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Eleven suspects arrested, plus a technical bench assist of Simba SC

By Guardian Reporter

THE Drug Control Enforcement Authority (DCEA) has arrested 11 people including Simba Sports Club goalkeeping coach Muharami Sultan (40) for alleged possession of 34.89 kilogrammes of heroin and 50 'biscuits' made from marijuana.

DCEA commissioner general Gerald Kusaya named the other suspects as Cambiasso

Sports Academy operator Kambi Zuberi Seif, Said Matwiko (a resident of Magole outlying suburb in the city) and Maulid Mzungu aka Mbonde (54), also a city resident.

Others are John John aka Chipanda (40) a scout at the academy, Rajabu Dhahabu (32) a resident of Tabata, Selemat Matola Said (24) - residing at Temeke Wailes, Hussein Pazi (24) a trader and Ramadhani Chalamila

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JUST WHERE TO FIND THE WATER...!!!



A resident of Elkaria, one of the villages in seriously drought-hit Sepeko ward in Monduli District, Arusha Region, moves to draw water from the premises of a residence of a neighbour who she said buys it wholesale by bowser from Arusha city at 350,000/- . The neighbour then sells the precious liquid retail in the village at 1,000/- per bucket after having connected a pipe from tanks to a point outside her house, as captured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Woinde Shizza



Deforestation reversal highest on VPO agenda

By Guardian Reporter

FOUR western regions lead in deforestation and worsening climate change effects, the government has declared.

Dr Selemani Jafo (pictured), Union and Environment minister in the Vice President's Office (VPO) cited Tabora, Shinyanga, Kigoma and Katavi regions as leading in deforestation.

He said in a VPO statement yesterday that a total of 2.2m hectares equal to 35 per cent of forest land being cut down annually was observed in the final year where data is available.

The level of deforestation in the country stands at 469,420 hectares per year on the basis of the data, causing damage to the environment and further compounding the effects of climate change, VPO affirmed.

National projects being implemented in the four regions and other places to reverse what is now an alarming situation, include restoring deforested areas for better ecosystems, it said.

Building institutional capacity for the conservation and management of forest resources, reducing dependence on wood and charcoal energy and strengthening private sector and community participation in sustainable forest management are being undertaken, it elaborated.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan was working to ensure that the government implements reforestation projects that will help reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, the statement underlined.

Building the Julius Nyerere hydropower project was one such project, to cut on carbon emissions from fuel generation of electricity, where the government was spending 6.5trn/-, expected to generate 2,115 megawatts at full capacity, it said.

The standard gauge railway (SGR) project has \$7.5bn slated for its implementation, helping to reduce carbon emissions by a multitude of trailers and tankers involved in regional haulage and inland trade, the minister observed.

The liquefied natural gas (LNG) project to spread the use of gas in domestic needs is geared to eliminate the use of charcoal

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TRA axes task force unit in tax follow-up

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) is no longer using taskforce teams in collecting revenues.

TRA board chairman Uledi Abbas Musa stated at a taxpayers thanksgiving week with stakeholders and journalists, emphasizing on the need for tax collectors to sticking to taxpayer friendly means of revenue collection.

The idea is to promote voluntary compliance with tax deliveries, he said, noting that TRA officials are now "looking at taxpayers in two eyes." Current and future tax collection strategy is designed to include a massive campaign to elicit the voluntary compliance attitude among taxpayers.



The recent population and housing census showed that there are millions rented properties not covered by property taxes

He was accompanied by TRA executives for a briefing with members of the Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF), ahead of the taxpayer awards ceremony tomorrow in Dar es Salaam.

During the first quarter of the financial year (July-September), TRA collected 6trn/-, equal to 99.1 percent of the targeted 6.1trn/- and a 14 percent increase from the same quarter last year.

On a monthly basis, during September TRA collected 2.3trn/- in revenue, slightly eclipsing its 2.2trn/- set target, he stated, elaborating that these achievements are tied to intense taxpayer education.

"Our target during the financial year 2022/2023 is to surpass collections during the last financial year," he said, praising

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France now has courses in English, seeks out students

By Felister Peter

MORE Tanzanian students are likely to study in France in the areas of science and technology as the country's higher learning institutions now offer courses in English, lifting the language barrier.

Nabil Hajlaoui, the resident ambassador, made this observation at the launch of a higher education fair for 2022 in Dar es Salaam yesterday, accompanied by Matthieu Bragato, the marketing manager for the Africa Unit at Campus France, an academic agency.

Officials of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology along with those



of local universities located in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Dodoma, Morogoro, Iringa, Zanzibar and Mwanza.

President Samia met with French President Emmanuel Macron (pictured) in her visit earlier this year, where agreement was reached to cement the two countries' bilateral cooperation in science and technology, the envoy noted.

France is a destination for half a million foreign students annually especially from African countries, with numbers of Tanzanian students rising as well, he said.

The higher education fair shows a range of study opportunities that enhance scientific

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India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (C), symbolically presents 150 vehicles to Home Affairs deputy minister Jumanne Sagini (2nd-L) in Dar es Salaam on Monday. The vehicles are meant for the Tanzania Police, to extended in continuation of the implementation of a soft loan agreement between Tanzania and India. Left is Training and Operation commissioner Liberatus Sabas and second right is Ashok Leyland chief operations officer Amandeep Singh. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Prof Juma calls for review of land laws

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

CHIEF Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma has called for an urgent review of the Lands Act 1999 so that it carries an article that will put a clear approach for resolving land disputes.

He said that many leading cases in many courts of the country are related to land disputes.

Speaking during the inauguration of the Mwanga district court building in Kilimanjaro region, he said land conflicts have become a major problem in society. The building has cost more than 700m/- upon completion.

"There is a need for parliament to look at and make amendments

to some of the provisions of the land law in order to deal with land conflicts that have arisen among community members.

These conflicts cause some people to fail to do developmental activities and cause the economy to decline," he said.

He said that the government continues to improve all the courts to enable people to access justice on time and that more than 100 districts in the country have their courts in bad condition.

Moshi zone senior judge Juliana Masabo said that previously citizens were facing the challenge of walking more than 60 kilometers to follow the services of the district courts.

"The completion of this building will help the access to services among the community that had to walk 60 kilometers to follow judicial services," he said.

Parliamentary legal and constitution committee chairperson Dr Joseph Mhagama said that the parliament will continue to allocate the budget for improving the courts in the country.

Kilimanjaro regional commissioner Nurdin Babu, asked the citizens to stop adding to the cases and instead respect the rights provided by the courts while adding that the region will continue to cooperate in solving the problems of the citizens.

The completion of the building is one of the government's achievements in moving services to the people, we ask you to agree with the results that will be given when you bring a case to court, the main thing is to avoid unnecessary conflicts," he said.

Elikzanda Msuya, a Moshi resident, said that with the launch of the court, there is still need for the government to look at the possibility of making laws available in Kiswahili languages in order for people to understand more.

"Laws should be written in Kiswahili, judicial officers can be saved from delays in cases and provide justice in time," said Msuya.

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(27) a resident of Kongowe outlying suburb in the city.

The suspects will appear in court upon completion of investigations, their arrest being part of a special operation on those involved in drug trafficking.

"This is the right time to inform the public that drug abuse and the business as a whole is illegal and it may land someone in trouble," he stated, underlining that the operation was being conducted countrywide.

Agency officials were in Tanga, Lindi, Arusha and other regions, making scores of arrests, mostly of local residents. In the city operation one individual was arrested, enabling the arrest of eight other people.

The management at Simba Sports Club issued a statement distancing

itself from Muharami, noting that he wasn't a club employee but a part timer with the technical bench.

The club requested and agreed with Muharami to train our goalkeepers for one month as we look for a regular goalkeeping coach, it said.

Drug enforcers similarly arrested Abdunasir Haroun Kombo (30) of Kaloleni suburb in Arusha, for alleged holding of 50 'biscuits' made from cannabis. Hassan Ismail (24) of Olasiti suburb in the tourist capital was also arrested, claimed to have manufactured the cannabis products.

The commissioner urged the general public to collaborate with the agency in the war against drugs. The war will be intensified and procedures simplified with stakeholders' cooperation among the public, he added.

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stakeholders' collaboration as helping to attain the rosy tax collection numbers.

"There are good signs of increasing tax collections despite many challenges the economy has faced," he said, pointing at the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing war in Ukraine.

In commemorating the thanksgiving week, TRA intends to underline stakeholder collaboration, along with showcasing corporate social responsibility activities, including grants to Jitegemeo and Kisarawe A secondary schools, he said.

TRA had also launched a whistleblower policy, rewarding persons reporting irregularities in tax compliance, like non-issuing of receipts in trading, he stated.

He said some manufacturers were complaining of higher rates of electronic tax stamps (ETS), assuring them that the board would consider taking up bidding from a cheaper service provider.

TRA is similarly reading to sign a memorandum of understanding with local government authorities to delegate property taxes collections, as they have the staff to ensure that owners of rented properties pay the relevant taxes.

A set of procedures is being prepared to identify rented property owners and those earning rent from tenants for listing in tax payment schedules, he said.

The recent population and housing census showed that there are millions rented properties not covered by property taxes, he added.

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and wood, and massive tree cutting too feed the huge demand for charcoal, he further noted.

He pointed at the Dar es Salaam Region with its huge numbers of vehicles (cars and vans) emitting tonnes of carbon dioxide on a daily basis as likely to be pruned with widening the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transit (DART) especially where the

vehicles shift to natural gas rather than petrol. The project is in second phase of construction specialized highways.

The country is witnessing the effects of climate change due to rise in temperature, touching off droughts, floods and higher sea levels and drying up of rivers and streams, occasional overflow of lakes and growth of invasive weeds, experts say.

Ghana's president sacks junior finance minister over corruption allegations

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export.

Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo has sacked Charles Adu Boahen, the minister of state for finance, the presidency said on Monday after allegations of impropriety were circulated by popular Ghanaian investigative journalist, Anas Aremeyaw Anas.

Akufo-Addo made the decision after being "made aware of the allegations" against Boahen in the documentary "Galamsy Economy" which is due to be aired on Monday for two days in the capital Accra.

It was made by the famous investigative journalist Anas Aremeyaw Anas, who has broken several corruption scandals in the past, including the Ghana football association and the judiciary.

Some excerpts have already leaked and one of them, in particular, has caused controversy. According to the documentary, Adu Boahen claims nearly 200,000 dollars from investors to give to the vice president.

The President has also announced an investigation.

In Ghana, the "Galamsy" are illegal gold miners who sell their loot to middlemen who then turn to

Shortly before the sacking was announced, the Ghanaian vice-president said he had seen the clip in which Adu Boahen was trying to "collect money from supposed investors" on his behalf, adding that he was not aware of the meeting.

"I want to make it clear that if what (Boahen) is alleged to have said is accurately recorded in the video, his position as Secretary of State is untenable. He should be fired and investigated," Mahamudu Bawumia wrote on Facebook.

"My most valuable asset in life is my integrity and I will not allow anyone to use my name to engage in corruption."

The affair comes at a time when the president is under fire for his handling of the economic crisis, particularly as he seeks to apply for a highly controversial loan with the IMF.

Already burdened by a high debt, Ghana is seeking a \$3 billion loan to cope with record 40% inflation and the collapse of its currency - the cedi - economic woes compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



Industry, Trade and Investment deputy minister Exaud Kigaha (2nd-L) presents a certificate to Kilombero Sugar Company Limited managing director Guy Williams (2nd-R) in appreciation of the firm's sponsorship of this year's Consumer Choice Awards Africa. The event was held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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cooperation between the two countries, noting that universities in France are now offering courses in English, thus allowing more foreign students to join.

Assuring the audience that presently non-French speakers can study in France, he said the skills and knowledge that young Tanzanians acquire in France would ultimately

be used by students to develop their country.

The fair was aimed at presenting opportunities to study programs taught in English and in French, the marketing executive noted, highlighting courses offered in France as including engineering, agriculture, business, science and international relations.

Representatives of seven French universities sat with officials of

Campus France, a unit of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for facilitating studies for foreign students.

Officials from universities presented outlines of programs taught in English and in French, drawn from specialized colleges listed as institutions of excellence, namely Sciences Poo (political and social sciences), three engineering schools of IMT Atlantique, IMT

Alès, ISEA-Supaero (aeronautic and space studies), two business Schools, Excelia, Skema and the Institut Agro, an agricultural learning centre.

Franceseta 500,000 international students arrivals annually from 2017, being the fourth largest host country for international students in the world, after the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom, online sourced indicated.



Smart Deius (2nd-L), GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd marketing and communication manager, pictured yesterday presenting foodstuffs and various other items to Mount Kilimanjaro's Mweka Gate leader Denis Simeon in support to soldiers and other people continuing with efforts to put out fires now and then raging on the mountain. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Kairuki tasks DART to improve transportation services in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

ANGELLA Kairuki, Minister of State in the President's Office—Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) has given 18 instructions to the Dar Rapid Transit (DART) Agency to improve transportation in the country's commercial capital.

The minister gave the instructions yesterday in Dar es Salaam when launching the consultative board of DART to be led by the retired Permanent Secretary, Dr Florence Turaka.

She said the board should address the revenue challenge that should be re-examined to improve and ensure there is a proper use of funds.

Kairuki asked them to come up with new sources of income, giving the example of advertisements placed on their buses, including digital ones that can bring in a lot of income, tasking the board to work on the 163 workers.

"I have been stressing this wherever I go because if these are not looked after properly, it will not be easy for them to fulfill their obligations, so you should check their arguments regularly, give them motivation, and pay their demands on time," she said.

The minister asked the board to work on the possibility of establishing a similar transport model in other cities across the country, the move that has been directed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

"Make this a priority, let's see how we go outside of Dar es Salaam, look carefully where we start and where we end, and also start looking for funds to build those projects, the people from the regions are also Tanzanians and they would like to get this transport service," she said.

She also asked them to work on the issues raised by the Controller Auditor General (CAG) and MPs at various times since the agency started so that if they are asked those questions today they will have

their answers.

Kairuki said she does not expect to see the same arguments repeated during the CAG audit for the 2021/2022 financial year and asked them to use their internal auditors and accountants to ensure they get clean documents.

She praised the agency for establishing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems using their local experts while ordering electronic cards to be completed early to get rid of paper tickets.

"You told me that the cards will be completed in February next year, but make sure they have standards and that cannot be forged because you may have a card that after a month has started to be erased," she said, asking the board to also evaluate the 15 years since the establishment of the agency if there have been any successes achieved and the existing challenges so that they can find a way to solve them and move forward.

Dr Edwin Mhede, DART chief executive officer (CEO) said the customers of the buses will start using smart cards to board the buses next year and they will not have to book tickets as is the case now.

He said smart cards will also help to eliminate the queues seen on high-speed buses, thus reducing the time for passengers to wait for the bus and they have installed IT systems to facilitate the performance of various agency tasks.

Dr Mhede said that since they have started providing these transport services, they have succeeded in reducing the waiting time for the transport and that before the implementation of DRT 1, commuters from Kimara to Posta used to spend three hours to reach the center of town.

"As I am speaking, things have changed because it takes an average of 40 minutes to get to the city, but we still say it's not enough as we continue to manage various challenges, we will continue to reduce that time," he said.

Deputy minister urges police to take care of force's vehicles

By Francis Kajubi

HOME Affairs deputy minister, Jumanne Sagini has urged the Police Force to take good care of the police's belongings especially vehicles and allocating annual maintenance budget of old vehicles.

Sagini made the remarks in Dar es Salaam on Monday evening at the event to receive 150 vehicles from Indian based vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland as part of a soft loan worth \$29.7million signed in 2013 between the ministry and the company.

The vehicles include police staff buses, troop carriers, ambulances, recovery trucks and tippers.

"The 150 vehicles are a part of the

777 vehicles that were supposed to be supplied to the Police Force as of 2020 but the agreement was reviewed giving room for an increment in the number of vehicles," said Sagini.

According to him, this is the sixth phase in receiving the vehicles from Ashok. Following the contract review, the Police Force will have to receive a total of 881 vehicles. Almost 256 vehicles are pending to be received from the company.

"After receiving these vehicles, the Police Force will start teaching the drivers thereof, we would not like them to make mistakes, we shall also distribute them to the country's various areas," he said.

Police Commissioner for Finance and Logistics, Liberatus Sabas

said that the vehicles are meant to complement its effects in combating crimes in the country.

The Tanzania Police Force currently has a fleet of 475 Ashok Leyland vehicles and this addition of 150 new vehicles are expected to boost the overall operations and efficiency thereby security is guaranteed.

"Aftermarket support for the vehicles shall be observed by Kifaru Motors Limited, the authorized supplier of Ashok Leyland in the local market. With the supply of these vehicles, it is a loud and clear message to criminals that we are reviving the force to deal with them," said Sabas.

President of Ashok Leyland Amandeep Singh said that the

company will be organizing training sessions to drivers and mechanics from the Force in maintenance of the vehicles as per the contract.

Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan said the relationship between the two countries continues to be strengthened as both have been working together to foster economic development in various sectors including transport, education and health sectors.

"There are police officers and students who went to India for more studies and the knowledge attained will help in the performance of their duties, and all this shows the two nation's relations continue to be strengthened," said Pradhan.

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RECEIPTS	Actual
Opening fund balance	149,593,722.00
RECEIPTS FROM DONORS	
Disbursement from Donors	1,566,679,740.13
RECEIPTS FROM OTHERS	
Others	861,043,772.32
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,577,317,234.45
EXPENDITURE	
To Contribute to Quality Education	647,349,515.50
Foster families support and Climate Smart Economic Empowerment Project	70,988,025.91
To provide education support/ sponsorships shelter and medical support	717,630,594.62
To provide life skills education to young mothers and youth and an exchange program	24,719,386.00
To provide hygiene kits and food support to vulnerable groups	147,552,793.30
To renovate the existing and built new Classrooms in public school (five classrooms of both Ilula and Isoliwaya Primary School and Construct two new classrooms, office, and toilets)	179,616,713.92
Other program costs	63,319,440.39
Agricultural activities	3,930,294.07
Personnel costs	571,573,767.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,426,680,531.24
FUND BALANCE	150,636,703.21

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Tanzania winner of UNAIDS accolades for notable strides against new infections of HIV

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

TANZANIA has been cited by the United Nations Programme of HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) as being successful in reducing new HIV infections with statistics showing that the infections has been reduced from 54,000 to 11,000 every year.

However, one third of the new infections are in regard to young people.

The Managing Director of Tanzania Commission for AIDS (TACAIDS) Dr Leonard Maboko made the remarks while addressing reporters here yesterday in preparations for the International AIDS day celebrated on December 1 every year, and for this year the event will be held in Lindi at the national level.

"Our country has made significant strides towards the war against the disease, UNAIDS director general at a recent scientific conference held in Canada mentioned Tanzania as among the countries that have succeeded in reducing new HIV infections," he said.

Dr Maboko said 12 years ago (2010) the infections were 110,000 every year but in 2021 the figure went down to 54,000, adding that 30 per cent of new infection involves young people aged 15-24 years.

"The reduction is nearly half of new infections, but deaths have also gone down by 50 per cent from 64,000 in 2010 to 29,000 in 2021, these are the achievements we are proud of as a country, but there is need to make extra efforts in the fight against the scourge to arrive at 0-0-0 infections by 2030," he said.

In regard to this year's event, the Minister of state, in the PM Office (Policy, Coordination and

Parliamentary Affairs), George Simbachawene said there will be a week long exhibition by stakeholders involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Lindi Region.

He said there will be a youth village due to extra efforts needed as the youth is the group that are greatly prone to new infections.

Simbachawene instructed all regions to organise the event with this year's slogan being "strengthen equality."

UNAIDS Tanzania Country Director, Martin Odit praised Tanzania for the strides it has made in the fight against HIV/AIDS and that this year's slogan calls for taking more steps.

"It is the responsibility of everyone to make sure he deals in eradicating the disease, and this is possible and can be done through the availability of better services," he added.

He added that stigma and discrimination should be controlled during the fight to ensure the use of technology reaches both the rich and poor.



It is the responsibility of everyone to make sure he deals in eradicating the disease, and this is possible and can be done through the availability of better services



Tigo Devices manager Imelda Edward (L) and Samsung Tanzania head of mobile experience Mgope Kiywanga display Samsung A04 series smartphones shortly after launching them in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania breeds superior rodents to battle wildlife trafficking

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is rearing a special breed of rodents capable of detecting illegal wildlife trafficking at airports and other territorial ports of entry or exit.

The 'Hero Rats,' are being developed in the Institute of Pest Management at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro Region.

It is part of the Eastern and Southern Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project.

