

He again extolled the role played by IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati in upholding the rule of law despite facing intimidation, saying that he is a national hero.

“Going forward we will support the IEBC in its institutional capacities so as to expand the deployment of technology to cover all elections from county to presidential elections,” he stated.

He also pledged to scale up budgetary allocations for the newly created fund for the Judiciary, vowing to respect judicial decisions, and swiftly signing the appointment of six justices of the Supreme Court pending for three years, and presiding over their swearing in early today, his first full day in office.



RCs, DCs to shed power over managing disasters

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday approved the bill for a new law to facilitate management of disasters, which among other things curbs powers of regional and district commissioners to requisition properties.

The Natural Disasters Management Act, 2022 imposes a 1m/- fine or one year imprisonment or both on an individual refusing to cooperate with authorities if disaster breaks out.

George Simbachawene, Prime Minister's Office (Policy and Parliamentary Affairs) state minister said in tabling the bill that

“It also provides for funds generated for disaster victims being exclusively used for that mandate and not being channeled to other needs”

the new law alters the management of disasters from mitigation to administrative control or management.

“The new law will among other things cement accountability among the general public in disaster management as well as strengthen cooperation among stakeholders,” he said.

It also aims at separating powers of the regional and district security committees from committees for disaster management in which the managing of disasters will be supervised independently, not by political committees.

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TMA installs 50 third-generation automatic forecast units, 7 radars

By Getrude Mbago

NEW generation satellite technology producing more accurate weather forecasts in Tanzania and other African countries starts functioning next year, it was announced yesterday.

Atupele Mwakibete (pictured), the Works and Transport deputy minister, made this observation at the opening of the 15th European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) user



forum in Africa taking place in Dar es Salaam.

At the four-day forum yesterday, he commended EUMETSAT for coming up with the new generation satellites to enable more precise monitoring of the world's changing atmosphere, land surfaces and oceans, thus being able to take precautionary measures on various weather patterns and their attendant hazards.

Meteosat third generation satellites will improve weather forecasts by providing

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured shortly after jetting into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport yesterday ready to attend the inauguration of Dr William Kipchirchir Samoei Arap Ruto (55) as Kenya's 5th President. Photo: State House

Kinondoni DC warns of infrastructure vandalism

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Kinondoni District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe has argued with the Dar es Salaam residents to protect water infrastructure against vandalism and report the vandals to the relevant authority.

He made the remarks yesterday when speaking during the tour of Dar es Salaam Political Committee to the water project of Makongo - Bagamoyo, which is implemented by Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation (DAWASA) funded by World Bank (WB).

He said it is the intention of the government to supply clean water to every citizen so it is their obligation to protect the infrastructures which supply water to their households.

Gondwe said the government has been spending billions of money

to construct water infrastructures so it will not tolerate any kind of vandalism.

He went on that the government provides water at a very affordable cost compared to private sellers adding that any vandalism will obstruct the government mission.

"People who temper with water infrastructures will cause water shortage to others and lose to the government because it will incur cost to do maintenance to ensure that people continue to get clean and safe water, so when you see them report to the authority," said Gondwe

The Committee Secretary, Adam Ngalawa, said it is the task of every citizen to protect water infrastructures in order to reach the target of supplying water to 100 per cent of Dar es Salaam and Coast Region citizens.

"We are satisfied by the speed of

the implementation of the project and residents of Mbweni, Tegeta A, Goba, Madale and Makongo, who are not connected should be patient because they will be connected very soon, we have visited the site and the pace we see is encouraging," he said.

He also said the construction of water tanks at Vikawe, Mbweni and Tegeta A, have reached over 90 per cent of the construction so people should be patient because they will be connected soon.

"The Committee commends the effort by President Samia Suluhu Hassan for availing 65.4Bn/ to facilitate the project and DAWASA management make sure you work day and night so that people will get water connection very soon," he said.

On his side, DAWASA's Project Manager, Ramadhani Mtindasi, said the implementation of the project

included construction of three water tanks which have the capacity of 5,000,000 liters each.

He said the project also included the construction of two centers which will be used to push water, laying down water pipes for 1,200 Kilometers which are 16 inches, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4 and 2 to the end users.

He said the project has reached 87 percent and they expect to be completed by December this year.

The resident of Kinondo B Street in Mabwepande, Husna Bakari, commended DAWASA for implementing the project in their street because they suffered a lot to get clean water and they used a lot of time to search for water.

"We were supposed to work up very early in the morning and travel very far to search for water but we are happy that the project gave us new lease of life," she said

Zanzibar villagers in tree planting campaign to avert climate change

By Guardian Reporter

VILLAGERS in Zanzibar have planted 8,000 natural and fruit trees to avert climate change-related impacts as part of executing the Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Rural Resilience in Tanzania (EbARR) project.

In Zanzibar, the five-year project is being executed in North A District's three Shehia of Matemwe Kijini, Matemwe Mbuyutende and Matemwe Jugakuu

A Kijini resident Hamad Fakh Makame said that in EbARR project they have planted those trees to address drought and floods as well as improving nutrition at household level. "We know for sure that thought these endeavor we'll deter deforestation, is not friendly to the environment," he said, lauding the project as key in addressing climate change.

Among fruit tree species planted include avocado, which is rich in are a source of vitamins C, E, K, and B6, as well as riboflavin, niacin, folate, pantothenic acid, magnesium, and

potassium. They also provide lutein, beta carotene, and omega-3 fatty acids. Avocados contain high levels of healthy, beneficial fats, which can help a person feel fuller between meals.

Makame: "It's a process from the planting of the seedlings to the transplanting but we managed to plant trees in the eligible areas."

Our hope is that the move will restore the area and avert climate change and for fruit trees it will help us to get nutrition. In a nutshell this project is fruitful and I ask those people who are behind this project to come up with a new project.

We started this project in September 2021.

EbARR project: we get wood for cooking, building houses and other uses and finally we contribute to address the impacts of climate change.

EbARR project also encourages conservation, improved management and restoration of ecosystems to provide the essential services that people need to adapt to climate variability.

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disaster victims being exclusively used for that mandate and not being channeled to other needs, he said, erasing the Disaster Management Act in its section 242, which came into effect in 2015.

The new law sets up a national disaster support fund for disaster management efforts and a stakeholders' forum involving public and private sector entities to liaise their participation in disaster management efforts, he said.

Earlier, the parliamentary committee on legal and constitutional affairs urged the government to formulate a disaster management strategy by involving key stakeholders.

Dr Joseph Mhagama (Madaba), the

committee chairman, advised the government to enhance awareness to the public on what is needed in case of an emergency, underlining that an awareness drive needs to start in schools, taken to gatherings and mainstream media.

He said the Disaster Management Act of 2004 needs to be updated to embody current policy orientations, in which case the bill is timely. Elibariki Kingu (Singida West) said the inclusion of MPs in district and regional disaster management committees illustrates how stakeholders' role is enhanced in managing disasters.

Salome Makamba (Special Seats) said curbing powers of RCs and DCs in property requisitioning during disasters is welcome, saying it upholds the rights of citizens.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi holds talks with Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (2nd-L) at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Left is Zanzibar Police Commissioner Hamad Khamis Hamad. Photo: Zanzibar State House

Mwinyi pledges support to Zanzibar police force

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said his government will provide all kinds of assistance to the Police Force to make sure it executes its duties accordingly and in great achievements.

President Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar state House on Monday when he met with and held talks with the Inspector General of the Police (IGP) Camilius Wambura, who, among others, visited the President for introduction.

He said the government recognises the existence of various challenges facing the Force, hence he explained about the government intention to find solutions thereof to enable it execute its duties diligently.

He added that the aim of having various organs for defence and security, including the police force is to ensure peace prevails in the country, and added that collaboration was the key to success among these organs.

Dr Mwinyi said the government is satisfied by the police force performance and stressed its

continued collaboration between the Zanzibar government and the police force.

He also used the occasion to congratulate IGP Wambura for his appointment to the position of the most important organ for the country's internal security.

For his part, IGP Wambura said Tanzania has made great efforts to find solutions to the challenges facing the police force, including shortage of essential working tools, especially transport.

He said apart from the government

providing adequate funds for the purchase of equipment, recently it received 72 vehicles, while 78 others were on the way to the country.

"There are 117 other vehicles being manufactured for our police force and will be brought to the country after they are manufactured," he said.

He added that the distribution of the vehicle that had arrived has already been done in which Zanzibar has been supplied with 10 vehicles for the five regions, Ziواني Police College and the Zanzibar Field Force Unit (FFU).

Regarding lack of security in Zanzibar border areas, IGP Wambura said following the directives of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is the Commander in Chief of the country's armed forces, the police was working on the issue; taking into consideration the country's internal

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high resolution information, as the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) has installed 50 automatic weather stations (AWSs).

It also disposes of a meteorological radars network comprising seven radars, where three are operational, two are about to be installed, and two being manufactured. All these will help strengthen weather forecasting services, he stated.

Dr Phil Evans, the EUMETSAT director general, said the new generation satellites will facilitate insights into atmospheric humidity and occurrence of lightning, potentially saving lives.

"Meteosat Third Generation data hold promise to revolutionise weather forecasting, enable more precise monitoring of our changing atmosphere, land surfaces and oceans," he said, elaborating that they facilitate near real-time tracking of the three dimensional atmospheric structure, gaining lead time in forecasting severe storms.

The satellites provide real-time data on the location and intensity of lightning flashes to better forecast thunderstorms, facilitating improved monitoring of key meteorological parameters such as water vapour, temperature and clouds.

All this is done at higher resolution levels and precision, using new

spectral measurements, he stated. The forum is meant to sustain the dialogue between EUMETSAT and the African user community, he said.

They are chiefly national meteorological services and their regional centres, facilitating the use of EUMETSAT satellite data throughout the continent, he remarked.

In view of the risk that climate variability and change is posing to communities, economic sectors and the national economy, it is imperative to monitor and predict weather accurately and ensure that early warning information reaches needy communities timely and in a cost effective manner, he said.

Accurate and timely weather and climate information are essential for effective planning of socio-economic activities, support climate change adaptation and reduction of weather-related disasters, he specified.

The deputy minister said that Tanzania in collaboration with development partners has worked to strengthen weather forecasting capacity, pushing investment in observation and monitoring of weather and climate change.

The government has facilitated procurement of meteorological infrastructure and acquisition of necessary expertise for enhancing observation, monitoring and availability of quality data, he added.

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2.1bn/- to sharpen its diagnostic ability and treatment services.

He similarly asked the bishops to write a circular letter to be read in

churches, asking their adherents to obtain health insurance cover. Up to 80 per cent of funds used to build the cancer ward were contributions made to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), he added.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has a tête-à-tête with Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (L) in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday, the House having reconvened earlier in the day for yet another scheduled meeting. Photo: PMO

Drivers of govt vehicles urged to observe the law

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

POLICE have warned drivers of government vehicles against violating road traffic laws, saying all risk being arrested and other wise dealt with just like other defaulting motorists

ACP Wilbroad Mutafungwa, the National Road Traffic Commander, issued the warning here on Monday during his visit at Inyala near Mbeya along Dar-Tunduma highway, the scene of a recent road accident that claimed the lives of more than 30 people.

The aim of the visit is to inspect progress on the building of the vehicles parking centre where a procedure was instituted for large trucks and small vehicles to pass in turn, as well as the construction of the 2.5km diversion.

He said government drivers who violate road traffic laws and regulations will be booked even if they happen to be travelling with their bosses or their official positions.

He added that road traffic police have already been given instructions on how to deal with such drivers, saying the aim is to reduce road accidents.

Commander Mutafungwa said the Traffic police will start making special inspections on brake systems on trucks at vehicles inspection centres at Tunduma in Songwe Region and

Makambako in Njombe Region.

He added that the inspection is also part of strategies to reduce road accidents since many trucks that cause fatal accidents especially down steep gradients had defective brake systems.

He said any lorry inspected and found to be defective will not be permitted to proceed until the defects are rectified.

He added that the plate numbers of defective trucks will be removed to ensure they do not move.

He called on lorry owners to frequently make maintenance of their vehicles to avoid inconveniences along the road.

Regarding the procedure to allow small and big trucks to travel in turn along the Inyala gradient, Mutafungwa said it will help to reduce frequent accidents.

On September 11 this year, Vice president Dr Philip Mpango visited the Inyala 'black spot' area and gave 10 days to TANROADS to complete the construction of the vehicles inspection centre.

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

16.55bn/- standing by for renovation, equipment at 19 old district hospitals

THE government has set aside 16.55bn/- for the renovation and equipping of some 19 old district hospitals in the country in the 2022/23, the parliament heard yesterday.

The deputy minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange made the remarks in response to a question asked by the Mpwapwa MP, George Malima (CCM).

The lawmaker had wanted to know when the government would renovate the Mpwapwa district hospital. "What is the government doing in an effort

to improve old district hospitals in the country like Mpwapwa with dilapidated infrastructure?" he asked.

In response, the deputy minister said the government's main aim is to improve infrastructure of the old hospitals for better service delivery in public health facilities.

Dr Dugange said the government would consider renovation and equipping all hospitals in the country and that 900mn/- has been allocated for the project, noting that Mpwapwa hospital is to benefit too.

In another development, the deputy minister also noted that the

government has budgeted 69.5 bn/- for equipping some 30 hospitals in the country with the required equipment in the 2022/23.

He made the remarks while responding to a supplementary question raised by the Special Seats MP, Catherine Magige (CCM) who had

argued that most health facilities lack the rightful equipment.

She had wanted to know what the government was doing to improve equipment at all health facilities in the country instead of just some few ones.

"What is the government doing to

help provide the needed equipment in hospitals throughout the country?" she asked.

In his response, the deputy minister explained that the government was aware of the shortage of equipment in many hospitals, thus the decision to set budget towards that effort



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF FUNERAL SERVICES REFERENCE: 0010007925

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 296 km will be in Uganda occupying a 30-meter-wide corridor.

The company plans on procuring services of a Funeral Services provider to provide such services to the Company in Tanzania. East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited now invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing funeral services in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

The Company is seeking a service provider with adequate experience and expertise to provide and professionally manage funeral arrangements and related services on the demise of any of the Company's staff or any of the eligible dependants.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service providers expressing interest are requested to submit the following documents:

- Copy of the Trading licence/ Business Licence.
- Copy of the Certificate of Registration or incorporation.
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate for the current.
- Audited financial reports for the previous three years.
- Proof of the ability to provide an electronic system to monitor services utilization and reporting system.
- Evidence of providing similar services to Corporates in the last five years. This can be in the form of two letters from the provider's current clients.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver required scope of services
- Proof of registration on the National Supplier Database by the Energy and water Utilities Regulatory Authority of Tanzania (EVURA).

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **29th Sept 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007925**.

Note: The Company will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English language.

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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION TO TENDER SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INTERNAL FLOATING ROOF AND REPAIR OF TANKS NO. S2, S3, S12 AND S13

14 September, 2022

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves (TIPER) Ltd is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- TIPER hereby invites via International Competitive Bidding (ICB) experienced **Class One and Two Mechanical contractors** to bid for the **Supply and Installation of Internal Floating Roofs and Repair of Tanks no. S2, S3, S12 and S13**.
- Eligible Contractors must have experience in similar works performed with at least three reputable organizations
- This invitation is open to all eligible local and international Contractors with qualification mentioned in part 2 and 3 above.
- Foreign contractors wishing to participate **MUST** be registered as Class One Mechanical Contractors by the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) in Tanzania or by having a joint venture with a local company which has such registration locally.
- Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document by sending their request letters through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz from **14 September, 2022 to 4 October, 2022 from Monday to Friday, between 8:00A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**
- Bids **MUST** be submitted in hardcopies only.
- All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy and electronic Copy in USB flash drive, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO: TP/09/2022/ICB/W/006 FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INTERNAL FLOATING ROOFS AND REPAIR OF TANKS NO. S2, S3, S12 AND S13**. All bids must be delivered physically to; **The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.** The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be **4.00 P.M. local time on 5 October, 2022**.
- Bidders MUST visit the site before bidding.** Pre-bid meeting and site visit to be conducted on **Wednesday 21 September, 2022 from 10:30am to 12:00 am local time (East African Time)**.
- During the site visit all bidders will be required to come with own PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes **Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat and Helmet**. Bidders without PPE's will not be allowed onto the site.
- There shall be **NO** public opening of bids.
- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

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

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Request for Proposals

RFP Title: Black Purchase Agreement Set Up for Supply of Sports Materials, Start-Up Kits, and Reusable Sanitary Pads
Number: 2022-PACT/01/09
Date of Solicitation: September 14, 2022
Closing Date and Time: September 28, 2022, 11:00 am (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
Questions and Clarifications: Due by September 26, 2022

Introduction to Pact and ACHIEVE Project

Pact is an international nonprofit that works in nearly 40 countries building solutions for human development that are evidence-based, data-driven, and owned by the communities we serve. Founded in 1971, Pact works with partners to build resilience, improve accountability, and strengthen knowledge and skills for sustainable social impact. Visit us at www.pactworld.org.

ACHIEVE is a consortium of leading organizations in the global HIV/AIDS response and organization capacity strengthening, led by Pact. Pact is joined by core partners Jhpiego, Palladium, No Means No Worldwide, and WI-HER. ACHIEVE implements a four-year activity (October 2020 to April 2024) that aims: (1) to improve national- and community-level social welfare systems to sustain support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and families affected by HIV and (2) to strengthen the capacity of local organizations to deliver OVC services and (3) to deliver high-quality OVC services and DREAMS interventions for AGYW 9-14 years.

Pact Tanzania through ACHIEVE Project, is considering issuing Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) to eligible suppliers for the supply of sports materials, start-up kits, and reusable sanitary pads kits for the project implementation in FY2023. BPAs will commit rates and terms for orders to be placed by Pact over the BPA period, subject to program requirements and donor funding.

Objective of the Assignment

The overall objective of this assignment is to solicit eligible and the most economically advantageous suppliers to be issued BPAs for the supply of one year (October 2022 to September 30, 2023) for the procurement of sports materials, start-up kits, and reusable sanitary pad kits.

This Blanket Purchase Agreement's performance period for all item requirements is October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Items Specification and Requirement

Item	Description of item	Specifications	Quantity (subject to program requirements and donor funding.)
Sports Material	To be accessed in the TOR	Please refer to the ToR link below to access the specifications.	Various (detailed is accessible in the ToR)
Reusable Sanitary Pads	To be accessed in the TOR		83,274 kits
Vocational Start-up Kits for CLHIV	To be accessed in the TOR		480 kits
Business Start-up Kits for Caregivers	To be accessed in the TOR		300 kits

The above estimations are subject to fund availability.

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

All questions and requests for clarification should be directed to ProcurementTZ@pactworld.org with the subject line "Request for Clarification: Supply of Sports Materials, Start-Up Kits and Reusable Sanitary Pads" before COB September 26, 2022.

Eligibility

To be considered for the award, vendors must currently be legally operating in Tanzania, and the quotation must include all of the following information:

- Ability to meet or exceed the requirements/technical specifications.
- Ability to deliver the items/services throughout the BPA period
- Ability to commit to fixed rates for the full BPA period.
- Legally registered in Tanzania.

Evaluation Criteria

- Price
- Financial capability
- Experience
- Quality of items to be supplied (Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit samples).
- Delivery

Submission Instructions

Interested suppliers must submit the following information to Pact Tanzania:

1. Draft inception report detailing the methodology for supplying and distributing education subsidies kits, including tentative work plan, for review and approval by Pact.
2. Quote, valid for 12 months.
3. Current company profile
4. Copies of the registration certificate and address of their registered office, valid business license, VAT, TIN certificates, and Tax clearance certificate
5. Items specifications are fully addressed in the quotation.
6. Current Audited financial statement for two consecutive years
7. Delivery time must be specified.
8. Payment terms 100% after delivery
9. Evidence of supplying education subsidies kits and at least two (2) names and addresses of clients served.
10. Interested vendors should visit Pact Tanzania Dar Office to see a backpack sample before submitting a quote.

Note: Shortlisted vendors will be required to submit samples similar to or close to the sample provided by Pact Tanzania.

Vendors who wish to answer this RFP should send their bids in sealed envelopes to Pact Tanzania Head Office by September 28, 2022, at 11:00 am. All sealed envelopes need to be marked as: "Tender for Procurement of Supply of Sports Materials, Start-Up Kits, and Reusable Sanitary Pads"

Office Address: :
The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Pact will open all bids on September 28, 2022, at 11.30 am in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

Quotes must be in Tanzania shillings and include taxes separately:

- Proposals submitted through emails will not be considered.
- Quotations received after that time or at a different address may not be accepted.

Home Affairs ministry devises new strategies to deal with 'panya road'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE ministry of Home Affairs has come up with new strategies to deal with the youth criminal gangs that engage themselves in armed robbery.

The new development has seen the introduction of more police officers at ward levels in the country and purchase of new police vehicles to be distributed at all district police stations to enforce operations.

Minister for Home Affairs, Hamad Masauni made the remarks in the parliament yesterday while responding to a supplementary question asked by the Special Seats MP, Taulida Galos.

The lawmaker had wanted to know what the government was doing to contain the menace youth groups commonly referred to as 'panya road' among others.

She said "The youth criminal gangs are serious threats to people, their property and lives as they operate using dangerous traditional weapons," calling for serious measures.

In response, the minister said the government has decided to post more police officers at ward levels in the

country as part of the plan to beef up security.

"Some newly recruited police officers have been deployed on the ground to contain the situation, working closely with local leaders in providing public education too," he said.

In addition, he said the ministry has received directives to purchase more vehicles and distribute them at every district in effort to improve transport as well as providing fuel.

The young criminal gang groups have been very common in many parts of Dar es Salaam city and few other parts of the country.

The latest case was reported in April this year prompting police in Dar es Salaam to arrest at least ten of suspected members of a teenage armed gang in a special operation.

This was after pictures circulated online with pictures showing various Chanika suburbs' residents injured after attacks with sharp objects, with reports saying the acts were carried out by armed youth gangs.

The security threat did not only end with Chanika, as it later spread to the streets of Tabata Kisiwani in the city in

just a week.

In this incident another similar gang reportedly stormed some shops and injured people, thus raising fears among residents of the country's commercial capital.

According to the police, the mobsters have been using machetes to rob people of their valuables, property and money, and we have spoken to street chairpersons and our goodwill ambassadors and agreed that the situation must be put to a stop as perpetrators face the law," he said.

Dar es Salaam Spec City's Special Zone Commander Jumanne Muliro said most of the arrested youths were aged between 13 and 21.