Prof Rhodes Makundi of the Pest

Biology, Ecological Studies and Pest Management Center at the Sokoine University says the rodents can also detect lethal weapons, land mines and narcotic drugs. "We are breeding and training African Giant Pouched Rats that initially were meant to be capable of diagnosing tuberculosis and we are upgrading their skills for the rodents to be able to detect Covid-19 infections as well," says Prof Makundi.

The Sub-Saharan giant pouched rats (genus *Cricetomys*) happen to be large Muroid rodents.

Their head and body lengths

range from 25 to 45 centimeters with scaly tails measuring between 36 and 46 centimeters. On average they weigh up to 2.5 kilograms.

Prof Makundi, displayed one of such giant well-trained rats christened Kennedy, born in 2014 of Mr Myre and Mother Fadiil. The specimen weighs 3 kilograms.

He explained that the large mice have a lifespan of up to eight years.

The professor was speaking at the threshold of the 14th Technical and Advisory Meeting for leaders of African Centres of Excellence, which runs in sync with 20th

Regional Steering Committee Meeting in Arusha, Tanzania.

The scientific events are organised under the auspices of the Inter University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) with support from the World Bank Group.

The African Centre of Excellence for Innovative Rodent Pest Management and Biosensor Technology Development, operating from Sokoine University in Morogoro aims at reducing the economic impacts of such pests on crops, that is crop damage and losses.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DEPUTY Minister of Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde has expressed satisfaction with the progress of the construction of Membe dam in Chamwino District, Dodoma Region.

Mavunde said that the implementation of dam projects was on the right track and upon completion it will significantly help to push the development of the agricultural sector in the country.

Inspecting the execution of the project over the weekend Mavunde reaffirmed the government's commitment to setting up pre-requisite irrigation infrastructure to boost the agricultural sector.

"In this financial year 2022/2023, the government through the Irrigation Commission has planned to build a total of 14 dams across the country, including the Membe dam, which in total will have the capacity to store 12 billion litres of water," noted Mavunde.

The deputy minister said that the construction of the dam will be the savior for the people in the areas surrounding the project.

Mavunde happy with progress in construction of Membe dam

Mavunde added that in addition to the dam being used in irrigation activities, infrastructure will also be installed to support the watering of livestock and to supply water to the surrounding villages.

"This dam will enable citizens to make farming and grazing activities easier, thus transforming their economic and social lives," Mavunde said.

He added that the government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan has increased the budget for the Ministry of Agriculture, where a big chunk has been channeled towards irrigation projects.

Budget allocation for the agricultural sector has increased to a whopping 954bn/- for the financial year 2022/2023 up from 294bn/- which was allocated during the previous fiscal year. Budget allocation for irrigation has been increased from 57bn/- in the financial year 2021/2022 to 416bn/- in the current fiscal year.

"The objective is to ensure we

have reliable sources of water and enable farmers to conduct their farming activities throughout a year," said Mavunde.

He congratulated the National Irrigation Commission for the good work it is doing in the effective management of the government's strategy to develop irrigation schemes.

However, Mavunde directed the contractor of the project to complete in time, while observing standards and value for money.

"Many irrigation projects have had great challenges and are causing us (the Ministry of Agriculture) problems because they have not observed standards, so I am asking whoever is responsible for this project to ensure that quality becomes a priority," Mavunde emphasised.

The deputy minister asked Chamwino residents surrounding the project to cooperate with the experts to make the construction a success as it affects their lives.



Staff Sergeant Thomas Msulwa of the Fire and Rescue Force in Kilindi District, Tanga Region, pictured yesterday collecting information from Fatuma Selemani (to his right, partly hidden), owner of a grain mill machine in Songe ward. It was all part of an education and sensitisation session on effective but safe firefighting and general disaster preparedness. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

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Invitation for BID

BID No. GIZ/IHCP/83425983/2022

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Requirement:

GIZ Invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders to submit their bids for further development and support of procurement tool.

Procurement tool is a Microsoft excel based tool which helps GIZ Tanzania staff to navigate through the procurement process and avoids duplication of data entries.

To maintain and further enhance usability and user-friendliness of the procurement tool, GIZ is looking for an external consultant.

Interested candidates should request for detailed tender documents from giz-tanzania@giz.de no later than date 22.11.2022

During office hours from 8:00 to 15:00 hours local time, Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

Late Bids, Partial Bids, Bids not received, shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

The GIZ is not obliged to follow any condition in nominating the supplier and has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Muheza-Amani tarmac road set to open up economic opportunities - Kasekenya

By Guardian Correspondent, Muheza

DEPUTY Works and Communications Minister, Geoffrey Kasekenya has said the construction, at tarmac level of the 40km Muheza-Amani road in Muheza District, Tanga Region will open up many economic opportunities and increase the incomes of the district's residents, who are the country's main producers of spices and horticultural products.

He said the opening of the road will put Muheza on the map of big producers in the farming sector as their food and cash crops will pass through the entire value chain.

The deputy minister made the remarks here yesterday during his impromptu inspection visit of the road project.

"Apart from the road's economic importance, its implementation is a result of pledges made by national leaders, and basically for it to attain this stage is a result of efforts by your MP, Hamisi Mwijuma (Mwana FA). "Deliberately, I decided to make this visit to see the actual situation of the project work, as the government's aim is to finish the entire road that will save the crops from perishing at farms and warehouses due to lack of reliable transport to markets," he said.

He said the government's aim is to build the road at tarmac level from the country's internal budget and it hopes to open up economic opportunities for the residents of the district.

He said as of now Tanga Region has 327km of main roads and 171km rural built at tarmac level, hence the Muheza-Amani road will be a great saviour for the people especially those in mountainous Amani Division.

The road that was not easily passable, was built at gravel level in 2011 and hence its upgrade to tarmac level will make easy for all types of vehicles to travel with ease.



E-Masaki Rotary Club president Akash Shah (C) presents maternal a birthing kit to Asha Ramadhani, an expectant mother, at Sinza Hospital in Dar es Salaam on Monday. The club thus far donated a total of 1,650 such items. Looking on are the Rotary Club District Governor for Uganda and Tanzania, Peace Taremwa (2nd-R), Sinza Medical Officer in-charge Dr Leonard Mwangko (R) and other officials of the club. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TSIA calls for special guideline on charges of security services

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Security Industry Association (TSIA) chairman, Felix Kagisa has underscored the need for the government to have a special guideline on the charges of security services as the current situation affects development of the companies.

Kagisa made the call here at an awards event organised jointly by the Zanzibar Financial Institutions and Commercial Workers Union (ZAFICOWU and employers' association (ZANEMA).

He complained that many companies in the country were paying very low for security services due to lack of special guidelines to supervise the sector.

"The low prices charged by some companies are not healthy, which make it hard to comply with the requirements of the labour laws," Kagisa said.

During the event SGA Security was declared the best employer among all security companies

operating in Zanzibar.

The award was issued by the Zanzibar Minister for Labour, Economy and Investment Mudriki Soraga.

The minister promised to work on the pricing problem but urged the companies to fully comply with the requirements to operate in Zanzibar.

He commended SGA for showing that it is possible to comply fully with the labour laws and still succeed in business.

ZAFICOWU secretary general, Saraphina Maasare explained that they get maximum cooperation from SGA and its leaders always consult them before making any move concerning employees.

"The level of engagement is commendable and this demonstrates the reason customers choose SGA Security," Maasare added.

SGA Representative, Mosumba Wambura clarified that the company has clear guidelines on engagement of employees, unions

and government, key of which is consultation at all levels to ensure that we get it right always and avoid labour disputes.

SGA Tanzania managing director, Eric Sambu commended his mid-level managers for living the promises and aligning the operations with the wishes of the Zanzibar government on how to conduct business.

He said that SGA takes pride in being the largest employer and with a record of long-serving employees, majority of them have over twenty years in the company, a clear demonstration that SGA makes a career for them. "We believe that compliance is our license to operate and we do what we promise all stakeholders," Sambu added.

SGA is one of the oldest security companies in Tanzania and now employs over 6,000 employees. SGA offers guarding services, emergency response, cash management and transportation, electronic security solutions, and courier services. The company has four ISO Certificates and voted as the most preferred and equipped security services provider in Eastern Africa Region at the Consumer Choice Awards Africa 2022.

COP27: Clean energy investment in Africa lowest since 2011 - report

By Madhumita Paul

IN 2021, Africa's clean energy investment fell to its lowest level in a decade, a new report revealed.

Only \$2.6 billion capital was invested on the continent's new wind, solar, geothermal energy and other such projects in 2021, said the report.

Africa is the least responsible for climate change – it generates less than 3 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions – but most vulnerable to its impacts.

African countries need at least nine times more climate finance to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions towards mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, according to a new report. The continent requires \$277 billion annually to implement its 2030 climate goals, stated the Landscape of Climate Finance in Africa report.

As of May this year, 22 countries in Africa were either in debt distress or at high risk of debt distress. The COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine exacerbated the economic crisis in the continent.

Ahead of the 27th Conference of

Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the continent's leaders met heads of global organisations in Rotterdam, urging wealthier, more polluting countries to increase funding for projects to help African countries adapt to climate change.

Africa accounted for just 0.6 per cent of the \$434 billion invested in renewable energy projects worldwide, the report released November 9, 2022 at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change being held at Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt.

Africa has huge potential for solar power but new investments in solar was just \$1.3 billion in 2021, the lowest level since 2011, it noted. Wind investment sank to \$734 million in 2021, a four-year low, according to the findings.

The researchers surveyed 42 countries in the African region and found that renewable energy investment trailed far behind the rest of the world.

This cannot be blamed on any lingering effects of the COVID-19

pandemic but on inadequate policies and enforcement, they wrote in Scaling-up renewable energy in Africa.

The report also found that clean energy investment in Africa is highly concentrated in a handful of markets. South Africa, Egypt, Morocco and Kenya accounted for nearly three-quarters of all renewable energy asset investment since 2010, with a total of \$46 billion. All others have secured just \$16 billion in that period.

African countries are also far behind the rest of the world in achieving the United Nations-mandated Sustainable Development Goal 7 of having clean, affordable energy for all its citizens.

As many as 564 million in sub-Saharan Africa don't have access to electricity – 77 per cent of the global figure, according to the World Bank. Another 90 million have access but cannot afford to pay for electricity, the report cited.

The rate of new electricity generating projects added to Africa's grids has slowed since 2018. Year-on-year installed capacity growth averaged 6.6 per cent annually from 2011 to 2018, but only 3.8 per cent over 2019-2021, the findings established. Gas, coal and oil accounted for 75 per cent of electricity produced in Africa in 2021.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE COTTON DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND



JOB OPPORTUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

Cotton Development Trust Fund (CDTF) was incorporated in Tanzania on 4th March 2008 under Trustees Incorporation Act (CAP.318 R.E. 2002) as per certificate of incorporation No. 3352. The Fund is a replacement of the Cotton Development Fund (CDF), which was established under the auspices of the Cotton Industry Act No. 2 of 2001. Formation of the Fund was in line with the wishes of the Cotton Industry Stakeholders as outlined in the Memorandum of understanding which was signed on 21st April 2006. This Fund which is under the supervision of Tanzania Cotton Board is looking for qualified, young and dynamic Tanzanian to fill in the following vacant position under contractual basis.

PRINCIPAL PROCUREMENT OFFICER (01 POST)

Qualifications and Experience Required

Education requirement:

Holder of Master Degree in any of the following field; Materials Management, Procurement and Supplies Management, Logistics Management or equivalent qualification from a recognized Institution plus CSP or CPSP and registered by the PSPTB as Authorised Procurement and Supplies Professional with working experience of at least ten (10) years in related field.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To be head of the Procurement Unit of the Fund;
- To deal with all procurement and disposal by tender activities of the Fund except adjudication and the award of contract;
- To implement the decisions of the Tender Board;
- To deal with preparation of tendering documents;
- To deal with the preparations of advertisements of tender opportunities;
- To deal with the preparation of contract documents;
- To maintain a list or register of all contracts awarded;
- To prepare monthly reports for the Tender Board;
- To co-ordinate the procurement and disposal activities of all the departments/units of the Fund;
- To supervise market surveys;
- To mentor and coach subordinate staff and
- To perform any other duties as may be assigned by his/her supervisor.

Qualitative Requirement:

- The candidate must have good communication skills
- Fluent in English and Kiswahili
- Must be computer literate
- Self-motivated individual
- Team Player

DUTY STATION: MWANZA

Remuneration:

Attractive remuneration will be paid to the right candidate

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- i) Applicants must attach an up to date passport size photo, current Curriculum Vitae (CV) having reliable contact postal address, email address and telephone number(s).
- ii) Applicants must attach their detailed relevant certified copies of Academic Certificates as follows:
 - Degrees and professional certificates
 - Form IV and Form VI National Examination Certificates
 - Birth Certificate
- iii) Form IV and Form VI result slips are strictly not accepted. Presentation of forged academic certificates and other information in the CV will necessitate to legal action.
- iv) Applicants should indicate three reputable referees with their reliable contacts in their CV.
- v) Certificates from foreign Universities should be verified by Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) or National Accreditation Council for Technical Education (NACTE) for foreign non degree certificates.
- vi) Only qualified candidates will be contacted for further processes
- vii) Closing date will be **28th November, 2022**

Mode of Application

Application letters should be posted, e-mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

**DIRECTOR GENERAL
TANZANIA COTTON BOARD
REGIONAL DRIVE ROAD
P.O. BOX 61
MWANZA
E-mail: info@tcb.go.tz**

Ministry of Health plans to conduct mass drug administration campaign against elephantiasis and hydrocele

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MINISTRY of Health is set to conduct a mass drug administration campaign to prevent over 4.4 million residents of Temeke, Ilala and Kinondoni in Dar es Salaam city against elephantiasis and hydrocele.

NTD coordinator in Dar es Salaam, Alex Mkamba said that they have planned to reach 407 streets out of 535 in 70 wards in three district councils within Dar es Salaam region.

Mkamba said the region has also planned to conduct an increased community awareness campaign to 1,684 people, 330 teachers and 1,354 medical dispensers.

"According to the survey conducted to standard one and two pupils screened for hydrocele and elephantiasis in Dar es Salaam Kinondoni district especially Tandale suburb is leading by 3.82 percent, Tandika in Temeke district council has 2.62 percent and Jangwani in Ilala district council has 2.6 percent," he said.

The coordinator said the region has planned to increase awareness to the community to build their capacity to know the diseases and take precaution by cleaning the environment and use of mosquito nets.

He also stressed for use of recommended medicines as prescribed when needed to do so to reduce infections in other people.

Programme officer for Neglected Tropical Disease Control Dr Clara Jones said that elephantiasis and hydrocele are parasitic diseases

affecting breast and genital parts.

"Both elephantiasis and hydrocele diseases are caused by parasites caused by the nematodes Wuchereria Bancroft and spread by mosquitoes," she said.

National NTD Programme Manager at the ministry for Health Oscar Kaitaba said that the programme has conducted training to Dar es Salaam based journalists to build their capacity about massive drug administration against NTDs.

Nearly 52 million people in Tanzania are at risk of one or more neglected tropical diseases (NTD). The country is endemic for all five NTDs targeted by USAID's Act | East program: lymphatic filariasis (LF), onchocerciasis, trachoma, schistosomiasis, and soil-transmitted helminth infections.

World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day is celebrated globally on 30 January and serves as an opportunity to maintain momentum to end the suffering caused by neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

The theme of this year's Day is "Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases" with the slogan "From neglect to care" reflecting the need to focus on the millions of people who have limited or no access to prevention, treatment and care services.

In 2019, 77.8 million people in WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region required interventions against NTDs and WHO estimated that NTDs in the region were responsible for 1 089 573 disability adjusted life years.

UN calls for solidarity in advancing SDGs for all as world's population reaches 8 billion this year

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations (UN) has called for solidarity in advancing sustainable development for all as the world's population hits 8 billion people.

The UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in a statement that the global population is projected to reach 8 billion this year, signaling major improvements in public health that have lowered the risk of dying and increased life expectancy.

"Unless we bridge the yawning chasm between the global haves and have-nots, we are setting ourselves up for an 8-billion-strong world filled with tensions and mistrust, crisis and conflict," he said. He said while the world's population will continue to grow to around 10.4 billion in the 2080s, the overall rate of growth is slowing down.

The world is more demographically diverse than ever before, with countries facing starkly different population trends ranging from growth to decline. Currently, two-thirds of the global population lives in a low fertility context, where the lifetime fertility is below 2.1 births per woman.

At the same time, population growth has become increasingly concentrated among the world's poorest countries, most of which are in sub-Saharan Africa.

"A world of 8 billion is a milestone for humanity - the result of longer life spans, reductions in poverty, and declining maternal and childhood mortality. Yet, focusing on numbers alone distracts us from the real challenge we face: securing a world in which progress can be enjoyed equally and sustainably," said the UNFPA Executive Director Dr Natalia Kanem.

"We cannot rely on one-size-fits-all solutions in a world in which the median age is 41 in Europe compared to 17 in sub-Saharan Africa. To succeed, all population policies must have reproductive rights at their core, invest in people and planet, and be based on solid data."

While the Day of 8 Billion represents a success story for

humanity, it also raises concerns about links between population growth, poverty, climate change and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Rapid population growth makes eradicating poverty, combating hunger and malnutrition, and increasing the coverage of health and education systems more difficult. Conversely, achieving the SDGs, especially those related to health, education and gender equality, will contribute to slowing global population growth.

Meanwhile, the majority of the world's population growth is concentrated among the poorest countries, which have significantly lower emissions rates but are likely to suffer disproportionately from the effects of climate change.

"We must accelerate our efforts to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement as well as achieve the SDGs," said Li Junhua, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. "We need a rapid decoupling of economic activity from the current over-reliance on fossil-fuel energy, as well as greater efficiency in the use of those resources."

In order to usher in a world in which all 8 billion people can thrive, we must look to proven and effective solutions to mitigate our world's challenges and achieve the SDGs, while prioritising human rights.

In order to pursue these solutions, increased investment from member states and donor governments is needed in policies and programmes that work to make the world safer, more sustainable and more inclusive.

It took about 12 years for the world population to grow from 7 to 8 billion, but the next billion is expected to take approximately 14.5 years (2037), reflecting the slowdown in global growth. World population is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and to remain at that level until 2100.

For the increase from 7 to 8 billion, around 70 per cent of the added population was in low-income and lower-middle-income countries.



Tanzania Education Authority board chairman Prof Maurice Mbago (C, in suit) pictured in Dodoma yesterday being briefed on the 750m/- construction of classrooms at an English medium school in the city under a project financed by the Education Fund and supervised by Tanzania Education Authority (TEA). Right is TEA director general Bahati Geuzye Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dodoma region receives 6.7bn/- for construction of classrooms

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

DODOMA region has received 6.7bn/- for the construction of 339 classrooms in 127 schools located in eight councils.

Dodoma Regional Commissioner (RC) Rosemary Senyamule said here when she made a visit to inspect the ongoing construction of classrooms in various secondary schools in Dodoma City, as a preparation to accommodate the new form one students for the year 2023.

Among the schools that the RC Senyamule visited are Viwandani Secondary School and Zuzu

Secondary School, where the constructions are still underway, and their classes have reached the stage of roofing and others in the finishing stage.

In the course, Senyamule called the project supervisors to ensure that all classrooms are completed on time.

"Make sure that the project is completed on time by observing quality and standard. We have the responsibility to manage the funds disbursed by the government," she said.

Giving a report about the construction progress, Zuzu School Headmaster, Hezron

Lupondo, said the school received 20m/- for the construction of classrooms.

"The project started on October 10 and we expect by November 20th this year, the project will be completed," he said.

At the same time, the Dodoma City Council has thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for providing 580m/- for the construction of 29 secondary school classrooms in the city.

The vote of thanks was given by the City Director Joseph Mafuru when he visited the Miyuji Secondary School in the city where construction is underway.

The ongoing construction of classrooms in different schools across the country is part of the government plan to build 15,000 classrooms to address the current shortage.

Late last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan made the declaration, stating that her government had already secured funds for executing the plan.

"I want to inform you that I got some money that we are going to spend on constructing 15,000 classrooms," she said.

She added that her current priority is to improve access to social services.



Dr Siston Masanja Mgullah, chief executive of the Bagamoyo-headquartered Agency for Development of Educational Management (ADEM), briefs journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on developments at the agency. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Abject poverty contributing to lack of toilets for villagers

By Guardian Correspondent, Rombo

HARD life due to abject poverty for the people in Kwasuva area in Rombo District, Kilimanjaro Region is claimed to be the reason behind the residents shying away from building better toilets or even using running water and soap for washing hands.

This is according to the Kilimanjaro Region Medical Officer, Jonathan Mcharo, who said apart from the government providing education to the residents, they still think that the situation would one day contribute to the eruption of water borne diseases including

cholera.