He noted that apart from the youths robbing people of their property in the Chanika incident, they also injured 23 people by attacking them with sharp objects in various places of their bodies causing most to be admitted in hospital for treatment.

"These young people have been arrested and have said a lot of things that are essential to our operations," he said.



Serengeti Breweries Ltd managing director Mark Ocitti (R) signs a handover agreement with Water Aid Country representative Anna Mzinga at yesterday's inauguration of a borehole at Kihanjo in Itigi District, Singida Region, which supplies over 2,000 residents with clean and safe water. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mpango: Ensure follow-ups on councils' tree planting projects

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Environment) Selemani Jafo has been instructed to make follow up on the country's local councils in regard to the government's directives to plant 1.5 million trees every year by making sure the trees are actually in place.

The directives to the minister were given here by the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango when opening the 36 Meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT), saying there have been a lot of gags in regard to the implementation of the plans that aim to protect the environment.

Dr Mpango said there are possibilities that some local councils actually plant the trees but are never serviced or protected hence they die away.

He also lashed out at some party and government officials involved in environmental destruction including receiving bribes in order to allow livestock to enter park areas and water sources.

The VP said in some areas in the country some of these officials even encourage people to invade camps manned by defence and security personnel and called on councillors to condemn the practice without fear.

Meanwhile, Dr Mpango directed the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development to increase the pace of land survey and planning of towns and cities in order to go in tandem with the population increase.

He also called on councils' executive directors to work together with

councillors to oversee survey of land plots and issuance of building permits to ensure better planning in urban areas.

In the same vein, the National ALAT Chairman, Murshid Ngeze said the organisation has boosted cooperation with various other local government associations in Africa, adding that they have started to benefit from the cooperation.

He said the cooperation has started to bear fruit, including sponsorship of various development projects including those regarding the environment.

He said they have received cooperation from the government of Morocco in which its various cities and sponsors thereof have been sponsoring development projects in some of our local councils.

19 US companies in Tanzania to 'study' investment opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

THE US Embassy in Dar es Salaam and the US Commercial Service have announced the participants in a two-day fact-finding mission to mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The fact-finding mission will be held from September 27-28, 2022, in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar City and will feature nineteen US firms and firms with significant US operations or investment with a total market capitalization of over \$1.6 trillion. The firms will be investigating trade and investment potential in Tanzania.

The mission is led by the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, in collaboration with the American Chambers of Commerce ("AmCham") of Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa, and seeks to introduce

American firms to the potential offered by the Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar markets. According to Maxwell Okello, CEO, AmCham Kenya, "Our members are excited about the business potential and new opportunities opening up in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar in agribusiness, energy, healthcare, infrastructure, ICT, manufacturing and other industry sectors. They're seeking to better understand the market and how they can participate in these opportunities and this mission provides an excellent avenue to gather insights and engage directly with relevant government and private sector stakeholders. It's also a great opportunity for both countries to explore ways to deepen their commercial ties and engagement which supports achievement of

economic goals driving wealth and job creation."

During this two-day tour, company representatives will interact with Government of Tanzania/Zanzibar officials, receive U.S. Embassy briefings, engage with Tanzanian private sector leaders, and receive insights from U.S. firms operating in Tanzania. Confirmed participants include Abbott Laboratories, Alliance One Tobacco Tanzania Limited, Baker Hughes, Becton Dickinson, Burn Manufacturing, Citi, Cisco, Coca-Cola, FAS Authentication, GE, Hid Global, Honeywell International Inc., Integrated Biometrics, Koko Networks, Parallel Wireless Inc, Procter & Gamble, Reinke S.A., Roche, and Wasoko. The companies will be joined by representatives from the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Commercial Service Liaison to the AfDB, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Trade Development Agency.

Chavita stresses need for more sign language translators in public offices

By Francis Kajubi

THE Association of Hearing Impaired People in Tanzania (CHAVITA) has called upon the government to deploy enough sign language translators in public offices so that people with impaired hearing enjoy their right of access to information.

CHAVITA argues that there has been a lack of translators in public authorities such as police stations, hospitals and in the court of law to facilitate communication and make the deaf feel they are a part of everything important.

Speaking ahead of the International Week of the Deaf to be celebrated from 26 September to October 1st this year to be held in Mtwara region, Lupi Mwaisaka, CHAVITA Country Coordinator for Gender Affairs said that people with impaired hearing are left behind when it comes to access of information on different national matters.

"We have learnt that during the Covid-19 eruption educational and informative programmes on television and radio stations isolated people with impaired hearing. The majority of these people were not educated with vaccination and preventive measures," said Mwaisaka.

According to her, this year's International Week of the Deaf will be celebrated under the theme 'Creating a collective society with collective solutions' CHAVITA message to the government is to ensure that there is vivid involvement of the deaf in national matters be it economically or socially.

She said that with the financial support from the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) CHAVITA had since March 2021 running a sensitization programme on Covid-19 preventive measures and vaccination targeting the deaf.

Dubbed 'Covid-19 Vaccine Demand Promotion: Improved Awareness and Confidence in Covid-19 Preventive Measures including Deaf Population in Tanzania' the programme has so far covered a number of districts from three regions of Arusha, Mwanza and Mbeya regions.

The programme had so far covered the districts of Karatu, Meru and Urban Arusha in Arusha region, Sengerema, Magu and Ilemela in Mwanza region and Urban Mbeya and Kyela in Mbeya region.

"So far about 42,961 deaf or people with impaired hearing have been reached with education on Covid-19 of which 303 agreed to be vaccinated," said Mwaisaka.

According to her, the target is reaching 51,000 deaf and hearing impaired hearing with the education at the end of this year.

According to her, the government has been investing on disabled people but she insisted that the deaf should be remembered for opportunities as it is to other social groups.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Federation of Disabled People in Tanzania (SHIVYAWATA) Ernest Kimaya said that to meet the demands and requirements of the deaf the government needs to have accurate data of their population.

"We do hope that with the just ended census the government will come up with an exact number of the deaf in Tanzania and therefore strategies that will enable them take full part in economic opportunities," said Kimaya.

Fire & Rescue Force urges public to place premium on ways to prevent fire incidents

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

FIRE and Rescue Force in Kinondoni District in Dar es Salaam have urged owners of residential and commercial buildings to consider safety standards and create a culture of educating tenants on the proper use of cooking energies so as to help prevent fire outbreaks.

Kinondoni Regional Fire and Rescue Commander Christina Sunga made the call yesterday when the force visited various areas of Mbezi Beach and Kinondoni that had faced fire incidents.

Inspecting one of the houses located in Majimaji Street, Christina said it is high time that landlords also consider raising awareness to tenants on fire and precautions needed as a battle to fire incidents.

"Commercial and residential landlords should ensure that renting houses should go hand in hand with handing guidelines on proper use of cooking energies, needed precautions and repercussions that might come from it," she said.

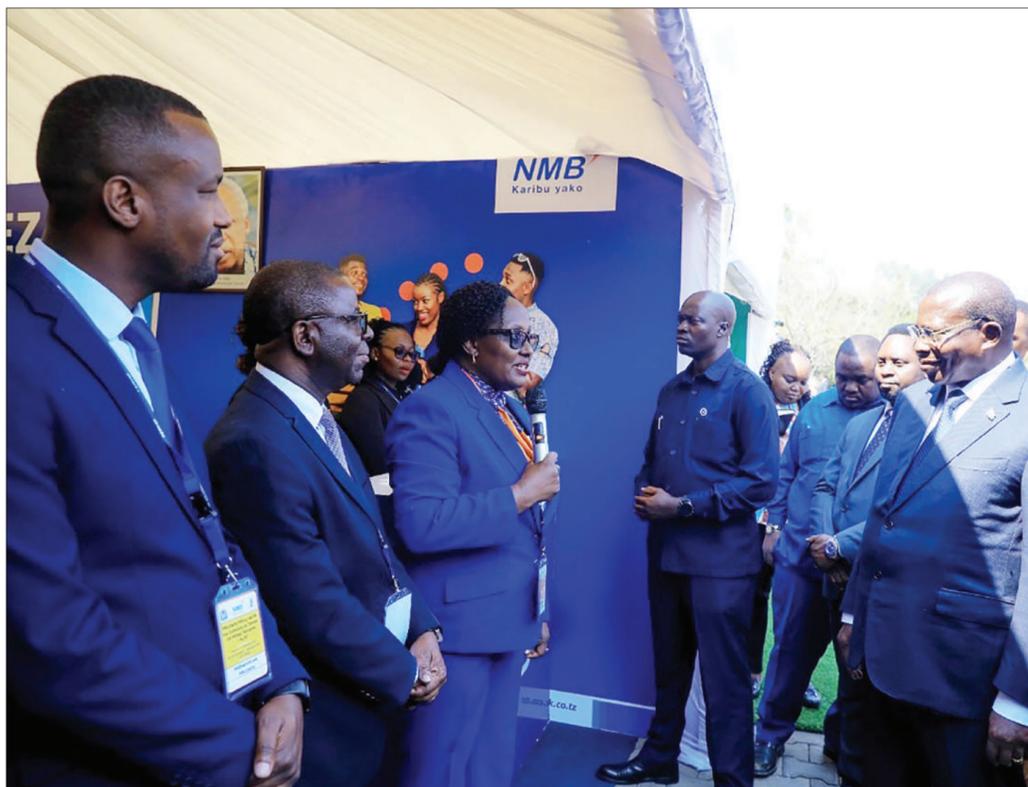
According to her, statistics show that residential houses lead with fire outbreaks due to lack of essential knowledge especially on safe cooking energies:

"Having four or five people having the same energy like iron, a fridge that has huge energy consumption, this accelerates fire outbreak."

She also gave a call to landlords owning areas like hotels, hospitals to ensure water reserves are put in place as per the law so as to provide support during fighting fire outbreaks.

Fatma Lengai, one of the fire victims, said almost everything has been lost due to the fire outbreak. She called on tenants to consider taking precautions especially during cooking since this is one of the areas which cause a lot of fire incidents due to ignorance of using the cooking energies.

Majimaji street chairperson, Hellen Mateso urged the force to consider responding on time once the fire incidents occur so as to rescue people and properties.



Vicky Bishubo (3rd-L), head of NMB Bank Plc's Government business department, pictured in Mbeya city on Monday briefing Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (R) as he toured the bank's pavilion at an exhibition held on the sidelines of the three-day annual general meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) which he had just opened. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TABIO advocates use of environmentally friendly inputs in crop production

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity (TABIO) has called for increased use of natural agricultural inputs that are friendly to the environment during the implementation of Tanzania's Agenda 10/30 that seeks to improve the productivity of different crops based on the value to meet the lucrative markets in particularly the external markets.

TABIO Coordinator Abdallah Mkindi said that the government should create a conducive environment for natural agricultural inputs such as local seeds, biopesticides, compost, farm yard manure and biofertilizers to contribute meaningfully in achieving the Agenda 10/30.

"Biofertilizers for example, have an important role to play in improving nutrient supplies and their crop availability in the years to come. They are environmentally friendly, non-bulky and low cost agricultural inputs," he said.

He noted the need to continue strengthening capacities of smallholder farmers in preparation of biofertilizers, farmyard manure and compost for immediate release of nutrients and biopesticides with the required dosage for improving agriculture productivity.

The art of collecting and decomposing wastes from animal and vegetable sources for use in improving crop productivity is as old as agriculture," he added.



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The ATI Management Board is keen to strengthen the succession plan of the industry for the sustainability and growth of the insurance sub-sector. Thus, ATI have seen the need to groom and develop the young energetic managers on future insurance leadership role to enhance the position.

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Hai MP calls for enactment of legislation demanding that only women will drive school buses

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

CONCERNED by the increasing cases of 'mistreatment' of pupils by school bus drivers, the Hai MP, Saashisha Mafuwe (CCM) now calls for a law to allow only women to drive school buses.

Speaking in the parliament yesterday, the lawmaker argued that there are many reported cases of child molestation, among other vices by the drivers.

The lawmaker posed a supplementary question to the minister for Home Affairs, Hamad Masauni saying, "Why not make it compulsory that school buses be driven by women since male drivers have proved unworthy?"

He argued that there is need to have strict pupils transport system regulations aimed at safeguarding pupils' welfare.

In response, the minister noted that it was a good idea and that the government would see its applicability but he noted that a lot has been done to reduce the challenge.

"The government has done a lot in changing the increased trend of the problem but other stakeholders' views are welcome," said the minister.

Research shows that sexual abuse of primary and secondary schoolgirls is on the increase, and at times in the hand of school bus drivers.

This has prompted activists to embark on awareness campaigns to enlighten commercial bus drivers, identified as the largest group of unscrupulous men who like to meddle with the students, and have been known to impregnate some of them.

One of the activist groups, an NGO known as WAJIKI, based in Dar-es-Salaam, organised a seminar for commercial and commuter bus operators.

WAJIKI is well known for its concern against the sexual abuse of school children and other minors.

According to the Executive Director of the organisation, Janeth Mawiza

her NGO recently conducted surveys in schools located in Mwananyamala, Makumbusho and Kawe wards, where many students admitted that they were experiencing sexual violence and abuse, mostly at the hands of bus drivers.

Mawiza said research results showed that the bus drivers used to entice the girls by offering them free transport, plus a small amount of cash in order to divert the minors from their routes and take them home. "They end up in sexual affairs which lead to an increase of early pregnancies and school drop-outs. Again, sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS are obvious involved in such un-protected affairs," she said.

Speaking in similar vein, the Director for Gender in the Ministry of Health, Magreth Mussai said that the fight against sexual abuse against schoolgirls should be supported by everybody eager to check the moral decay in the society.

She urged parents to find time to talk to their female children on the implications of early sexual affairs. Mussai regretted that many parents give priority to the pursuit of materialism while completely abandoning their core-parenting tasks.



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Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (2nd-R) and acting World Bank country director Preeti Arora (L) launch the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This is a five-year World Bank-supported initiative aimed at promoting higher education as a catalytic force in the new Tanzanian economy. Right is the ES&T ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr Francis Michael. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

150 workers dismissed following govt's revocation of investor's land ownership

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

A TOTAL of 150 workers of the Blue Amber hotel building project employments have been terminated following the Zanzibar lands ministry's decision to revoke land ownership deed to Pennyroyal Zanzibar Limited, project owners despite a court order that allowed construction to proceed.

Briefing reporters on Monday, the workers said they have received the news on the suspension of the Five-Star hotel with great shock.

Haji Zada Haji, a mechanic of the hotel project said the construction of the hotel had reached an advanced stage and many youths from Unguja North Region benefitted via employment at the construction site.

"We appeal to the government to look afresh on the effects regarding the

revocation of the land ownership for the benefit of the Isles investment and its economic development in general," he added.

John Haji Khamis, another former worker at the hotel project, said the project had reached at an advanced stage hence its suspension can discourage other investors to invest in the Isles.

According to media reports attributed to the owner of Pennyroyal Zanzibar Limited, Brian Thomson, the revocation of land plot ownership was issued even though the company received an order from the Zanzibar High Court to continue with construction work.

Thomson said in 2014 his firm has granted a title deed for 411 hectares after finalizing the project's feasibility studies that was submitted and

endorsed by Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) that qualified him as a strategic investor.

"All other permits, including those on Environmental Assessment Impact (EAI) was provided by relevant authorities," he said.

He added that his firm was established in 2012, granted plot title deed in 2014 and ZIPA permit in 2018 after meeting all conditions required.

However, he added, in June 2021 Pennyroyal Limited was informed by the government that it intended to provide part of the land under his firm's ownership to an UAE investor.

"This was followed by a letter from the government saying it was part of implementing a court order whereby some of involved parties won in civil case No III3 in regard to plot No III07 and III13 which were part of

Pennyroyal's land plot area," Thomson said.

He said the plot that the government claimed to be in conflict was the 20 hectare plot out of the 411 owned by his firm.

Zanzibar Minister of State in the President's Office (Labour and, Economy and Investment) Mudrick Ramadhan Soraga said the government has suspended the land lease agreement but the Pennyroyal Company continues to hold the investment permit.

"The land leasing agreement has actually been suspended but they still continue to own the investment permit while the case is ongoing in court and on the government's side this issue is with the attorney general of the government," said minister Soraga.

New project to heighten rabbit meat consumption in Tanzania in pipeline

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

RESIDENTS of Dodoma will soon be exposed to positive health access by eating roasted rabbit meat following a move by the country's famous entrepreneur youth group to invest into said rare business at the heart of the Capital City.

Rabbit meat is rich in vitamins B12 and E, while also having a higher concentration of most minerals. One of the minerals lower compared to other meats is sodium, making rabbit even more appealing to people with high blood pressure.

Giving an exclusive interview to The Guardian, chairman of the Dodoma-based Tusumuke Youth Entrepreneurs Group (TYEG), Christopher Dioniz, unveiled that they were running processes to start conducting the rarely available services from across the country.

"Most people in Tanzania are far away from understanding the health

benefit of consuming rabbit meat, and that's why consumption of the meat is still very low in Tanzania despite its potential," he said.

He added, apart from just generating profit, the envisaged project focuses also to educate the public over the importance of eating rabbit meat, but also, the group will use the project to offer training on how to venture into rabbit keeping projects.

"Currently, we're continuing with efforts to get a comfortable pavilion at the newly -constructed Machinga complex market in Dodoma Capital city in readiness to start conducting the business," he revealed.

Dioniz explained that the plan was to prepare professionally and market the rabbit meat at a patriotic price of at least 15,000/- per kilogram in order to allow most people to enjoy the rare-healthier meat.

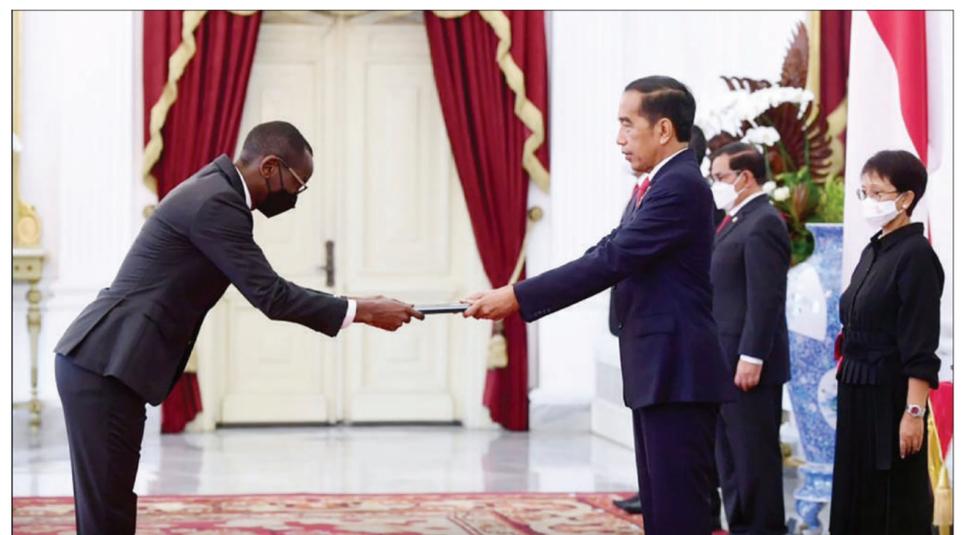
He briefed that the group was running a major project for the production of rabbit, saying they keep varieties of rabbits, including the News Lands White, Giant and the British

rabbits.

"Although we are getting customers from various regions and some from outside the country, our prime focus is to educate, sensitize and allow more Tanzanians to understand the importance of the rabbit meat, the move we believe will propel to fresh impetus to motivate for keeping and consumption of rabbit," he expressed.

According to a special report from the Rabbit Project Planning Strategies for Developing Countries, in recent years there has been rising global awareness on the virtues of rabbit meat production in developing countries as an alternative means of alleviating world food shortages.

This basic understanding is largely attributable to the rabbit's high rate of reproduction and early maturity, rapid growth rate, high genetic selection potential, efficient feed and land space utilization, limited competition with humans for similar foods and high quality nutritious meat.



Tanzania's Ambassador to Indonesia, Macocha Tembele (L), presents his credentials to Indonesian President Joko Widodo recently. Photo courtesy of Foreign Affairs ministry

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) invites proposals for the following business opportunities:

- Accelerate Africa Entrepreneurship Challenge (Proposals are invited from eligible Tanzanian youth and women-led enterprises)

And

- Off-Grid Energy Challenge (Proposals are invited from eligible Tanzanian off-grid energy companies)

Selected enterprises will receive funding in the form of grant capital of up to \$250,000. To be considered for the Challenges, applicants must be 100% African-owned and -managed private companies registered and operating in Tanzania. All instructions to apply and the application template/form for applicants to complete are included in the link down below. Applicants must submit the completed application template/form, as well as all required attachments, on or before September 30, 2022. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis, so it is advised that applicants submit their proposals as soon as possible.

For more details go to: www.usadf.gov/apply/



Arusha Regional Police commander Justine Masejo pictured yesterday briefing journalists on elephant tusks he said police officers seized recently at Endabash village in Karatu District. Photo: Correspondent Cynthia Mwilolezi

Villagers appeal to govt to fence water sources

By Guardian Correspondent, Longido

RESIDENTS of Selela and Engaruka Wards in Monduli District, Arusha Region have appealed to the government to assist them to construct a fence around water sources to save them from wildlife ruin.

The two wards are home to natural water sources that supply water all year round and are greatly depended upon by the residents for domestic use, farming and as drinking water to livestock.

Speaking to environment reporters through the UNDP funded Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Rural Resilience in Tanzania (EbARR); they said if these water sources will not be fenced off,

they will face total ruin.

Halima Molle, one of Selela residents, said the wildlife, in particular elephants, have been invading the water sources thereby causing destruction to them, and added that the only solution is to fence off the water sources areas.

"As a community, we are protecting these water sources through our own skills but now we request the government to support us," she added.

Earlier, Makuyuni Division Forests officer, Happiness Masaki said Selela and Engaruka residents have been protecting the water sources using traditional means.

She said as for now the two wards get water all year round even though

some other areas experience effects of climate change.

"The government praises these people for protecting their water sources through traditional ways and by-laws that have been friendly to the water sources," he added.

The Secretary of Selela environment committee, Isack Diagwa said the secret behind this achievement is involving the community in the protection of the water sources.

The project to preserve the environment through traditional means is being implemented by Media Aid for Indigenous and Pastoralists Communities (MAIPACO) and Civic and Legal Aid Organisation (CILAO) and coordinated by Tanzania Natural Resource Forum (TNRf).

Ministry official warns against excessive alcohol consumption

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE public has been cautioned against the harmful use of alcohol contributing to rapid sharp increase of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the country.

Dr James Kiologwe, Assistant Director NCDs from the Ministry of Health said that a one day virtual training to journalist aims to shed light on how alcohol use contribute to different types of cancers such as liver, pancreatitis, cancers (oral and pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, liver, colorectal), hemorrhagic stroke and hypertension.

Also contribute to practice of unsafe sex leading to spread of sexual transmitted disease like Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), unintended pregnancies, road accidents, and quarrels.

The director said heavy drinking can also increase blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, both of which are major risk factors for heart attacks and strokes.

Furthermore, long-term alcohol misuse can weaken your immune system, making you more vulnerable to serious infections.

He said the statistics show that NCDs contribute to 41 percent of all deaths in the country annually, naming the disease as cancers, diabetes, hypertension, heart complications and strokes.

Also, modifiable behaviors, such as tobacco use, physical inactivity, and unhealthy diet all increase the risk of NCDs.

Dr Kiologwe highlighted the need for the public to increase awareness on prevention of the diseases that have increased treatment burden.

"We have a duty of emphasizing people to adhere to regular medical checkups to know their health status and take action and start treatment early just in case they are found with the problem," he said.

Director said globally, 15 million people have been affected by the stroke, while out of those, 8 percent are living in Africa noting that stroke alone

contributes to 85 percent of reported deaths in Africa.

He said statistics show that in Tanzania, 26 percent of the population has hypertension and 33 percent of patients attending at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) had a stroke and died within one month from the reporting day.

In the case of cancer, statistics show that three quarters of the patients were not aware of their health's status, reached in hospitals at late stages and ended in palliative care.

Similar case was also noted to diabetes, 64 percent of the patients arrived in hospitals already in the late stage of the disease facing second complications like kidney failure.

There is a strong link between alcohol and non-communicable diseases, particularly cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver disease, pancreatitis and diabetes, and these findings support calls by the World Health Organisation to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce harmful use of alcohol.

SDG indicators off track halfway to 2030 - report

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation yesterday released its sixth annual Goalkeepers Report showing that nearly every indicator of the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals is off track at the halfway point for achieving them by 2030

Despite significant setbacks caused by overlapping global crises, the report is optimistic, underscoring opportunities to accelerate progress toward ending poverty, fighting inequality, and reducing the impacts of climate change.

Co-authored by foundation Co-chairs Melinda French Gates and Bill Gates, this year's report, "The Future of Progress," notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, wars in Ukraine and Yemen, ongoing climate and food crises, and macro-economic headwinds on global ambitions to improve and save millions of lives by 2030.

"It's no surprise that progress has stalled amid numerous crises," said Bill Gates. "But this is not a reason to give up. Every action matters to save lives and reduce suffering. Turning away would be a mistake."

In their respective essays, French Gates and Gates call for new approaches to achieving gender equality and food security. They also cite dramatic progress in dealing with the HIV/AIDS epidemic—a nearly 60% decline in annual deaths between 2000 and 2020—as an example of what can happen when the world invests in long-term solutions and innovative approaches to entrenched issues.

"The world faces many challenges—some of which may seem insurmountable. Yet, despite the setbacks, I'm filled with hope that we can solve these problems together and save millions of lives through human ingenuity and innovation," French Gates said. "We know progress is possible because the global community has faced difficult odds before and won. And we can do it again."

This year's report includes best- and worst-case scenarios for ending preventable infectious diseases and malnutrition, improving access to quality education, increasing access to financial services, and achieving gender equality.

"At this historical inflection point, how the world responds to setbacks is a choice that will impact what happens now and for generations to come. Millions of lives hang in the balance," said Gates Foundation CEO Mark Suzman. "We call on governments, the private sector, civil society, and philanthropic organizations to do more to meet the ambitious goals and to keep investing in new ways of thinking, new tools and data, and proven solutions to ensure every person has the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life."

In her essay, French Gates cites data that shows the world will not reach gender equality until at least 2108—three generations later than previously projected. She calls for approaches that do more than just ensure a woman's ability to earn a livelihood, but to control it.

"When it comes to the future of progress—not just on the global goals

related to gender equality but on those on good health, quality education, ending poverty, and more—there is one engine that can drive them all: women's power," French Gates writes.

She highlights two proven approaches for increasing women's power in their families and communities: building economic resilience through expanded access to digital financial tools and implementing a robust caregiving infrastructure that enables women to earn an income outside of the home.

In his essay, Gates asserts that hunger cannot be solved solely through humanitarian assistance. He cites recent shocks to the world's supply of grain from Eastern Europe and the ongoing threat of climate change to underscore the vulnerability and interconnectedness of the global food system. Using a new data visualization tool to predict the impact of climate change, the report provides bleak projections for future crop yields and agricultural productivity, particularly in Africa.

Gates points to examples of planting "climate-smart" crops and utilizing predictive modelling as proven solutions that have helped smallholder farmers in Africa and India increase their productivity and protect their crops from the disruptive effects of climate change. He calls for increased investment in R&D and other proven solutions to significantly boost agricultural productivity, particularly in Africa, where 14 countries depend on Russia and Ukraine for half their wheat.

"The world should be generous and prevent people from going hungry, but in another sense, it doesn't solve the larger problem. The goal should not simply be giving more food aid. It should be to ensure no aid is needed in the first place," he writes.



GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

1. Rapid assessment of the Tanzania distribution of vaccine and related supplies
September 2022
Request for Proposal (RFP)

Background
The government of Tanzania through the Immunization and Vaccines Development (IVD) program among other interventions, has developed the Vaccine Information Management System (VIMS) to manage all vaccine logistics and information; installed cold chain storage facilities at different levels of the vaccine supply chain system; and established distribution systems for the vaccines from the central level to the last mile health facilities. Additionally, IVD has embarked on a plan to independently manage its own supply chain from central storage to distribution at last mile health facilities. This calls for the identification of areas of efficiency gains in the distribution of vaccine commodities. Furthermore, with the emergency of the COVID 19 pandemic, the need to further strengthen the vaccine supply chain management has come to the spotlight as an opportunity area to ensure continued effective service delivery to clients.

In this regard, IVD is collaborating with The USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) to conduct an assessment of the Tanzania vaccine commodities distribution from central to regions with focus on routing and scheduling of vehicles. The findings and recommendations from this assessment will inform the IVD program on required interventions around vaccines distribution to support the COVID-19 vaccination initiative as well as other vaccines.

Purpose:
The purpose of the rapid assessment is to assess and identify the areas of improvement based on current distribution planning approach for vaccine commodities including COVID-19.

Objectives.

- 1) To identify the current practice of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of vaccines, from central to all regions; and highlight areas where efficiency gains can be made.
- 2) To provide recommendations for improvement in routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.
- 3) Based on gaps identified develop a training package that can be used to train staff on an efficient way of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.
- 4) Conduct training to identified staff on an efficient way of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.

Activities
The contractor for this work will:

- 1) Develop and present an inception report
- 2) Participate in a planning and progress meetings with IVD, GHSC-TA-TZ and other key vaccine stakeholders as needed
- 3) Develop and present a plan of conducting the assessment with timelines
- 4) Conduct desk review of reports on previous work on distribution planning
- 5) Develop methods and tools for assessment on current vaccines distribution, particularly routing and scheduling for central and all regions
- 6) Develop methods and tools for determining cost on current vaccines distribution from central to all regions
- 7) Orient data collectors on the developed assessment tools
- 8) Conduct data collection and analysis
- 9) Present preliminary findings to stakeholders
- 10) Prepare final assessment report with recommendations

Develop a training package for staff on an efficient way of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines

Conduct training to identified staff on an efficient way of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.

Deliverables/Outputs

- 1) The assessment report outlining findings accomplished and recommendations regarding improvement of vaccine distribution and route costing
- 2) PowerPoint presentation of the assessment report
- 3) Training package on an efficient way of routing and scheduling of vehicles in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines
- 4) Training report

Qualifications and attributes required:
Applicants for this consultancy should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents/institutions that possess the following minimum qualifications and can provide documentation showcasing capabilities and past experience:

1. Demonstrated technical capabilities

- a) Be a qualified professional or firm with a team comprised of qualified experts with a demonstrated track record in vaccines distribution
- b) Extensive experience of developing and implementing vehicles routing and scheduling models for health commodities particularly vaccines

2. Demonstrated project management and communications capabilities

- a) Demonstrated experience leading and supporting similar projects
- b) Strong experience managing projects of this scope and size, including meeting deadlines and managing risks
- c) Experience in planning and executing communications efforts in support of projects of this scope and size
- d) Be able to participate and lead in-person workshop(s)
- e) Excellent verbal and written English and Swahili

2. Rapid assessment of the Tanzania temperature monitoring capabilities for vaccines
September 2022
Request for Proposal (RFP)

Purpose:
The purpose of the rapid assessment is to assess and identify the areas of improvement based on current temperature monitoring capabilities for vaccines including COVID-19 during storage and distribution.

Objectives.

- 5) To develop a list of health facilities with functional temperature monitoring devices for COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines according to the set standards.
- 6) To identify bottlenecks and enablers to improve temperature monitoring for COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines following the surge of COVID-19 vaccines moving through the supply chain.
- 7) To identify current reporting mechanisms for non-functional/breakdown of temperature devices/indicators and existing response mechanisms.
- 8) To provide recommendations on areas of improvement on capabilities for temperature monitoring of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines.

Activities
The contractor for this work will:

- 11) Schedule and conduct planning and meetings with IVD, GHSC-TA-TZ and other key vaccine stakeholders as needed
- 12) Develop and present an inception report
- 13) Develop and present a plan of conducting the assessment with timelines
- 14) Conduct desk review of reports on previous work on temperature monitoring capacity for vaccines
- 15) Develop methods and tools for assessment on current vaccine temperature monitoring capacities for central regions, districts and facilities of the vaccines' supply chain system warehouses, including the introduction of COVID 19 vaccines and anticipated program expansion
- 16) Orient data collectors on the developed assessment tools
- 17) Conduct data collection and analysis
- 18) Present preliminary findings to stakeholders
- 19) Prepare final assessment report with recommendations

Deliverables/Outputs

- 5) The assessment report outlining findings accomplished and recommendations regarding improvement of vaccine temperature monitoring
- 6) PowerPoint presentation of the assessment report

Qualifications and attributes required:
Applicants for this consultancy should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents/institutions that possess the following minimum qualifications and can provide documentation showcasing capabilities and past experience:

3. Demonstrated technical capabilities

- c) Be a qualified professional or firm with a team comprised of qualified experts with a demonstrated track record in vaccines supply chain management or other related cold chain systems
- d) Extensive experience of working to establish requirements and implement temperature monitoring systems for vaccines' cold chain systems

2. Demonstrated project management and communications capabilities

- f) Demonstrated experience leading conducting and supporting similar projects
- g) Strong experience managing projects of this scope and size, including meeting deadlines and managing risks
- h) Experience in planning and executing communications efforts in support of projects of this scope and size
- i) Be able to participate and lead in-person workshop(s) and conduct presentations
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Proposal Submission and Timelines

- All submissions should be sent to Vicent Manyilizu vicent.manyilizu@tz-ghsc.com with cc to Bwiro Magesa bwiro.magesa@tz-ghsc.com and James Bagoka james.bagoka@tz-ghsc.com
- Bid submissions have to be submitted by September 23rd, 2022 17:00 EAT.
- All quotes have to be valid for a period of 60 calendar days.
- All cost proposals should be broken down by description/type, hours, hourly rates, and deliverables.
- The work is expected to start once the contract is signed by the contractor.
- The duration of the contract is expected to be 35 work days. All work should be completed within the contract duration.
- We expect work to commence in October 2022.
- All proposals should be priced/quoted according to days and deliverables.
- All proposals should include references and contacts of institutions for which the bidder performed a similar assignment
- Examples of past work are required and should be shown when needed

Selection Criteria

- Past experience working with cold chain system commodities, particularly vaccines
- References checks
- Quality of proposal
- Pricing

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Levy amendments illustrate government accountability

At long last something is on the way to change in the circumstances in which money activities are conducted in the country, after an intervention by the ruling party last week. The Treasury has acknowledged receiving instructions from President Samia Suluhu Hassan on peoples' complaints about electronic transaction levies in mobile phone and bank transfers. While visiting a border post facility at Tarime on the far north of the country, the Finance minister promised substantial amendments to take full account of instructions to end the complaints.

For one thing, efforts to come with answers by making several amendments to lessen the burden of transaction levies will have to go far enough as the position expressed when those instructions were given appeared pretty clear. The issue is to end those complaints, not just dealing with arithmetic detail to find a reasonable cut to make on the total levies in a circular manner of obtaining, cashing and sending money to someone else. The instruction is to take care of complaints.

For one thing, the pronouncement by the top ruling party leadership came in the wake of earlier remarks by the president on the issue, that the Treasury - in consultation with the rest of the government - find ways of reducing government expenditure in various areas so that it doesn't have to press on the levies. That is virtually to ask the government to conduct itself against nature, as it is natural for government agencies and departments to look for more money, not less. That is why it is unlikely much can be done if instructions aren't given as to where to cut.

The Treasury and a section of concerned voices in the media and elsewhere have never lacked an explanation of why levies are important. The responsible minister was saying at the border post visit that the collection of income to implement various development projects must go hand in hand with empowering the people economically. His additional reflection that this requires placing an enabling infrastructure for small and medium entrepreneurs and optimizing incomes of individual citizens was tuned to the levy concerns, as they eat into working capital.

It was clear the minister was between a rock and a hard place in his remarks, noting that the government has received views of the public and the president's instructions to take up those views, in which case the Treasury will bring answers soon. At the same time his line of argument focused on the primacy of strategic projects in government finances in energy, rural roads, fertilizer subsidy and seeds, while social sending must be kept up. So are civil servants; salaries, emoluments.

For the top leadership to have taken the matter to the highest policy making organs of the ruling party, not just issuing executive orders as the president is empowered to do so, was in effect an illustration of the sort of accountability involved. The party leadership comes on as this review involves a profound change in the stance of the government on its fiscal policy for the current financial year. It thus needs a clear political statement that this stance is now being dispensed with as it ignores popular sentiments, exposing CCM to disaffection. It ends claims that the ruling party is dominant so there is no accountability; false.

Knocking into shape a new deal for Africa's women, youth is necessary

STATESWOMEN from scores of African countries meeting in Dar es Salaam were on Monday perched on a vision issue of putting in place better laws and policies to enable women and young people realize their dreams and prosper in various strides of life. The terms of the discussion was somewhat forbidding for routine political or economic discussion, as to how to unfold opportunities for women in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) now in the course of being institutionalized. So far it is an auxiliary trade protocol, not vast trade reality.

While ministerial economists finish up the fine points as to what ratification of the protocol that came into force early 2021 following adoption by the African Union in 2018, the stateswomen were seeking actual ways in which women and youth can be more involved. The issue was really to seek trade equity in a gender dimension as AfCFTA structures come up, which implicitly seeks to improve women's standing in trade as a whole. Making an impact at the continental level for women and youth enterprises basically presumes they are already doing well at the national level, but as each country makes its own policies, the stateswomen sought consensus on the key issues at the continental level. That is clearly as it should be.

Looking at the way these concerns were being expressed, two rather discordant impressions come up, first an indication that no coherent solution was given that just needs to be signed upon, but the emphasis was cohesive on the areas upon which policy makers have to focus. There was first the issue of access to finance and opportunities,

then empowerment by facilitation with skills, and then the removal of trade barriers that impinge more on trades conducted by women at border posts in particular. It isn't an issue that many are actually familiar with it.

Those with some decades under the belt will remember that during the second phase many women were doing a brisk business buying imported khanga and kindred printed clothing, kitenge. They used to lend to buyers and collect payment at the end of the month, and as taxes were low and fewer, they did brisk business, helping with family needs at a time that HIV/AIDS was cutting down family members or breadwinners incessantly. When the revenue authority was formed in 1996 and stakeholders had for years demanded the closure of the 'Zanzibar route' to facilitating tax evasion (that it wasn't an extended national market), it died.

That is why when President Samia talked about rolling back trade barriers between African countries so as to take the continental trade regime forward, and even made specific reference to trade barriers for women activities, some rapidly recalled what happened nearly 30 years ago. Even within the context of removing trade barriers in East Africa, let alone AfCFTA, these issues remain. The minister responsible for Finance saw people agitated at the Sirari border town, not being able to buy cheaper products across the border and selling them there, freely. As charity begins at home, let's see if women and youth needs will be taken into consideration to diminish controls and make it sufficiently easy to actually conduct business across that border, or the channel.



By Ed Ergenzinger

ESTRANGEMENT between parents and their adult children appears to be on the rise. Over 25 per cent of Americans are currently estranged from a family member, and over 43 per cent have experienced family estrangement at some point.

In fact, those statistics are probably low since they are based on pre-Covid 19 data - before the stresses of the pandemic and the political climate deepened existing fault lines in many families.

Some experts believe that increased political and cultural polarisation coupled with growing mental health awareness and recognition of the effects of toxic or abusive family relationships on well-being have contributed to the upward trend in numbers.

Yet, in spite of its prevalence, estrangement is rarely discussed openly because cultural norms and expectations make it especially stigmatising.

That has led to widespread misconceptions about estrangement, including that estrangement is rare, that it happens suddenly, that there's a clear reason people become estranged, and that estrangement happens on a whim.

There are many reasons for family members to cut ties. In addition to thought and action, and the triggers come from everywhere, constantly.

This is whether it's scrolling past a show on Netflix that used to be "our show" with my younger daughter, or knowing that for the rest of my life if I eat something with coconut in it, I will immediately think about how my older daughter absolutely hates coconut.

Their ghosts are present in everything that I do and see and hear and feel and think. I can't throw out six-pack rings without cutting them up because my older daughter loves sea turtles, and she did a report about them once. At least I assume she still loves sea turtles.

Because I can't let go of the hope that we may someday reconcile, estrangement has left me with an open wound that I've had to try to learn to live with.

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Learning to cope with estrangement: When children 'cancel' their parents



I've had to mourn their loss, even though they are still very much alive and just don't want a relationship with me. I've had to watch them graduate high school and start college through glimpses that I can catch on rare social media posts that I haven't been blocked from.

I miss them so much that it sometimes paralyzes me in both thought and action, and the triggers come from everywhere, constantly.

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obsessing about your pain. That can keep you stuck in an endless loop of sadness, depression, and helpless victimhood.

Allowing yourself to go through the grief process and move on doesn't mean that the pain goes away - it only means that you make peace with living with your pain while beginning to see new possibilities for yourself.

Two: Reimagine life on your own. You don't have to give up hope of reconciliation, but you should embrace life as it is, feel gratitude for the love you still have from other family and friends, and overall let love - however it happens - back into your life.

Three: Forgive yourself and your estranged loved one(s). Nursing grievances and pain can keep you mired in bitterness that not only makes reconciliation unlikely but also saps the joy from your life.

Four: Don't let pain define your life. If your negative feelings overshadow every aspect of your daily life, your pain and isolation will only deepen, potentially driving friends and other loved ones away.

Try to be in the moment when enjoying time with friends and family instead of rehashing your devastation over the estrangement.

Five: Take care of yourself. You will be happier overall if you eat healthy foods, exercise every day, and pursue interests that bring you joy.

Six: Accept the reality of what is at the moment. Instead of desperately begging for reconciliation, let it be. At least for now.

Dr McCoy quotes a mother who has been intermittently estranged from her daughter for some years: "I have this saying I repeat day after day: 'It is what it is.'"

"This acceptance, which has been hard-won, is freeing. It gives me a resting place to reflect and go on with my life. Of course, nothing would thrill me more than reconciliation with my daughter. My door and my heart are always open to her. But, in the meantime, accepting what is and enjoying other aspects and other people in my life has been comforting and transformative."

If you're estranged from your children, know that you're not alone. And that it's OK to talk about it. The more we break the silence, the more we can help each other heal.

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Let's encourage creativity to solve our many development challenges

AMERICAN actress Mary Lou Cook famously remarked that creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes and having fun.

Traditionally, research tells us that creativity has been largely associated with the arts. But there is a growing realization that opportunities to be creative are found across a broader range of subjects. Thinking creatively is more helpful than creativity. This is because people tend to see thinking creatively as independence of thought and a willingness to take risks and seek new perspectives.

It is also seen as a way to perceive new relationships, make new connections and generate new ideas. What is your idea about creativity? Creativity is a human quality that exists in every single one of us. Creativity and especially creative thinking can play a larger part in our lives.

In a rapidly changing world, creativity is important for people and societies on many levels. It can help generate personal satisfaction and economic development. This is why creative thinking must be a key priority in educational environments. In the same way, creativity must be recognized and encouraged in the workplace. After all, it is creative thinking that leads to problem-solving and innovation.

A lot of people think they are not inventive and that creative minds are born that way. They believe that if you're not a painter or writer, then you are not ingenious. Well, that's where they go wrong. Human's essence is to be innovative. Our brains are designed for it and we used our imaginations for thousands of years to ease our lives and be better at what we do.