He said already his office, in collaboration with district and ward health experts have started educating the residents through public meetings to impress upon them the importance of having quality toilets and the use of running water and soap for washing hands.

"I know about the issue, and we are working on it, even though 99.99 percent of all households in Kilimanjaro Region have toilets, of which over 80 per cent are quality toilets."

Research made by the Ministry of Health shows that many Tanzanians

use poor quality toilets and do not wash their hands with soap after coming from toilet.

"It is also stated that more than half of them use low quality toilets and one out of ten, or 6.5 per cent do not use toilets at all," he added.

In the same vein, Kisale Msaranga Ward Councillor, Mathias Assey said:

"A great number of residents in the area have lack toilets due to lack of money to build them."

"In addition, the issue of hard life due to abject poverty is the contributing factor for them not needing toilets."

"I have already started calling

on the NGOs for discussions with the aim of helping us to write up projects proposal document to help the residents to have toilets," Assey added.

One of the Kwasuva residents, Frida Martin told this paper that they are forced to construct poor toilets in the fields with some helping themselves in bushes due to poverty afflicting them.

"I have built this thatched toilet for my family, but the truth is many toilets that are available are of very poor quality, and I thank God that we are able to have privacy when going to the toilet," she added.



Japhet Hasunga, Vice Chairman of the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee, makes remarks at the Dar es Salaam Port yesterday as the committee inspected infrastructure supporting the offloading of oil from ships. Second left is PAC chairperson Naghenjwa Kaboyoka and fourth-left is Energy deputy minister Stephen Byabato. Photo: Correspondent Teresia Mhagama

HakiRasilimali organises two-day conference for extractive sector stakeholders in Dodoma

By Guardian Reporter

HAKIRASILIMALI has organised a two-day 'Jukwaa la Uziduaji' dialogue to be held in the capital city Dodoma next week that will involve various stakeholders from the country's extractive sector.

HakiRasilimali is a platform of 17-member organisations advocating for strategic issues around Tanzania's mining, oil and natural gas sectors. The organisation believes in a transparent and accountable extractive sector for the well-being of all Tanzanians.

Jukwaa la Uziduaji is a principal dialogue space by HakiRasilimali where relevant stakeholders across all levels meet to critically discuss, exchange experiences, and learn from one another to advance transparency and accountability in extractive industries. It is set to recommend and influence the creation of better laws and policies, efficient extractive industries revenues, mobilise community voices in engaging in the sector processes and build collaboration which will foster sustainable development for Tanzania and Africa at large.

In a statement issued yesterday and made available to this paper, HakiRasilimali Executive Director, Adam Anthony said that the two-day sessions will be held both in physical and virtual attendance. He said this year's event has been organised under the theme, "The Extractive sector: Realizing Competitiveness and Industrialisation for Human Development in Tanzania".

"It's aimed at bringing together sector-related stakeholders across all levels to discuss critically, exchange experiences, and learn from one another to advance transparency and accountability in extractive industries and create a sustainable model for growth that is fueled by civil society's effective engagements in efforts to achieve Tanzania's development

vision," Anthony said.

The conference is expected to be attended by government officials from the Ministry of Minerals, Energy, Constitution and legal affairs, Finance and Planning, Investment, Industry and Trade, Lands, Housing and Settlement Development, the Tanzania Mineral Commission, STAMICO, GST, TPDC, TEITI, NEEC, Extractive Companies, Development partners, Embassies, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Faith Based Organisations (FBOs), Local Government Authorities (LGAs), Regional Mining Associations, Small Scale Miners and Media Fraternity.

Among the thematic dialogues to be discussed at the conference include from transparency to enhanced accountability in the extractive sector: Lessons from the EITI process in Tanzania: This dialogue is intended to track and learn from the progress of extractive sector governance in Tanzania based on the periodic EITI member countries' performance ratings and to enhance CSOs' engagement in the EITI-related process and accountability mechanism.

It will also involve permanent sovereignty and investment: How can Tanzania balance the optimization of government revenues and attraction of investments: This session will focus on enhancing a multi-stakeholder dialogue on how Tanzania can strike a balance between the optimisation of government revenues and the attraction of investment.

The forum will also work on critical minerals and energy transition in Tanzania: Building a just transition and securing lasting socio-economic benefit: This dialogue session aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the critical minerals and just energy transition and how Tanzania can build resilience and secure lasting benefit from its minerals.

RC identifies priorities likely to boost Kagera Region's economy

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

KAGERA regional commissioner Albert Chalamila has identified priorities that can enhance the region's economy and benefit its residents to attain higher economic development.

Addressing reporters here, Chalamila said Kagera Region is

bestowed with ample resources which can benefit its residents if well utilised.

He said the region has 2.9 million people engaged in farming various crops while coffee is depended as the main cash crop.

"Their main occupation is farming, especially coffee and banana as well as other crops and

if these are improved, they will bring great benefits to them," he added.

He said in regard to coffee the only requirement is to mobilise investors in order to add its value as well as access to both internal and external markets.

He added that banana that provides an ordinary farmer with

little income will start to be farmed proficiently to enhance their incomes by accessing to profitable markets.

However, he said in regard to the livestock and fishing sector, they will review the ranching activities by sourcing genuine investors to boost quality meat production including for export to countries in need.

Ndejemi lashes at public employers for hiding workers' letters of transfer

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

DEOGRATIUS Ndejemi, Deputy Minister in President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), has lashed at some employers in the public institutions who hide transfer letters for public officers whose transfer have been endorsed by the ministry's permanent secretary.

Addressing workers and staff of Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal Council and Kigoma District Council, Ndejemi said employers are supposed to mete out justice to public officials who are lined up for transfer after permission from the permanent secretary.

He added that there are public officials who have worked for a long time at one station, hence the authority concerned

decided to transfer him/her to another station to change the environment and enhance his/her performance, but some employers have become obstacles in effecting the transfers.

He also called upon employers in the public service not to endorse transfer letters for employees who have been newly appointed, as they are yet to be confirmed in their positions.

Also, Kigoma District Commissioner, Esther Mahawe thanked Ndejemi by calling for accountability, as well as providing elaboration on various issues regarding public service as well as complaints from workers in her district.

DC Mahawe also called upon public employees under her jurisdiction to work hard and

diligently as called for by the deputy minister in support of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's slogan of "Kazi lendelee" - i.e. the work should continue.

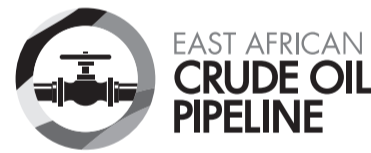
Meanwhile, an employee from Kigoma-Ujiji District Council who is an administrative officer, Stafford Bidebuye thanked the deputy minister for his elaboration on various issues as well solving their long time complaints.

Bidebuye said from the deputy minister's elucidation, he hopes Kigoma Region will open up in every sector and attain development under President Samia's leadership.

Ndejemi has begun his working visit in Kigoma Region whose aim is to call for accountability from public employees, and to inspect activities of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).



Members of the family of Daud Mpanjilwa of C Centre Street in Nkuhungu ward, Dodoma Urban District, pictured yesterday removing their earthly belonging from what has been their family house but which is said to have been built on what is officially designated as open space. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF LIGHT VEHICLE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SERVICES REFERENCE NO. [0000033]

East African Crude Oil Pipeline [EACOP] LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing Light Vehicle Safety Management Services to the [EACOP] project.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Journey Management Plan review and approval
- In Vehicle Monitoring System (IVMS) tracking for Light Vehicles:
 - Provider should demonstrate ability to provide IVMS to the fleet of light vehicles (approx. 150) and in-cab cameras for some of them.
 - Provider should demonstrate ability to provide dedicated control center and operators in Dar es Salaam for tracking light Vehicles.
- Reporting of Incidents and provide support to the Recovery of Vehicle from the incident scene
- Provision of Defensive Driving and other Vehicle Safety Training (eg 4 x 4)
- Provision of other Vehicle Management Safety support as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Business license.
- Appropriate licensing if any from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EVWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Profile of key personnel to be involved in the project including personal certifications as necessary and level of qualifications, and experience and capacity to deliver the required services.
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the Scope of Services outlined above at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com, (max.email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on or before 25th November 2022. Email object shall be: [0000033] _ Light Vehicle Safety Management Services. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

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World Diabetes Day is a reminder that prevention is better than cure

HEALTH activists and those assisting in healthy living for fun would have teamed up around the country and elsewhere in the world to mark World Diabetes Day celebrated each November 14.

It is supposed to be a moment when, among other things, countries take stock of where they are efforts to prevent diabetes and to bring treatment centres closer to the population, and even just the awareness of the disease and how to prevent it.

Tanzania had an estimated 9.1 per cent prevalence of diabetes by 2012, but the figure could be much higher now.

World Diabetes Day is in a sense a moment of reflection of where humankind is in the fight against inclination to pleasures in eating and living that touch off excessive amounts of sugar in the body, triggering or precipitating considerable disability in body functions.

It is unfortunate that the source of the problem is so wide and vast that it is really culture itself that is at issue: as to how far one is part of it and thus at risk of contracting all manner of diseases, one of the more debilitating diseases being diabetes.

Experts warn that once the disease is contracted by the blood system, it can hardly be dispelled.

What is seen as medicine for diabetes is only mitigation, namely, the use of insulin - which has varying levels of effect, depending on a whole lot of other things, including blood groups, even allergies and a possible host infection environment.

Thus, people of similar living styles may not face similar consequences in their future health state, even as their situations may still differ at a specific point, which isn't easy to recognise as making a difference except in seeking to diagnose the

sources of an affliction. At that point the diagnosis will help in treatment, just so.

One recurring theme on what to do to prevent diabetes is the Global Diabetes Walk, which an online chronicler says 518 events was being organised in 102 countries to stress the importance of physical activity.

Members of the professional classes ride personal vehicles to and from work, and their work involves little pacing up and down - for instance, on a staircase on a regular basis. This way they are more exposed to diabetes.

The Global Diabetes Walk project was meant to strengthen the capacity not firstly for diabetes prevention but for care in Mara, Kagera and Shinyanga regions, which shows a sense of realism on the issue.

The organisers were not asking people to come out in order to prevent diabetes, as that would imply that they were targeting the healthier group in the streets or surrounding communities and not otherwise.

Rather, they were asking those already showing signs of being uneasy to come off the closet and participate in physical exercises to mitigate the effects of what was ailing them.

This adds at least one line of wisdom, if not expertise, that anyone suffering or showing signs of diabetes is advised not just to use medicine but also go for regular exercises, apart from taking precautions about what one eats or drinks.

Diabetes is often not an isolated disease. It can be ignited by other conditions, or its treatment and caring can be worsened if other conditions crop up, but they aren't by World Diabetes Day. Striving to stay out of danger avoiding sweet excesses is best.

Incidentally, this year WDD is marked under the theme: "Education to Protect Tomorrow".

High global coal demand shouldn't cloud charcoal replacement agenda

THE bell is now tolling for people to finally get to the coalfields in southern Tanzania, nearly 50 years from the time we ought to have started exploiting the resource.

It is arguable whether the story will ever be told of how the country lost its initial opportunity to industrialise by using iron and coal resources in nearly the same area, and definitely with a lot of goodwill, for instance from China, had we chosen that path. Unclear factors or facets of things militated against that choice.

As a matter of fact, we can even now see a bit of why this was the case as relates to the idea of taking up global trade in coal.

Ministerial authorities say the business is expected to bring substantial benefits to the country in the coming year, as there is already some exploitation of the resource for export purposes.

A state agency is taking up a different vocation, making usable briquettes to sell cheaply enough to members of the public as a replacement for charcoal - as policy makers think of mass use of natural gas for cooking, even as bringing down its price to ease access is hard.

What happened in the past is thus similar to what is happening now in that we are not trying to solve local problems like the wholesale felling of trees for charcoal, where most of parts of Africa with the exception of the far north and the far south have similar symptoms.

Desertification induced by charcoal trade has gradually replaced the climatic categories of 'tropical rain forest' and 'tropical savanna' with scrub, drought and floods.

We have reached a situation

where thousands of livestock perish each season for lack of pasture and water, and 'evil grass' spreads out - harming livestock herds.

So, there is little comfort one can take from policy initiatives around coal at this time though, admittedly, we can expect significant foreign exchange from the business.

The authorities talk of wooing investors to coal as if it was just another mineral completely shielded from the global convention to abandon its use as energy.

Meanwhile, for decades we failed to obtain investors for a power plant for which the ministry was gunning for a 600-MW coal-fired power station.

As the coal mining and exporting firm cited brings in some foreign exchange while the global situation still permits trading coal in substantial amounts, it is vital for the briquettes project to be taken up with more vigour.

For now, it looks much like a trade exhibition item waiting for orders before it is put across more vividly and effectively.

It is also unclear if the State Mining Corporation intends to sell the coal at an especially low price to eliminate the viability of charcoal or if it will seek to compete, with prices thus remaining high.

As in many instances, using coal-based briquettes will need tougher or harder utensils than people ordinarily use, suggesting that they may not sell except at pretty low prices.

These are issues on which guidance and actual directives are needed from the government, as commercial state agents left to themselves would likely direct themselves to the 'business as usual' mode.



Closure of TV, radio stations in Malawi a threat to recent gains in press freedom

By Charles Pensulo

EARLIER this year, Malawi's Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) gave dozens of broadcasters and courier companies notice to pay annual licence fees.

When they didn't do so, outlets such as Rainbow Television, Angalimba Television, Ufulu Television, Angaliba FM, Capital Radio, Sapitwa FM, Joy Radio, Ufulu FM and Galaxy FM all had their licences revoked.

By the end of the year, up to 30 broadcasting outlets are expected to close as a result of the decision. Nearly 250 employees from three TV outlets and six radio stations have already lost their jobs.

In an attempt to convince the Malawi government's communication regulatory body to reconsider closing these outlets, the Malawi chapter of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) approached the country's Parliamentary Committee on Media to highlight their case.

MISA argued that the economic crisis the country is experiencing, a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, has not spared the media sector.

The advocacy organisation said that the annual fees, costing the equivalent of US\$5,000, were exorbitant - ten times more expensive than costs for the high-end hotels and admission to private hospitals.

"The revocation of licences is too drastic and can be construed as a systematic violation of freedom of expression in the country," MISA argued.

The decision to close media houses is already having adverse effects on Malawian journalists, with the potential for further disruption of the country's young media ecosystem in the months to come.

Journalists in Malawi have questioned the fairness of the decisions to close media houses for not complying, and what it means for press freedom in the country.

Aubrey Kusakala, the former station manager of the now closed Rainbow Television, said that the outlet managed to pay its fees a few days after the notice's due date but attempts to negotiate with the regulatory body to avoid closure proved futile.

Rainbow Television's failure to pay the fee in time was partly due to advertisers' failure to make their payments to the station, according to Kusakala. This



included government departments that owed for advertisements on Covid-19 health measures.

As Rainbow Television has in the past reported critically on the government, including covering allegations of corruption, Kusakala has not ruled out political motivations for the decision to shut the station down.

He added that the regulator advised them to ask for an extension if they thought they would not be able to pay by the deadline. Strangely, instead of winning a reprieve, they received a letter that revoked their broadcasting licence altogether.

"It seems like selective justice. Looking at the whole issue, we can't make a fresh licence application because we can't fight the government," said Kusakala.

He added: "We resorted to getting rid of employees because we don't think that, even if we make a fresh application, we can be given a licence. We think it is all political."

Jimmy Kainja, a media scholar and lecturer at the University of Malawi, said that while the regulatory body appears to be simply enforcing the law as written, he questions why it has taken so long to decide to close the stations.

"MACRA should take the blame, but we also have to look at the broadcasters themselves, as they have an obligation to pay the licences based on the conditions attached to them," he said.

Kainja noted that he saw the situation as a reflection of the sustainability of journalism in the country, adding: "We also need to look at what kind of business model is there for broadcasters to survive in the sector."

MACRA has denied any political interference in its decision. In a statement released in early September, the regulatory body said that it would consider a fresh licence application from Capital FM Radio, one of the stations that had their licences revoked.

The radio station has since been granted a fresh licence, with MACRA applauding the station's "professional approach" in "addressing its licence obligations" and imploring others to the same.

According to Kusakala, Rainbow Television was not afforded the same treatment, and their issue was never discussed at MACRA's board meeting as had earlier promised.

In a letter predating the parliamentary meeting addressed to Malawian President Lazarus Chakwera, MISA advised that closing broadcasters would risk denting the progress that Malawi has made on the press freedom score since reintroducing multiparty democracy in 1993. "We do understand that licence fees are part of the regulations, but instead of shutting down the stations there is a need to engage the broadcasters and come up with a win-win situation. The revocation of licences is too drastic and has a chilling effect on freedom of expression," said Golden Maunganidze, the MISA chapter's chairperson.

Another 500 media employees will lose their jobs at the end of this year if the Malawi Communication Regulatory Authority shuts down yet another three TV stations and 17 radio outlets that have yet to pay the fees in question.

These shutdowns are occurring at a time when press freedom in Malawi remains shaky, this despite

recent positive developments such as the implementation of a new Access to Information Law.

While President Chakwera won the 2020 election on promises to "clear the rubble of corruption", and respect for the rule of law, there has been increased scrutiny from the media and the public alike as reports of corruption by top government officials become increasingly widespread.

When critics, including clergy, journalists and civil society leaders have pointed out corruption, it has been met with hostility from the government.

Earlier this year, MISA Malawi released a statement condemning what it described as the government's increased animosity towards media critics. The statement detailed instances in which journalists have been harassed, this including a Malawi Institute of Journalism reporter who was verbally attacked by a minister at a press conference.

"These and several other cases of media censorship, online and offline attacks on journalists and critical voices are suppressing media freedom, freedom of speech and other legitimate forms of dissent - which is very sad for our democracy," the organisation said.

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You can use good music as fantastic therapy or annoy others with noise



EMERGENCE of music distribution via internet through mobile devices and streaming services has revolutionised the way people access this form of entertainment. Whether in the car, at work, in gyms or while doing house chores, people spend a lot of time listening to music than ever before.

Regardless of our culture or background, we all experience an emotional response to various chords and melodies. And now there is scientific evidence supporting the notion that music plays a role in the improvement of mental health.

According to science, music is processed in every area of the brain and seems to have the ability to stimulate areas of the brain that may not otherwise be accessible. Music appears to enhance and strengthen the brain, allowing for greater efficiency in cognition and communication.

Music can help to boost levels of our 'feel good' hormones, thereby stimulating freedom of expression and clarity of thoughts. One recent study conducted by researchers at Bournemouth University in the UK explored the effects of music therapy in treating depression among children and adolescents.

Results showed that those who received music therapy in addition to talk therapy had subsequently improved self-esteem and significantly reduced depression symptoms compared to children who received treatment without music therapy. Those in the music therapy cycle also showed improvement in communication, social function and interactive skills.

Stress is believed to be one of the major factors negatively affecting our health. High stress levels have shown to be strongly associated with many physical and emotional problems such as cardiovascular diseases, chronic pain, anxiety disorders, depression and addictions. Millions of people around the world, to cope with stressors, use medications which are associated with numerous contradictions and negative side effects.

Because of the difficulties to prevent stress without any professional support, the great demand for no pharmacological stress reduction interventions is high. So, listening to music has been associated with a broad range of positive outcomes in the domain of health and wellbeing.

For decades, music has been used as an intervention for stress reduction through activities like singing, making music or listening to music individually and sometimes groups as well as live music offered by music therapists. It is assumed by many researchers that both the physiological and the emotional responses of stress may be reduced by music.

A recent neuroscientific study provides insights into how music interventions may lead to stress reduction and increased wellbeing. Firstly, music seems to be able to decrease physiological arousal which is increased during stress. Listening to music, making music or singing have been associated with decrease of physiological arousal as shown by reduction of cortisol levels or decrease in heartbeat rate and blood pressure. These outcomes have been identified in neurobiology.

Additional studies reveal that music therapy may

provide multiple benefits for individuals struggling with depression, stress and anxiety. Music helps to reduce muscle tension, increase self-esteem, decrease anxiety and enhance personal relationships, increase motivation and self-emotional release.

So, music therapy is not only limited to people with stress and depression, it may help people who have difficulties in verbal communication as musical participation doesn't rely on an ability to speak. People with brain injuries can be helped to regain their speech. People suffering from dementia can connect with memories and share them with friends and families, children with autism can develop emotional, social and communication skills.

One study found that music therapy was a safe, low-risk way to reduce depression and anxiety, especially for those who are suffering from neurological diseases. Music therapy is a potential non drug treatment for mental health disorders and stress. The use of music for self-regulation of mood and emotions has been known for centuries and has been the subject of scientific investigation over the past decades.