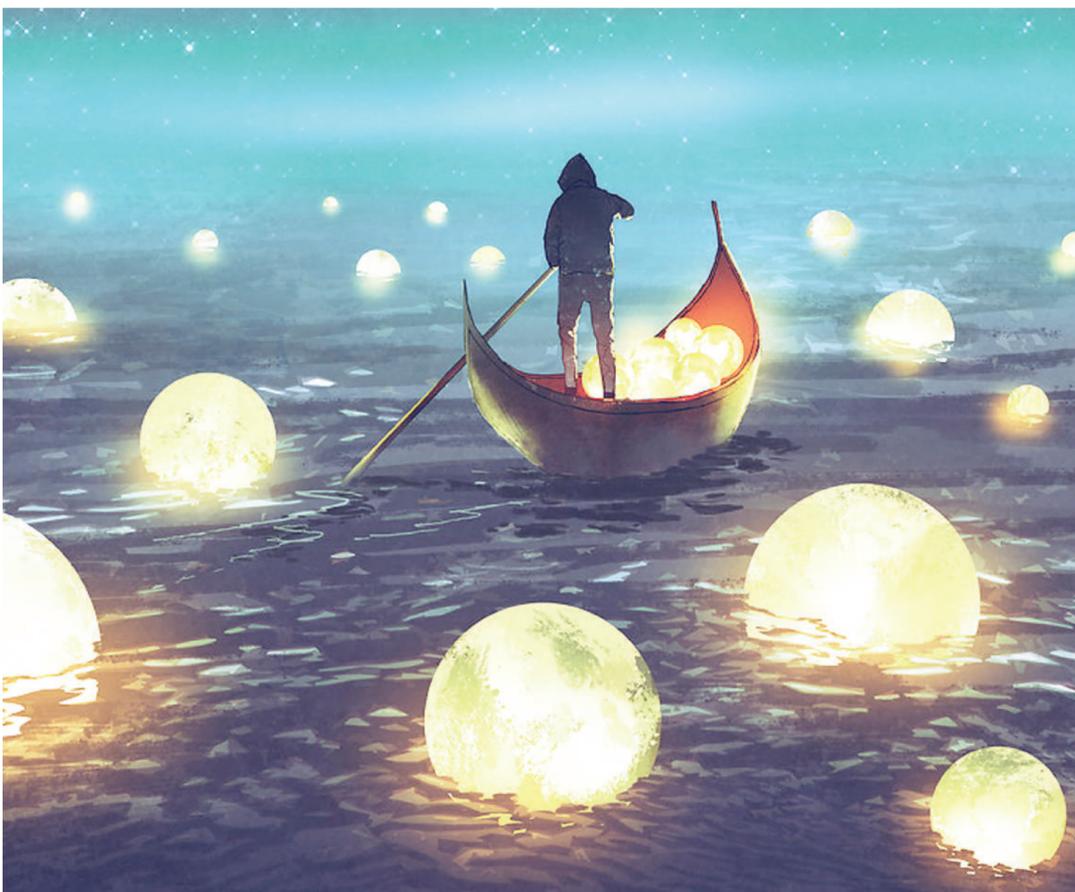
Being inventive and having a wild imagination is what makes us humans. It leads us to think of a better way of living and create technology. It also leads us to all the forms of art that exist. We invented so many different ways to express ourselves: painting, movies, dancing, writing, singing podcasting and so on.

Humans never stopped improving their lives, innovating more and more, faster and faster. It is in our DNA; we are made to be creative, to be innovative, and to build new things. An inventive people can't get enough of trying new things and figure out how things work.

Tanzanian mechanic Shaaban Mboga recently shocked netizens by changing an old vehicle into a lovely eatery. He converted an old bus into a restaurant which has attracted many people as the eatery of choice. He assembled the astonishing eatery with the assistance of his companion who guaranteed that the café is solid to endure for an extremely long period.

The exciting part is that he placed the bus on top of a house roof, giving customers a scenic view as they enjoy their meals. Downstairs, there is a kitchen where the meals are cooked and drinks served. For safety, he had engineers' support prior to opening. This is extremely imaginative.

Another viral video has shown the moment an empty van was converted into a nice but very tiny apartment. In a video, the back of the van which



looks cleared out has both sides padded and furnished with an overhead cabinet. After flooring the van, more gadgets like table and freezer were moved in.

Under one of the chairs is a tabula battery to run the appliances in the house. A section of the van has a cute small bathroom and a kitchen to give it a complete home feel. The chair and table are converted into bed when it is night and TV pulled out for nice entertainment.

So, creativity is problem-solving and finding another way of doing the same thing is imaginative. Being creative and innovative means trying out new things by showing your perspective. We are meant to be imagi-

native, no doubt. However, pressure and stress are the enemies of creativity. Some environments can't lead people to dare to express themselves.

You can always find ways to be creative at work but if you don't think it's possible, you can do it at home. Everyone can benefit from a little creativity. It brings joy, helps to heal depression and reduces cognitive decline.

Creativity can be in art like coloring mandalas, photo challenge and knitting. Learn to play any musical instrument, write poems or stories, and customize clothes or accessories. Creativity can be in sports, cooking and many more. The more you use it, the

stronger and stronger it gets. You only have to maintain your imagination and enjoy.

So, yes, we're all inventive and creative. Societies make us think we have to stop being creative when we grow older because creativity is not serious. We are made to believe that adulthood should not be fun. I believe anyone who manages to keep their child spirit alive wins the game. Creativity is good for your health, make it a priority.

Creativity isn't a skill restricted to artists, musicians or writers. It is a useful skill for people from all walks of life. First, devote yourself to increase creativity and set goals in any areas you can be creative. Then take risk, motivate yourself, build confidence, challenge yourself and create opportunities and always look for inspirations from other creative people.



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Positive behaviour of a learner is important for success in education

By Thomas Lyimo

TO define a teacher has made experts and other education stakeholders come up with several opinions. There are those who believe that a teacher is a role model. Others believe that a teacher is a vision bearer. Both and other views on who is a teacher may be right.

But the challenge on how to produce quality students sometimes depends on the nature of the learner than the teacher. This conviction justifies the significance of learning the behaviour of a learner. For any professional teacher is expected to have learned courses such as educational psychology, philosophy of education and sociology of education.

All of the mentioned courses above are based on orientations and perspectives that enhance learning. It is convincing to say that learning is done within the perspectives and orientations of an individual, and the perspectives and orientations are what constitute behaviour. This justifies the argument that without considering the behaviour of a learner, the teaching and learning process is made hard.

For a pupil to excel in studies, they need to be motivated. To understand this well, we are forced to identify the two types of motivation namely intrinsic motivation and extrinsic motivation in which intrinsic with the former believed to be more promising.

Intrinsic motivation is the one in which a learner feels motivated to learn without any external pressure while extrinsic motivation is when a pupil is motivated with the help of external pressure such as punishments or rewards to focus on learning.

Behavioural characteristics are of paramount importance in the learning process. A learner needs to possess many behavioural characteristics but discipline, hardworking, punctuality and curiosity cannot be ignored.

When one examines critically the nature of behavior, they can be convinced that behaviour is of two kinds namely inborn behaviour and



acquired behaviour. The inborn behaviour is the one with which an individual is born while the acquired behaviour is the one that a person attains through listening, observation, reading among other ways through which an individual can learn new things.

It is wrong to say that those individuals born with certain behavioural characteristics which support learning do not acquire behaviour through the use of sense organs but we can be convinced that what they learn through the sense organs may seem as only catalyst but not foundational.

The assertion that some individuals are born with behavioural characteristics is supported by considering the pupils who when you speak once it sticks into the mind and no need to repeat. Here we are convinced

that what has been said combined with what was already there in the mind led to the formation of a stronghold to treasure that behavioural attribute.

Again, we are motivated to value acquired behaviour as there is evidence of individuals whose success in education demanded external forces, meaning punishments, reprimands or positive reinforcements. This is to say if an individual has no behavioural characteristics that support learning, they have to learn the behaviour before learning school lessons.

The pupil should be in a learning mannerism so that they can learn. It is very difficult to teach a pupil who is not in the learning mannerism and hence to attain the learning mannerism, a teacher is obliged to apply several techniques such as reprimands or even punish-

ment so that their struggles in the class can be fruitful regarding the fact that both the teacher and the parent expect good results.

In the teaching profession, it is advised that a teacher should hate bad behavioural characteristics such as indiscipline, laziness, wasting time and lack of interest in anything, and not hating an individual pupil as it is evident that an individual is educable and hence can be taught the learning behaviour and eventually the school lessons. A promising performance that was triggered by negative reinforcement such as punishment should immediately be rewarded in any positive way so as to make the mannerism that has led to the achievement now a part of the pupil's behaviour which is essential in learning.

All kinds of pupils can succeed though with different levels. No one is without any potential. We need to discover potential of everyone and develop it so as to stimulate the socio-economic development. To teach is to love.

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WTO's landmark fishing subsidies deal a step in the right direction for Africa but enforcement will be key



Fish production in Lake Kivu has plunged by 28% over the past two years due to illegal fishing practices using destructive equipment. (Photo: EPA / Dai Kurokawa)

By Tim Walker, Denys Reva and David Willima

AFTER 21 years of talks, an agreement has been reached that prohibits harmful fishing subsidies – a leading factor in the plunder of global fish stocks. This could be a major development for Africa where the fisheries sector, which provides livelihoods and food security for over 400 million people, is vulnerable to exploitation.

According to the African Development Bank, around seven million tons of fish are caught in Africa annually. Population growth projections say that fish supply must increase to 13 million tons by 2030 to feed 1.7 billion people and 19 million tons by 2050 to feed 2.5 billion.

However, coastal states are not catching enough fish to meet Africa's requirements. At least 35 countries on the continent are operating on a fish production deficit and are highly dependent on imports.

As global fish demand is expected to increase by 30% by 2030, the sector faces tremendous pressures that require urgent, global responses. One such response is the 17 June adoption of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.

It provides the impetus for African countries to prioritise fisheries governance, sustainable ocean governance and food security for a rapidly growing population.

To make the landmark deal work for Africa though, the capacity of governments to control and monitor fishing activities in their waters will need a significant boost. And cooperation between agencies responsible for fisheries management must improve.

As the exploitation of marine resources increases, fish stocks are facing collapse in several regions globally. Many governments subsidise unprofitable industrial-scale fishing fleets to cover rising fishing costs and growing consumer demand. The WTO estimates that global fisheries subsidies range from \$14-billion to \$54-billion yearly.

Not all subsidies are bad, and removing government financial support for artisanal fishers in most African countries would do more damage than eliminating illegal fishing. The subsidies that should be stopped are those enabling the large-scale plunder of fish stocks. This includes financing vessels to acquire sophisticated equipment to catch more sea life while operating far from their home ports and markets.

These unsustainable approaches exacerbate insecurity in Africa, particularly in coastal communities. With an estimated value of \$24-billion and providing jobs for over 12 million people, the fisheries industry is fundamental to the continent's blue economic vision and the African Union's Africa Blue Economy Strategy.

Addressing harmful fishing subsidies is one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala says this is the first time WTO members have "concluded an agreement with environmental sustainability at its heart."

The agreement focuses on three aspects of harmful subsidising. First, it prohibits subsidies for the fishing of overfished stock. This should support conservation efforts in coastal states, especially where maritime governance is poor. Second, it prohibits subsidising fishing on high seas in areas not covered by regional fisheries management organisations. This aims to protect the

most sought-after large fish stocks, which migrate in and out of the jurisdiction of multiple states whose enforcement capability can be variable and lacking.

Finally, the agreement prohibits subsidies to fishing vessels and operators engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. When negotiations began in 2001, it was understood that subsidies contributed to overfishing and were linked to increased illegal fishing. In West Africa, research suggests that long-distance industrial fleets, many of which are the primary subsidy recipients, are also the main culprits of overfishing.

The agreement compels countries to temporarily discontinue subsidising a vessel or operator if a coastal state, a flag state or a regional fisheries management organisation determines that they have engaged in illegal fishing. The subsidising state will determine the duration of the prohibition based on the nature, gravity and repetition of the infringement.

The agreement's effectiveness relies on several issues. While it restricts the use of subsidies and provides conditions for their withdrawal, the WTO deal does not ban harmful subsidies outright. Progress will depend on the willingness of subsidising states to work with coastal states to address illegal fishing. This is a risk considering that several subsidising states ignore harmful activities attributed to their country's fishing fleets, flags, and crews.

The WTO dispute system will be the primary vehicle to enforce the agreement if coastal and subsidising states should clash. But the system may be difficult for developing states to use effectively because they lack the bargaining power and resources of more powerful

countries.

Another problem is the lack of transparency in the fishing sector – a major factor in illegal fishing. For instance, as part of its sustainable fisheries partnership efforts, the European Union (EU) has negotiated numerous agreements with non-EU states. But although these deals are rooted in sustainability, they have been criticised for loopholes that allow EU vessel owners to hide their ownership and avoid responsibility.

To prevent illegal fishing, global instruments such as the International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing should be strengthened. The plan doesn't specify sanc-

tions, but countries apply them. This suggests that illegal fishing should be regulated as an administrative matter rather than a criminal one.

The ability of African governments to patrol and inspect at sea also needs support. Given the scarcity of resources, research is needed to inform fisheries management policies, particularly on the deployment of patrol vessels. Capacity and training for evidence collection to detect offenders are also essential. If this is accompanied by greater international transparency on fishing data, these countries could use their limited patrol assets better.

African countries often struggle to engage profitably in commercial fisher-

ies. They can use the WTO agreement's special treatment provisions to negotiate support for scaling up small-scale fisheries and empowering local fisher communities. The WTO has a \$20-million rolling fund to help developing countries improve capacity and management skills for sustainable fisheries governance.

The new subsidies agreement is a notable achievement, but it won't immediately help African countries effectively patrol their exclusive economic zones and prevent the plundering of fish stocks. But it does bolster ongoing multilateral efforts to tackle illegal fishing, which threatens Africans' present and future human security. DM



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO DESIGN, SUPPLY AND FIX WATER FILTERS IN SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN KISARAWÉ DISTRICT

WaterAid Tanzania invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest on design, supply and install water filters in 30 schools and 15 Health care facilities in Kisarawe District, Pwani Region.

The designed filters should be able to provide wide ranges of filtering capacity depend on number of students available in schools from 100 students to 2000 students in schools in cost effective manner.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORKS:

- I. The works include design, supply and fixing of water filters in school and health care facilities.
- II. The design in schools will be determined by the number of students in schools while in Health care facilities, will be based on health care staff and patients visiting the health care facilities (Annex 1)
- III. Designed filters should ensure 99.9% virus protection (3 log removal) and 99.99% bacteria and protozoa protection (4 log removal).
- IV. The Designer should provide the cost of the filters required to provide water quality at acceptable standard for a period of 5 years for the specified number of students in each school
- V. The prospective supplier should be aware of limited or lack of electric power supply in targeted school and health care facilities
- VI. The designed filters should fit the rural environment in terms of affordable in repair and filters replacement, easily maintained by local people, and can be easily scalable and adopted.
- VII. Designed filter should be durable and have minimal environmental impact in terms of material used, recycling, reuse of parts of the filter and require as few consumables as possible, or none.
- VIII. Designed filter should be able to meet the Tanzania National Water Quality Standards
- IX. WAT to verify the quality of water from the filters after installation before final payment from trusted laboratory.
- X. The designer will be shared with the water quality results of specific schools and health care facilities for the design.
- XI. Training of local operators/users to ensure sustainability of filters operation and efficiency should be provided
- XII. Indicate whether the filter require other infrastructures to constructed to function and associated cost.
- XIII. Provide warranty period for the filter and services to be provided during the warranty period.

Minimum requirement:

- Proof of registration with Tanzania revenue authority and clearance certificate for latest year available
- Product approved certificate with EWURA/Ministry of water/TBS on the levels of removal of water contaminant (bacteria, chemical-contaminants, turbidity, organic-matter) in the water.
- Previous experience on similar works providing clean and safe water to different institutions especially schools/health care facilities or other reputable public institutions.
- Provided detailed requirement of Operation and Maintenance of the filter and associated cost in duration 1year, 3 years, and 5 years.
- The minimum water consumption for drinking water for students in school and health care facilities patient to be 1litres/day and 3litres respectively (12hrs per day).
- Indicate the cost and availability of spare parts and probable parts replacement cost.

The supplier which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the assignment should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated, one original, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked **[Expression of interest for the Design, supply and installation of water filters in schools and health care facilities Kisarawe District]** must be delivered to the address [WaterAid in Tanzania (WAT), P. O. Box 33759, The head office is in Dar es Salaam, Rufiji Street, Plot No.1469, Masaki Area within Kinondoni District].

The deadline for submission of bidding is 3rd October 2022 at 10:00am. Bids will be opened same day at 10:30 am in public and in the presence of candidate's representatives who choose to attend the opening at the WaterAid as per the address provided.

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New hope as EBARR project offers fishing boats to Zanzibar fishermen

By Guardian Reporter

FISHERMEN in Zanzibar have expressed their satisfaction over the achievements recorded in the five-year Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Rural Resilience in Tanzania (EbARR) project, which executed in three villages of Matemwe-Kijini, Matemwe Mbuyutende and Matemwe Jugakuu in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The implementation of the project in Zanzibar has facilitated procurement of six modern fishing boats, which in turn gives a room for fishermen to get into deep sea, thus simplifying their activities compared to the past when they used hand-made canoes.

The EbARR project focuses on assisting the communities to fight the effects of climate change in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar as well as improving people's lives. It also increases resilience to climate change in rural communities in Tanzania by strengthening ecosystem-based adaptation and diversifying livelihoods.

The climate change-related impacts are visible in many areas and seen as drought, rising temperatures and for Zanzibar - drying up or salinity of fresh water wells appearing as well as unreliable rainy seasons.

In separate interviews, fishermen who were the beneficiaries of the project said that the new fishing gear makes them improve their day-to-day fishing activities for their income generation.

One of the fisherman, Pili Haji Pili said that EbARR project brings in modern boats as it make us get into deep seas and get better income, noting: "This will change our lives completely as the current canoes that we use have no ability to go into deep, that why we cherish this project will bring us benefits."

"We commend the project for coming up with these boats," he said.

Matemwe fisherman, Wadi Jihad Mshamba said that he has been in the fisheries' sector for more than 20 years, but: "All those years, we've nothing as we depend on these canoes,



that doesn't go into deep sea and bring more fish and get benefits."

"Our fishing is not as it was before; we believe these boats will make us far in terms of fishing."

A Jibuyakuu fisherman Wadi Hamad Wadi said: "Getting modern boats, we'll make people get into modern fishing and I believe that the move will make anglers get enough fish and make the government get the desired results."

Alawi Haji Hija, EBARR Project coordinator in Zanzibar said that the five-

year project is being executed in North A District, with a number of projects done including one which offered fishermen motorized boats.

According to him, the boats were handed over to fishing groups in three villages of Matemwe-Kijini, Matemwe Mbuyutende and Matemwe Jugakuu and valued at 160m/- and had the capacity to carry 2.9 tonnes of cargo at once.

"These boats should increase your enthusiasm and solidarity among your-

selves to enable them to increase your incomes while adhering to environmental protection," he said, noting that the effective and sustainable use of boats will transform their lives.

"I'm sure that after giving them these fishing boats, fishermen's lives will be improved and all activities that are unfriendly to the environment will be reduced if it's not completely eradicated," he said.

In another development, through the EbARR project, 111 eco-friendly cooking

stoves have been manufactured in three villages to reduce the amount of charcoal consumption per household.

He said that the project also benefits women and girls as well as minimising heavy reliance on wood and charcoal leading to deforestation.

The project coordinator stated that 45 people have been trained and skilled on how to make eco-friendly cooking stoves (meaning that in every village 15 people (80% women) and 24 people have been also trained on establishing and management of tree seedlings.

He also noted that in the project 60 people were trained on entrepreneurship and marketing whereby 20 per village and also 60 people were trained on ways to curb climate change-related impacts and forest management.

It also includes promoting proper/planned use of land for settlement, agriculture, livestock, forest protection (Mangroves) and protection of water sources and prevention of land conflict.

"In this case, a total of 189 people trained in various," he said.

He also said that a number of deep water wells have been drilled for the public to have access to safe and clean water.

The most recent climate projections for Tanzania overwhelmingly indicate signals of increased climate variability, erratic and changing rainfall patterns and rising mean annual and daily temperatures - particularly in highland and semi-arid areas.

Brewer, Water Aid Tanzania inaugurate water project worth 293/- in Singida

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) and Water Aid Tanzania have inaugurated 293m/- water project at Kihanju village, Tambukareli Ward in Itigi district council, Singida Region to bring safe and clean water close to the residents.

With the capacity to serve over 2,000 people directly, the jointly financed project consists of a borehole and its systems, a water pump, a water tank, and a distribution network.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, SBL Managing Director, Mark Ocitti, said the project, dubbed "Water of Life," is among similar initiatives that the brewer has undertaken in the Mara, Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Tanga, Manyara Ruvuma, Dar

es Salaam, Coast and Dodoma regions, providing over one million beneficiaries with clean and safe water.

Mark said that the Kihanju project will not only boost the residents' health but will also increase economic productivity, particularly for women, who will no longer need to spend long hours finding clean water elsewhere.

"SBL has a policy commitment towards the wellbeing of our community, with Water of Life being one of our four priority areas that our company has defined in its objective to provide social support to the community in which it serves," said Mark.

The Managing Director also described other areas where SBL has had substantial mile-



Singida regional commissioner, Hon Peter Serekumba, (2nd-L) launches a water well project at Kihanju village in Itigi District, sponsored by SBL and Water Aid. Left is the Resident Director of Water Aid, Anna Mzinga, and third from the left is SBL Executive director Mark Ocitti.

stones, such as the provision of Skills for Life through the Kilimo Viwanda Scholarship, which has sponsored over 200 students since 2019, and the responsible drinking campaign that has educated thousands of motor drivers against drinking-driving through online and offline campaigns.

The guest of honor at the function, Singida Regional Commissioner Hon. Peter Serekumba, thanked SBL for providing the much-needed support, saying that the brewer has been at the forefront in promoting development projects in the country that lead to a healthy and productive society.

"The project will supplement the government's efforts under the Water Sector Development

Program (WSDP 2025 framework, which aims at ensuring 100% of Tanzanians have access to clean and safe water supply and improved sanitation services," he said.

Water Aid Country Director Anna Mzinga said her organization was proud to collaborate with SBL in ensuring that clean and safe water is made available to Tanzanians, especially those living in marginalized areas with limited access to this important need.

"The partnership between WaterAid and SBL goes back to January 2019, and since then we have been able to work together on several projects which have made a difference to thousands of needy Tanzanians in different parts of the country," she said.

Water security: Case for coordinated planning and financing for IWRM

By Correspondent Deodatus Mfugale

MANY people will recall the experience of acute water shortage that hit Dares Salaam Region and Tanzania in general towards the end of last year and early this year due to a decrease in water levels as a result of an unusually long dry season.

By mid-November last year the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) had recorded a decrease in water pressure by 12 percent, subsequently igniting a water rationing schedule of 12 hours.

In many urban areas businesses were disrupted particularly where operations were heavily water dependent. Residential areas also felt the pinch of water shortage; water for domestic use became scarce and people had to access water from whatever sources available. The quality of water left a lot to be desired. There were also health concerns as people consumed water the safety of which no one could guarantee.

For smallholder farmers, pastoralists and fisher folk, the acute water shortage threatened the major pillar of their livelihoods. Without enough water their livelihoods would be disrupted and they would have nowhere to turn to for alternatives. And as water supply continued to diminish, the level of demand did not fall.

The situation sparked a huge debate on how the country manages its water resources with some members of the public putting to scrutiny the effectiveness of policies and laws governing the various aspects of water. Others questioned the ability of authorities to oversee rules and regulations.

Of course there were views that climate change was to blame for the situation, or at least partly, but there were also arguments that illegal abstraction of water from the various sources was rife and it had been left to flourish even when conditions required restricting the pumping out of water from the sources.

Thereafter, several measures were taken and, coupled with the beginning of the rainy season in some parts of the country; there was significant increase in water levels. The crisis eased, tensions subsided and debate was closed but water security for all, especially the smallholder producers still hangs in the balance.

"Discussions on water security and other related issues should not be prompted by disasters. Water is an essential part of the daily lives of human beings and the water sector faces new challenges almost by the day. We need to discuss these challenges and look for solutions even when there is no crisis or disasters," said Herbert Kashilila, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shahidi wa Maji organization.

He was speaking during the Uihakika Forum held recently in Dodoma that drew representatives from central government, regional administration and local government, private sector, institutions of higher learning and NGOs. Also represented were government agencies and small scale producers. The meeting was organized by the Shahidi wa Maji organization which advocates for water security for small producers particularly farmers, pastoralists and fishermen.



Mselem Kandili, a pastoralist from Mbwade village in Kilosa District, Morogoro Region, speaks at a panel discussion during the Uihakika Forum recently.

Among other things the forum discussed how to finance water security in order to sustain the livelihoods of small scale producers and prop up national economic growth.

"The forum is important as it provides stakeholders with space to discuss what water users should do to attain water security. Availability of water for all its uses is synonymous to availability of food, improved health and ultimately quality life," said Mr Kashilila.

Since water is essential for life, it is important to sustain its availability through reliable funding. A water-secure community has the capacity to have enough water of sufficient quality for survival and to carry out different productive activities. A society with water security is in a position to reduce poverty and improve living standards.

From availability to accessibility to supply and distribution, all these aspects need investment so that eventually the various consumers are guaranteed water security and it is upon all stakeholders and beneficiaries to invest in integrated water resources management (IWRM) financially or otherwise. "Apparently investments made in water resources are far too low that the benefits human beings enjoy from the water sector," says Abel Dugange, Executive Director for Shahidi wa Maji.

It is also important to consider funding for monitoring

flows as well as supply and distribution, conservation and protection. This raises concern for funding of water resources in their entirety if water security is to be attained.

Water security cuts across all walks of life, affects everyone and has no alternative. It is thus imperative to use water wisely and properly manage it for the good of life and the economy.

"Sustainable water supply requires sustainable water management in order to meet the needs of today and tomorrow, without compromising availability for various uses and users. Stakeholders have common but differentiated responsibilities to protect and conserve water resources and there is a need to scale up investment in water resources as well as along the supply and distribution chains," says Eng. Mbogo Futakamba, Chairman of the National Multi-stakeholders Forum for Water Resources.

Since water cuts across various sectors of life shortages usually spark conflicts among the affected users. This requires common understanding and planning for water use and ultimately funding for integrated water resources management. Investment, industry and trade all require water to develop and survive.

"It would be disastrous to focus only on water supply and distribution or water availability as such; behind the need for water there is need for raw materials for production of goods

and there is waste water that is produced during industrial processes that flows back to the environment.

So when we talk about funding water security we should actually consider all related issues including management of the environment. We should be talking about funding implementation of IWRM," said a representative from the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Perhaps data presented at the forum regarding water demand by livestock highlights the need for integrated funding and management of water resources. It was revealed that the total number of livestock in the country stands at 70.4 million animals which require 569,069,879,400 litres of water annually. The demand keeps rising as the number of livestock increases.

With current supplies being strained by climate change, water theft and mismanagement, illegal abstractions and wastage through poor infrastructure, the demand for water by livestock is difficult to meet.

Failure to meet this demand and that of other users has been a cause of conflict that underscores the importance of integrated planning and equitable sharing of resources. It calls for collaboration and cooperation of all sectors including, agriculture, livestock, industry, fisheries and environment in funding and implementing integrated water resources management.

There are cases when a lot of discussions have been conducted on how to deal with challenges facing implementation of IWRM but these have ended up in conference rooms and reports. "We must take action to bring changes on the ground. Things should not end at the planning stage but plans must be translated into actions that address water security through implementation of IWRM," says Prof. P.K.T Munishi of Sokoine University of Agriculture.

No dividends for 2022, Tanga Cement declares

By Guardian Reporter

SHAREHOLDERS of Tanga Cement, which is listed in The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) will not receive dividends for 2022, after the company say will remain prudent with available cash resources in order to economy.

"The Board has decided to continue committing available current cash generated to the operational commitments," said board chairman Lawrence Masha.

In his note in unaudited financial results for the second quarter ending June Masha said the board will therefore evaluate the financial performance throughout the remainder of 2022 financial year when considering the final dividend declaration.

"Financial and operational overview

despite market headwinds, particularly the competitive environment in the cement sector, the group continued to perform well during the quarter," the chairman noted.

The quarterly financial results show that both basic and diluted earnings per share grew to a loss of 31/- during the second quarter from a loss of 12/- recorded during the first quarter of this year. The DSE market report shows, the company share price closed at 1,580/- on Monday this week with the market capitalization of 100.6bn/-

The result shows the group's operating profit increased to 969.1mn/- from 192.1mn/- respectively with revenue from contracts with customers went up by 50 percent to 58.2bn/- from 38.6bn/- respectively.

Revenue increase is attributed by in-



The company share price closed at 1,580/- on Monday this week with the market capitalization of 100.6bn/-

crease in both cement and clinker demand due to increase in government projects and opening up of East Africa regional market.

Gross profit also increased by 9 percent to 11.2bn/- from 10.3bn/- achieved in March 2022, driven by the increase in

revenue for the period.

The gross margin, however, decreased by 8 percent from 27 percent to 19 percent in March and June 2022 respectively, according to the results.

The decline was caused by increase in fuel prices and logistics which lead to an increase in raw

material prices, frequent power cuts which resulted in an increase in fuel consumption and maintenance costs of the equipment which breaks down when there are power dips.

The company revealed that unreliable electricity also resulted into a decrease in production.

"We are proud to report that EBITDA has improved by 16 percent to 5.7bn/- from 4.9bn/- achieved in March 2022 driven by improved operational efficiencies and costs control," the chairman added.

The Group recorded a loss before tax of 2.4bn/- in the second quarter comparing to the loss before tax of 0.78bn/- recorded in first quarter.

Cash generated from trading activities increased by 146 percent from negative (3.7bn/-) recorded in March 2022 to positive 1.4bn/- in June 2022.

The increase was attributed to stringent working capital management strategies deployed by the management.

The chairman said the Group continues to be committed to its sales, logistics and cost optimisation initiatives as it continually seeks to enhance value for its stakeholders.

"The Group remains positive about the remainder of 2022 despite the very competitive landscape and unstable Government initiatives to spur economic growth through infrastructure development and promotion of local industries is expected," he said.

"With Tanzania remaining a significant player in the East African construction market, cement output is anticipated to increase and Tanga Cement is well positioned to take advantage of growth opportunities in the regional market."

He said the group remains optimistic of the positive impact of the ongoing infrastructure development projects under the Government's Development Vision 2025 programme, and expects the projects to continue gaining momentum throughout the remainder of 2022.

"Tanga Cement has the capacity to meet a meaningful share of the cement demand in the country and remains committed to local production of superior cement products," he explained.

On takeover, he said shareholders are referred to the announcement regarding the proposed acquisition by Scancem International DA of 68.33 percent of the shares in Tanga Cement PLC from AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited on update issued on 5 July 2022 and 2 September 2022.

SADC launches electronic certificates of origin to facilitate trade

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) has taken an important step towards enhancing seamless flow of intra-regional trade following the launch of the electronic Certificate of Origin (e-CoO).

The electronic certificate, which will replace the manual one, is aimed at "simplifying customs procedures, enhancing e-Commerce, eliminating fraud, improving record management and statistical data, reducing cross-border certificate verification time as well as reducing the cost of doing business."

The SADC e-Certificate of Origin will go a long way in supporting the implementation of SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap (2015-2063) and is in line with the Regional Integration Agenda as outlined in the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP 2020-2030) as well as the consolidation of the SADC Free Trade Area (FTA).

Director of Finance, Investment and Customs at the SADC Secretariat, Mr.

Sadwick Mtonakutha, said implementation of the e-CoO is a notable milestone for SADC to keep pace with the rapid shift to e-Commerce, the drive to foster industrialisation and improve efficiency in serving the business community.

Mr Mtonakutha highlighted that it was in the best interest of the public and private sectors in the SADC Region to push for ownership and implementation of the e-Certificate of Origin in Member States owing to the many benefits that it presents to assist in facilitating trade.

He noted that, with the introduction of the e-Certificate of Origin, Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) will benefit from reduced transaction costs, access to better financing terms, improved cashflow, and increased efficiency of business operations.

For the logistics operators, Mr Mtonakutha said the operators will have improved operational efficiencies and real-time connection, while customs administrations will benefit from automated risk management, better fiscal evaluation and speedier goods clear-



ance. Mr. Becerra Marta Jose Angel, the Deputy Head of Cooperation at the European Union (EU) Delegation to Botswana, said the launch of the e-CoO represented a new step of the EU long-standing partnership with Africa on

economic integration and trade matters.

According to John Bizwick, Commissioner General of the Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA), the initiative "will improve the way business is conducted in

the Region because the challenges that were associated with the manual processing of the certificate will be eliminated."

e-CoO is an electronic document that will be issued by an authority certifi-

ing that goods declared by an exporter or importer comply with specific rules, per criteria set out in the SADC trade protocol. It will initially be implemented in Malawi, Zambia, and Eswatini.

On Tuesday, July 5, the community announced the development of new measures to address issues that increase transaction costs.

The measures, which aim to boost intra-regional trades, include the simplification and harmonization of trade documents.

They also include improving transparency in the operations of regulatory agencies, harmonizing standards and technical regulations, harmonizing sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, monitoring and resolving non-tariff barriers (NTBs), and improving the business environments.

In addition, they plan to build the North-South Corridor (NSC) during the 2021/2022 fiscal years. The corridor will connect the South African port of Durban to Lusaka (Zambia), Lubumbashi (DRC), Lilongwe, and Blantyre (Malawi) via Johannesburg (South Africa) Botswana, and Zimbabwe.

Chinese firms to showcase 300 products in Dar

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA is set to host the first China Trade Week (CTW) to showcase the latest Chinese products later this month in the busiest city of Dar es Salaam.

Iddi Seid Bakari, Counsel General - Consulate General of the Republic of Tanzania in China said the event organized by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and MIE groups from Dubai will take place from September 26th to 28 this year.

He said over 50 Chinese brand companies will display more than 300 products from the following sectors including consumer electronics, industrial, medical, textiles & garments, beauty & construction and many more.

Furthermore, CTW Tanzania will showcase latest products from over 7 sectors including: consumer electronics, industrial, medical, textiles & garments, beauty & construction.

"China has continued to be a key global part-



China textile production facility

ner to Africa and especially Tanzania and we welcome the global trade initiatives, partnerships that will be developed from the national industry support it has fostered," he said.

He said with the global economy slowly opening in trading doors, Tanzania is positioned in a critical region to support and facilitate global trade movement.

CTW Tanzania 2022 is a key initiative in reconnecting global trade between China & Africa and will be on the first global hybrid event taking place in Dar-es Salaam

MIE Groups Vice President, Zahoor Ahmed said Tanzania government and industry have been incredible in their support to bring Chinese Innovation and industry to form new partnerships and drive foreign direct investment into this East African economy.

"We are very proud to restart and reconnect global trade with the first Hybrid Exhibition taking place in Tanzania in September in Dar-es Salaam," he

stated. "Engaging with Tanzanian industry leaders with our Chinese Manufacturers directly in a live and hybrid environment will be critical to engaging and discussing key project delivery."

He said CTW has been successfully held in Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco and South Africa for many years, which include an exhibition of brand products, and seminars.

The meeting CTW theme is "China Africa economy and trade cooperation, investment, and culture exchange" covering infrastructure construction, energy, agricultural, food, and science and technology sectors.

Chinese foreign investment in the country peaked at \$2.5 billion in 2013. Currently, there are over 500 Chinese companies investing in Tanzania.

Apart from China being Africa's largest trading partner and investor, there is another dimension of the relationship that of development aid.

Europe gas slumps again as EU plans intervention

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NATURAL gas prices fell for a third day as the European Union pushes ahead with its market intervention to ease the worst energy crisis in decades.

Benchmark prices dropped as much as 4.8 percent to a seven-week low.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will

present a slimmer version of her five-point plan on Wednesday, with the EU seeking to curb power consumption and provide liquidity in an attempt to prevent the crisis from engulfing the broader economy.

"What is likely to be unveiled is a cocktail of market reform and price caps that fundamentally reshapes the way in which European energy markets have

acted since deregulation in the early 2000s," Citigroup Inc. analysts including Alastair Syme said in note.

While the policy measures are being worked out, gas continues to be pumped into inventories with the official start of the heating season just over two weeks away.

European storage sites are about 84 percent full, slightly

above the five-year average, and at 88 percent in Germany, according to Gas Infrastructure Europe. Some injections usually continue into October before heating demand starts soaking up stockpiles.

Russia gas supply cuts have slammed Europe through the summer with industries producing everything from metals to fertilizers forced to reduce out-

put and bringing the economy to the brink of recession.

Inflation has surged to multiyear highs and the cost of living crisis has deepened. It has compelled governments to step in to help ease the pain.

As part of its plan, the EU aims to cut power demand and cap excessive revenue of companies producing electricity from sources other than gas. It would be done through a limit on the price of power from re-

newables, lignite or nuclear.

"The strong build-up of gas and coal storage thanks to demand destruction in European industry and elsewhere were on the bearish side," said Andy Sommer, team leader for fundamental analysis and modeling at Swiss utility and trader Axpo Solutions AG. "Only the current constraints on market liquidity can help fully explain prices which expe-

rienced a massive rollercoaster during August, initially more than doubling before dropping back by 30-40%."

Front-month Dutch gas futures were 4.3 percent lower at 182.33 euros per megawatt-hour as 9:37 a.m. in Amsterdam.

Prices fell 14 percent in the previous two sessions. The UK equivalent contract dropped as much as 3 percent on Tuesday.

Oil price extends advance as dollar drops, Iran talks suffer setback

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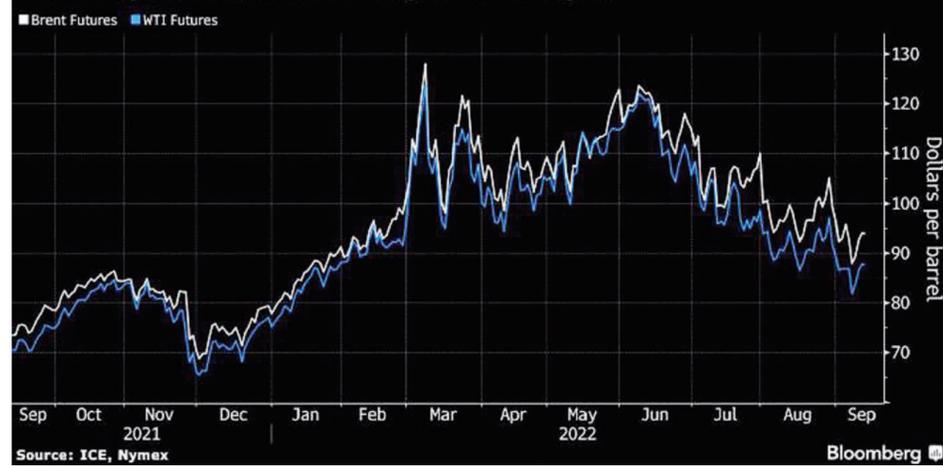
OIL pushed higher for a fourth day as a weaker dollar offset global demand concerns, and progress toward an Iranian nuclear deal stalled.

West Texas Intermediate futures rose above \$88 barrel in a volatile session that followed a three-day rally of about 7 percent. Should the US benchmark end higher on Tuesday that would be the longest winning run since mid-May.

US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said it was "unlikely" the US and Iran would reach a new deal anytime soon, echoing recent comments from France, Germany and the UK, and pushing back the likelihood of any substantial rise in Iranian oil shipments in the near term.

Crude hit the lowest level since January earlier this month as investors fretted about global consumption, including in top importer China, where authorities are pressing on with harsh

Oil Fluctuates Amid Demand Concerns, Weaker Dollar Futures edge lower after three straight session of gains



anti-virus restrictions, and as the European Union readies power cut plans amid an energy crisis.

Still, after hitting a record last week, the dollar has eased, making commodities cheaper for overseas buyers

ahead of a key reading on US inflation due later Tuesday.

The US inflation print will detail price pressures in August, and economists expect a decline in the headline figure year-on-year, in part on cheaper

gasoline. Nevertheless, traders still expect another large rate hike from the Fed next week, taking their cue from officials supporting that view.

At the same time, some leading banks have been scaling back their

oil price expectations for the rest of this year. Morgan Stanley reduced its Brent price forecasts for this quarter and next, according to a note, following a similar move by UBS Group AG earlier this week.

"We do not expect a sustained rally soon," Morgan Stanley analysts including Martijn Rats said in the note. "A growth slowdown in all main economic blocks has pointed to weaker oil demand for some time, and this is also now visible in oil-specific data. China has been a particularly important contributor to this."

Widely watched time spreads have been volatile. Brent's prompt spread -- the difference between its two nearest contracts -- was at \$1.09 a barrel in backwardation, compared with 86 cents last Tuesday and \$1.47 two weeks ago.

Crude investors will get an important insight later Tuesday into the near-term market outlook when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries releases its monthly analysis. The producer group and its allies including Russia announced a token supply cut at their meeting last week.

Elsewedy Electric launches transformer factory in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

EGYPTIAN Elsewedy Electric has inaugurated the second phase of industrial complex with the launch of transformer production factory with annual capacity of producing 2,500 transformers.

The statement issued by Elsewedy yesterday said the launch of the factory is ushering the beginning of the second phase of Elsewedy Electric Industrial Complex in the East African country, and marking the latest step in establishing the complex as a regional manufacturing and exporting hub for wires & cables, transformers, meters, and insulators.

In his speech via video link, Eng. Ahmed El Sewedy, President and CEO of Elsewedy Electric said launching the transformers factory is a further step in line with Elsewedy Electric's strategy of sustainable investment in Tanzania and whole Africa.

"We are on a mission in Tanzania to empower better lives in the local communities through our investment and expansion plans. The new factory will add more direct and indirect jobs and manufacture local resources to meet the needs of the market locally and abroad," he said.

"This achievement demonstrates Elsewedy Electric's vision of taking advantage of the favorable investment climate in the United Tanzania as a strongly qualified country to become an economic hub and regional transit point, particularly in the East and South Africa region."

He said the growing presence in Tanzania is a testimony of the close friendship between Egypt and Tanzania and their ever-expanding relations in different fields.

Built on 120,100 square meters in Kigamboni, Tanzania, the complex comprises several manufacturing facilities, currently cables, wires, and transformers, to be followed by PVC, meters, and a logistics center, as well as an expansion of the Cables and Transformers factories to accommodate a wider portfolio.

The complex will produce the solutions and equipment necessary for the industrialization strategy of Tanzania 2025, also offering a technical training academy to provide innovative technical education and vocational training programs with international standards to skill and train aspiring employees and feed the growing labor market in the developing nation.

The investment will reach more than



Ahmed El Sewedy, CEO of Egypt's Elsewedy Electric

\$50 million upon completion, with a plan to create 1,500 jobs for the Tanzanian people. Having started manufacturing wires and cables in December 2021, the company now has distributors in 3 regions across Tanzania in Lakezone Mwanza, Dar Es Salaam, and Dodoma, as well as exporting to Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, DRC, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

The minister of energy, H.E January Makamba was quoted saying "Having the second phase of this huge industrial complex inaugurated within nine months of

inaugurating the first phase proves that Elsewedy Electric is a real partner willing to exploit the favorable business climate in Tanzania and supporting the inter-African collaboration."

Ambassador of Egypt to Tanzania, Mohamed Abu El Wafaa expressed his pleasure at participating in the opening of the second phase of the Elsewedy Electric Industrial Complex in Tanzania and praised Elsewedy Electric's efforts to boost its investment in the highest priority economic sectors of the Tanzanian government.

He explained the company's participation in the Egyptian alliance implementing the Julius Nyerere hydropower dam project, in consistent with the Egyptian government's interest in encouraging Egyptian companies to invest in various fields in Tanzania.

The Transformers factory covers an area of 5,000 m2 and has a production capacity of up to 2,500 Oil Immersed Distribution Transformers per year, serving several applications including distribution grids, pole mounted, and pad-mounted, in addition to auxiliary transformers.

PAET's parent company launches first sustainability report for 2021

By Guardian Reporter

PANAfrican Energy Tanzania's (PAET) parent company Orca Energy Group Inc and includes its subsidiaries and affiliates yesterday announced that it has published its first sustainability report.

The Sustainability report reflects on the company's progress on delivering its sustainability principles and framework, laying the groundwork for a number of future projects.

The Company's goal is to create long-term sustainable and accretive value for all of its stakeholders, whilst contributing to Tanzania's transition away from more carbon intensive sources of energy in the transition to a lower carbon future.

The report aims to set out the Company's ambitions from a corporate and sustainability perspective, and demonstrate how its holistic approach to sustainability is the right method of implementation for ORCA and PAET to take.

Jay Lyons, Chief Executive Officer, commented: "This is our maiden Sustainability Report and we are proud of the progress we made in 2021 and the range and impact that our ESG focused initiatives have had, which are continuing with the same momentum in 2022. As a company active in the energy space, we are intrinsically linked with Tanzania's energy needs, with our primary objective being to provide reliable natural gas to support the country's power and industrial sectors, whilst looking at ways to minimize the environmental impact of our operations and maximize our positive contribution to our stakeholders."

Sustainability is important for players in any sector, but for a key player in a critical sector such as energy, sustainability bears even greater weight, he said.

"The country's hydropower industry is arguably one of the best in Africa, but due to its seasonality and the somewhat unpredictable nature of weather patterns, ORCA and PAET believe that there will continue to be a place for domestic natural gas in the country's energy mix in the future," he added.

At present, PAET is already one of the largest natural gas to electricity suppliers in-country, responsible for approximately 45% of the Tanzanian electricity supply, and given the country's future industrial growth plans, it is believed that further development of the Songo Songo gas field will bring online additional power capacity, while keeping additional carbon emissions as restricted as possible.



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Polepole urges Tanzanians to grab soya market opportunities

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA'S High Commissioner to Malawi, Humphrey Polepole, has encouraged Tanzanians to grab business opportunities from soya market.

Ambassador Polepole (pictured) said this on Monday during the business forum held in Dar es Salaam, which involved soya stakeholders from Malawi and Tanzania.