So listen to more and more music anytime possible to heal your soul. Music is essential part of human existence. Peace of mind can be attained in the true sense by listening to the right music. The right music has the power to heal, to cleanse and to uplift your entire being.

But there is one problem. Now that

everyone can claim to be a DJ, we have a problem of noise pollution especially in our cities and towns. Some fellows mount those big speakers in the resi-

dential areas and play music can affect our health rather than healing. Too much of anything is harmful. Let's enjoy good music moderately.

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Uganda coffee legacy, from culture to commercialisation

BULAMBULI

FAR away from the coffee aroma in a cafe in Chicago, London, or Guangzhou, in the remote mountainous village of Kikobero, Bulambuli district, eastern Uganda, Samwiri Nangoli tends to his coffee trees, a skill set passed onto him by his forefathers.

From his childhood, the 75-year-old Nangoli, just like many children in the neighborhood, was taught that coffee is the major source of income to a family. It is a family tradition passed down from generation to generation.

In this part of the east African country, when a boy is being initiated into adulthood, he is given several coffee trees as a startup to a new life. And so did Samwiri pass on the skill to Martin Nangoli, who now travels the world's major capitals selling specialty coffee from this remote village tucked on the slopes of the extinct Mount Elgon, shared by Uganda and Kenya.

Nangoli told Xinhua in a recent interview that during the political turmoil in the 1970s, he used to scale the mountain and smuggle coffee to neighboring Kenya. "It was a difficult time, I had to smuggle coffee in order for my children to survive.

Through the earnings, I managed to provide basic necessities like salt, and sugar and also pay their tuition fees," Nangoli said. Years on, his son Nangoli introduced better farming skills in the village which increased the coffee yields.

Through his organization, Kikobero Coffee, the village now exports coffee to London and is now targeting new markets like the Balkans. Some of the coffee proceeds have been used to build two primary schools in the village in efforts to increase the literacy level among youngsters.

Some parents who can not afford to pay school fees are encouraged to bring coffee to the school administration as a form of payment, according to Nangoli.

Kilometers away, in Kween district, Alfred Boyo Mashandich, a retired



A motorcycle rider ferries arabica coffee cherries in Kamu town council, Bulambuli district, eastern Uganda, April 28, 2018. (Xinhua/Daniel Edyegu)

medical doctor supervises the coffee value chain right from the tree to the point of export.

Mashandich, who also runs a coffee company, Masha Coffee, which buys from dozens of farmers, in an interview with Xinhua, referred to coffee as the backbone of families in most of rural

Uganda.

He reminisces about the olden days when he together with his siblings, under the guidance of their father, tended to the coffee trees.

It was from this coffee that they derived their livelihood. "Coffee is a culture. We all grew up when

our parents were growing coffee. Ourselves, we inherited part of our coffee farms from our parents," Mashandich said.

Back then it was on subsistence, what we are trying to do is to bring it to a commercial scale," he added.

Mashandich has a mini coffee processing plant in his compound and the majority of the workers are youths. Mashandich argues that there must be a deliberate effort to involve young people in the coffee value chain. "We would like to have coffee produced sustainably and there is no way you can do that if you don't involve young people," he said.

"Involving them along the value chain is extremely important. They begin to see the value, they begin to see it as a productive enterprise." Eunice Chekaptui, 29, a coffee enthusiast, argued that coffee takes three to four years before harvesting starts. She said most of the youths are not that patient, they want quick money.

"If you look at the trend, majority of the coffee farmers are actually elderly people, so you find that if we don't involve the young, the chain may cut at some point," Chekaptui said, noting that the youths need to look at coffee farming as a business.

"If you show them the economics involved, if you grew one acre of coffee versus one acre of Irish potatoes, the difference is way too big," she said, noting that once the coffee matures, one can keep harvesting for a period of 10 years, from the same coffee trees.

The government is now urging farmers to scale up coffee farming with a target to increase production to 20 million bags by 2030, and triple the income of 1.7 million households that derive their livelihood from coffee.

According to the country's coffee roadmap, the government is targeting to reap up to 2.2 billion U.S. dollars per year from the sector by 2030. Apart from the traditional markets in Europe and U.S., Uganda is now looking at new markets like China and the Balkans.

For the traditional markets, coffee enterprises are now focused on specialty coffee, a coffee process monitored from the tree to the cup. In specialty coffee, farmers are not allowed to use agrochemicals to spray pests and diseases.

The coffee cherries are carefully hand-picked and dried. Janet Chekwoti, a smallholder farmer, said while the process of taking care of specialty coffee is tedious, it fetches premium prices which have improved farmers' livelihood.

By Tabitha Saoyo and Nerima Were

Exclusionary draft Family Protection Policy will endanger Kenyan women

AFTER the August elections, anti-rights groups started to clamour for the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to revive the 2019 National Policy on Family Promotion and Protection, which was drafted by an isolated handful of individuals and was devoid of public participation. This draft was not signed into policy and so never implemented.

With the passage of his first executive order, the president has now responded with a thumbs-up, indicating that establishing a family policy is one of his priority areas.

The wording of the draft policy is problematic. It promotes an extremely narrow definition of nuclear family and stigmatises all other families - including women-headed households, families born through surrogates, polygamous families and same-sex couples. This exclusion goes against the very values that the president has always espoused as a Christian.

Kenyan families, like most African families, cannot be boxed into neat nuclear definitions. Many of us are descendants of polygamous grandparents, with a huge collection of blood relatives and family members who were taken into our household after wars, drought and HIV, or adopted after the death of a parent.

While other African countries such as Rwanda, Ethiopia and South Africa have "family and social protection" policies, their versions protect vulnerable family and community members from injustices arising from oppressive social structures. Yet the proposed draft policy on family seeks to promote the exclu-



Family and relatives at the funeral for murdered Olympian Agnes Tirop at her parent's home in Kapnyamisa village, Nandi County, on 23 October 2021. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Daniel Irungu)

sionary, conservative Christian model of the family, prevent divorce, and disregard other family models.

By asserting that "family cohesion is founded on the unity of spouses", the draft stigmatises and excludes single-parent families and divorcees. By defining marriage as being between "two persons of the opposite sex", it excludes polygamous and same-sex partnerships, which are among us whether we like it or not.

"The primary function of the family is to ensure the continuation of society, biologically through procreation, and to promote and emphasise marriage preparation," according to the policy.

Such statements already isolate child-free couples! It also identifies "the key policy issues" as being related to "ensuring that the family that emerges from marriages becomes a true foundation for social order in Kenya".

The document, interestingly, prioritises "preventing divorce" by any means necessary, including alternative dispute resolution, but this culture known as "vumilia ndoa" does not recognise the vulnerability of women and children in abusive marriages. Contrary to the Marriage Act, the policy discourages divorce as a valid solution and prioritises "protecting the union" over protecting the women in abusive marriages.

The recent death of Olympic marathoner Edith Muthoni and Agnes Tirop taught the nation that we must prioritise safety over marriage, particularly in a country where 42% of women aged 15 to 49 consider that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain instances, according to research.

Regionally, the draft does not match up to the African Union's 2004 Plan of Action on the Family in Africa, which requires member states to create a conducive environment for ALL family members to thrive. Compared with other countries' policies, Kenya's draft offers no practical help - no income support services, no child daycare, no campaigns against domestic violence, no promotion of gender equality, nor the extension of economic and social opportunities to women.

So, the policy's intention appears simply to identify those who are worthy of protection and those who are not - based on a discriminatory view of the family. Unless the text of the 2019 version of the family protection policy is revised, the current draft will subject more women to violent marriages, further stigmatise divorce, and exclude the diverse relationships of so many of our families.

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Fifth CIIE writes story of win-win cooperation

By Che Bin

THE fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE), which concluded in Shanghai recently, was indeed a fruitful event as expected.

It was joined by over 2,800 exhibitors from 127 countries and regions, and 66 countries and three international organizations took part in the country exhibition. All these numbers exceeded those in the previous year.

A total of \$73.52 billion worth of tentative deals were reached for one-year purchases of goods and services, up 3.9 percent from a year ago.

Apart from cutting-edge innovations, the fifth CIIE also featured exhibits that were handy and practical, manifesting China's sense of responsibility in implementing the Global Development Initiative and promoting the common development of the world.

The CIIE is not only a platform for big names but also one that cares about enterprises from the least developed countries. Every year, the event would provide the latter with free exhibition booths to assist them selling their food, traditional handicrafts, and tourism products to a wider audience. This year, the number of free exhibition booths for exhibitors from the least developed countries nearly doubled from a year ago.

For the first time, Guinea-Bissau's cashew nuts were displayed at this year's CIIE. They attracted a number of merchants, though they were not in fancy packages. The export of cashew nuts is the primary source of income for most of the farmers in the African countries, and the CIIE has established a platform that brings tangible benefits to them.

Guinea-Bissau's Ambassador to China, Antonio Serifo Embalo, told People's Daily that Guinea-Bissau hopes to attract more investors at the CIIE so as to better help the country's farmers increase their income and realize technological and industrial upgrades for the country.

The All Pakistan Commercial Exporters Association, attending the CIIE for the first time, displayed emeralds, Himalayan salt, Basmati rice, and other featured products. The association contacted the Pakistani Embassy and Consulates in China soon after it booked an exhibition booth, asking the latter to recommend featured Pakistani products.

"I hope Pakistani enterprises can find more opportunities



Photo taken on Nov. 5, 2022 shows the exterior of the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai), the main venue for the fifth China International Import Expo. [People's Daily Online]

in China through the CIIE," said Miao Lan who is responsible for the booth of the Pakistani association.

Over the past five years, the CIIE has turned many exhibits into commodities and exhibitors into investors. Through the exchange of ideas, it connects China and the rest of the world. It is a global public good shared by the whole world.

Handmade alpaca toys produced by Peruvian enterprises have found their market in China through the CIIE, involving over 100 Peruvian families that designed and produced the toys in the trend of economic globalization. Besides, the CIIE also expanded the sales of coffee from Timor-Leste, chili from Rwanda, wool carpets from Afghanistan, soaps from Syria, honey from

Zambia, and handicrafts from South Sudan.

It has turned the China market into a market for the world, a market shared by all and accessible to all.

It is reported that enterprises have already signed up for an exhibition area of more than 100,000 square meters for the sixth CIIE.

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FNF equips women scribes in SADC and EAC with better leadership skills

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

THE Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) has organised a five-day training workshop to empower female with skills that will make them able to acquire top managerial positions in the newsrooms.

Held in the Indian Ocean archipelago-Zanzibar, the FNF Tanzania programme was designed to help 13 female journalists from Tanzania, Kenya and Zimbabwe confront and identify their strengths and weaknesses. It also helps with identifying opportunities in and outside newsrooms.

Carlen du Plessis, freelance journalist from South Africa, who was a facilitator urged female journalists to wake up, be confident and support each other to take leadership positions as well as speak out on various challenges facing them.

"My call for women is for them to be confident, know their value and be able to raise their voice whenever they face any harm. We should care less about whether other people can approve our ideas or not," he said, noting that women journalists face a number of challenges at workplaces which include discrimination and bullying.

Veni Swai, FNF Tanzania programme manager said: "Our organization recognizes the value of female journalists in the society, we have realized that they are very knowledgeable, spinners of this world, they are able to do a lot of things if empowered."

She said the organization will

continue building on what women have and continue to give them the confidence and opportunities to provide them with networks, resources, and tools that will be able to put them where they are supposed to be.

Swai noted that various studies have proved that having more women in top leadership positions speeds up the pace of development, so investing in them should be reemphasized.

Marike Groenewald, Founder of A new Leadership Development in South Africa said women journalists should support others to mentor, coach and encourage one another so as to achieve set goals.

"I have been inspired by the caliber of women journalists from these three countries, not just because of their skills and expertise to do their job well, but also by their resilience, courage and resolve to transform the still very traditional newsrooms," she said.

The female journalists applauded FNF Tanzania for bringing them together to train them about leadership and reporting on war issues where they pledged to take the experience and knowledge at their workplaces.

Annie Mpalume, Deputy managing editor for the Zimbabwe-based Dailynews said: "FNF has enabled us to come all the way from Zimbabwe to join other female journalists, this has been the most fruitful experience, and coming to realize that women journalists across Africa face the same challenges together, so the home from now is to



count at the problems."

Serfine Achieng, Citizen TV Kenya news reporter said the forum came at the right time where female journalists from different countries sat in one room and shared their experience not only from their newsrooms but also different fields.

"I am excited on a topic of women and leadership, because it has been a struggle for women to get to positions of influence in the newsrooms, so being taken through the

process of how to make it practically possible for women to get to the positions of leadership was really interesting.

Salome Kitomari, Nipashe news editor said: "This training has opened my eyes, it has helped me to identify many things that will help me in my leadership duties."

"Being with our colleagues has given us experience, to know what other female journalists are facing and we have recognized that we all face the same challenges in news-

rooms, so we are required to add value to our careers by upgrading education level and making good use of time," she said.

Roselyne Obala, NTV Kenya Planning and research editor declared that her journey in the newsroom hasn't been easy especially in terms of leadership especially that many newsrooms have no budget for training journalists to become leaders.

"Being affiliated to a number of associations for instance FNF has

helped nurture my leadership skills through women on leadership training and a number of capacity building training equipped me to be a leader in the newsroom," Roselyne said.

Faith Zaba, Zimbabwe Independent editor said: "This training has been fruitful for us. Thanks to FNF for giving us this opportunity. As women, such meetings are important as they help us to come together and share our stories, our struggles and our triumphs."

Herders abandon homes in search for pasture, water

By Guardian Correspondent, Handeni

IT is early in the morning at Sindeni village in Handeni District, Tanga Region; a man is seen with a herd of cattle and goats in a hurry heading to a nearby village of Kingona to search for pastures.

Joshua Godliver has to wake up early in the morning every day to take his animals to Kingona which at least has enough pastures.

A 45-year-old Godliver says the severe drought, which has hardly hit their village this year is beyond words and this has put many pastoralists in a difficult situation as they are forced to walk long distances to get the pastures and water.

"Drought in our village is so high, our village is so dry, no pastures and water, this forces us to wake up as early before the sun rises and walk over two hours to reach the forests, it is not easy, but because we want our animals to survive, then we have to do this," he says.

He has 100 cows and 70 goats which according to him, the availability of pastures at the nearby village of Kingona has brought a certain relief compared to previous times where they had to walk miles away to reach far away villages for pastures.

"Walking long distances to seek for pastures and water wasn't only affecting our health but also animals were losing weight due to spending hours in the sun without getting enough feed and water," he explains.

According to him, the pastoralists are now feeling the relief after the Sindeni ward authorities decided to start providing special permits to the herders to send their animals in the Kingona village pastures.

"With this, many pastoralists have shifted their animals to the village and some are still walking every day to send the livestock in the forests for food, this is relief to us," he says.

Dotto Deus, Sindeni Ward

Livestock Officer, admits that drought has brought a number of impacts in the area and thus the government has decided to provide the permits to allow pastoralists to send their animals in some villages where pastures are available.

"We have issued a lot of permits and there some of the herders have already shifted their animals in the designated villages, those with few animals join to get one permit," he says.

Zubeda Ndimwe says they got a permit to shift their animals to Maswaha village from Sindeni and they have started to see good progress especially in the health of the animals.

"Drought deeply affected our livestock, it reached a time when a cow which was previously sold at 300,000 is now sold at 150,000/- due to lack of food, the animals are not healthy," she says.

She says with the government's move to allow the pastoralists to send their animals in the village has started to bring positive outcomes as the livestock's health is now improving.

Mollel Lolusu recalls the huge loss he encountered due to drought where his five cows died due to lack of pastures and water.

To address the challenge, Mwanahawa Omari calls on the government to allocate special areas in the national ranch at Nzeli village in the district so as to allow more pastoralists to send their animals there for pastures.

"We are not asking to get the pastures for free, we are ready to contribute a certain amount so as to enable our animals to get food, because the area which is currently sending our animals is very far and we also pay," she says.

Handeni District livestock officer, Sekiara Kiaro says that drought has hit the area and this year the situation is worse but the government is taking efforts to help people which include constructing dams.

"The council is working to ensure that more dams are constructed, we may not



reach other areas due to insufficient budget, but we will continue doing so whenever we get funds," he asserts.

Kiaro also urges pastoralists to reduce the number of animals and about smart practices so as to reduce costs and get more profit.

The officer also said the district has failed to take measures on the request from

farmers to allow them to send their animals at the national ranch of Nzeli village as the areas are not owned by them but to the National Rancing Company Limited (NARCO).

In 2018, Tanzania ratified the Paris climate agreement, making it a 176th country aiming to avoid the most devastating effects of climate change through cutting car-

bon emissions.

It has come up with a mega plan for climate action and fostered the fight against climate change through mitigation and adaptation by 2030 which include helping pastoralists to overcome the impacts.

Tanzania has also promised to strengthen livestock infrastructures and services

that are resistant to climate change; sending important services to pastoralists and ways to overcome disasters such as livestock insurance; enhance livestock productivity through climate-based interventions as well as strengthen livestock research and development.

As per the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), in 2021,

the livestock sector grew by 5 percent with its contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) being 7 percent.

NBS stated that in the respective year, Tanzania had 35.3 million cattle, 25.6 million goats, 8.8 million sheep, 92.8 million chickens and 3.4 million pigs.

World making little progress on food waste, a big climate problem

SHARM EL SHEIK

EVERY Thursday, California resident Richard Redmond takes a gallon-sized container of food scraps to the farmers market in the city of South Pasadena where it is collected and composted for use in gardens - an effort to reduce the amount of household waste he sends to landfill.

"It's just stunning," the web designer, who is in his 60s, said. "You can see how separating it just reduces the amount of garbage you are putting out."

Redmond's experience is a tiny window into a huge global problem, and not enough people are with him.

Every year, the world throws away around 931 million tons of food, most of it ending up in landfills, where it decomposes to pro-

duce around a tenth of the world's climate-warming gases, according to the United Nations.

That's a major challenge for countries tackling global warming at the COP27 climate summit underway in Egypt. Nations around the globe pledged in 2015 to halve food waste by 2030, but few are on track to do so, according to officials from the United Nations, sustainability watchdogs, and governments interviewed by Reuters.

"Eight years to go and we are nowhere close to reaching that goal," said Rosa Rolle, the team leader for food loss and waste at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

Among the top five biggest food wasters per capita, for example, at least three - the United States, Australia and New Zealand - have increased their food waste since 2015, according to independent estimates that their governments do



Piles of food scraps and green waste wait to be processed at Recology Blossom Valley Organics North near Vernalis, California, US, Nov 10, 2022. (BRITTANT HOSEA-SMALL / REUTERS)

not dispute. Reliable information for the other two, Ireland and Canada, was not available.

The problem is not limited to richer countries, either. A UN study last year found "negligible" correlation between household food waste and gross domestic product, indicating most countries "have room to improve."

The bleak performance is due to a lack of public investment and clear policies to counter things like food spoilage in trucks and warehouses, wasteful consumer habits, and confusion about expiration and sell-by dates, experts said.

Complicating the issue is a lack of transparency. When the UN General Assembly adopted the 2015 food waste goal, it did not establish a clear benchmark against which to measure progress because of spotty country-level estimates.

UN agencies and nonprofits attending COP27 will ask governments on Nov 16 to renew their pledges and provide progress reports at next year's summit in Dubai, Rolle said.

American pie

The average American wastes more than 700 calories of food per day - about a third of recommended daily intake - according to a 2020 study by researchers in Switzerland and India, making America's progress an important benchmark for other nations.

The country is no role model yet. The amount of food wasted in the United States rose 12 percent between 2010 and 2016 and has since plateaued, according to ReFED, a waste reduction group that works closely with the US government.

"We do have a long way to make the goal," said Jean Buzby, the food waste liaison at the US Department of Agriculture.

Part of the problem is a lack of federal leadership.

The USDA, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration agreed in 2018 to tackle America's food waste together. But they've devoted few resources to the effort since, said Dana Gunders, executive director of ReFED.

USDA and FDA each have just one full-time staff person dedicated to food waste, the agencies told Reuters. EPA declined to give a number, saying the work was spread across several offices.

"What real focus would look like on this topic would be for each of these agencies to dedicate staff, to give those staff funding to implement things," Gunders said.

The USDA and EPA said they do not track spending on food waste initiatives. The FDA did not comment on its spending.

In the meantime, the agencies are relying on the private sector to help. Forty-seven companies, including food retailer Ahold Delhaize and processor General Mills, have made pledges to halve their food waste by 2030 as part of a voluntary USDA and EPA program launched in 2016.