The meeting hosted by the Embassy of Tanzania in Malawi in collaboration with Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) aimed at discussing and formulating a way forward to promote trade between two countries.

He said Malawi is the leading producer of soya in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), followed by Zambia.

"The duty vested on you is to find the most credible buyers for your products while our duty as a government is to authenticate with documents that can induce a bank to pay for goods or facilitates trade finance," he said.

"Our target is to ensure that the trade volume of soya doubles by creating an enabling environment and eliminating trade barriers," he added.

Currently, the most products exported by Malawians to Tanzania include soya cake, which is used to produce animal feed.



During the meeting, stakeholders charted a way forward how trade between the two countries can develop the southern corridor by deploying the mtwara port located 578 kilometers south of the Commercial city of Dar es Salaam.

Polepole explained that business between the two countries can be meaningful if the products exported get away via mtwara port, noting that it is so near from Malawi compared to other means of transport.

The statistics show that during the last 25 years, the exports of Malawi to Tanzania have increased at an annualized rate of 6.19 percent from \$7.46 million in

1995 to \$33.4million in 2020.

In 2020, Tanzania exported goods valued \$38.3million to Malawi.

Ambassador Polepole expressed hope that the discussion will bear fruits, since he was going to meet with the authorities in Malawi to discuss possible ways of facilitating trade between the two countries.

The cooperation between Tanzania and Malawi has been cordial and strengthening each passing day.

The two countries, which are both members of SADC, have been cooperating in areas of politics, defense and security, economy and social aspects.

Can William Ruto tilt EAC trade balance?

NAIROBI

AS Kenya welcomed William Ruto's presidency yesterday, the East African Community (EAC) will be keenly watching the new administration's approach to foreign trade policies.

With a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of over \$100 billion – double that of Tanzania and nearly three times that of Uganda – Kenya remains the largest economy in the region.

An analysis of trade data in the past decade under President Uhuru Kenyatta shows that Kenya's balance of trade against EAC members has declined by Sh19.1 billion.

Gains from Rwanda and Burundi have partially helped to offset much of the deficit incurred with Tanzania.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) show trade surplus with the neighbouring countries in 2012 was Sh119 billion – which was inherited by Mr Kenyatta when he assumed office in 2013 – and it declined last year to Sh99 billion.

Trade surplus between Kenya and Rwanda grew by Sh12 billion between 2012 and 2021, with Burundi recording a surplus of Sh7 billion.

When the outgoing President took power in 2013, trade between Kenya and Tanzania was in favour of the former, which had a surplus of Sh31.6 billion, but it declined to Sh11 billion at the end of his first term and to a deficit of Sh8.9 billion as at 2021.

Tanzania, which previously had a lukewarm relationship with Kenya, benefited greatly from the change in administration following the death of former President John Magufuli.

The coming into office of Samia Suluhu saw Kenya and Tanzania improve their trade relationship, abolishing several non-tariff barriers such as taxes that had been imposed on a number of goods.



Trucks transporting goods to Uganda held up in a traffic jam on Kenya's Eldoret-Webuye highway. FILE PHOTO

The change of administration in Kenya has always resulted in uncertainties in the region as the country is a major trade route to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Macharia Munene, a professor of History and International Relations at the United States International University in Nairobi, says so far there has been an indication that the trade between Kenya and its

neighbours will remain steady. "Kenya's neighbours have so far reacted well [to Ruto's election] and this is a good sign that the trade between the countries will continue to flourish even with the change of

guard," Prof Munene told the Business Daily.

KNBS data show there has always been a change in terms of trade numbers between Kenya and her neighbours every time there is a

transition in leadership.

Kenya had a surplus of Sh52 billion with Uganda in 2012, which declined to Sh12.6 billion in 2017 before rebounding to Sh57 billion at the end of last year.

President Yoweri Museveni and Dr Ruto have had a good relationship in the past and analysts believe that his election augurs well for the relationship between the two countries as well.

In July 2021, Mr Museveni hosted Ruto as the chief guest when laying the foundation of a new vaccine facility in Uganda in what pundits believed to be an endorsement of Kenya's new president.

On the other hand, the Ugandan leader has had a lukewarm relationship with opposition leader Raila Odinga.

Uganda remains Kenya's largest trade partner in the region, accounting for 44.2 percent of the total trade volumes last year.

Kenya mainly imports grain, milk, poultry products and sugar from Uganda while it exports animals, vegetable oil, machinery, steel and iron.

Tanzania was the second-largest trading partner with Kenya last year, with the volume of trade between the two countries rising 35 percent to hit Sh100 billion. Nairobi has in recent years scaled volumes of maize from the neighbouring country to cover for its local deficit.

Other countries in the region, especially the Great Lakes nations like Rwanda, Burundi and the DRC, will also be keen to know the trade agenda of the new administration in Kenya.

Besides cementing bilateral relations between the countries and offering room for intra-trade, they will be hoping that the Ruto administration will agree to finance the construction of the remaining sections of the standard gauge railway (SGR) connecting the Malaba route to Kampala.

Bank of England to raise interest by 50bps again

LONDON

THE Bank of England looks set to hike borrowing costs by another 50 basis points next week, although it may opt for an even bigger move, a Reuters poll found, adding to the woes of indebted households already facing a cost of living crisis.

That is despite some inflation expectations falling after new Prime Minister Liz Truss announced an energy support package last week, with inflation now likely to peak as much as five percentage points lower than earlier forecast.

In August the BoE raised its main interest rate by 50 basis points, taking it to 1.75% in its largest move in 27 years. The overwhelming majority of economists in a Sept. 9-13 Reuters poll, 40 of 47, said it would add the same amount on Sept. 22, lifting it to 2.25%.

Other central banks have been acting more aggressively, including the U.S. Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of Canada.

The remaining seven economists polled said the BoE would opt for a 75-basis-point hike next week as it battles to contain inflation running at more than five times its 2% target. Inflation was 10.1% in July, the highest since February 1982.

But Truss' power tariff cap and planned tax cuts could prove inflationary, and Bank Rate was now expected to peak at a higher level than previously thought.

"While we don't expect the MPC to reach consensus on anything bigger than a 50bps hike at this stage, the case for further oversized rate hikes remains strong, if not stronger," said Sanjay Raja at Deutsche Bank.

The BoE was expected to follow next week's increase with another 50 basis point lift in November and 25 basis points in December, taking Bank Rate to 3.00%, where it will stay until at least October.

In an August survey, Bank Rate was expected to top out at the end of this year at 2.50%.

When asked how the risks to that peak interest rate forecast were skewed, 18 of 19 respondents to an extra question said it would be higher or significantly higher. Only one said the risk was it would be lower.

"In fact, one of the paradoxes of large fiscal support is that the Bank may now need to tighten monetary policy by more than would otherwise be the case. An increase to 4% is now possible," said Neil Shearing at Capital Economics, who has been near the top end of those expectations for some time.

Despite expectations for hefty rises from the central bank, Britain's struggling pound will not regain its losses against the U.S. dollar anytime soon due to an expected recession and increased government spending, another Reuters poll found. That will add to price pressures through more expensive imports.

Inflation was now seen peaking at 10.5% next quarter, down from the 12.8% forecast just ahead of Truss' announcement and the 11.4% expectation in August's poll but wasn't seen at the Bank's target until 2024 at least.

Surging prices have deterred consumers and the economy grew less than expected in July, raising the risk it is already in a recession, official data showed on Monday.

When asked about the likelihood of a recession within a year the median was 75% and within two years it was 80% although a majority of respondents to another question said it would be long and shallow.

Quarterly growth forecasts for next year were largely revised down and the economy was predicted to contract 0.2% across 2023, a turnaround from the 0.2% growth expected in last month's poll.



ITV PGM SCHEDULE			
WEDNESDAY 14 Sept			
5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo	19:30	Jajina
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	19:00	Usafiri Waiko
6:00	HABARI	19:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty
6:40	Kumekucha	20:00	Habari
7:30	HABARI	21:05	Malumbano ya hoja
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	23:00	The Base
8:55	Habari za saa	00:30	Al Jazeera
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14:40	Mapishi	10:55	Habari za saa
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15:00	Meza huru	11:55	Habari za saa
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17:00	The Base	12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
18:00	Jiji Letu	12:55	Habari za saa
18:15	Korean: Jumong	13:00	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba rpt
19:00	Jarida la wanawake rpt	13:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ
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21:05	Abu Yako	14:30	DWTV rpt: Kesho leo
21:10	Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco	14:55	Habari za saa
21:40	Kipindi maalum: Watumishi housing	15:00	Meza Huru
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		21:15	Igizo: Rebecca
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WORLD

King Charles, siblings hold silent vigil for Queen Elizabeth

EDINBURGH

KING Charles and his siblings held a silent vigil at the side of their mother Queen Elizabeth's coffin as it lay at rest in Edinburgh's historic cathedral, with thousands queuing for hours to pay their respects to Britain's longest-serving monarch.

With their heads bowed, Charles, wearing a kilt, alongside sister Princess Anne and brothers Princes Andrew and Edward, stood solemnly for 10 minutes next to the oak coffin, draped with the royal flag known as the Royal Standard of Scotland.

The flag was topped with a wreath of white flowers and the Crown of Scotland, historically used for the coronations of monarchs of Scotland.

They left the city's St Giles Cathedral to applause from onlookers.

The coffin had earlier been brought from the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the monarch's official residence in Scotland, in a procession watched mostly in silence by a large, grieving crowd, with Charles and other royal family members walking slowly behind the hearse.

Mourners, some weeping, and others with heads bowed or cursing, walked slowly past the coffin after having waited patiently for hours to be allowed into the cathedral.

"I had gone to see the queen so you can imagine my surprise when I saw members of the royal family there," said Frances Thain, 63. "I was just overwhelmed because there was so much to take in."

Michael Hainsworth, 70, a retired music teacher, was one of the first to

enter the cathedral to see the coffin after a seven-hour wait, and people are expected to file past all night until the vigil ends at 3 pm (1400 GMT) yesterday.

"We were very upset. It was so emotional. It brought it all home," said Hainsworth as he comforted his crying wife.

Queen Elizabeth died on Thursday in her holiday home at Balmoral, in the Scottish Highlands, at the age of 96 after a 70-year reign, plunging Britain into mourning even as it faces an economic crisis and a change of government.

A YouGov poll said 44 percent of respondents said they had cried or shed a tear since her death.

Her coffin had arrived from Balmoral on Sunday and stood overnight at Holyroodhouse.

A bagpipe lament was the only sound as kilted soldiers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland bore the casket from the palace and placed it in the hearse for the short journey along the Royal Mile to the cathedral.

A gun salute boomed out from a battery on Edinburgh Castle when the hearse moved off and a single round was fired each minute of the procession. Other than that there was just silence - except a brief shout from a heckler aimed at Prince Andrew.

Under a sunny sky, Charles, 73, who automatically became king on his mother's death, and his siblings walked slowly behind the hearse, while the Royal Company of Archers provided the guard of honor.

Tina Richardson, 63, a retiree from Dunbar, was among those standing on



Members of the public file past as Britain's King Charles III, Britain's Princess Anne, Princess Royal, Britain's Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, and Britain's Prince Andrew, Duke of York attend a Vigil at St Giles' Cathedral, in Edinburgh, on Monday, where the coffin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II lies at rest. AFP

the centuries-old Royal Mile beside the cathedral. She said her middle name was Elizabeth after the late queen.

"There'll never be anyone like her," she told Reuters. "She was such a beautiful lady who gave us all so much. She dedicated her whole life to the country. In good times and bad she was there, especially during COVID. She united everybody."

Ellie Merton, 52, an arts producer, who travelled up from the border region of Scotland, said: "We had pipers, horses and archers. There was the sense of the Scottish community being around here as she made her final journey."

'Our democracy'

In a packed timetable for the new monarch, Charles went to the devolved Scottish assembly after the service to hear a motion of condolence. He had begun the day in London, when he addressed members of the British parliament at Westminster Hall.

He called parliament the "living and breathing instrument of our democracy" and pledged to follow his late mother's example in maintaining its independence.

As with all the ceremonies to mark the queen's death and Charles' accession to the throne, there was much pageantry.

He arrived at Westminster Hall to a fanfare of trumpets with his wife Camilla, Queen Consort. The royal couple sat on ceremonial chairs, with cavalry troopers in red tunics and plumed helmets standing in attention behind.

"She set an example of selfless duty which,

with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow," he told members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The assembly then sang "God Save the King". Charles, who is now king of the United Kingdom and 14 other realms including Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, is known for expressing his views on matters ranging from the environment to youth issues.

He has suggested that as king, he would moderate his style, in keeping with the tradition that the monarch keeps out of political matters.

On Tuesday, the coffin will be flown to London, where on Wednesday it will begin a period of lying in state until Sept 19 - the day of Elizabeth's state funeral - on a catafalque at Westminster Hall.

In London, members of the public will be allowed to process past the coffin, which will be covered by the Royal Standard with the sovereign's Orb and Sceptre placed on top, for 24 hours a day until 6:30 am (0530 GMT) on Sept 19.

The government said those wishing to do so should expect to queue for many hours and possibly overnight due to the huge number of people expected.

Britain last saw such a display of public mourning in 1997 after the death of Charles's first wife, Princess Diana, in a Paris car crash.

In his first public comment since the queen's death, Prince Harry - Diana's son - paid an emotional tribute to his "granny" on Monday, saying she would be sorely missed not just by the family, but the world over.

"We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace," Harry said, a reference to Elizabeth's husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, who died last year.

Lavrov, several Russian delegates to UN General Assembly obtain US visas, MFA reports

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and a number of members of the Russian delegation to the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) have obtained their US visas today to travel to New York, where UN headquarters is located, the Russian Foreign Ministry told TASS yesterday.

"Today, visas were issued to Lavrov (pictured) and some members of his party," the diplomatic agency noted. That said, the ministry is hoping for the swiftest issuance of visas to other delegation members as well as a quick resolution to logistics issues, "given the illegitimate restrictive sanctions on the part of the US which are blocking the logistics issues of the arrival of Russia's representatives to take part in the UNGA's work."

The 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly will open on September 13. The session's centerpiece will be the High-Level Week (September 20-26) which will be attended by the heads of states, governments and top diplomats of various countries. A presentation by the Russian delegation is scheduled for September 24.

Earlier, the Russian Foreign Ministry noted that the United States was unreasonably protracting the visa process for the Russian delegates to the UNGA despite the fact that the documents were submitted well in advance.



China's ICT giant Huawei launches this year's training programme in Zimbabwe

HARARE

TELECOMMUNICATIONS firm Huawei Zimbabwe on Monday launched the 2022 edition of the Seeds for the Future program under which 30 undergraduate university students will undergo a week-long, virtual training course to upgrade their information and communications technology (ICT) knowledge and skills.

Running for the eighth year in Zimbabwe now, the program has evolved over the years as it continues to nurture and bolster ICT skills for tertiary students and ICT professionals.

In addition to helping beneficiaries to close the gap between theory and practice and master required skills, the program also encourages countries across different regions to participate in the construction of digital communities.

"Today's event is all about nurturing youth leadership in ICT sector. In our 25 years of operation in Zimbabwe, this has always been our number one priority to promote local empowerment and capacity building, whilst we bring the best technology and solutions to assist Zimbabwe's glorious and ambitious national development master plan," Huawei's Technologies Zimbabwe Managing Director Wei Qingtao said at the launch.

The Seeds for the Future program is Huawei's biggest global flagship corporate social responsibility program which seeks to develop local ICT talent, enhance knowledge transfer and promote a greater understanding of the telecommunications sector among the youth in the countries where it operates.

Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the program has been conducted virtually with 12,413 students from 137 countries and regions around the globe having benefited, Wei said.

He commended the strong partnership between his company and the Zimbabwean government under the program.

"Since the Seeds for the Future program was launched in 2015 in Zimbabwe, Huawei, the Ministries and local universities have worked together to provide the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge ICT technologies and Chinese culture for over 80 Zimbabwean undergraduate students. This is an invaluable addition to any CV when looking for a job after graduation," Wei said.

He said this year's program will run from Sept. 13-20 and will offer the students a rich experience involving technology classes, leadership classes, Chinese cultural experiences, an international corporate tour and communication with peers around the world.

The participants will also get training and exposure to leadership, industry trends and the latest ICT technologies, such as 5G, LTE and cloud computing through comprehensive online and live lectures from Huawei experts and external guest lecturers.

Xinhua

Australia may replace queen's image on banknotes with local figures

NAIROBI

SYDNEY - The Australian government said yesterday that the image of King Charles III would not automatically replace Queen Elizabeth II's on A\$5 notes, and it may be replaced by Australian figures.

While coins are mandated to carry the image of the British monarch, Federal Assistant Minister for the Treasury Andrew Leigh said on Tuesday the decision to include the queen's image on the A\$5 dollar note was about her personality as opposed to her status as the monarch, and any changes would not be "automatic".

Asked by a reporter if the government would consider replacing the British monarch with an Australian such as

indigenous land rights activist Edward Mabo, Leigh said: "It will be a conversation to be had down the track."

"It is a conversation that will take place in government. There's no rush about it. The priority now is changing over the coins."

The Queen's death has reignited debates about Australia's future as a constitutional monarchy. Voters narrowly chose to maintain the British monarch as its head of state in a 1999 referendum.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Tuesday that he had yet to turn his attention to whether an Australian should be on the A\$5 note.

"I think this is a time where a bit of respect is required. We will deal with these issues appropriately, in an orderly way, in a way that is respectful."



Australian \$5 notes are pictured in Sydney, on Sept 10, 2022. AP

The Royal Australian Mint, the sole producer of coins in the country, said yesterday that it will issue no circulating coins bearing the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II in 2023.

Roughly 15 billion coins have been minted in the likeness of Queen Elizabeth II since her coronation in 1953. The mint produces between 110 million and 150 million coins annually.

Agencies

New president vows to make work of UN General Assembly more impact-oriented

UNITED NATIONS

THE president of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly, Csaba Korosi (pictured), vowed on Monday to build bridges and make the work of the assembly more impact-oriented.

"We must continue to reform and transform the United Nations, including the General Assembly, and strengthen our cooperation through trust," he told reporters

after taking the oath as president of the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

"My role will be to build bridges and make the work of the General Assembly more impact-oriented. I plan to pursue an integrated agenda of peace and security, human rights, and sustainability -- three mutually reinforcing goals. We must support each, or they will all fall," he said.

He said his priorities will be:



stand firm on the basic principles of the UN Charter, make significant

and measurable progress on the sustainability transformation, aim at integrated systemic solutions, enhance the role of science in decision-shaping, and increase solidarity.

"I invite all stakeholders to work together and enlarge common ground among member states and stakeholders," said Korosi. "I will continue to coordinate efforts with the secretary-general, the Security Council, the

Economic and Social Council and the other relevant UN bodies, and conduct impact-oriented and regular consultations with civil society, youth, scientific institutions, knowledge centers, faith-based organizations, private sector, and key financial institutions."

The 77th session of the General Assembly begins on Tuesday. The motto of Korosi's presidency is "Solutions through solidarity, sustainability, and science." Xinhua

CHINA recently released the world's first H-Alpha spectral scanning imaging by its first solar observation satellite "Xihe" after the satellite has stayed in orbit for 10 months.

The satellite also obtained the world's first spectral lines of the Sun's H-Alpha waveband, neutral silicon atoms and neutral iron atoms, said Zhao Jian, chief designer of the China's high-resolution Earth observation project Gaofen.

Xihe was launched on Oct. 14, 2021 and is traveling in a Sun-synchronous orbit about 517 kilometers above the Earth. As the first Chinese "photographer" for the Sun, the satellite has taken China into the era of solar exploration.

China's first solar exploration satellite makes breakthroughs

The H-Alpha waveband is the most responsive spectral line of solar activities in the lower atmosphere of the Sun.

According to Zhao, the major scientific payload of Xihe is an H-Alpha imaging spectrograph with a resolution of 0.0024 nanometers, about 10 times higher than the resolution of ground-based optical filters, reaching the international advanced level. Each spectral scan image contains more than 300 photos, which is like a "CT scan" of the Sun's lower atmosphere, namely the photosphere and chromosphere.

Apart from the H-Alpha waveband,

Xihe also obtained spectral lines of neutral silicon atoms and neutral iron atoms. By studying them and based on the full-disk Doppler images of the photosphere and chromosphere obtained by Xihe, scientists are able to get the temperature, density and velocity of the Sun's atmosphere and thus have a better understanding of the triggers and development of solar activities. It will help improve space weather forecast and ensure the security of mankind.

Experts introduced that relevant experiments carried out by Xihe have achieved two internationally recog-

nized deliverables on solar exploration, which significantly improves China's global influence in solar physics.

The Xihe satellite applies a magnetic levitation technology in orbit to increase accuracy and stability during operation. Besides, it has also verified multiple new technologies such as magnetic coupling wireless energy transmission, laser communication and wireless communication.

At present, Xihe is launching scientific observation as scheduled on a daily basis and has observed nearly 100 solar outbursts. The observation data are open for world players to share, which

marks China's contribution to the science development of the world.

It is learned that China will launch an Advanced Space-based Solar Observatory this year to conduct observations on the solar magnetic field, solar flares and coronal mass ejections, to support the forecasting of catastrophic space weather.

Besides, Chinese scientists are further studying the structure of the Sun and the three-dimensional structure of solar activities, as part of Chinese efforts to contribute to the science development of the world.

People's Daily



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West manipulates media to cast its influence - report

NEW YORK

A recent report has shed some light on Western media influence operations mainly aimed at Central Asia and the Middle East.

The Aug 24 report – Unheard Voice: Evaluating five years of pro-Western covert influence operations – by the Stanford (University) Internet Observatory Cyber Policy Center and Graphika, a network analysis company based in New York, analyzed a large network of accounts removed from US social media giants Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The information operations likely originated in the United States and targeted a range of countries, according to the report.

The accounts sometimes shared news articles from US government-funded media outlets, such as Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, and links to websites sponsored by the US military.

“Our joint investigation found an interconnected web of accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and five other social media platforms that used deceptive tactics to promote pro-Western narratives in the Middle East and Central Asia. The platforms’ datasets appear to cover a series of covert campaigns over a period of almost five years rather than one homogeneous

operation,” the report said.

In July and August, Twitter and Meta, the parent of Facebook, removed two overlapping sets of accounts for violating their platforms’ terms of service. Twitter said the accounts ran afoul of its policies on “platform manipulation and spam”, and Meta said the assets on its platforms engaged in “coordinated inauthentic behavior”.

After taking down the assets, both internet platforms provided portions of the activity to Graphika and the Stanford Internet Observatory for further analysis. The observatory is part of the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, described as “Stanford’s hub for nonpartisan, interdisciplinary research, teaching and policy impact in international affairs”.

Two assets concentrated on China, particularly the Uygur ethnic group in the nation’s Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region.

The accounts – “a fake persona and sham media outlet” called “Intergazeta” – generated reports on an alleged “genocide” in Xinjiang.

The assets also posted about alleged poor treatment of women in the region and often centered those stories around news about domestic violence.

China has repeatedly protested such fake portrayal of conditions in Xinjiang, charging that Western media have regularly presented an inaccurate



This photo dated Sept 4, 2019 shows logos of US social networking websites Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, displayed on smartphone screen, in Lille, northern France.

picture of life there.

Other assets in the group also made the claims that “financial imperialism threatened Central Asia and other regions of the world”. The operation also targeted Russian-speaking Central Asian audiences and focused on lauding US aid to Central Asia and criticizing Russia, particularly its foreign policy.

“We believe this activity represents the most extensive case of covert pro-Western influence operations on social media to be reviewed and analyzed by open-source researchers to date,” the report said.

Twitter and Meta’s data reveal the limited range of tactics that influence-operation actors use, the report said, noting that “the covert campaigns detailed in this report are notable for how similar they are to previous operations we have studied”.

The assets identified by Twitter and Meta “created fake personas with GAN (Generative Adversarial Network-computer-generated) faces, posed as independent media outlets, leveraged memes and short-form videos, attempted to start hashtag campaigns, and launched online petitions: all tactics observed in past operations by other

actors”.

“Importantly, the data also shows the limitations of using inauthentic tactics to generate engagement and build influence online,” the report said, adding that “the vast majority of posts and tweets we reviewed received no more than a handful of likes or retweets, and only 19 percent of the covert assets we identified had more than 1,000 followers” **Agencies**

Armenia and Russia discuss situation on Armenian-Azerbaijani border

YEREVAN

ARMENIAN Defense Minister Suren Papikyan and his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu discussed over phone the latest developments on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border, the press service of the Armenian Defense Ministry reported yesterday.

“The Armenian Defense Minister told his Russian counterpart about the situation resulting from Azerbaijan’s large-scale aggression against the sovereign territory of the Republic of Armenia. Suren Papikyan and Sergey Shoigu agreed to take necessary steps to stabilize the situation,” the text reads.

Earlier on Tuesday night, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke over phone. Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan also briefed his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov on the situation on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border.

Earlier, the Armenian Defense Ministry said that immediately after midnight on September 13, Azerbaijani Armed Forces units opened fire in the direction of Goris, Sotq and Jermuk settlements using artillery, large-caliber and small arms. **Agencies**

Biden touts crackdown on airlines over passenger treatment

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden said on Monday his administration had cracked down on US airlines to improve treatment of passengers, a claim rejected by the carriers.

Biden said prior to changes made in customer service plans by major airlines “if your flight was canceled or delayed, no top airline guaranteed covering your cost of hotels and meals.”

“My administration is also cracking down on the airlines to get passengers fairer treatment,” Biden said. “Secretary Buttigieg, at my request, called them out.”

US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg told airlines in August he would publish their responses in a “dashboard”

and gave them two weeks to disclose what customer service protections they would commit to offering when delays were the fault of the airline.

“As of last week, airlines now cover hotels - eight of them; nine (cover) meals; nine rebook for free,” Biden said. “We’re going to get more rules in the works to protect airline passengers even further.”

Airlines for America, a trade group representing American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, JetBlue Airways and others, took exception to Biden’s assertions.

“It is not accurate to say that no US airline covered meals and hotels for passengers severely impacted by carrier-caused flight delays and cancellations,” it said in a statement, adding



that the dashboard reflected airlines formalizing existing policies.

Airlines canceled or delayed tens of thousands of flights this summer as they struggled

to ramp up staffing as demand returned from historic COVID pandemic lows, and Congress has pressed the administration to take a tougher line on airlines.

The Department of Transportation (USDOT) has five categories for rating airlines on for both canceled and delayed flights, including whether they provide meal vouchers for three-hour delays, and pay for hotels, transportation to lodging for stranded passengers and rebooking passengers on the same or another airline. They get checkmarks for providing such services.

American, Delta, United and JetBlue all got five checkmarks for both delayed and canceled flight policies, while Southwest and Alaskan Airlines got four checkmarks. Low-cost carrier Allegiant initially received no checkmarks but now has three for hotel, transportation and re-booking policies.

Buttigieg told Reuters last

month the US approach to regulating airlines and ensuring passengers are properly treated needs improvements.

USDOT has proposed rules to strengthen airline passenger protection and require airlines to provide vouchers that do not expire when passengers are unable to fly for pandemic-related reasons.

Buttigieg plans to finalize a new rule proposed in July 2021 to require passenger airlines to refund fees for bags that are significantly delayed and for services like onboard Wi-Fi that do not work.

Buttigieg said in July USDOT had completed investigations into 10 unnamed airlines over delayed or withheld passenger refunds and plans enforcement actions.

Nigerian govt takes striking university lecturers to court

ABUJA

A Nigerian court on Monday adjourned to Sept. 16 a suit filed by the federal government challenging the prolonged industrial action of university lecturers in the most populous African country.

Urging the National Industrial Court to determine the legality of the strike, the Nigerian government had sued the striking lecturers under the aegis of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) for affecting public universities in the country since Feb. 14.

The seven-month strike by ASUU so far had demanded, among others, the renegotiation of welfare, government funding for the revitalization of public universities, earned academic allowances, and promotion arrears. **Xinhua**

Key tunnel of South-to-North Water Diversion Project completed

A Yellow River-crossing tunnel, as a vital part of the middle route of China’s South-to-North Water Diversion Project, recently passed a verification test, laying a solid foundation for the high-quality development of the project.

So far, all the 155 units of the phase-I project of the eastern and middle routes have passed verification tests.

Over 56 billion cubic meters of water has been diverted along the eastern and middle routes in the past seven years, which benefited 150 million people. The two routes have brought about huge economic, social and ecological benefits.

How to transfer water from the southern bank of the Yellow River to the opposite side was the most challenging task during the construction of the middle route of the mega water diversion project, said Zhang Chuanjian, deputy chief designer of the CISPRD Corporation, a major technical service provider of the Yellow River-crossing tunnel.

Challenging as it was, the task must be conquered.

According to Zhang, there were two plans when the design work just started - one for an elevated diversion channel and another for tunnel excavation.

“We chose the latter upon repeated scientific verification and model tests, and out of the consideration of technical difficulty and ecological conservation,” Zhang told People’s Daily.

It was the first time for China to build a hydraulic tunnel with slurry tunnel boring machines. The excavation depth stood at 3.45 kilometers and the error must be controlled within 3 centimeters.



Photo shows a hydraulic project along the eastern route of China’s South-to-North Water Diversion project in Sihong county, Suqian, east China’s Jiangsu province. (Photo by Liu Chenglong/People’s Daily Online)

To ensure long-term and stable operation of the tunnel, constructors built a virtual 3D model that acquires real-time information about hydrology and water quality. Besides, underwater robots and scanners have been employed for troubleshooting of the underwater structure.

As of Aug. 30, 35.75 billion cubic meters of water had been transferred from the southern bank of the Yellow River to the opposite side through the tunnel, which significantly alleviated the water shortage in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region in north China.

According to Jing Shuguang, head of the general office of the China South-to-North Water Diversion Corporation Limited, 13 cascade pump stations, 22 pivots and 34 pump stations are established along the eastern route of the South-to-North Water Diversion project, and these

stations are equipped with 160 hydroelectric generators.

The pump station cluster has various types of pumps that come with low lift and large capacity, and they are able to work long hours throughout the year.

Besides, the management authority of the water diversion project has elevated the water level at the Danjiangkou Reservoir, which sits in the joint area of central China’s Hubei and Henan provinces, from 157 to 170 meters for larger water storage and more stable water source of the middle route.

Science-based management was key to the safe and steady operation of the eastern and middle routes of the South-to-North Water Diversion project in the past seven years. In the middle route dispatching hall of the China South-to-North Water Diversion Corporation Limited, real-time discharge information of major rivers is shown on

a screen, and monitoring, dispatching and water storage adjustment systems are equipped at lock stations.

“We can open gates remotely based on actual conditions and discharge variations,” Jing said. The success rate of remote gate control stands at 99.56 percent currently.

At present, the China South-to-North Water Diversion Corporation Limited is employing new-generation information technologies to gather more information and promote model-data and business-technology integration, so as to build a digital twin system of the South-to-North Water Diversion project, make the project more digital, network-based and intelligent, improve the project’s capability in precise water management, and drive the high-quality development of the project.

People’s Daily

Xi’s Central Asia trip set to boost unity

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping’s upcoming Central Asia trip will give a major boost to China’s bonds with its neighbors there, catalyze two-way, pragmatic cooperation and promote the unity and efficacy of the 21-year-old Shanghai Cooperation Organization, observers said.

From Wednesday to Friday, Xi (pictured) will attend the 22nd meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Council of Heads of State in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, and make state visits to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying announced on Monday.

The Central Asia tour will be Xi’s first trip abroad in more than two years, and the timing of the visits to the two destinations bears profound significance, experts said.

Both Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year of building diplomatic relations with China, and their presidents visited China in February to attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Winter Games and met with Xi.

Kazakhstan is the birthplace of the landmark Belt and Road Initiative, as it was there that Xi first proposed the Silk Road Economic Belt initiative – a key component of the BRI – during his first state visit to the country as president in 2013.

As of July 4, 149 countries and 32 international organizations have signed cooperative documents with China on jointly building the Belt and Road. As Kazakhstan is on the first stop of the BRI’s westward routes from China, “China-Kazakhstan relations have yielded fruitful outcomes in areas such as connectivity, production capacity, economy, trade and culture”, said Chinese Ambassador to Kazakhstan Zhang Xiaohua.

Annual bilateral trade reached US\$25.25 billion last year, nearly 70 times the amount in 1992, the year in which the two countries established diplomatic ties, making the country “a vanguard and exemplary zone in co-building the Belt and Road”, Zhang told China National Radio recently.

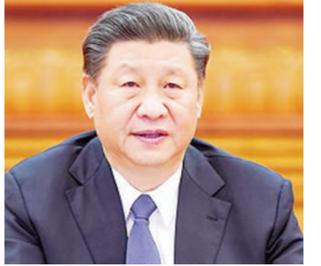
The two countries’ trade volume reached US\$17.69 billion in the first seven months of the year, according to China’s General Administration of Customs.

Meanwhile, China is working closely with Uzbekistan to boost the synergy between the BRI and the Development Strategy for New Uzbekistan, the country’s flagship vision for growth.

Both countries are working toward the goal of reaching US\$10 billion in annual bilateral trade, according to Chinese Ambassador to Uzbekistan Jiang Yan.

The trade volume between the two nations was US\$5.53 billion in the first seven months of 2022, according to Customs data.

Su Xiaohui, deputy director of the China Institute of International Studies’ Department of American Studies, said



the trip “will further build on the great relationships between the top leaders and chart the course for more high-lights of bilateral collaboration in the years to come”.

“Also, the trip is expected to see China and the rest of the SCO member states gear up in tackling the unprecedented economic and political challenges from the outside world, given the spillover effects of the global economic downturn, geopolitical conflicts and the COVID-19 pandemic,” Su said.

Samarkand, an Uzbek city known for its great cultural heritage, will host the SCO Summit on Thursday and Friday.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the 15th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty on Long-Term Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation.

The organization has eight member states, four observer states and six dialogue partners, and around 10 countries have voiced their hope to join the group or upgrade their status within the group.

“Instability and uncertainties are increasingly evident now”, given the significant global changes unseen in a century, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resurfacing of a Cold War mentality in the world, Ambassador Jiang said recently in an interview with Chinese media.

Xinhua

SPORT



Dar es Salaam's Championship club Pan Africans' footballer, Allen Mathias (2nd L), negotiates his way past NBC Premier League's Kinondoni Municipal Council FC footballers during a friendly clash which took place at Uhuru Stadium yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Chaneta bemoans absence of Mainland Tanzania's male squads in 2022 Muungano tournament

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Netball Association (Chaneta) has lamented the absence of Mainland Tanzania's men's clubs at the coming Muungano tournament slated for next month in Morogoro.

Rose Mkisi (pictured), Chaneta Secretary-General, said the association earmarked six women's clubs and three men's teams from Mainland Tanzania but so far only women's teams from Mainland Tanzania have confirmed to participate in the tournament slated for October 21-30.

She said, six women's clubs and three men's sides from Zanzibar have confirmed to compete in the tournament.

Rose mentioned the Mainland Tanzania teams which have confirmed to compete in the Muungano tournament as TAMISEMI, JKT Mbweni, Nyika Queens, Police Morogoro, Prisons Morogoro, and Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT).

Zanzibar's women's clubs lined up for the

event are KVZ, Mafunzo, The Talent, JKU, Warriors, and Zimamoto while Isles' men's teams are Mkanyageni, JKU, and The Talent.

The official pointed out: "The Muungano tournament gets underway next month in Morogoro but up to now no men's team from Mainland Tanzania has confirmed to compete in the tournament, while all squads from Zanzibar have confirmed."

"I think many Mainland Tanzania men's teams are not financially stable but, with August 15 being the deadline for confirmation, we hope they will confirm to participate," she said.

Chaneta recently announced that the national men's netball team will compete in African Championships slated for next year in Morocco.

This year's Muungano tournament will also offer the national men's netball team coaching panel the opportunity to select netballers for the squad. The Zanzibar tournament will involve players who were at the National Services training, representing their respective sides in the competition.



Mtupa: Prisons FC needs more matches, time for evaluation

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

ALTHOUGH Tanzania Prisons' head coach Patrick Odhiambo claims lack of coordination in his squad contributes to the club's poor performance, the outfit's assistant coach Shaban Mtupa reveals more time is needed for the outfit to improve.

Mtupa said that despite the team's poor performance in its first three matches of 2022/23 NBC Premier League, it is too early to self-evaluate based on the results.

Odhiambo, a Kenyan coach now coaching Tanzania Prisons after a spell at Mara's Biashara United, was quoted as saying he discovered every player in his team was banking on individual skills.

The gaffer pointed out: "The challenge facing our outfit's players is they hardly understand each other on the pitch,

communication, and combinations are the problem."

In an interview with The Guardian, Tanzania Prisons' assistant coach Mtupa elaborated on the matter by stressing more matches are needed to gauge his players' performance.

The gaffer noted: "It's too early to either assess or evaluate the position of our team in the league table by (looking at) three matches only, I would like to say we will do it after at least five matches."

The coach stated: "Currently, the technical bench is still detecting some challenges and working on them, give us time to breathe and scratch our heads."

In the 2022/23 NBC Premier League table, Tanzania Prisons is sitting eighth with four points, level with Mbeya City FC and Coastal Union, after battling it out in three matches.

SPORTS

NMB Marathon winners set to rake in cash prize

By Guardian Correspondent

WHILE this year's NMB Marathon race is expected to take place in Dar es Salaam on September 24, the race's 21km event winners will be presented with a cash prize amounting to 3m/-.

Emmanuel Akonaay, NMB Bank's Chief Human Resources Officer, said so while announcing the prizes for various winners of the second edition of the marathon.

The charity race seeks to collect 600m/- to meet costs for the treatment of women suffering from fistula disease.

The race that has a slogan known as 'Movement of Love' is expected to be held at the Leaders Club in Dar es Salaam.

Akonaay said: "The first-placed runners in 21km event in both men's and women's categories will receive 3m/-, second-placed athletes are to rake in 1.8m/- apiece, third-placed runners are to receive 800,000/-."

The official pointed out: "The fourth-placed runners will receive 600,000/-, fifth-place finishers are to take 350,000/-, and the sixth-placed competitors are to rake in 250,000/-."

"The first-placed athletes in men and women's categories of 10km race are to take 1m/-, 800,000/- will go to second-place finishers, the third-placed runners are to take 500,000/-, the fourth-place finishers are to get 350,000/-, the fifth-place finishers are to receive 200,000/-, and the competitors set to come sixth are to rake in 150,000/-," the official noted.

Akonaay added: "The 5km event for children will have the winners receiving a bicycle worth 600,000/-,



The Chief Human Resources Officer at NMB Bank Emmanuel Akonaay (R) leads participants in a 10km race during the route testing for this year's NMB Marathon that started and ended at the Leaders Club in Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam last weekend. The race scheduled for September 24 at the ground seeks to collect 600m/- to support the treatment of women suffering from fistula, now at the CCBRT Hospital. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

the second-placed competitor is to take a 200,000/- voucher, and the third-placed competitor is to receive a smartwatch worth 200,000/-."

"We are asking all people of goodwill to join us so that we can reach the goal of fulfilling the plan to collect 600m/-," Akonaay revealed.

The race's coordinator, David Marealle, said: "The awareness is great for those who continue to register to participate in this race, our centers continue registering people."

"We will have three days, September 21-23, for people to pick up equipment including race numbers and certificates after registering," Marealle revealed.

Suleiman Nyambui, Tanzania's national athletics team's head coach, said: "So far preparations are going on very well and the good thing is that there is a new incentive in NMB Marathon every year."

"Most of the time people are used to witnessing the race's top three winners getting prizes but, this time, it has been completely different, we will make sure that the right winners are found, and there won't be runners opting out of completing the route and looking forward to emerging victorious."



Artist from Tanzania's police force perform ahead of the launch of 2022 Southern African Regional Police Chief Cooperation (SARPCCO) Games at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Azam FC head coach looking forward to new assignment

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DENNIS Lavagne, newly appointed head coach for NBC Premier League giant, Azam FC, took his charges to his first league match on Tuesday afternoon at Sokoine Stadium against host Mbeya City FC.

The French tactician has replaced USA national Abdihamid Moalin, who parted ways with the Dar es Salaam outfit two weeks ago.

According to Azam FC's information officer Thabit Zacharia, Lavagne was looking forward to the tie.

Zacharia revealed last weekend: "Our team is expected to depart for Mbeya tomorrow (Sunday) morning by air, head coach and his backroom staff were training the team in our backyard."

"The coach said he is confident that his charges will do well in the game, he is looking forward to

his first assignment as head coach of the club," he said.

Lavagne signed a one-year contract with Azam FC and he promised that his major task is to see the team perform well in local and international tournaments.

The Chamazi-based club's leadership said it expects the UEFA pro license holder to take the side to higher heights.

Fireworks were expected to be on show in the Tuesday tie as both Mbeya City FC and Azam FC had earlier dropped two points in their respective ties in the league.

Mbeya City FC is positioned seventh with four points in the top flight table, having taken part in three outings, while Azam FC occupies sixth place with five points from the same number of matches.

In the previous clash, Mbeya City FC drew 1-1 with Tanzania Prisons in what is

also referred to as 'Mbeya derby' at Sokoine Stadium while Azam FC settled for a 2-2 draw with Yanga.

Mbeya City FC scored through midfielder Hassan Nassor while Prisons equalized through forward Khamis Mcha.

Azam FC's two goals in last week's match were scored by defenders Daniel Amoah and Malickou Ndoeye, whereas midfielder Feisal Salum scored a brace for Yanga.

After the 'Mbeya derby', Mbeya City FC head coach Abdullah Mubiru was reported to have said he is looking forward to the next game.

"We played well, we created a lot of scoring chances only that we did not make use of them, I will rectify the problems and hopefully in our next game against Azam FC we will be at our best," the gaffer noted.

Rampant Haaland set to show Dortmund what they are missing

MANCHESTER

BORUSSIA Dortmund know only too well of Erling Haaland's ability to destroy defences in the Champions League, but the German giants may die by the sword they previously lived by when they visit Manchester City today.

Haaland blossomed into one of the world's most feared strikers during two-and-a-half years in Germany, scoring 86 goals in 89 games for Dortmund.

Eight games into his City career, the giant Norway striker with a devastating turn of speed has already scored 12 times for the English champions.

"His numbers in all his career, not just here but when he was in previous teams, is quite similar," said City boss Pep Guardiola after Haaland struck twice in a 4-0 win at Sevilla to kick off City's latest quest to break their Champions League duck.

"He has an incredible sense of goal."

Haaland's bargain 60 million euro (£51 million, \$63 million) buyout clause meant he had his choice of clubs after he had outgrown his surroundings in the Bundesliga.

Dortmund may provide the perfect breeding ground for Europe's top talents to develop in the early years of their career, but they cannot compete financially with the continent's wealthiest clubs, nor satisfy the ambitions of the world's best players in the long term.

Haaland followed in the footsteps of Jadon Sancho, Christian Pulisic, Ousmane Dembele, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Robert Lewandowski and Mario Goetze as stars of the future to fly the nest after briefly leaving their mark in western Germany.

However, losing Haaland may prove the biggest loss of all with the 22-year-old threatening to rewrite records set by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi that many believed would remain intact for generations.

Haaland's double against Sevilla took his

tally in the Champions League to 25 goals in 20 games.

At the same stage of their careers, Ronaldo, the competition's all-time top goalscorer with 140, was yet to score, while Messi struck eight times in his first 20 matches in Europe's elite club competition.

"I love the Champions League. I have to say this, it's a big dream for me," Haaland told Telemundo Deportes this week as he revealed the competition's anthem is the ringtone on his phone.

"When I wake up every morning, I listen to this song. It's my favourite competition."

Haaland's haul in the Champions League was also why City were so desperate to sign him as the successor to the club's all-time top goalscorer Sergio Aguero.

Under Guardiola, City have won four Premier League titles in the past five years and six in total stretching back over the past decade.

Yet, the billions invested in the club from Abu Dhabi since 2008 have so far fallen short when it comes to winning the Champions League.

The past two seasons they have come agonisingly close, losing their first ever final to Chelsea in 2021 before blowing a two-goal lead in stoppage time of their semi-final against eventual winners Real Madrid in May.

Any doubts that the recruitment of a superstar could destabilise the collective effort that has characterised City's success under Guardiola have been blown away within weeks.

"This fella is going to break virtually every goalscoring record there is," tweeted former England striker Michael Owen.

"He's too big, too quick, clinical in front of goal and he's playing in a team that create dozens of chances."

Dortmund know what is coming. Halting the momentum of the man mountain they used to call their own is another matter.

AFP

Prosecutor: R. Kelly 'degraded' girl for his 'sick pleasure'

CHICAGO

R. Kelly parlayed his fame as an R&B superstar to sexually abuse minors and record that abuse on video, a prosecutor told jurors Monday at the singer's federal trial on charges of child pornography and of rigging his 2008 state child pornography trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Pozolo several times raised her voice and singled out Kelly, describing him as a secret sexual predator in closing arguments in Kelly's hometown of Chicago, where he rose from poverty.