Some 15 of those companies have provided updates on their websites showing they have cut waste. Neither EPA or USDA verifies their progress.

Beyond the federal level, just five states have passed laws to keep food out of landfills, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. They are California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. ReFED considers just two of those to be strong policies because they cover most businesses and individuals.

The other countries in the top five wasters have also been slow even to set a baseline to measure progress.

In New Zealand, the percentage of food households tossed into the bin rose to 13.4 percent in 2022 from 8.6 percent in 2021, according to a report by research firm Katar. A spokesman for New Zealand's environment ministry said the country is finalizing its baseline food waste estimate so it can establish a target.

Spokespeople from Canada, Australia and Ireland also said their countries were committed to the goal but did not say what progress had been made so far.

At least one big economy, by contrast, is doing well.

The United Kingdom reduced food waste by 27 percent between 2007 and 2018, according to The Waste and Resources Action Programme, an organization that tracks the nation's progress. Its campaign included eliminating "best by" dates on packaging, redistributing unused food to charities, and public education on meal planning.

Slowest gazelle

In California, which has America's most ambitious climate policies, officials are trying to ensure food waste goes to composting, not landfills. But it's a struggle.

Composting food emits less greenhouse gas than landfilling because the decomposition happens in open air instead of in a covered pit. When food rots without air exposure it produces methane, one of the most powerful greenhouse gases.

The state in 2016 passed a law requiring a 75 percent reduction in landfilling of organic waste by 2025. But in 2020, the state was moving in the wrong direction, throwing 2 million tons more food into landfills than in its baseline year of 2014.

The delays are due in part to a lack of facilities to handle the organic waste and a tight 13-month timeline between when regulations were finalized and when they were required to be implemented, according to the League of California Cities, which represents the state's municipalities.

In the Southern California community of Apple Valley, however, town officials are ready, and have equipped residents with 35-gallon carts for organic waste.

The service has driven consumer bills for waste collection up several dollars a month, but it is money well spent, said Guy Eisenbrey, director of municipal services.

"We're basically trying not to be the slowest gazelle in the pack."



A compostable plastic bag full of food scraps is seen alongside non-compostable plastic bags in a recently received truckload of food waste at Recology Blossom Valley Organics North near Vernalis, California, US, Nov 10, 2022. REUTERS



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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

Design and Supply of Centrifugal Pump Sets for New Paste Plant Project

Qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Qualification Criteria
NM57/2022	<p>Supply of Pump Sets for Paste & Filtration Plant</p> <p>Type – Centrifugal, Vertical spindle</p> <p>Discharge orientation – Top vertical</p> <p>Minimum casing pressure – 1400 KPA</p> <p>Power supply - 415 VAC, 50 Hz</p> <p>Preferred Make – Weir Minerals Africa (Pty) Ltd, KSB Pumps and Valves (Pty) Ltd, Sulzer or equivalent</p>	<p>i. Experience in designing, engineering, manufacturing, performance-testing, supplying, and commissioning pumps.</p> <p>ii. Able to supply commissioning spares & maintenance spares</p> <p>iii. Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates</p> <p>iv. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified</p> <p>v. Installation and commissioning support and assistance</p> <p>vi. Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted</p> <p>vii. Lead time of delivery</p> <p>List of pumps for supply</p>

Specification	Capacity / Duty Point 1	Installed Motor	FSD / VSD	QTY
6/4 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 200 m ³ /h, H = 53 m	132 kW	VSD	2
6/4 centrifugal pump, rubber lined	Q = 100 m ³ /h, H = 17 m	55 kW	VSD	2
8/6 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 124 m ³ /h, H = 62 m	200 kW	VSD	6
6/4 centrifugal pump, rubber lined	Q = 120 m ³ /h, H = 10 m	30 kW	VSD	2
10/8 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 1008 m ³ /h, H = 57 m	315 kW	VSD	2
8/6 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 500 m ³ /h, H = 47 m	132 kW	VSD	2
8/6 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 323 m ³ /h, H = 13 m	30 kW	VSD	2
6/4 centrifugal pump, metal pump	Q = 44 m ³ /h, H = 28 m	30 kW	VSD	2
6/4 centrifugal pump, rubber lined	Q = 175 m ³ /h, H = 29.9 m	45 kW	FSD	2
100 SPR Vertical Spindle Pump	Q = 100 m ³ /h, H = 17.3 m	22 kW	FSD	1
100 SPR Vertical Spindle	Q = 100 m ³ /h,			

Submission of Proposals

If your company meets the qualification criteria, submit your proposal alongside all supporting documentation to nm.proposal@barrick.com

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

Key Dates

- Last date to submit Proposal 22 November 2022

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

BUSINESS

SBL to spend 165bn/- on production expansion

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has said that it will continue investing heavily to expand production and value addition to create more jobs as part of strengthening beverage industry contribution to the economy.

The company's managing director, Mark Ocitti (pictured), said as part of its three-year investment to bring its spirits and beer production to a whole new different level by investing 165bn/-.

SBL is Tanzania's second biggest beer maker with its beer brands accounting for over 25 percent of the market vol-

ume and also considerable investors with a keen eye on community welfare.

This month, Ocitti said SBL ushered its first locally produced international spirit, Captain Morgan Gold, to the market.

"As an investor with a knack for creating innovative products, the expansion plan began in 2019 and is forecasted to boost production in the company's three facilities in Mwanza, Moshi, and the nation's commercial pulse, Dar es Salaam," he noted.

He said SBL's ambitious expansion plans do not only come as good news for people investing in the spirits value



chain but it coincides with Tanzania economic growth as the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) projected the economy to expand by 5.4 percent in the first quarter far beyond the 4.7 percent project for the entire year.

"This expansion will create increased demand for cereals that SBL sources from local growers of maize, barley and sorghum for beer production. It will create

more direct and indirect job opportunities and expand the firm's product distribution footprint nationally," Ocitti said.

The domino effect narrative was not only echoed by the beer maker chief but the government via the Prime Minister of Tanzania, Kassim Majaliwa who commended SBL for the additional investment, which he pointed out that it stands to improve the

livelihoods of its stakeholders and stimulate economic development

The expansion programme which recently took another positive turn by adding value to cereal farmers who will now have to step up their production muscles as SBL increases its cereal demand for beer production.

The latter is a byproduct of the expansion ambition and a domi-

no effect by nature which is crucial in the modern economy which is competitive and advanced. SBL who currently procure over 20,000 tons of maize, barley and sorghum annually from local farmers intends to expand that avenue of production.

SBL's corporate relations director, John Wanyancha argued that the expansion strikes a magnet effect as it calls up more grain demand.

"Our increasing intake of grains from local farmers is intended to meet the expanded capacities of our three breweries located in Moshi, Mwanza, and Dar es Salaam" Wanyancha commented.

He noted that SBL anticipates an impact on farmers from a production standpoint.

"SBL will provide farmers with farming contracts, free seeds, basic financial management skills and techniques on modern ways of farming," he said.

The company is setting an example for other investors across the beverage industry. For any fast-growing economy such as Tanzania, job creation and the injection of the best services and products into the market is essential for sustainable development.

NMB Bank to work with Zanzibar contractors

By Guardian Reporter, Unguja

NMB Bank has said will continue to work with Zanzibar contractors by bringing customized and friendly solutions, to promote their growth.

Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed, Minister for Works, Transport and communications has therefore commended the bank for the initiative will motivate them in performing their duties. The minister said this yesterday when opening the workshop organized by the bank for contractors geared towards sensitizing them on new financing solutions offered by the bank.

"We have every reason to congratulate the entire leadership of NMB Bank for deciding to come up with tailor-made solutions for contractors. This is a good initiative and I believe it will increase their motivation and professionalism for local contractors," said Dr. Khalid.

The Minister therefore urged contractors to utilize financing from the banks for intended purposes and not otherwise, noting that doing so may make it easy for them to repay the loans.

"We should stick to our goals and desist from the habit of diverting the loans as this will cause difficulties in repaying the loan and this is against the NMB vision that wants to see you grow. Make good use of money and stick to the agreed repayment time," Dr Khalid stressed.

NMB Bank Head of Transaction Banking Linda Teggsa said that the lender is committed to



NMB bank's Zanzibar's Cluster Manager, Naima Shaame (L) speaks during the contractors' conference in Zanzibar where the bank introduced new solutions targeted to the contractors. Others are Isles' Minister for Works, Transport and communications, Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed (C), Minister for Lands, Rahma Kassim Ali (2nd R), and her deputy minister Juma Makungu Juma (R) while the bank's head of transaction banking, Linda Teggsa (2nd L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

continuing increasing finance opportunities to contractors to enable them access financial services to implement their various projects.

"NMB Bank is one of the major stakeholders in the infrastructure and construction industry in the country. To reiterate our commitment to support the development of the sector, we saw it necessary to organize this workshop for stakeholders of the sector with the aim of sharing experiences, showcasing opportunities from NMB Bank and we believe this workshop will be a catalyst to development of the sector," said Teggsa.

She added: "Our bank also provides tender guarantee services for projects or purchases (unsecured bid bond) as well as performance guarantees or guarantees advance payment guarantee. All of which we do not need a bond." Unguja Urban district commissioner, Rashid Simai Msaraka said that the construction sector plays a big role in Zanzibar's economic development adding that it has increased both formal and informal jobs for the people of Zanzibar.

"The tourism and construction sectors are the sectors that created more jobs in Zanzibar in recent years. They have both jointly contributed to 50,000 jobs with the Construction sector accounting for 26,371 jobs. This is something that deserves praise and when we see financial institutions like NMB supporting the sector, we as the Government believe that the sector can even contribute more if supported," he added.

Oil slips to lowest in three weeks

SINGAPORE

OIL settled at the lowest price in nearly three weeks as a dollar rally and waning optimism over demand wiped out last week's gains stemming from China's less restrictive approach to Covid-19.

West Texas Intermediate futures settled below \$86 a barrel, dropping 3.5%. Broader markets fluctuated as traders tried to divine what path the Federal Reserve would follow on subsequent rate hikes.

Meanwhile, US oil and gas companies fracked fewer wells than they drilled for the first time in two years, suggesting pessimism about the demand outlook going forward.

Over the weekend, Fed Governor Christopher Waller said there was still some ways to go on hikes. Monday afternoon Vice Chair Lael Brainard said it would be appropriate for the central bank to soon slow its pace. Oil ignored the subsequent rally in equity markets as optimism fizzled over China's recovery from lockdowns.

"Crude prices were dragged down as the short-term demand outlook looks like it is heading much lower," said Ed Moya, senior market analyst at Oanda. "China's COVID situation is not improving and the US economy appears to be quickly weakening."

Traders balanced broader market fears with ongoing risks to supply, which have kept futures locked in a tight range over the past month. An increase in Chinese crude consumption could lead to further tightening of the market, which is facing European Union sanctions on Russian oil flows next month. OPEC cut its forecasts for global oil demand on Monday, which some analysts said could signal further production cuts ahead.

"The Covid-19 situation in China is cutting both ways in that right now obviously there's a big increase in cases weighing things down but it looks like they are finally preparing to pivot," said John Kilduff, founding partner at Again Capital. "The oil market's been highly reactive to any hope or optimism about the reopening."

US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Russia



will likely have to shut in some of its oil production if it doesn't abide by a price cap.

The European Union is "ready to go" with an effort to impose a price cap on Russian oil, according to the

president of the group's executive arm, Ursula von der Leyen, though a price level has not yet been decided.

Vodafone cuts outlook as economic woes mount

LONDON

VODAFONE cut its full-year cash flow forecast and lowered its earnings guidance on Tuesday, reflecting higher energy costs and a deteriorating performance in Germany, Italy and Spain.

Chief Executive Nick Read said the European mobile operator was taking steps to navigate the "challenging macroeconomic environment" which forced it to cut its cash flow forecast by 200 million euros to around 5.1 billion euros (\$5.3 billion).

The British group also said its adjusted core earnings would be between 15.0 and 15.2 billion euros, down from an earlier target of between 15.0 and 15.5 billion euros.

The market was already pessimistic about Vodafone's prospects before the half-year results, with the cash flow consensus standing at 5.14 billion euros and adjusted core earnings at 15.11 billion euros.

"We are taking a number of steps to mitigate the economic backdrop of high energy costs and rising inflation," Read said, adding that these included price increases across Europe.

Shares in the group opened 3% lower. Vodafone reported a 2.6% decline in adjusted earnings in its first six months, which it blamed on commercial underperformance in Germany, its biggest market, and a one-off legal settlement in Italy in the prior year.

The decline in service revenue in Germany accelerated in the second quarter to minus 1.1% from minus 0.5% in the first, it said, mainly due to broadband customer losses.

Its performance in Italy and Spain also worsened quarter-on-quarter, driven by intense competition in the value segment of both countries' mobile markets.

Britain, however, was a bright spot, with service revenue strengthening after consumer price rises and a return to growth in the business segment, it said.

Read is taking steps to simplify Vodafone and accelerate growth. He has also sought to drive consolidation in Europe.

He struck a deal with Altice to build a 7 billion euro fibre network in Germany last month, and last week he announced the sale of up to half of Vodafone's majority stake in its masts company Vantage Towers to infrastructure investors.

UNCDF nominates NBC Bank as bond's transaction advisor

By Guardian Correspondent

THE United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) has appointed National Bank of Commerce Ltd (NBC) as the Lead Transaction Advisor (LTA) to finalize critical steps towards issuance of the first sub-national water infrastructure green revenue bond to be issued by Tanga-UWASA.

This was announced yesterday by the signing of a strategic agreement between Tanga UWASA and NBC Bank, which is leading a consortium of five other financial and licensed capital market advisors, as required by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA).

The cash will be used to improve water infrastructure in Tanga and hence significantly boost the welfare and well-being of the people around those areas and the floated bond will be listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

As part of the bond structure, the signed assignment includes finalization of the prospectus and securing relevant clearances from the government and capital markets regulators and the bond is

expected to be issued by the first quarter of 2023.

Speaking during the event, the Managing Director of Tanga UWASA, Geoffrey Hill, said: "The collaboration with UNCDF guided by the government directives on exploring Alternative Project Financing has led to this important day. We look forward to working with NBC to fast track the completion of the remaining stages of unlocking financing to serve our communities to increase our water supply capacity to underserved demand."

Furthermore, in his key remark, the Head of UNCDF in Tanzania, Peter Malika, said: "We are proud to appoint NBC, a national institution, to finalize this historic transaction. It is a way of entrenching and enhancing national capacities to develop innovative financing instruments to finance development."

"UNCDF as a development finance partner, plays an important role to help addressing market imperfections and financing gaps, especially in developing economies where financial markets are less mature."

On their side, the Head of Corporate and Investment



The director of policy and planning at the President's Office Regional Administration and Local governments, John Cheyo (L), with head of UNCDF Tanzania Peter Malika (2nd L), director of large clients NBC James Meitaron (2nd R) and Tanga-UWASA director Geoffrey Hill (R) pose in a group photo soon after signing an agreement to plan for issuing the first ever green bond for social project Photo by Guardian Correspondent

Banking of NBC Bank, James Meitaron, added; "As a local Bank that the Government partly owns, we are proud to be the first bank in the country to take part as the Lead Transaction Adviser for a transaction of this kind. Today we have witnessed

history being written where for the first time in the country, the Public Authority (Tanga-UWASA) in collaboration with UNCDF has opened new avenues for capital mobilization that is going to be done through green bond issuance".

He added: "We, at NBC Bank, are proud to use our experience and expertise to bring solutions to the challenges facing the society around us."

He said NBC Bank is grateful to the Government and other stakeholders such as

UNCDF for continuing to create conducive environment for financial institutions to take part in serving and improving the lives of people within societies.

Stanbic foundation supports MSMES with grant funds

NAIROBI

STANBIC Bank Kenya through its Accelerate Program yesterday announced a major milestone in its quest to help small businesses reach their potential and contribute towards the country's economic development.

The bank, Stanbic Foundation and United States African Development Foundation (USADF) unveiled seven recipients of Ksh 33million Accelerate Grant Fund.

The grant funds are being issued under the Accelerate Program whose aim is to position Kenyan businesses for success while addressing the skills gap in the country by boosting entre-

preneurship and employability of citizens through digital literacy and up skilling, career development and providing funds (grants) and access to markets.

So far, the program has managed to reach over 850 small businesses, providing them with both financial and non-financial support. The bank also runs a Financial Fitness Academy where individuals are trained on how to take a holistic approach to their financial affairs.

There are 74 million Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Kenya which employ about 14.9 million people and contribute approximately 40% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDPs).

In 2020, Stanbic Bank and USADF entered into a partner-

ship to provide grants to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), cooperatives, and producer groups in Kenya.

A combined total of \$10million funding will be disbursed over the next 5 years towards this initiative.

The entities are targeting 100 percent Kenyan-owned, managed and legally registered MSMEs in Kenya.

Winners of today's grant funds are Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) who have demonstrated resilience and promise to grow and manage their businesses in a sustainable way. They were selected out of over 500 applicants across the country.

Organic Diaries Limited, Trop-



Head of Stanbic Foundation, Pauline Mbayah

ical Lush Limited, Meditrust Healthcare Services, Organic Fields, Tarakwo Diaries Company Limited and Tovuti Group each won Ksh 5million in grant while SunSweet Fruit Farm

Products won Ksh 3million.

During the selection, the winners were able to show how their businesses will have impact and transform underserved and at-risk communities, more so young women, youth and other marginalized groups.

Speaking during the event, Chief Administration Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Enterprise Development, Lawrence Karanja said the steps being taken by Stanbic and USADF to support MSMEs were commendable as they are boosting the Government's Covid-19 recovery efforts.

"What we are seeing today is definitely a boost in our efforts as Government to help businesses recover from the pandemic," the

CAS said.

Stanbic Bank Chief Executive, Charles Mudiwa said the Accelerate Programme has played a major role in giving businesses the much-needed impetus towards growth, adding that the ripple effect will start being felt in the coming months as businesses continue to recover from the pandemic.

"We are happy with the progress we are making thus far because through joint efforts with our partners, we continue to drive economic growth by supporting our MSMEs who create jobs for hundreds of individuals across the country," Mudiwa added.

USADF Regional Representative for Africa, Timothy Nzioka

underscored the organization's contribution in developing, growing and scaling African enterprises and entrepreneurs to improve lives and livelihoods.

"The support we are providing in this project will catalyze sustainable economic growth opportunities for small and growing enterprises in underserved regions in the country," he emphasized.

Head of Stanbic Foundation, Pauline Mbayah said they are keen on creating jobs, enterprise development and facilitating learning programmes. She added that working closely with the Government's Biashara Training Centres, they plan to donate 400 computers across the country.

Global stocks climb higher, US dollar falls

LONDON/SYDNEY

GLOBAL stocks ticked higher and the dollar slipped on Tuesday as a fall in US inflation and an improving outlook for China's economy continued to cheer investors.

Equities and bonds rallied dramatically around the world last week after data showed that U.S. inflation slowed down by more than expected in October. The figures raised hopes that the Federal Reserve will let up on the aggressive interest rate hikes which have battered global markets this year.

The sugar rush has faded since but the mood has remained relatively bright, with the MSCI All World stock index edging 0.4% higher on Tuesday to 617.23. It stood at 582 before the release of the inflation data on Thursday.

The dollar was last down 0.27% against Japan's yen to 139.53, just above Thursday's three-month low. Meanwhile, the euro was up 0.64% against the greenback to a more than four-month high of \$1.039.

"Markets are driven by two factors in the moment. One is optimism that inflation data in the U.S. is peaking out... and on top of that we've had

growing optimism that we could see China adopt more growth-friendly policies," said Lee Hardman, currency analyst at MUFG.

Chinese and Hong Kong stocks rallied again overnight as investors digested the implications of China's COVID-19 policy adjustments and a property sector rescue package, as well as a cooling in tensions between the U.S. and China. Beijing last week eased some of its strict COVID rules, including shortening quarantines by two days, though there are concerns over the sharp increase in new infections seen in some cities this week.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index surged 4.11% overnight. In a remarkable bounce, the index is up nearly 25% for the month while China's CSI 300 has gained 10% in that time.

The Hong Kong bounce came after U.S. President Joe Biden and China's President Xi Jinping held a three-hour meeting on Monday in Bali on the sidelines of the G20 gathering. Investors welcomed the two countries' pledge of more frequent communications.

Europe's Stoxx 600 index was roughly flat after three days of gains. Futures for the U.S. S&P 500 stock in-



dex were up 0.63%.

With inflation and central bank policy still the main focus, investors eagerly awaited U.S. producer price index (PPI) figures due out later on Tuesday as well as a speech from Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker. Analysts cautioned that a strong PPI reading could sour the mood in still-fragile markets.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell 3 basis points (bps) on Tuesday to 3.837%. The yield, which moves inversely to the price, stood as high as 4.338% at the end of October but has plunged in recent days.