"Robert Kelly abused many girls over many years," she said, referring to the 55-year-old Grammy winner's full first name. "He committed horrible crimes against children. ... All these years later, the hidden side of Robert Kelly has come out."

Jurors are expected to begin deliberating Tuesday after Kelly's lead attorney, Jennifer Bonjean, makes her closing argument and prosecutors give a short rebuttal.

Bonjean twice called for a mistrial Monday, complaining that closing arguments by attorneys for Kelly co-defendants Derrell McDavid and Milton Brown were grounded in the presumption that "the world now knows Mr. Kelly is a sex predator."

"The presumption of innocence has been abolished for him," Bonjean said about Kelly, meaning he was unable to get a fair trial. Judge Harry Leinenweber denied the requests.

Known for his smash hit "I Believe I Can Fly" and for sex-infused songs such as "Bump n' Grind," Kelly sold millions of albums even after allegations of sexual misconduct began circulating in the 1990s and after his 2008 Illinois trial, at which he was acquitted. Widespread outrage emerged after the #MeToo reckoning and the 2019 docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly."

Kelly and McDavid, Kelly's former business manager, are charged with fixing the 2008 trial. Both face child pornography charges. Brown, a former Kelly associate, is accused of receiving child pornography.

Kelly already was sentenced to 30 years in prison after a separate federal trial in New York in June. Convictions on just a few of the 13 counts Kelly faces at his current trial could add years to that.

Pozolo, the prosecutor, focused much of her closing argument Monday on a Kelly accuser who went by "Jane" and who was considered the government's star witness. She testified that Kelly sexually abused her hundreds of times starting when she was 14.

"He took advantage of Jane's youth," Pozolo said about Kelly. "He repeatedly

abused her. He performed degrading acts upon her for his own sick pleasure."

Pozolo reminded jurors of graphic video footage they watched earlier at the trial, recordings that Jane testified depicted Kelly, at around age 30, abusing her when she was 14. Among the videos jurors saw was one at the heart of Kelly's 2008 trial. Jurors at that trial said later they had no choice but to acquit Kelly because Jane didn't testify then.

"That abuse is forever memorialized," Pozolo told jurors. "Who does that? Who uses a 14-year-old child to film a video like this? This man, Robert Kelly."

Before Kelly's 2008 trial, Pozolo said, Kelly and his associates scrambled to recover multiple sex videos that had gone missing from a collection he often carried around in a large gym bag.

By doing so, she said, Kelly associates sought "to cover up the fact that ... R. Kelly, the R&B superstar, is actually a sexual predator."

Pozolo said the fact that Jane and three other Kelly accusers had so much to lose by testifying should give jurors confidence they told the truth on the stand.

"They opened up old wounds to tell you what happened to them and who did it to them," she said.

In his closing, an attorney for McDavid said prosecutors had to show that his client actually knew about any abuse of Jane by Kelly in the 2000s – not just that it was likely he knew.

"Did they prove he knew ... behind a reasonable doubt?" Beau Brindley asked. "They did not."

Earlier Monday, Pozolo balked at the idea that McDavid had no inkling in the 2000s that the abuse allegations might be credible after helping to recover missing recordings and handing bags of cash to people who returned videos McDavid knew could destroy Kelly.

"Really? Does that make any sense?" she said. "It doesn't make sense."

Also Monday, the judge replaced one juror with an alternate after the panelist reported having a panic attack while listening to closing arguments.

McDavid was the only defendant who testified during the trial that started Aug. 15. Combined, lawyers for the three co-defendants called several witnesses over four days, with McDavid on the stand for three. The witnesses mostly gave testimony favorable to all three defendants. But McDavid may have hurt Kelly's defense by ultimately questioning Kelly's believability, saying that listening to Kelly accusers testify at the current had altered his views of the singer.

Leicester City's collapse: How the Foxes went from top four to being relegation candidates

By Ryan O'Hanlon, ESPN.com writer

WE talk about Leicester City all the time, and yet we still don't talk about Leicester City enough.

In age of increasing stratification across European soccer and England in particular, this team got promoted to the Premier League, were bottom of the table come Christmas, avoided relegation with an incredible run in the second half of the season, immediately fired the manager who led them on that incredible run, hired a new manager and ... immediately won the Premier League.

Somehow, that's only, like, a third of the story. The next season, they cashed in on the Premier League Player of the Year as N'Golo Kante joined Chelsea, finished 12th, fired their manager and still managed to reach the Champions League quarter-finals. The next year was a relatively tame one by Leicester standards: They dropped into the relegation zone by Christmas again, fired the coach that brought them to the CL quarters and ultimately finished ninth. They exchanged their best attacker (Riyad Mahrez) for some \$60 million that summer, and then a couple months later, their owner died in a helicopter crash at the stadium.

Somehow, that's only, like, another third of the story. A few months after the passing of Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha, they hired another new manager: Brendan Rodgers. Despite moving on from their best defender (Harry Maguire) for close to \$100m the following summer, they had all but locked up a top-four spot by February, before a global pandemic hit and the Premier League season stopped for a couple months. When play resumed, they completely collapsed and missed fourth place by four points. Then, once again, they transferred out their best defender (Ben Chilwell) for tens of millions of dollars, and again, they had a top-four spot all but locked up by February – before completely collapsing again and missing fourth, this time by one point.

Which brings us to where we are today: After finally producing a forgettable season last year, Leicester are now dead-last, with one point from six matches. They've gone from perennial top-four contender to a favorite for relegation in a little over a year. What the heck happened?

"How they became contenders (again)"

When Leicester moved on from Claude Puel in February 2019, Leicester were in 12th place. They hadn't won a game since the start of the calendar year and as these things tend to go, they were getting pretty unlucky. Puel himself claimed as much, which did little to endear him to fans or his players.

Through their first 27 games, Leicester produced a minus-6 goal differential from about a plus-4 expected-goal differential, per Stats Perform. Their performances were better than their results and once they brought in Rodgers, their results improved – and so too did their performances. In just 10 games under their new coach, their total xG differential (plus-4.75) was better than in the 27 games under Puel.

Over a full season, that would've made them the fourth-best team in the Premier League after Manchester City, Liverpool and Chelsea – the eventual Premier League, Champions League and Europa League winners, respectively.

The following season, they were basically just as good (plus-0.45 xGD). We're less concerned, today, with why they didn't finish fourth – read: a bunch of injuries, plus Manchester United got a lot better once Bruno Fernandes arrived and Jose Mourinho departed – than how they achieved this level of performance. It certainly wasn't that season's transfer market. Maguire left for Manchester United in exchange for \$95.7m, while Leicester brought in the likes of Ayoze Perez, Dennis Praet and James Justin for around \$66m combined. Praet played 33% of the league minutes, Justin 30 and Perez 59. If they got more out of the Perez role – something more than an at-best-average attacker – then maybe they do finish top-four.



Brendan Rodgers

As for the 10 players who did play at least 60% of the minutes, there's perhaps a team-building lesson somewhere in here for the rest of the Premier League.

At 61% of the minutes, you had 21-year-old winger Harvey Barnes, and at 69% of the minutes, you had 22-year-old Ben Chilwell – both products of the Leicester City academy. At 74% of the minutes was 25-year-old right-back Ricardo Pereira, signed from FC Porto the previous season for \$24.2m.

Then there was the midfield – three 22-year-olds. James Maddison, acquired from Norwich for \$27.5m the year before, played 77% of the minutes. Wilfred Ndidi, brought in as the Kante replacement in the summer of 2017 for \$19.36m, played 78% of the minutes. Youri Tielemans, who came over on loan shortly before Rodgers arrived and then had his move from Monaco made permanent for \$49.5m the following offseason, was out there 83% of the time.

Finally, you had the major mainstays: 32-year-old Jamie Vardy (89%), acquired from Fleetwood Town for \$1.4m in 2012; 23-year-old Caglar Soyuncu (89%), acquired from Freiburg for \$23.2m the year prior; 31-year-old Jonny Evans (99%), acquired from West Brom for \$4.4m the year prior; and Kasper Schmeichel (100%), acquired from Leeds for \$1.8m in 2011.

To challenge for fourth without a top-four payroll, it seems, you basically need to do a bit of everything:

- You need to hit on a couple of "no-cost" academy prospects.

- You need to use the spending power of the Premier League to acquire "pre-prime" players from better teams elsewhere in Europe; grab as many as you can in the \$20m range (they missed on a bunch of other similar buys) and then make sure you get it right when you pay more (they were confident that Tielemans was a \$50m-plus guy because they had him on loan for half a year).

- You need to find gems in the Championship.

- You need to find low-cost veterans with unfairly diminished reputations. (Evans is one of the most underrated Premier League players of the decade.)

- And while "find a star England international while he's playing non-League football" isn't repeatable for other teams, I think the fact that Leicester hung onto Vardy – and not Kante or Ri-

yad Mahrez – as they rose back up the table says something about how much easier having a star striker makes the team-building process. If you find one, do what you can to keep him.

On top of all that, the team still required a bit of tactical ingenuity to get them on the verge of the Champions League – something to make this collection of talent perform at its highest-possible level. This came in the form of Rodgers playing Ndidi alone at the base of midfield, behind a pair of not-at-all-defensive midfielders in Tielemans and Maddison.

Most of the time, teams outside the Big Six will respond to the tactical trends from the bigger sides; Rodgers instead copied Pep Guardiola's introduction of "free eights," which are basically traditional No. 10s masquerading as central midfielders – behind three other attackers. Guardiola was able to do it because he had Fernandinho. Rodgers gambled on Ndidi being able to hold up under a similarly heavy defensive load, and he was right – at least for one year.

"How it all fell apart"

Although they finished with more points and closer to fourth in 2020-21 than the year prior, the signs of decline were already there. The per-game xG differential dropped down to plus-0.25 – still above average, but closer to 10th than to fourth. The only big personnel departure was Chilwell moving to Chelsea for \$55m. In the other direction came 19-year-old center-back Wesley Fofana from Saint-Etienne for \$38.5m and 24-year-old fullback Timothy Castagne from Atalanta for \$23m.

Leicester got worse mainly because their best players stopped playing so often. In Chilwell and Pereira, they had one of the best fullback pairings in Europe. Chilwell left, and Pereira only played 28% of the minutes in 2020-21 thanks to a knee injury suffered the previous season. Evans played 72% of the minutes at the back and Soyuncu 53%, but Fofana more than filled in the gaps with 66% of the minutes. Everywhere else, there were just minor declines: Vardy went from 89% to 83% of the minutes, Ndidi from 78% to 64%, and Maddison from 77% to 61%. It all added up over the course of the season, and their drop in performance quality finally caught up to them as they coughed away the fourth spot for the second year in a row.

From a personnel perspective, it seemed clear that they needed

insurance both up top and in the midfield given the particular importance of those specific players. And so they did what they always do: spent \$20-30m on a pair of 22-year-old prospects – \$33m on RB Salzburg striker Patson Daka, \$22m for Lille midfielder Bakary Soumare – from Champions League-level teams elsewhere in Europe. The problem is that the players were either not good enough yet or wrongly not considered good enough yet by their manager.

In 2021-22, Daka played 34% of the minutes and Soumare featured 32% of the time. Meanwhile, Vardy's minutes share dipped down to 53% and Ndidi's dropped below 50%. A not-insignificant number of his minutes came at the back, too, as Fofana missed most of the season with injury and Evans only played 39% of the minutes. Pereira, meanwhile, once again only played 29% of the minutes because of injury issues.

This meant that players like Luke Thomas, Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall, and Daniel Amartey – significant downgrades from the 2019-20 core – all featured in at least half of the minutes last season. It added up to an eighth-place finish and a plus-3 goal differential, but it was even worse than that. Their xG differential was minus-18.6 (minus-0.48 per game), only the 14th-best mark in the league.

"Why it could get even worse"

At this point in the season, Leicester are the only team in the league without a win and the only team with fewer than four points. It hasn't been quite that bad – they have a minus-8 goal differential from a minus-4.6 xG differential – but those underlying numbers are still the fourth-worst in the league. Given the random nature of this sport, the fourth-worst team in the league gets relegated all the time, especially when they start with only one point from the first six matches.

FiveThirtyEight's projection system gives Leicester a 26% chance of being relegated – fourth-highest in the league – while the Caesars Sportsbook gives them the third-shortest relegation odds after Bournemouth and Nottingham Forest.

The scary part is that most of the stalwarts from the past few seasons have been on the field this year. Evans has played every single minute, while Ndidi, Tielemans, Maddison and Vardy have each started five of the six games. (Sadly, Pereira tore an Achilles in the preseason; the guy just can't catch a break.) However, after the \$88.4m departure of Fofana to Chelsea, an injury to Soyuncu and the late arrival of \$18.70m signing Wout Faes from Stade Reims, Ndidi has played multiple games as a centre-back, again.

On the other end, Vardy has been on the field, but he's barely done anything. He has attempted just five total shots across his six appearances. Put another way: 106 different Premier League players have attempted more shots than Vardy this season.

Of course, Vardy turns 36 later this year, but, well, the team currently in last place in the Premier League is relying on a guy who turns 36 later this year to rediscover his form. Meanwhile, the club's other holdover from the title-winning team's starting XI, Kasper Schmeichel, left for Nice this past summer. His replacement, Danny Ward, is a 30-year-old with no prior experience as a first-division starter.

Through six matches, Ward has conceded 2.5 goals more than expected: the second-biggest discrepancy in the league.

Make a bunch of consistent, minor degradations across the squad – due to age, injuries, missing on transfers or all of the above – combine that with a complete lack of production at both goal-mouths, and that's how you go from the brink of the Champions League to the brink of the English Championship.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's cricketer Vinu Kumar (R) gets the Player of the Match's prize from an official once the side came up against Alliance Caravans in a 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's semi-final tie which took place in the city last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

I&M Aurobindo AKSC sails through to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 tourney final

By Guardian Reporter

VINU Kumar and Riziki Kisetu put on scintillating batting displays as I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC booked a place in the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's final after commanding 28-run drubbing of Alliance Caravans in the last four's tie on Sunday.

The clash, also known as 'Qualifier 1', had two of the best local cricket sides out to keep on staying within reach of this year's showdown silverware after enjoying an impressive run in the round-robin stage.

Resolute batting had I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC recording 168/5 in 20 overs after having secured a chance to bat first in the clash, which took place at Leaders Club.

Veteran performer Vishal Patel, deployed as one of the openers, got hold of his aggressiveness at the crease and saw to it the club gets off to a good start, recording a 45-ball 39 consisting of four fours and a six.

Fellow opener Abhik Patwa did not stay long but still managed to return with 14 runs that included three boundaries.

Significant improvement was on show when top order cricketers Kumar and, later on, Kisetu took the crease as Kumar posted 37 runs, Kisetu notched 37 runs not out.

The duo's displays ultimately had I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC ending the outfit's turn with the bat with an impressive triple-digit score.

Another notable contribution came from youthful cricketer Dhruvit Mehta, winding up the innings with 13 runs not out.

Kassim Nassoro had an impressive figure when Alliance Caravans fielded, as the veteran cricketer took three wickets, giving away 33 runs in four overs.

Fellow bowlers Jitin Pratap Singh and Adersh Dileep chipped in with one wicket apiece, leaking 25 runs and 23 runs respectively.

Despite getting down to a successful chase being within Alliance Caravans' reach, thanks to the presence of well-drilled batsmen in the side, the club struggled to post runs and eventually failed to reach the target.

Alliance Caravans, also the showpiece's hosts, ended the innings having recorded 140/8 in 20 overs.

Their attempt to impose themselves in the tie experienced a setback early on as key performers, Dileep and Nandakishan Pottachira, had a brief stay, failing to offer a meaningful contribution.

Dileep was six runs short of a two-digit figure, whereas fellow opener Pottachira was sent back with no run to his name.

Meaningful contributions ultimately came from Amal Rajeevan, Nassoro, and Singh. Rajeevan top scored for the losing team, recording 53 runs consisting of two boundaries and three sixes.

Singh ended with 28 runs, whereas Nassoro notched 13 runs to make their experience count, although they hardly helped their club reach the target.

Much as Alliance Caravans lost the clash, the side has a reprieve given the squad will take on the winners of another knockout clash, dubbed 'Eliminator', bringing together Novum Strikers and DTB Gymkhana.

The 'Eliminator' participants had been expected to take on each other at Leaders Club the same weekend.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi. Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

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The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participated outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

Famous players dropped from Taifa Stars' squad for Libya friendlies

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football team 'Taifa Stars' head coach Honour Janza announced on Monday his 23-man squad for two international friendlies against Libya.

The squad has both local and foreign-based players that will enter the residential training camp on Saturday.

Abdi Banda, Carlos Protas, Himid Mao, David Uromi, Simon Msuva, Ibrahim Joshua, Mbwana Samatta, and Said Khamis are the foreign-based players in the squad.

Egypt-based midfielder Mao is already in Dar es Salaam, while the rest of the foreign-based players will start reporting to camp this weekend in preparation for both matches.

Speaking during the squad unveiling at Tanzania Football Federation headquarters in the city, Janza said he is adapting to the open door policy of giving chances to performing players as he seeks to widen his selection pool.

The Zambian tactician revealed: "I have called players I have seen during my time last season, this season, and even before I came here."

Janza noted: "I have seen this player before, I should mention that as we take off, this technical bench would open the door to new and old players, our focus is that every performing player is very much welcomed to serve the nation of Tanzania."

"The doors are very wide open for players that are currently performing well, for us, it is an open door policy. We continue to identify players that are potentially performing, so we have not closed any door."

The gaffer noted: "We are still searching, I was talking to the technical director that we should also try to search internationally, I am sure that there are some players who are in Europe that you know, it is up to every one of us to identify and we shall make follow up, we have opened the doors for all players and we shall listen."

NBC Premier League players Bakari Mwamnyeto, Shomari Kapombe, John Bocco, Farid Mussa, Dennis Kibu, Reliants Lusajo, and Jonas Mkuide are among the notable omissions from the national team.

Full squad:

Goalkeepers: Aishi Manula (Simba SC), Beno Kakolanya (Simba SC), and Said Kipao (Kagera Sugar)

Defenders: Kibwana Shomari (Yanga), Datius Peter (Kagera Sugar), David Luhende (Kagera Sugar), Abdulmalick Adam (Namungo FC), Abdi Banda (Chippa United, South Africa), Carlos Protas (Tusker FC, Kenya), Oscar Masai (Geita Gold FC), Dickson Job (Yanga), and Abdallah Mfuko (Kagera Sugar)

Midfielders: Himid Mao (Ghazl El-Mahalla, Egypt), Sospeter Bajana (Azam FC), Mzamiru Yassin (Simba SC), Feisal Salum (Yanga), David Uromi (Moroka Swallows, South Africa), and Mohamed Issa Banka (Namungo FC)

Forwards: Mbwana Samatta (KRC Genk, Belgium), Simon Msuva (Al Qadsiah FC, Saudi Arabia), Ibrahim Joshua (Tusker FC, Kenya), Said Khamis (Hatta Club, UAE), and Habib Kyombo (Simba SC)

MPs commend Majaliwa for backing Majaliwa Stadium construction



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (C), and National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Managing Director Theobald Sabi (4th R), cut a ribbon to launch renovated Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi last weekend. Looking on are other government officials and legislators. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MEMBERS of Parliament have commended Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa for spearheading the construction of Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa District, Lindi.

They are of the view that the move will help to promote sports in the region and beyond, calling for other stakeholders to follow suit.

The lawmakers made the remarks in the parliament in Dodoma yesterday during the question and answers session, directing their remarks on questions to the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports.

In her supplementary question to the ministry's Deputy Minister Pauline Gekul, Mchinga Constituency's MP Salma Kikwete (CCM) wanted to know what the government was doing to improve stadiums in the country.

"We thank the Prime Minister for the modern stadium in Ruangwa that will support the development of sports in the region and entire nation," Salma said, questioning other such efforts from the government.

Similar sentiments were also echoed by MP Suleiman Haroub Suleiman (CCM) who argued that most playgrounds in the country are in pathetic condition and a lot should be done in support of individual

contributions like the one made by the Prime Minister.

He also wanted to know what the government was doing as far as ensuring that sports equipment is imported at affordable prices after the reduction of taxes.

In response, the Deputy Minister also stated that the government appreciates efforts made by Majaliwa and would like other stakeholders to follow the trend.

"The government also appreciates the good gesture by the Prime Minister which is a great milestone in promoting sports in the country," she said.

She said the government has allocated 10bn/- for the renovation of football arenas countrywide to enable Tanzania to meet the criteria for staging global and continental level competitions.

The benefiting stadiums, she said, are Jamhuri in Dodoma, Sheikh Amri Abeid in Arusha, Sokoine in Mbeya, CCM Kirumba in Mwanza, Mkwakwani in Tanga, as well as Uhuru and Benjamin Mkapa arenas in Dar es Salaam.

Prime Minister Majaliwa last week officially opened Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa and it is now ready to host the 2022/23 Premier League matches after meeting the criteria set by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

During the launch over the weekend, the Prime Minister commended the residents of Ruangwa District for their full participation whereby each resident contributed 20/- for a kilo of every crop to enable the reconstruction of the arena.

The stadium is located in Nachingwea Ward and is used by Namungo FC for the outfit's home matches.

"The government set aside the budget for the reconstruction of the stadium due to the recommendations by TFF and people also participated by providing 20/- for every kilo of cash crop sold," he said.

The Prime Minister noted that given that Namungo FC is a popular side, this made the residents and the government come up with the idea of re-constructing the stadium that will help the team to achieve success.

Despite being launched, TFF Information Officer Clifford Ndimbo said the federation's Licensing Committee must review it and be satisfied with the reconstruction and, after that, it will return to the federation for it to allow the stadium to host games.

"The Licensing Committee is the one responsible for checking the stadium if it has met standards, then it will return to us and give the feedback if the stadium meets the standards," he said.

Recently, TFF unveiled new season regulations with some amendments demanding several venues to have renovation.

Ndimbo added that after the completion of construction of a stadium, it takes 14 days for the players to use the facility.

Lindi Regional Football Association's secretary-general Juma Nandonde said that they are waiting for the Licensing Committee and TFF to cross-check and see if the stadium is qualified for it to be used.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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17:00 S5ELEKT
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 eNewz
18:30 Bongo Hits
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22:30 Zote Kuntu
23:00 KURASA
23:05 EATV SAA 1

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