Fed Vice Chair Lael Brainard on Monday struck a relatively upbeat tone, saying the central bank has "more work to do" but that it will "probably be appropriate to

soon move to a slower pace" of interest rate hikes. Data out Tuesday showed that the British unemployment rate rose in September. German business sentiment data was due at 1000 GMT.

Oil prices slipped slightly in a sign of residual concerns about the health of the global economy, with Brent crude down around 1% to \$92 a barrel.

Bitcoin was up 1.1% to \$16,769 but remained around 20% lower for the month. The collapsed FTX crypto exchange outlined a "severe liquidity crisis" in official bankruptcy filings released on Tuesday.

The Group of 20 (G20) meetings continued in Indonesia, with leaders considering a draft resolution on Tuesday in which most members strongly condemn the war in Ukraine.

Kenya seeks KQ sale to foreign strategic investor

NAIROBI

THE Treasury will seek a foreign strategic investor to buy a controlling stake in Kenya Airways as a path of returning the national carrier to profitability.

Treasury Principal Secretary nominee Chris Kiptoo told MPs the government will push for a fresh equity investor who is expected to inject capital and offer management expertise in the next step of restructuring.

If the sale goes through, it would see the State reduce its shareholding from 48.9 percent and cut the ownership of lenders who converted their debt to a 38 percent stake.

Air France-KLM owns a small stake in Kenya Airways and it remains to be seen if the multinational, previously KQ's anchor shareholder, will sell its remaining 7.76 percent stake.

Kenya will prefer a cash-rich foreign airline as a strategic investor in a plan that could offer the national carrier aviation expertise and cut its reliance on the State for operational cash.

"It is time to relook the national carrier and ensure that it continues to operate without government support. We need to bring in a strategic investor," Dr Kiptoo told the National Assembly Finance and National Planning committee vetting principal secretary nominees.

He said KQ, as the national carrier is popularly known, operated profitably when a private investor pumped in money and that the government must seek the model in the push to return the airline to profitability.

The government in 1995 sold a 26 percent stake in KQ to Dutch airline KLM and sold a further 22 percent stake to local shareholders through an initial public offering at the Nairobi bourse in 1996. The deal offered KLM seats on the KQ board, the right to appoint certain executives, in particular the CFO, and act as the technical partner for the national carrier.

KLM has reduced its stake from 26.7 percent after the conversion of State debt and bank loans to equity diluted the firm's ownership to 7.76 percent.

The multinational had expressed its desire to exit KQ when the government opted to nationalise the airline.

WORLD

Hundreds flee as Congo's M23 rebels near key city of Goma

GOMA/KINSHASA

FIGHTING in the Democratic Republic of Congo between the army and M23 rebels has moved close to the key eastern city of Goma, said an army spokesperson on Monday, causing a fresh wave of displacement amid diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict.

Clashes picked up again in North-Kivu province on Friday, ending about a week of relative calm since the group launched their latest offensive on Oct 20.

Battles have broken out around the villages of Kibumba, Rugari and Tongo, North-Kivu army spokesperson Guillaume Ndjike said.

Kibumba is around 20 km north of Goma, which the M23 briefly overran during their first big insurrection in 2012.

"They are attacking but we are containing them and taking initiatives to push them back," Ndjike told Reuters.

A Tongo resident who did not wish to be named said via telephone that the army had left and that people were fleeing en masse. A witness in Kibumba painted a similar picture.

The M23 have staged a major comeback in east Congo this year since they were chased into neighboring Rwanda and Uganda in 2013.

Tens of thousands have fled fresh fighting that has caused a diplomatic rift between Congo and Rwanda, which Congo accuses of backing the Tutsi-led group. Rwanda denies any involvement.

Regional efforts are under way to cool tensions between the two countries and end the conflict unfolding along their shared border.

Kenya's ex-President Uhuru Kenyatta, who has been in Congo this week ahead of peace negotiations with armed groups, said talks in Nairobi would be held before the end of the month - later than the original proposed date of this



Democratic Republic of the Congo youth get the first steps of basic military training in Goma, eastern Congo, Nov 7, 2022. AP

Wednesday.

"We have not come here with a prescription but rather with the idea of listening to our brothers and sisters and hopefully to be able to make a contribution towards bringing lasting peace," he said late on Monday after meeting various stakeholders.

Angolan President Joao Lourenco mediated earlier talks between Congolese and Rwandan officials in Luanda and visited both nations over the past weekend.

The Chair of West Africa's main regional bloc ECOWAS, Umaro Sissoco Embaló, has also travelled to Kinshasa and Kigali.

An M23 leader, Bertrand Bisimwa, blamed Congo's army for starting a war against the group.

"They are not taking responsibility

for their initiative," he told Reuters by telephone.

Hundreds have fled to the village of Kibati, around 15 kilometers away from Goma, in recent days.

Kibati has set up three camps for internally displaced people over the past month. Some have taken refuge in houses already abandoned by residents moving further south, according to a Reuters reporter.

Insecurity has prevented humanitarian assistance.

"I left my wife and children behind, I didn't even take clothes," said Ndzimana Kasigwa, 25, who came from Rugari.

At least 188,000 have been displaced in North-Kivu since Oct 20, according to the United Nations.

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UN should pass resolution on US' reparation of damage to many countries – Medvedev

MOSCOW

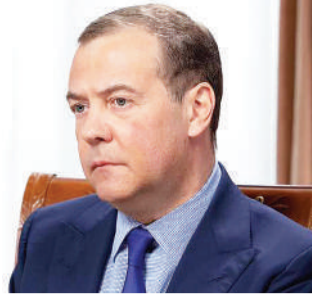
HAVING passed the resolution on Russia's "reparations" to Ukraine, the United Nations General Assembly should now call for the United States' reparation of damage inflicted on Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Yugoslavia and other countries, Deputy Chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev said on Monday.

"They should adopt the same recommendation on total reparation of the damage inflicted by the United States on Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Yugoslavia and many other countries that suffered from the Americans and NATO," he wrote on his Telegram channel, commenting on the UN voting on the resolution recognizing the necessity of establishing a mechanism for the reparation of damage done by Russia to Ukraine.

Otherwise, "it looks like the beginning of the United Nations' agony as a key international institution for reconciliation," he stressed. "The end will be painful for the entire international community. We will do without such a 'united nations' organization."

According to Medvedev, the resolution is meant to legalize the West's plans to use Russia's frozen assets. "The Anglo-Saxons are obviously seeking to scrape up a legal basis for stealing illegally arrested Russian assets," he added.

The emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly on Monday passed a resolution on establishing an international register of damage allegedly inflicted on Ukraine by Russia and recognizing the need for a loss reparation mechanism. Ninety-four countries voted for the document, while 14 were against and 73 abstained.



Trump, US prosecutors clash over status of seized records

WASHINGTON

THE US Justice Department in a court filing unsealed on Monday accused Donald Trump's lawyers of "gamesmanship" for arguing that some of the documents seized by the FBI from the former president's Florida estate should be kept out of a criminal investigation because they are "personal" or privileged.

Trump, who was expected to announce a 2024 run for the presidency yesterday, has fought to keep materials seized by FBI agents during a court-approved Aug 8 search at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach away from investigators in their criminal probe involving sensitive government records taken when he left office last year.

The newly unsealed filings by the Justice Department and Trump's lawyers were made to US Judge Raymond Dearie, an independent arbiter named to review the seized documents to consider whether any should be walled off from investigators.

The department's filing stated that Trump is claiming privilege over 122 documents taken in the federal raid. Prosecutors wrote that they should then be allowed access to nearly 2,800 other papers that they are currently blocked from reviewing as part of their investigation.

Under federal law, a president can retain personal records after leaving office, but these must be unrelated to official work.

Trump's attorneys argued in their filing that he can unilaterally determine that records are personal, that he does not need to provide evidence that he made that determination, and that the decision cannot be challenged. The Justice Department wrote in separate filings that Trump cannot claim that government records are his personal papers "simply by saying so" or "simply by the act of removing them from the White House."

The filings, released with some parts blacked out, were initially made under seal last Tuesday. It is not clear from the redacted court filings exactly which documents Trump is claiming as personal. The Justice Department has said that about 100 pages of the roughly 11,000 seized records are marked as classified, and other court filings show that government records were mixed in with items such as media clippings.

If Dearie, a so-called special master named to conduct a review of items taken in the search, decides the papers are not personal, Trump's lawyers said Dearie should instead find that they are covered by executive privilege - still keeping them away from investigators. That legal doctrine allows a president to keep certain documents or information secret.

The department said Trump cannot assert executive privilege over any documents he has claimed as personal records because any such records must be unrelated to official duties.

"The Special Master should not indulge this type of gamesmanship," prosecutors wrote.

Prosecutors are looking into whether Trump broke federal law by taking the records and also whether he obstructed the investigation into the missing papers.

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Xi calls for meeting challenges of the time together at G20 summit

BALI, Indonesia

CHINESE President Xi Jinping addressed here yesterday the Group of 20 (G20) Bali summit, saying that faced with challenges, all countries should embrace the vision of a community with a shared future for mankind, and advocate peace, development, and win-win cooperation.

In his speech titled "Working Together to Meet the Challenges of Our Times and Build a Better Future," Xi said the world is getting through momentous changes unseen in a century, which are consequential to the world, to our times, and to history.

He said that the COVID-19 pandemic still drags on with cases surging here and there; the world economy is getting more fragile; the geopolitical environment remains tense; global governance is seriously inadequate; food and energy crises are compounded with one another. "All this poses formidable challenges to human development," Xi noted.

Calling on all countries to replace division with unity, confrontation with cooperation, and exclusion with inclusiveness, he said all countries should join hands together to answer the question of the times - "what is wrong with this world, what we should do about it" - so as to tide over difficulties and create a better future together.

All G20 members, Xi said, should take the responsibility inherent in being major international and regional players, and should lead by example in promoting development of all nations, improving the well-being for the whole mankind, and advancing progress of the entire world.

Xi underscored the need to make global development more inclusive, saying that solidarity is

strength, but division leads nowhere.

"Living in the same global village, we should stand with each other in the face of risks and challenges," he said, adding that drawing ideological lines or promoting group politics and bloc confrontation will only divide the world, and hinder global development and human progress.

"With human civilization already in the 21st century, the Cold-War mentality has long been outdated. What we need to do is to join hands together and elevate our win-win cooperation to a new height," he said.

"Countries should respect each other, seek common grounds while reserving differences, live together in peace, and promote an open world economy. No one should engage in beggar-thy-neighbor practices, building 'a small yard with high fences,' or creating closed and exclusive clubs," he added.

The G20 should stay committed to its founding purpose of unity and cooperation, carry forward the spirit of solidarity, and uphold the principle of consensus, Xi said, adding that division and confrontation serve no one's interest, and only solidarity and common development is the right choice to make.

Xi underscored the need to make global development beneficial to all, saying that development is real only when all countries develop together.

Prosperity and stability cannot be possible in a world where the rich become richer while the poor are made poorer, he noted, saying that every nation aspires for a better life, and modernization is not a privilege reserved for any single country.

"Front-runners in development should sincerely help others develop, and provide more global



President Xi Jinping meets with US President Joe Biden yesterday in Bali, Indonesia. XINHUA

public goods. All major countries should perform their due responsibilities, and do their best for the cause of global development," he said.

China has proposed the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and established the Global Development and South-South Cooperation Fund, Xi said, adding that China will increase funding for the China-UN Peace and Development Fund, and is working with 100-plus countries and international organizations on the GDI, thus providing new impetus for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Xi also proposed making global development more resilient, saying that economic globalization is encountering headwinds, and the world economy is at risk of recession.

Noting that everyone is having a hard time, but developing countries are bearing the brunt, he said it is therefore more imperative than ever for us to focus on the development issue.

"We need to build a global partnership for economic recovery, prioritize development and put the people at the center, always keep in mind the difficulties faced by developing countries, and accommodate their concerns," he said, adding that China supports the African Union in joining the G20.

Xi urged all parties to continue to deepen international cooperation against COVID-19, curb global inflation, and defuse systemic economic and financial risks, adding that developed economies, in particular, should mitigate the negative spillovers from their monetary policy adjustment.

"International financial institutions and com-

mercial creditors, which are the main creditors of developing countries, should take part in the debt reduction and suspension for developing countries," he said, adding that China is implementing the G20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) in all respects, and has suspended the largest amount of debt service payment among all G20 members, thus helping relevant developing countries navigate through the difficult time.

"We should continue to uphold the WTO-centered multilateral trading system, actively push forward WTO reform, enhance trade and investment liberalization and facilitation," he said.

China has proposed the Action on Digital Innovation and Cooperation and looks forward to working with all parties to foster an open, fair, and non-discriminatory environment for digital economy so as to narrow the North-South digital divide, he said.

In tackling climate change and transitioning toward green and low-carbon development, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities must be upheld, Xi stressed, noting that it is important to provide funding, technology and capacity-building support for developing countries.

There should be zero tolerance for corruption, and international cooperation on fugitive repatriation and asset recovery should be stepped up, he added.

Food and energy security is the most pressing challenge in global development, Xi noted, saying that the root cause of the ongoing crises is not production or demand, but interrupted supply chains and international cooperation. Xinhua

More robots entering people's daily life

THE integration of informatization and industrialization is driving the prosperous development of intelligent technologies and, in particular, the robotics industry. Nowadays, more and more service robots have become a part of people's daily lives.

According to a recent report released by the Chinese Institute of Electronics, the average annual growth of the Chinese robotics industry over the past five years reached 22 percent.

Robots are employed in a number of scenarios, such as education, medical care and emergency rescue, with new business models constantly emerging, heralding a new intelligent era featuring human-robot collaboration.

Recently, there was a trendy hashtag on Chinese social media about the first batch of people who walked robotic dogs. Videos have

been posted online showing robotic dogs walking on streets. They have similar-sized limbs to real pet dogs and can roll and stand on their hind limbs.

Many Chinese companies have launched robotic dogs. For instance, one developed by a tech firm based in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, is able to carry a load of 3 kilograms and serve as a running companion for its owner. Last year, electronics manufacturer Xiaomi also unveiled a bipedal humanoid robot that is able to "see" and "sense" its surroundings with face and body recognition technologies. The robot can follow its owner and avoid obstacles automatically.

Thanks to the rising manufacturing capabil-

ity, robots are no longer exclusive to industrial production. They are now helping people in many aspects.

They are widely employed in domestic service, acting as people's personal assistants, such as robot vacuum and mop, and cooking robot. In June this year, Chinese electrical appliance manufacturer Midea Group launched a robot that can act as an AI butler, family assistant, safety guard and tech playmate.

In the sphere of education, robots are great teachers and coaches. This June, a board game robot was introduced to a school in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong province. Apart from teaching students to play various board games, it can also introduce the culture

and rules of the games.

As China sees an accelerating aging process, robots are also used in elderly care. Some products that aim to improve senior people's self-care and risk-prevention abilities are already available on the market. For example, wearable exoskeletons are designed to assist seniors with mobility difficulty.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Science and Technology jointly issued a guideline for the robotics industry for the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025) at the end of 2021.

The plan said that China will strive to be-

come a global hub for robotics innovation, high-end manufacturing, and application by 2025, and the country will boast world-leading competitiveness in the robotics industry by 2035.

The guideline indicated that the Chinese robotics industry has embraced a strategic opportunity to achieve independent and leapfrog development.

At present, service robots are manufactured to offer more convenient and intelligent services, as well as complicated functions. They are empowered by a number of new technologies such as AI, virtual reality, and 5G, which creates more possibilities for the application of robots.

People's Daily

Climate justice gets harder as world population passes 8 billion

SHARM EL SHEIKH

THE world population surged past 8 billion people yesterday, the United Nations said, warning that more hardship is in store for regions already facing resource scarcity due to climate change.

Whether its food or water, batteries or gasoline, there will be less to go around as the global population adds another 2.4 billion people by the 2080s, according to UN projections.

"Every single person needs fuel, wood, water, and a place to call home," said Stephanie Feldstein, population and sustainability director with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Resource pressure will be especially daunting in African nations, where populations are expected to boom, experts say. These are also among the countries most vulnerable to climate impacts, and most in need of climate finance.

In sub-Saharan Africa, where some 738 million people already live without adequate food supplies, the population is projected to jump by 95 percent by mid-century, according to the Institute for Economics and Peace.

The think tank warned in an October report that much of sub-Saharan Africa will be unsustainable by mid-century.

'A sign of human success'

Globally, the 8 billion population milestone represents 1 billion people added to the planet in just the last 11 years.

Reaching 8 billion people is "a sign of human success, but it's also a great risk for our future," said John Wilmoth, director of the UN's population division.

Middle-income countries, mostly in Asia, accounted for most of that growth, gaining some 700 million people since 2011. India added about 180 million people, and is set to become the world's most populous nation next year.

However, births have been steadily declining in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Even while the global population reaches ever-new highs, demographers note that the growth rate has fallen steadily to less than 1 percent per year. This should keep the world from reaching 9 billion people until 2037. The UN projects population will peak at around 10.4 billion people in the 2080s and remain at that level until 2100.

"A big part of this story is that this era of rapid popu-



In this photograph taken on October 31, 2022, people walk through a crowded commercial street in Chennai, India is projected to see an explosion in its urban population in the coming decades, but its cities already cannot cope and climate change will make living conditions harsher still. AFP

lation growth that the world has known for centuries is coming to an end," Wilmoth said.

Growing concern

Most of the 2.4 billion people to be added before the global population peaks will be born in sub-Saharan Africa.

"African cities will, on average, grow," said Deborah Balk, a demographic researcher at the City University of New York. This will leave millions more urban dwellers exposed to climate threats such as rising seas.

Across the world, "the coastal zone is disproportionately urban," she said. "About one in 10 people live in the low-lying coastal zone."

The coastal Nigerian city of Lagos, for example, is projected to become the world's largest city by century's end.

Rapid population growth combined with climate change is likely to cause mass migration and conflict in coming decades, experts said.

And having more people on the planet puts more pressure on nature, as people compete with wildlife for water, food and

space. But how much they consume is equally important, suggesting policymakers can make a big difference by mandating a shift in consumption patterns.

Carbon emissions of the richest 1 percent, or about 63 million people, were more than double the emissions of the poorest half of humanity between 1990 and 2015, according to a 2020 analysis by the Stockholm Environment Institute and non-profit Oxfam International.

Humanity's impact on the natural world "has more to do with how we behave than how many we are," Wilmoth said.

Biggest rainforest nations form triple alliance to save jungle

NUSA DUA

THE world's three largest rainforest nations Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo and Indonesia on Monday formally launched a partnership to cooperate on forest preservation after a decade of on-off talks on a trilateral alliance.

Reuters reported in August that Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, elected as Brazil's president at the end of October, would seek a partnership with the two other leading rainforest nations to pressure the rich world to finance forest conservation.

The rapid destruction of rainforests, which through their dense vegetation serve as carbon sinks, releases planet-warming carbon dioxide, imperiling global climate targets. Regrowing previously deforested jungle has the benefit of removing greenhouse gas already in the atmosphere.

Representatives of the three countries, which represent 52 percent of the world's tropical rainforest, signed the joint statement at the talks in Indonesia ahead of the G20, or Group of 20 industrialised nations, which begins on Tuesday. "South-to-south cooperation - Brazil, Indonesia, DRC - is very natural," the Democratic Republic of Congo's Environment Minister Eve Bazaiba said prior to the signing.

"We have the same challenges, the same opportunity to be the solution to climate change."

In the agreement, the alliance said that countries should be paid for reducing deforestation and maintaining forests as carbon sinks.

The countries will also work to negotiate "a new sustainable funding mechanism" to help developing countries preserve their biodiversity, as well as to increase funding through the United Nations' REDD+ program for reducing deforestation.

The G20 talks coincide with the second and final week of the COP27 United Nations climate summit in Egypt, where Lula's environmental adviser Izabella Teixeira said Brazil would seek to get the involvement of other countries in the Amazon basin, which spans nine nations.

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Britain, France sign deal to boost cooperation on illegal migration

PARIS/LONDON

BRITAIN and France on Monday signed an agreement worth 72.2 million euros (\$74.5 million) over the coming year to ramp up efforts to stop illegal migrants from making perilous journeys across the Channel.

So far this year more than 40,000

people have crossed the Channel in small boats, up from 28,526 last year, putting pressure on new British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and interior minister Suella Braverman to do more to stem the flow.

"It is in the interests of both the UK and French governments to work together to solve this complex problem," Braverman said in a statement,

after meeting with French interior minister Gerald Darmanin in Paris on Monday morning.

"There are no quick fixes, but this new arrangement will mean we can significantly increase the number of French gendarmes patrolling the beaches in northern France and ensure UK and French officers are working hand in hand to stop the

people smugglers."

The British government said the multi-year deal would see a 40 percent increase in the number of UK-funded officers patrolling French beaches in the coming months.

British officers will also be embedded in French-led control rooms and on the ground with their counterparts for the first time to improve co-

ordination and information sharing.

The agreement will strengthen security at ports by funding investment in surveillance technology, drones, detection dog teams, CCTV and helicopters to help detect and prevent crossings, as well as supporting reception and removal centers in France for migrants whose journeys to the UK are prevented. **Agencies**

China to work in solidarity with all sides to promote global recovery, improve global economic governance at G20 summit

FROM Nov. 14 to 19, Chinese President Xi Jinping is scheduled to attend the 17th Group of 20 (G20) Summit in Bali, Indonesia, attend the 29th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, as well as visit Thailand upon invitation.

This will be the first trip of the Chinese President after the successful conclusion of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

The trip has received high attention from the international community. It is believed that the trip will help all relevant parties work together to tackle global challenges, and build a consensus and boost cooperation in promoting global economic recovery and implementing the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will make new contributions to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

It is said in the report to the 20th National Congress of the CPC that China has always been committed to its foreign policy goals of upholding world peace and promoting common development, and it is dedicated to promoting a human community with a shared future.

China is committed to its fundamental national policy of opening to the outside world and pursues a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up. It strives to create new opportunities for the world with its own development and to contribute its share to building an open global economy that delivers greater benefits to all peoples.

When profound changes unseen in a century are evolving rapidly and global challenges keep popping up, Xi's participation in the G20 Summit and the APEC Economic Leaders' Meet-



Photo taken on Nov. 12 shows the venue of G20 Bali summit. (Photo by Guan Kejiang/People's Daily)

ing will contribute Chinese insight, Chinese input, and Chinese strength to improving global governance and promoting common development of the world. It will fully show the historical responsibility of China.

The G20 is a major forum for international economic cooperation and an important platform for global economic governance. It shoulders the important mission of stabilizing the world economy and unlocking growth potential.

With rising unilateralism and protectionism, economic globalization is facing headwinds and global recovery remains sluggish. The G20 should enhance cooperation and coordinate macroeconomic policy to jointly promote strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth of the world economy.

As an important member of the G20, China always follows the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in global governance and plays a leading role in coping with global challenges, promoting world recovery and improving global governance through cooperation.

Over the recent years, the country has offered, on the G20 platform, a systemic formula pointing out that the international community should work in solidarity to combat COVID-19, take effective measures to promote world economic recovery and adopt long-term policies to improve global governance, which injects stability and positive energy to the world.

Xi's attendance at the G20 Summit under the theme of "Recover Together, Recover Stronger" will play a constructive role in promoting global recovery, improving global economic governance and promoting sustainable development.

The peace and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific concerns not only the region's own future, but also that of the world. The Asia-Pacific has succeeded in sustaining fast development for a fairly long period of time. Ultimately, this has become possible because it has endeavored to create an open economic architecture and forge an Asia-Pacific partnership based on mutual trust, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation.

As a staunch supporter and

active promoter of Asia-Pacific regional economic cooperation, China closely integrates its own development with that of the region and promotes the opening up of the region with its own opening up, to push for regional economic development, social progress and livelihood improvement. It has contributed its share to promoting Asia-Pacific economic development.

Under the theme of "Open. Connect. Balance.," this year's APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting will be in line with the historical trend of opening up and development.

Xi's attendance at the meeting will be an important act of China's head-of-state diplomacy towards the Asia-Pacific. This fully shows the high importance China attaches to Asia-Pacific economic cooperation.

China hopes that all parties will embrace the vision of an Asia-Pacific community with a shared future, adhere to the founding missions of APEC, deepen solidarity and cooperation, advance the implementation of the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040, and inject new impetus into the economic growth in the Asia-Pacific and beyond.

China and Thailand are close neighbors and connected by blood. China is the largest trading partner of Thailand and Thailand is the third largest trading partner of China among all ASEAN countries. Their bilateral trade exceeded \$100 billion in 2021.

Both China and Thailand are staunch advocates of free trade and active supporters of regional cooperation. In July this year, the two sides agreed on jointly building a China-Thailand community with a shared future, which has brought new connotations to the profound kinship between China and Thailand. **People's Daily**

Russia hopes China will continue its approach to cooperation – Lavrov

CAPE TOWN

MOSCOW welcomes Xi Jinping's reelection as head of China's Communist Party and hopes for continuity in the Chinese government's approach to cooperation with Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said.

"I am very happy to have our tenth, by the way, interaction this year. Our leaders are also actively communicating, and the last time [this occurred] was in Samarkand on the sidelines of a meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State. We have reaffirmed the objectives that we need to tackle at this new stage of our relations," the Russian top diplomat said, opening a meeting with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the Bali-hosted G20 summit yesterday.

"I also would like to congratulate you personally on the successful 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China. We were all happy to learn that comrade Xi Jinping, a longtime friend of the Russian people, was unanimously reelected as General Secretary of the Chinese

Communist Party's Central Committee which confirmed his indisputable political authority and the support for his policy," Lavrov noted. He stressed that Moscow was confident that the renewal of the party-state administration and the upcoming session of the National People's Congress "will ensure the continuity of approaches on the track of comprehensive partnership and strategic interaction" between Russia and China.

"There are no doubts that we will be able to tap into new opportunities to more fully unlock the potential of bilateral ties," the Russian foreign minister emphasized.

He also congratulated Wang Yi on being elected to the politburo of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee. "I am confident that today we will efficiently discuss the tasks set forth by our leaders," Lavrov said. **Agencies**

UNRWA urges aid to continue services for Palestine refugees

AMMAN

THE United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) urgently needs between 50 million and 80 million US dollars to finish the year and maintain the operations of its schools, health centers and other basic services, the agency's Commissioner General Philippe Lazzarini said Monday.

At the agency's Advisory Commission Meeting in Amman, Lazzarini warned that failure to raise that amount poses significant risks of industrial action, strikes, and consequently the suspension of services, according to a UNRWA statement.

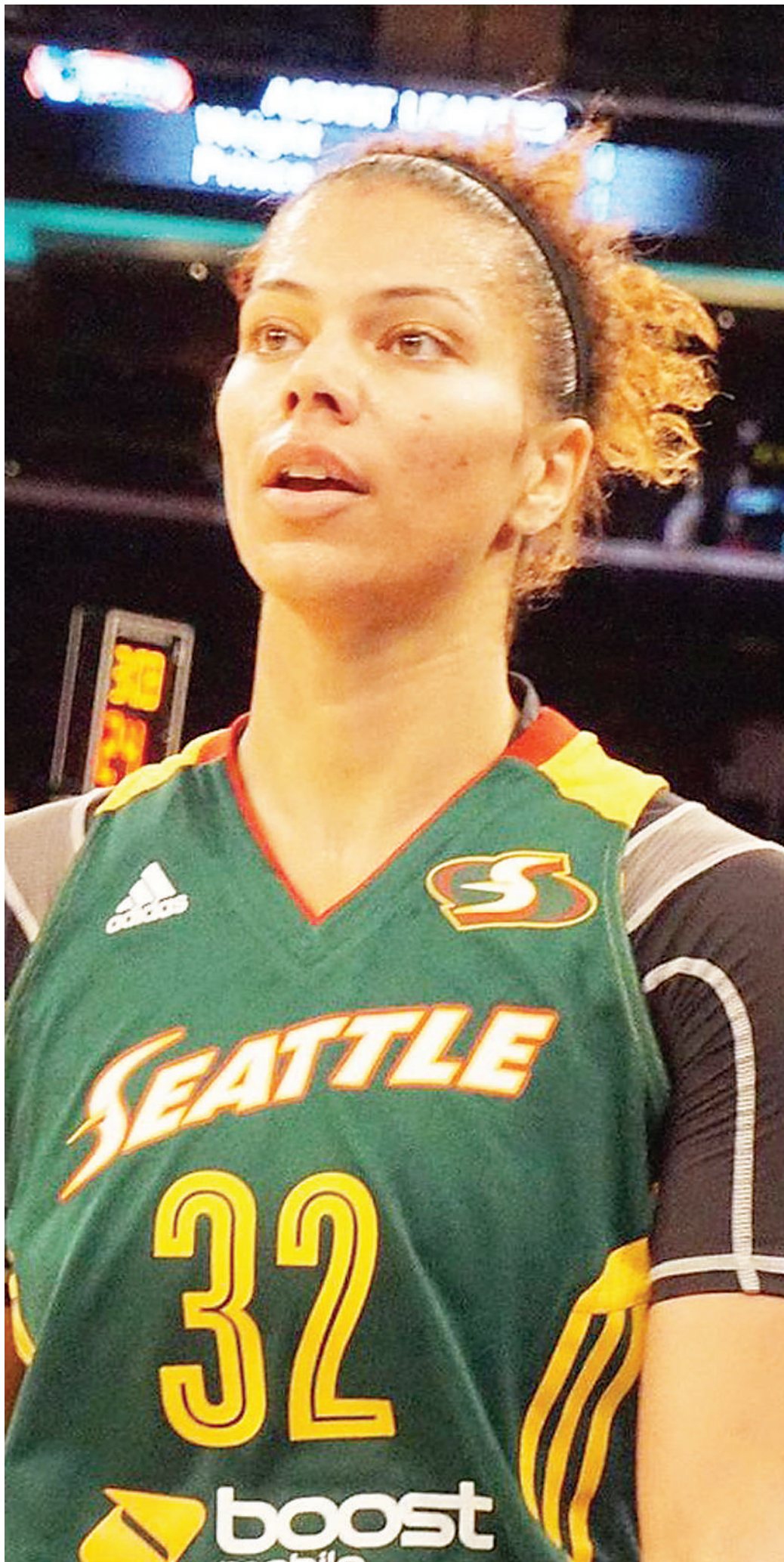
The agency also needs some 200 million dollars over a period of three years to reach the objectives of the UNRWA Strategic Plan, Lazzarini added.

After years of austerity measures, the current underfunding problem can only be downsized through cuts to services or to the eligibility to access them, he said.

"Our hospitalization program needs more support to remain effective in protecting Palestine refugees' access to hospitals amid widespread poverty and collapsing public services, in particular in Lebanon, Syria and Gaza," the UN official was quoted as saying.

He stressed that the current situation will increase health and security risks for refugees and staff as critical maintenance work and replacement of assets that have been worn down by years of austerity will be further postponed. **Agencies**

SPORT



Alysha Clark. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DANNY KARWOSKI

United States sports envoy targets improving cultural ties with Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

ALYSHA Clark, a professional basketball player for the Washington Mystics who battles it out in the United States Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), is in Tanzania as a U.S. Department of State Sports Envoy.

The Sports Envoy is out to help to bolster the United States' cultural and social ties with Tanzania's youths, including the Maasai people living at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro.

The tour's organizers stated Alysha will moreover host basketball clinics and speak with female youth players from schools in Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

The training includes clinics to be held at the Ocean Road basketball court in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday afternoon and today morning.

The Sports Envoy, the organizers noted, will hold all-girls basketball clinics to highlight the importance of providing equal opportunities for all.

Since 2003, the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has sent more than 330 U.S. athletes to more than 85 countries on Sports Envoy programs.

The programs help reach overseas audiences not accessed by other forms of diplomatic engagement, to promote collaboration on priority U.S. policy goals.

Washington Mystics, based in Washington, D.C., was founded before the 1998 season and is owned by Monumental Sports & Entertainment (led by Ted Leonsis).

The company as well owns the Mystics' NBA counterpart, the Washington Wizards.

Washington Mystics plays in the Entertainment & Sports Arena in the Congress

Heights neighbourhood of Washington DC.

Sheila C. Johnson, the co-founder of BET and ex-wife of Charlotte Sting owner Robert L. Johnson, is the club's managing partner.

The Mystics have qualified for the WNBA playoffs in 13 of its 23 seasons of existence, and the franchise has been home to such high-quality players as two-time WNBA MVP Elena Delle Donne, Tennessee standout Chamique Holdsclaw, athletic shooting guard Alana Beard, and nearby Maryland product Crystal Langhorne.

Until 2018, the Mystics were the only current WNBA franchise that had never made it to the WNBA finals.

They lost in the semi-finals twice, to New York in 2002 and to the eventual champion Minnesota Lynx in 2017.

After reaching the WNBA finals for the first time in 2018, they won their first championship in 2019.

Washington Mystics was one of the first WNBA expansion franchises to be established. In 1998, their first season, they finished with a WNBA worst 3-27 record, despite being led by Olympian Nikki McCray.

Although they did not make the playoffs that year, the team had high expectations after drafting University of Tennessee star Chamique Holdsclaw in 1999.

Washington improved but again failed to make the playoffs as they finished with a 12-20 record.

Holdsclaw would lead the team to the playoffs in 2000, making the playoffs with a record of 14-18, losing to the New York Liberty in a first-round sweep.

SPORTS

Hersi Said repeats photo occasion ahead of contract signing, with new coach

By Correspondent John Kimbute

UGANDA's national football squad 'Cranes' head coach Milutin Sredojevi, popularly known as 'Micho', was a special guest at the latest city derby, where he similarly featured an even more special event of receiving a Young Africans SC 'Yanga' jersey, flanked by the club president Hersi Said.

The jerseys handover event and photo occasion was a 'profoma invoice' for his being recruited by the club, as it happened earlier with star forward Stephane Aziz Ki while he was finishing up his contract with Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas. No surprise there.

Micho had some explanations for attending the derby, not just because it is one of the most entertaining encounters in the eastern Africa circuit, but also to watch his Uganda Cranes midfielder Khalid Aucho on the pitch.

Granted, a club or national side coach can travel a short or long distance to watch a player for inclusion for this or that purpose but this explanation was somewhat unbelievable this time.

It would seem that the jersey handover ceremony was a more important event for him, not the player.

But then as in the case of Aziz Ki, this elegant window dressing was taking place within the constraint of two valid contracts, Micho is under contract with the soccer authorities in Uganda for the national side and Yanga has a coach.

Not only is the contract still valid but the side had a tricky assignment in Tunis where the focus of the ceremony was being directed.

Yanga head coach Nasreddine Nabi was effectively under notice that if he had not crossed the hurdle, a new coach is due.

The return match against Tunisia's Club Africain was an inverted picture of what occurred earlier in Dar es Salaam, where the national side coach was removed so that a new technical bench is rapidly installed, which grasps the vital importance of a miracle.

No miracle took place and indeed it may not have been the reason for the change but a handy pretext to change the technical bench to some others.

It was the local coaches club and a familiar face with local experience, from the neighbourhood.

Looking at the ceremony closely, it appeared that the club president was doing exactly the opposite of the TFF when faced with a nearly identical set of



Yanga's president Hersi Said (L) and the squad's former head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic are pictured holding the side's jerseys a few minutes before the kick-off of a 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie that had Yanga locking horns with Simba SC at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 23. Sredojevic was a guest for the Jangwani Street outfit in the clash. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

game circumstances.

Yanga did not lose to Club Africain but a barren draw at home was as good as a loss to the fan base, as it gives an unmistakable advantage to opponents, playing on their turf. Hersi did the opposite, not fire the coach or seek a miracle.

Instead, he moved to hastily arrange an informal recruitment exercise for a new head coach, ready to flash that card were the circumstances to mature at any moment, that is, when the club side is bundled out of the CAF Confederation Cup run.

There is the bad blood that has been rising in the club since the side was halted at home and edged out in Khartoum by Al Hilal Omdurman, one of the clubs where Nabi, the veteran international coach, has worked for most of the past decade.

Similarly, Club Africain evokes feelings on his part, a home-based version of Yanga.

Thus there is a Nabi imprint with opponents who Yanga has faced, where it is easy for local fans to think there are mercies on his side lingering for his past loyalties, and at any rate, he might just not be the right coach.

He lost his job both with Al Hilal Omdurman and El Merreikh at different moments or engagements, and big Tunisian clubs have scarcely sought his presence.

Still, he coached Ismaily FC, a modest Egyptian Premier League side the moment found in the relegation zone. As the club support groups started seeking the scalp of the head coach, it was evident that efforts had to be made to halt in their tracks the lobby for filling the job locally, and they had at least one name already.

The current role model for this lobby is Simba SC interim head coach Juma Mgunda, who scaled Angolan side Primeiro de Agosto to reach the group stage of the CAF Champions League.

The group was energetically fronting Ruvu Shooting

FC head coach Boniface Mkwassa, a club insider who represents the past of the club rather than its future ambitions.

The club president knows he wishes to climb the ladder and not experiment with this or that tactician, so he sought out someone who the club is familiar with, and with whom he may have personal affinities, as a club expert who took over its day-to-day operations.

He settled for someone who had piled success over success since coaching Yanga for a while from 2007 to 2009 or thereabouts.

His stint with Uganda Cranes is a respected climb and achievement for the national side, with Taifa Stars being a team it outclassed.

He knows the rope when he is romped in, and instead of debating the merits of Mkwassa, Cedric Kaze, or Mwynyi Zahera, the club president arranged a jersey presentation event. The media did the rest.

African Zone Three Swimming Championships' preparations hot up



Tanzania swimmer Collins Saliboko competes in a past showdown that was held in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

THE preparations for the 2022 African Zone Three Swimming Championships are in top gear hereby all 11 teams lining up for the showdown are set to arrive in Dar es Salaam today.

The championships have been scheduled to take place at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's swimming pool from tomorrow to Sunday featuring 262 swimmers.

Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) organizing committee chairperson Hadija Shebe said that most of the countries have confirmed their participation and will jet into the country today ready for the various procedures before battling it out in the tournament.

The official said that Tanzania will field 63 swimmers who are now sharpening their skills under the team's head coach Alexander Mwaipasi.

The swimmers are now training at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club and International School of Tanganyika (IST)'s swimming pool in Masaki.

She said the other 10 countries will see 200 swimmers from the other 10 countries. The official mentioned the countries that will field swimmers in the event as Uganda which will field 45 swimmers, Burundi (10), Rwanda (14), Eritrea (five), Ethiopia (seven), Zambia (23), South Africa (18), Sudan (14) and Djibouti coming with 16 swimmers.

He said the other 48 swimmers will also feature in the championships.

"So far, all preparations are going on well and we are calling all game's stakeholders to attend and support the Tanzania swimmers," the leader said.

She explained that the Tanzanian swimmers have promised to excel in the competition that has been sponsored by Kilombero Sugar Company through its Bwana Sukari product.

Also on the list is enthusiastic sponsor Spark Rehabilitation Center while supporters of the event are Dar es Salaam Yacht Club, Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club, International School of Tanganyika, Pepsi, Snow Cream, Burger 53, and F & L Fresh Juice.

The official also thanked the government for its tremendous support in the competition. The government has dishied out 18m/- to support the competition.

This is the second time the continental swimming championships are set to take place in Tanzania.

The East African country first hosted the event in 2017 and won the top position. Tanzanian swimmers also won the title in 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda.

So far, Tanzanian swimmers have managed to make the country proud because they finished in the top three places in most of the competitions.

Ronaldo's Man United career looks over but who replaces him?

MANCHESTER, England

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's explosive TV interview with Piers Morgan seems certain to end his Manchester United career.

It is hard to see a way back for the 37-year-old forward, who said he does not respect manager Erik ten Hag and feels "betrayed" by the club.

The question now is whether Ronaldo can secure a transfer in January after failing to leave for a Champions League club before the start of the season.

United was already planning for life without him before excerpts from his interview began circulating on Sunday night - but that process is likely to be speeded up after his latest public show of dissent. Ten Hag already had to censure him for leaving a pre-season friendly early - and cut him from his squad last month when he refused to come on as a substitute against Tottenham.

Ronaldo displayed an element of contrition on social media later and held clear-the-air talks with Ten Hag before being welcomed back into the fold.

But these fresh comments threaten to be a final strike in terms of the Portugal World Cup forward's relationship with his manager.

"I don't have respect for him because he doesn't show respect for me," Ronaldo told the Piers Morgan Uncensored TV show. "If you don't have respect for me, I'm never gonna have respect for you." Ronaldo also claims there is an attempt to push him out of the club.

That comes despite the five-time Ballon d'Or winner's own desire to leave earlier in the year. Ten Hag was reluctant to let him go in pre-season, not least because of a lack of viable replacements either within his squad or on the market. And that problem remains going into January, when United's pursuit of a new center forward will be further complicated by the typically inflated prices during the midseason transfer window.

United's recruitment team would prefer to do their business at the end of the season - and Ten Hag was prepared to make Ronaldo part of his plans for the remainder of the campaign even after the incident against Tottenham.

The feeling at United on Sunday night was that Ronaldo's actions would not be allowed to detract from the positivity generated by Alejandro Garnacho's late winner in the 2-1 victory at Fulham.

Yet the opposite is true - and the former Real Madrid and Juventus forward's off-field behaviour has too often been an unwelcome distraction during Ten Hag's four months in charge.

Budweiser stalls to be less prominent at World Cup stadiums

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

BUDWEISER beer stands at the eight World Cup stadiums are being moved aside to less prominent spots just days before the games start, Qatari organizers said on Monday.

It's the latest late change in World Cup planning that started more than a decade ago in the majority-Muslim emirate where alcohol sales are strictly regulated.

Qatar consented when launching its historic hosting bid in 2009 to respect FIFA's commercial partnerships, including the long-established Budweiser deal that was renewed 11 years ago with brewer AB InBev through the 2022 tournament.

World Cup organizers finally confirmed a beer sales policy in September covering the stadiums and official FIFA-authorized fan sites.

On Saturday, just eight days before the first games, the agreement was tweaked to give Budweiser-branded sales tents less visibility for serving beer with alcohol within stadium perimeters.

"AB InBev was informed on November 12 and are working with FIFA to relocate the concession outlets to locations as directed," the Belgium-based company, which includes Anheuser-Busch, said on Monday in a statement. "We are working with FIFA to bring the best possible experience to the fans."

In Qatar, World Cup organizers said "operational plans are being finalized."

"These plans include venue management teams enhancing overlay requirements for all competition venues," the Supreme Committee

The timing of the interview also ensures it will hang over the club while the Premier League pauses for the World Cup.

Morgan has refused to confirm when it was conducted, which only adds to the impression that it was a premeditated and stage-managed attempt to gain maximum impact.

"The club will consider its response after the full facts have been established," United said on Monday. "Our focus remains on preparing for the second half of the season and continuing the momentum, belief and togetherness being built among the players, manager, staff and fans."

That statement, itself, suggest the club's hierarchy was caught by surprise.

The interview could also be interpreted as a message to potential suitors - and Ronaldo will have to hope more come forward than in pre-season.

His reputed salary of around £500,000-a-week (\$587,000) rules out the majority of clubs in Europe.

If Ronaldo's desire is still to play in the Champions League then the number of possible clubs shrinks further, with that competition now down to the last 16.

Another problem is his unconvincing form this season - with just three goals in 18 appearances.

A good World Cup could see interest in the veteran striker grow.

In terms of a replacement, the picture is hardly any clearer for United than it was during the last window.

Red Bull Salzburg striker Benjamin Sesko was a serious consideration, but he signed a pre-contract with RB Leipzig, while Darwin Nunez was another target before he joined Liverpool.

So small was the pool of potential forwards that United even explored the possibility of signing veteran Bologna striker Marko Arnautovic, which sparked a furious response from fans.

There is an acceptance among elite clubs that there are precious few emerging players of the profile of Manchester City's Erling Haaland. That was underlined by Bayern Munich and Barcelona, who both signed strikers in their 30s as they pursued top-class goalscorers earlier this year.

Bayern signed 30-year-old Sadio Mane after selling 34-year-old Robert Lewandowski to Barcelona. Meanwhile, 34-year-old Karim Benzema continues to lead Real Madrid's attack.

Ten Hag hopes Anthony Martial can overcome the fitness issues that have disrupted his United career and is trying to help Marcus Rashford develop into a prolific scorer.

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Former host Russia frozen out as World Cup begins in Qatar

By The Associated Press

FOUR years after Vladimir Putin hosted the World Cup party, Russia is off the guest list.

While the soccer world focuses on the opening game of the World Cup in Qatar on Sunday, Russia will be playing a friendly game in Uzbekistan.

Russia was kicked out of World Cup qualifying after it invaded Ukraine and now can only play friendlies against the few nations prepared to accept its invitations.

The Russian men's national team's only game of 2022 so far was a 2-1 win over Kyrgyzstan in September. Russian clubs are barred from the Champions League and the women's national team was removed from the European Championship.

Monday marked one year since the last competitive game of the Russian men's national team, a 1-0 loss at Croatia on a swampy, waterlogged field. That meant Russia didn't qualify for the World Cup directly and went into the playoffs. By the time those came around, Russia had invaded Ukraine.

Russia's scheduled opponent, Poland, refused to travel to Moscow to play, as did the other teams in the playoff bracket. That raised the prospect of Russia qualifying for the World Cup by default. In legal battles at the Court of Arbitration for Sport, FIFA argued that letting Russia compete could cause more boycotts and "irreparable and chaotic" damage to its tournament. CAS let the ban stand.

Games against Iran and Bosnia-Herzegovina were planned for November but neither is taking place. Instead, Russia is touring two former Soviet nations to play Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The planned Iran game would have given Russia the credibility of facing a



FILE - Russian President Vladimir Putin touches the World Cup trophy as FIFA President Gianni Infantino stands beside him, at the end of the final match between France and Croatia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, July 15, 2018. Russia hosted the World Cup party in 2018 but now it's off the guest list. (AP Photo)

team which has qualified for the World Cup. Ukraine accuses Russia of using Iranian drones to attack its cities, something Russia denies. Ukraine asked FIFA to remove Iran from the tournament, though FIFA has not done so.

The president of the Russian soccer federation told local media that the game with Iran could be held in Qatar shortly before the World Cup. That could have been seen as a snub to FIFA. No date or venue was ever confirmed before Russia announced the Tajikistan and Uzbekistan games instead.

Putin endorsed plans for a friendly against Bosnia-Herzegovina in September, saying that "sport should unite, not divide, people." That game was postponed indefinitely by the Bosnian soccer federation last month,

after team captain Edin Dzeko and the national players' union opposed the game and expressed support for Ukraine.

Russia still has friends in the World Cup host nation. Qatar's emir thanked Russia in October for its "great support" for organizing the World Cup when he met Putin for talks at a summit in Kazakhstan.

"We are also doing everything we can in terms of transferring the experience of preparing for the World Cup," the Russian president said.

What exactly Russia's support for Qatar involves is unclear, but Qatari officials have shown interest in the tight security around Russian games in 2018. For the first time at a World Cup, it included a mandatory "Fan ID" scheme. A ticket on its own wasn't

enough to enter the stadium. Fans provided personal data to get an ID card needed to pass stadium security, which also doubled as a visa to enter the country. The same is true of Qatar's similar Hayya Card program.

There are more similarities. Both Russia and Qatar were awarded their World Cups in a 2010 vote overshadowed by allegations of corruption.

Both nations also faced scrutiny over the working conditions for people involved in World Cup construction projects, including migrant workers. Activists accused Russia of unpaid wages, workplace deaths and unsafe conditions, including people being required to work in temperatures far below freezing.

Four years after the World Cup in Russia, there is tension between the government and soccer fans. The government has expanded its Fan ID scheme from the World Cup to cover league games within Russia, sparking a furious response from many fans. Groups of hardcore fans of Russia's biggest clubs have been boycotting games rather than sign up for an ID.

Attendances for Russian league games average less than 11,000 this season. That's a third lower than in the pre-pandemic 2018-19 season and less than the average for the Swiss and Portuguese leagues. It also means thousands of empty seats at many stadiums built for the 2018 World Cup.

Russian clubs have also seen key players - including Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, now at Napoli - move abroad for no transfer fee under a FIFA ruling that allows them to suspend their contracts during the war.

When the group stage at the World Cup gets going in earnest next Monday, eight Russian clubs will be busy at the Court of Arbitration for Sport trying to overturn that transfer ruling.

AP

HOW things stand in Europe's top leagues ahead of the World Cup

ENGLAND

ARSENAL looks like the real deal after building a five-point lead atop of the Premier League. Few saw Mikel Arteta's team as a credible title challenger before the season but 12 wins from 14 games have set a pace that even Manchester City cannot match. Not even Erling Haaland, with 23 goals in 19 appearances in all competitions, has been able to fire City to the summit.

Still, Pep Guardiola's reigning champion remains the favourite to retain the trophy and is well-positioned in second place to step in the second half of the campaign. Newcastle has also confounded expectations by rising to third.

Further investment in January could lead to a serious push for Champions League qualification. Graham Potter's early Chelsea reign has hit its first crisis after three straight losses in the league.

New owners Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital have already dispensed with one manager in Thomas Tuchel, and the latest results will be a test of their patience. Erik ten Hag survived a torrid start at Manchester United but despite growing optimism on the pitch, he has a Cristiano Ronaldo-shaped problem off it.

It is hard to see Ronaldo remaining at Old Trafford beyond January, but there are few clubs that could come up with a financial package to offer him an exit. Liverpool is showing signs of recovery after an unconvincing start and, along with United, is chasing fourth-placed Tottenham. At the other end of the table, Julen Lopetegui needs to make a flying start after taking over at bottom club Wolves.

SPAIN

Barcelona has flopped in the Champions League group stage for a second straight season since the exit of Lionel Messi. But at least its bet to sell some of its television rights and other club assets to buy new players is paying off domestically. Barcelona enters the World Cup break at the top of the Spanish league, two points ahead of defending champion Real Madrid. While newcomer Robert Lewandowski failed to come through in Europe's elite tournament, he has been tearing through his new Spanish rivals with a competition-high 13 goals.

Barcelona's defense has also proved particularly stingy with only five goals allowed in 14 rounds, compared to the 12 it conceded in six Champions League matches. Carlo Ancelotti's Madrid, the only Spanish club to reach the Champions League knockout rounds, was ahead of Barcelona until it dropped points in two of its last three games.

Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema missed the last four rounds as he recovers from what Madrid calls "muscle fatigue" ahead of the World Cup, where the



Arsenal players observe a minutes silence for Armistice Day ahead of the English League Cup third round soccer match between Arsenal and Brighton and Hove Albion at the Emirates stadium in London, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022. (AP Photo)

striker will help France defend its title.

The powerhouses appear to have already made it a two-team title race. Atlético Madrid, the 2021 champion, is fifth and trailing Barcelona by 13 points. Basque rivals Real Sociedad and Athletic Bilbao have excelled and are in third and fourth respectively, but Sociedad is 11 points off the lead.

Sevilla, which mounted an outside title challenge last season before finishing fourth, will spend the six-week hiatus in the relegation zone. Honorable mentions for strong starts to the league go to Osasuna and Rayo Vallecano. The modest sides are in seventh and eighth respectively.

FRANCE

Paris Saint-Germain has reigned supreme to build a five-point lead after 13 wins in 15 rounds. The Qatari-backed team is unbeaten in all competitions and advanced to the Champions League round of 16 for an 11th straight season.

PSG's formidable trio of attackers, Kylian Mbappé, Neymar and Lionel Messi, have been in stunning form. Neymar has been the most impressive, with 11 goals and nine assists. Only second-placed Lens has been able to keep pace.

Lens has been revitalized by coach Franck Haise, who took over in February 2020 to build an entertaining and attacking team led by Belgium international Lois Openda. "It's quite exceptional to have this number of points (36) at this stage," Haise said. Lens secured a fifth consecutive league win at the weekend and is bidding for a first Champions League qualification since 2002. Behind Lens, Rennes and Marseille will also be fighting for the runner-up spot. Rennes is third after an undefeated run of 11 matches while Marseille is fourth, 11 points behind bitter rival PSG.

GERMANY

Seeing Bayern Munich on top of the Bundesliga isn't a surprise - it has won the last 10 titles after all - but how the team got there certainly is. Julian Nagelsmann's side spent much of the last few months chasing the likes of Union Berlin and Freiburg in the standings. After Robert Lewandowski left for Barcelona, Bayern didn't sign a direct replacement as Nagelsmann tried to fit Bayern's forwards, including new signing Sadio Mané, into a fluid new approach without a traditional striker. That didn't really work and by mid-September Bayern was winless in four league games and five points off the lead. Enter an unlikely savior.

Lewandowski's longtime backup, Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting, gave Bayern a much-needed focus in attack and the 33-year-old Cameroonian striker went on a prolific scoring run. Since his first league start on Oct. 16, he has six goals in as many Bundesliga games, all of them Bayern wins.

Freiburg is four points off Bayern in second and Leipzig is third after being rejuvenat-

ed under new coach Marco Rose. Borussia Dortmund is a disappointing sixth after failing to find any consistency following Erling Haaland's exit. His replacement, Sebastian Haller, was diagnosed with a malignant tumor and unable to play.

Bayer Leverkusen was on the edge of the relegation fight for much of the last two months but new coach Xabi Alonso has won his last three games in charge and lifted the team to 12th.

ITALY

An eight-point advantage. Eleven straight wins in Serie A and fewer of its players going to the World Cup than either of its two closest challengers. Napoli is in prime position entering the 7½-week break.

And in a position that virtually nobody expected before the season. Napoli supporters protested before the season after seeing captain Lorenzo Insigne, all-time record scorer Dries Mertens and defensive stalwart Kalidou Koulibaly leave. But the southern club replaced Insigne with Khvicha Kvaratskhelia on the left wing and Georgia's dribbling wizard has been perhaps the biggest breakout player in Europe.

Giovanni Simeone and Giacomo Raspadori have made up for Mertens' departure with important goals off the bench, while center forward Victor Osimhen tops the league chart with nine goals. And, in defense, South Korea center back Kim Min-jae has proven just as reliable as Koulibaly.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Skippers of cricket outfits battling it out in 2022 Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield tournament are pictured with officials of firms that are sponsoring the showdown at the opening ceremony that took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GYMKHANA CRICKET CLUB

Annadil Burhani Club clobbers DCC in 2022 Gymkhana Shield tournament opener

By Guardian Reporter

ANNADIL Burhani Club has impressively opened its campaign in 2022 Cello/Ruby's Magic Gymkhana Shield showdown following the squad's four-wicket victory over Dar Cricket Club (DCC) at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's oval.

The DCC cricketers secured the chance to bat first on the tricky Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club pitch and notched 122/5 in the allotted 20 overs.

Senior cricketers led by Meet Jetha put solid displays to have the squad amass a respectable figure.

Jetha was the top run-getter when the club took the crease, ending two runs short of a half-century. His innings consisted of two fours and four sixes.

Fellow senior cricketers Adil Kassam and Assad Aziz were equally great with the bat, in which Kassam scored unbeaten 24 runs and Aziz made his way back to the pavilion with 23 runs.

Opener Aziz had in particular spared the blushes of the fellow opener had a brief stint at the crease, as the latter had exited the crease with mere two runs.

Efforts by the outfit to set up a challenging target for Annadil Burhani Club faced a setback in the latter stages because the remaining batsmen made their way back in quick succession.

None of the other batsmen had chipped in with meaningful figures, as they found the going tough.

Dharmin Parmar forged a not-out stand with Kassam to wrap the innings, with Parmar recording three runs not out.

Annadil Burhani Club's Murtaza Kaderbhai stood out from the rest of his outfit's bowling unit after recording two wickets in four overs.

In reply, veteran cricketer Abbas Adamji nailed well-paced, unbeaten 58 runs to take Annadil Burhani Club home with three balls to spare.

Much as the DCC bowling unit sought to embark on an early onslaught seeking to contain Annadil Burhani Club's batsmen, Kaderbhai and skipper Mustafa Lukmanji put their experience to show to propel the club to the win.

The two cricketers as well made their way back with two-digit figures, with Lukmanji notching 12 runs, whereas Kaderbhai ended with 11 runs. In the second duel between Union SC and GP Stars, Union SC posted mere 95 runs all out with Wahid Hussein finishing with five wickets in his four overs for GP Stars. In response, GP Stars comfortably chased their opponents' total in 16 overs.

This year's edition of the annual cricket tournament, which is hosted by the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's Cricket Section, seeks to raise the standard of the game domestically.

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Cello Ruby's Magic and Co, as well as long-time sponsors, General Petroleum (GP). Other sponsors are Planet Fitness, Gem Point, ETG, and PEPSI. This year's edition of the tournament was officially launched at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club last weekend and jerseys for clubs taking part in the showdown were handed out to the outfits' skippers in presence of various supporters and stakeholders.

NBC Bank underlines commitment to improving NBC Premier League

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC), the main sponsor of the Mainland Tanzania Premier League, termed NBC Premier League, has emphasized its commitment to further improve the status of the league by continuing to empower the teams participating in the league so that they can build self-sufficiency.

The bank's Finance Director, Waziri Barnabas, revealed earlier on Monday while speaking to the participants of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) held in Mwanza.

"We are very much impressed by the standard shown by almost all clubs participating in the league and we are so proud to be part of the result," he said.

According to Barnabas, apart from sponsoring the league, the bank has developed various schemes aimed at achieving the ambitious plan, including the provision of bus loans to several clubs that participate in the league to solve transportation challenges facing the clubs.

"The availability of good modern buses will help to reduce tiredness among players so that they can bring the expected competition while on the pitch. We are at a good stage and soon some teams will be presented with the buses," he said.

He further mentioned other schemes that include a special health and life insurance scheme for NBC Premier League club players, technical bench members, and their respective families.

The insurance service is provided in partnership with Sanlam Life Insurance Tanzania and Britam Insurance.

Barnabas noted: "Thanks to our agreement with TFF, we can now offer life and health insurance covers to all the NBC Premier League players, club staff, and their immediate families."

"Special thanks to our partners, Sanlam and Britam insurance companies, for bringing these arrangements to life," he mentioned.

He further asked all football stakeholders including clubs, officials, and individual players to ensure that they invest in the bank's Twiga Bond so that they can benefit from various benefits that come from the bond.

Barnabas noted: "The minimum purchase of the bond amount is 500,000/-. Investors in the NBC Twiga Bond will earn a whopping interest rate of 10% per annum, payable semi-annually throughout the five years until December 2027."

"The interest rate paid is free from withholding tax deduction. So we welcome all football stakeholders to invest in this bond," he appealed.



NBC Bank's Finance Director, Waziri Barnabas, speaks during the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) held in Mwanza on Monday. The institution is NBC Premier League's main sponsor. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Simba SC looks to hit form against Namungo FC



Simba SC strikers Kibu Denis (3rd L), and John Bocco (3rd R) negotiate their way past Namungo FC players when the sides faced each other in a 2021/22 NBC Premier League match held in Dar es Salaam.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

SIMBA SC will aim for its seventh win of the season as the side comes up against Namungo FC in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the evening.

The Dar es Salaam squad's performance has proved to be a slow burner considering that the club is placed third in the league standing.

The first on the agenda for coach Juma Mgunda's Simba SC will be to secure all three points, as his side just lost four crucial points against Azam FC and Singida Big Stars last month in what is turning out to be a tough three-horse race for the title.

This will be a serious test for Simba SC although they are still considered heavy favourites on the occasion.

Their overall form has not been that impressive since the start of the season - especially for a club of

their stature.

The Msimbazi Street side has won only two of their recent five league games. They did not shine in their midweek affair against Singida Big Stars, playing a 1-1 draw.

In their last league outing, Simba SC narrowly defeated Ihefu SC 1-0. Midfielder Pape Sakho netted the only goal in that game.

However, Simba SC is on a roll at home. They are one of the very few teams to have remained unbeaten in front of their home crowd in this season's NBC Premier League. Barring just one draw, they have a perfect winning record at home.

And on top of all that, they have a dominant head-to-head record against Namungo FC over the years. In six league clashes against Namungo FC, they have won four and drawn two to remain unbeaten.

Simba SC has scored the most number of goals in the NBC Premier League this season and even without the service of Clatus Chama they can still count on Moses Phiri, Augustine Okrah, and Sakho to deliver the much-needed goals.

In his pre-match press conference, coach Mgunda bemoaned his side's injury crisis which has robbed him of squad depth and limited his ability to rotate players despite playing a game every other day.

Mgunda stated: "I am going through an injury crisis. Nelson Okwa and Jimmyson Mwanuke are still injured, Jonas Mkude has also picked up an injury."

"John Bocco and Israel Mwenda have just returned to training while Peter Banda is out for three months. It is impossible to rotate with so many movements of injured players."

Namungo FC has not been convincing on the road so far this season, claiming just one win against Ihefu SC back in August.

They have collected a total of just four points from five away matches, with their last result on the road a 2-1 defeat in the hands of Mbeya City FC last week.

Goals have though been at a premium for Ruangwa-based Namungo FC, with attacker Reliants Lusajo netting six of their 10 NBC Premier League strikes.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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12:00 KIPENGA XTRA
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14:00 Movie
15:00 Funguka
15:30 Mberia Mberia
15:55 Dondoo Za Michezo
16:00 Hot Spot
16:30 Zote Kuntu
17:00 SILEKTI
17:55 Kurasa
18:00 Kili Za Wana
18:30 #HASHTAG
19:00 EATV SAA-1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
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21:30 Mid Week Movie
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